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NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY



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Nothing Significant to Report

REGIONAL

(Minnesota) Bus evacuated in Woodbury after passenger talked of bombs. A bus was evacuated on Interstate 94 near Woodbury after a passenger made comments about bombs. The bus was evacuated and the suspect was arrested by authorities. Source: <http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2013/06/06/state-patrol-bus-evacuated-in-east-metro-after-bomb-threat/>

(Minnesota) Single-Serve Cinnamon Toast Crunch recalled for Salmonella Risk. Approximately 168 cases of single-serve reduced-sugar Cinnamon Toast Crunch was recalled by General Mills because the product has the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/06/single-serve-cinnamon-toast-crunch-recalled-for-salmonella-risk/>

(Montana) Flooding emergency in 15 counties, 2 reservations. The Montana governor declared an emergency June 5 for 2 reservations and 15 counties following widespread flooding in central and northern Montana. Heavy rainfall and flooding caused waterways and reservoirs to overflow and washed out several roads. Source: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/flooding-emergency-in-counties-reservations/article_16dd84f1-e61b-5164-a231-

(South Dakota) Wet conditions continue to hamper farmers in SD. Farmers and ranchers in South Dakota were prevented from making progress planting crops because of cool, wet conditions. On average producers had only a little over 2 days suitable for fieldwork, according to a weekly U.S. Department of Agriculture report. Source: <http://www.mitchellrepublic.com/event/article/id/80230/group/homepage/>

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Refer to ***Chemical and Hazardous Materials Sector***, Item # 1 for related information

INTERNATIONAL

TEPCO finds groundwater contaminated with radioactive cesium. TEPCO, the operators of the crippled Fukushima Daichi nuclear power plant in Japan, reported finding cesium in groundwater flowing through the nuclear plant's grounds that was missed by monitors at the plant due to background radiation. Source: <http://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2013/06/04/national/tepcO-finds-groundwater-contaminated-with-radioactive-cesium/>

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BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY

Police bust \$200 million data theft ring. Law enforcement officials in the U.S., U.K., and Vietnam announced that they shut down the “Mattfeuter” Web site allegