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NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY



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Halliburton cited in worker death in North Dakota oil fields. Halliburton was cited for safety violations by the U.S Occupational Safety and Health Administration for the January death of a worker at an oil rig site north of Watford City. The administration also proposed \$14,000 in fines. Source: <http://www.wday.com/event/article/id/83800/>

5 people injured in ND oilfield explosion. Authorities are investigating an oilfield explosion at Trustian Oilfield Services in New Town July 16 that left five workers injured. The sheriff's department believed the fire started when the workers were removing a cover on an oil fuel tank and an electric drill ignited the blaze. Source: <http://www.inforum.com/event/article/id/406309/>

REGIONAL

(Montana) West Mullan fire now 4,150 acres. Crews reached 23 percent containment of Montana's West Mullan Fire July 18 after burning through 4,150 acres. Officials closed several trails and campsites. Source: <http://www.kaj18.com/news/west-mullan-fire-now-4-150-acres/>

(Montana) Bannack State Park closed due to mudslide. Authorities closed Bannack State Park in Montana after flash floods July 17 destroyed at least one building, damaged several others, and left roads with debris. Source: <http://www.ktvq.com/news/bannack-state-park-closed-due-to-mudslide/>

(South Dakota) CenturyLink long-distance phone service unavailable in S.D. Damage to a fiber-optical cable July 15 believed to be caused by flooding in Minnesota rendered a number of CenturyLink customers unable to place or receive long-distance calls. A timeline for service repairs was unknown due to flooding damage to a railroad and gas line which were both ahead in priority for repairs. Source: <http://www.aberdeennews.com/news/aan-centurylink-long-distance-phone-service-unavailable-in-sd-20130715,0,4851204.story>

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INTERNATIONAL

Malware campaign strikes Asian, European governments. Trend Micro detected a targeted malware attack against representatives of European and Asian governments that steals login credentials. The attack appears as an email attachment and exploits previously unpatched Microsoft Office vulnerabilities. Source: https://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9240809/Malware_campaign_strikes_Asian_European_governments

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BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY

Android malware “hardcore88” poses as Commonwealth Bank security app. Researchers at IB Group discovered a mobile banking trojan dubbed hardcore88 for sale on underweb forums that poses as a legitimate security app for Australia’s Commonwealth Bank. The trojan can block calls by the bank to victims and intercept one-time passwords sent via SMS. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Android-Malware-Hardcore88-Poses-as-Commonwealth-Bank-Security-App-368124.shtml>

Report: Phone fraud plagues call centers at financial institutions. A report by the Aite Group found that telephone-based social engineering attacks seeking bank customers’ personal information is becoming a popular method of fraud. Attackers use some personal information to extract more from call center representatives for use in account takeover and other fraud. Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/government-vertical/report-phone-fraud-plagues-call-centers/240158241>

CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

(Indiana) Teens arrested after bomb found at LaPorte Co. Fairgrounds. Police arrested two teens who now face felony criminal charges in connection to an explosive device they allegedly planned to set off near carnival rides at the LaPorte County Fairgrounds. The Porter County Bomb Squad dismantled the device found in the teen’s backpack and confirmed it was an explosive device. Source: <http://www.wibc.com/news/story.aspx?ID=2005473>

COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

Researchers hack Verizon device, turn it into mobile spy station. Two security researchers found and demonstrated a method to compromise Verizon signal-boosting femtocell devices and use them to eavesdrop on smartphone calls, text messages, and data. Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/07/15/us-verizon-hacking-idUSBRE96E06X20130715>

CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

Masterbuilt Manufacturing recalls electric smokers due to fire hazard. Masterbuilt Manufacturing issued a recall for about 11,000 Electric Smokehouse Smokers that pose a fire hazard due to unsecured wood chip trays. Source: <https://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2013/Masterbuilt-Manufacturing-Recalls-Electric-Smokers/>

Honda expands 2012-'13 Honda Fit recall for electronic stability control problem. Honda expanded a recall of model year 2012 and 2013 Fit vehicles to include 48,138 additional

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vehicles that are equipped with electronic stability control (ESC) systems that may allow excessive yaw rates. Source: <http://www.edmunds.com/car-news/honda-expands-2012-13-honda-fit-recall-for-electronic-stability-control-problem.html>

Chrysler recalls more than 50,000 Jeep and Ram models. Chrysler issued a recall for 45,961 model year 2013 Ram 1500 vehicles due to a software issue that can disable the electronic stability control (ESC) system. Chrysler also issued a recall for 4,458 model year Jeep Grand Cherokee models due to a parking lamp issue. Source: <http://usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/cars-trucks/best-cars-blog/2013/07/Chrysler-Recalls-More-Than-50000-Jeep-and-Ram-Models/>

Sears reannounces recall of Kenmore dehumidifiers due to additional reports of fires, burn, low consumer response rate. Sears reissued a recall on 795,000 Kenmore brand dehumidifiers made by LG and sold at Sears and Kmart stores after additional reports of fires and burns. The dehumidifiers were originally recalled in August 2012. Source: <https://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2013/Sears-Reannounces-Recall-of-Kenmore-Dehumidifiers/>

DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Nothing Significant to Report

ENERGY

(Nebraska) \$3K in copper stolen from OPPD power station. Authorities are searching for a suspect that stole \$3,000 worth of copper from an Omaha Public Power District power station July 12. Police discovered an individual cut a hole in a section of the fence and cut a lock on the west gate to gain access to the copper. Source: <http://www.ketv.com/news/local-news/3k-in-copper-stolen-from-oppd-power-station/-/9674510/20980580/-/fo1gux/-/index.html>

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

Multistate Salmonella outbreak linked to live poultry hits 125. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at least 125 people in 26 States have fallen ill with four different strains of Salmonella linked to live poultry from Mt. Healthy Hatchery in Ohio. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/07/multistate-salmonella-outbreak-in-live-poultry-hits-125/>

Tainted nuts spark FDA to examine growing Salmonella risk. Consumer groups, food industry companies, and other experts were asked by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to review salmonella prevention efforts in various nuts so the agency can determine how to reduce the

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health risk. Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-07-17/tainted-nuts-spark-fda-to-examine-growing-salmonella-risk.html>

Due to a Class I recall by ARO pistachio, Torn and Glasser, Inc announces voluntary recall of pistachios due to possible health risk. Some packaged pistachios were voluntarily recalled by Torn and Glasser, Inc because the products have the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella after ARO pistachio expanded their recall. Torn and Glasser products contain pistachios supplied by the ARO processing plant in Terra Bella, California. Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm360725.htm>

GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)

Hackers post alleged passwords of Hill staffers; FBI probing breach. Officials stated a hacktivist group was able to gain limited access to vendor's servers after the group made claims that they posted the email addresses and alleged passwords of hundreds of current and former Washington, D.C. Hill staffers online July 17. Federal authorities are investigating the breach. Source: <http://thehill.com/blogs/hillicon-valley/technology/312077-anonymous-posts-email-addresses-passwords-of-capitol-hill-staffers>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Attackers embedding backdoors into image files. Researchers at Sucuri found attackers using image files to hide backdoors, allowing them to maintain access to compromised servers. Source: <https://www.networkworld.com/news/2013/071813-attackers-embedding-backdoors-into-image-271999.html>

DDoS average packet-per-second and attack bandwidth rates rise. Prolexic Technologies released their second quarter 2013 Quarterly Global DDoS attack report, which found that distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks increased in average packet-per-second rate and average bandwidth by 1,655 percent and 925 percent, respectively, compared to 2012 levels. Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/attacks-breaches/ddos-average-packet-per-second-and-attac/240158434>

Hackers knock Network Solutions websites offline with DDoS attack. Network Solutions was the target of a distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack July 15, affecting its own and an unknown number of customers' Web sites. Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2283238/hackers-knock-network-solutions-websites-offline-with-ddos-attack>

FBI ransomware scam finds new home on the Mac. Malwarebytes researchers reported finding a strain of well-known ransomware for Mac OS X systems. Source: <http://www.scmagazine.com/fbi-ransomware-scam-finds-new-home-on-the-mac/article/303320/>

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U.S. still tops spam-relaying 'dirty dozen' countries. A quarterly report by Sophos found that in the second quarter of 2013 the U.S. remained the top country for relaying spam, with Belarus relaying the second most amount of spam. Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/end-user/us-still-tops-spam-relaying-dirty-dozen/240158381>

Critical vulnerabilities in numerous ASUS routers. A security researcher reported critical vulnerabilities in several ASUS routers that can allow remote unauthorized access to critical system files if the AiCloud media server is activated. Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Critical-vulnerabilities-in-numerous-ASUS-routers-1918469.html>

Expert finds way to hijack Facebook accounts by exploiting email claim flaw. A security researcher found and reported a vulnerability that could have allowed attackers to hijack Facebook accounts by adding an email address of another user. Facebook addressed the vulnerability after being notified. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Expert-Finds-Way-to-Hijack-Facebook-Accounts-by-Exploiting-Email-Claim-Flaw-Video-368273.shtml>

Janicab Mac malware uses RLO to hide file extension. Researchers at F-Secure discovered a piece of malware for Macs dubbed Backdoor:Python/Janicab.A that uses the right-to-left override (RLO) character to mask file extensions. The malware aims to take screenshots and record audio and gets its command server's address via YouTube videos and other Web sites. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Janicab-Mac-Malware-Uses-RLO-to-Hide-File-Extension-368292.shtml>

NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS

(California) 10,000 pot plants removed from Sierra National Forest. Law enforcement agents removed close to 10,000 pot plants worth about \$24 million in California's Sierra National Forest July 17. Agents also removed 800 pounds of waste and about 2 and one half miles of an elaborate drip irrigation system. Source: <http://www.kmph.com/story/22869636/10000-pot-plants-removed-from-sierra-national-forrest>

POSTAL AND SHIPPING

Nothing Significant to Report

PUBLIC HEALTH

Cyclospora sickens dozens in Midwest. At least 45 people in Iowa and several others in Nebraska and other midwestern States were sickened by the rare parasite cyclospora. Several victims of the ongoing outbreak indicated a fresh vegetable may have been the source of the illness. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/07/cyclospora-sickens-dozens-in-midwestern-states/>

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TRANSPORTATION

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WATER AND DAMS

(Michigan) **Large generator stolen from wastewater treatment plant.** A 150 kilowatt generator was stolen from Loch Alpine Sanitary Authority's wastewater treatment plant July 16. A hole was found cut in the plant's fence. Source:

http://www.heritage.com/articles/2013/07/16/ann_arbor_journal/news/doc51dec93224d57898609942.txt

HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: **North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center:** 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: ndslic@nd.gov; Fax: 701-328-8175 **State Radio:** 800-472-2121; **Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI):** 701-328-5500; **North Dakota Highway Patrol:** 701-328-2455; **US Attorney's Office Intel Analyst:** 701-297-7400; **Bismarck FBI:** 701-223-4875; **Fargo FBI:** 701-232-7241.

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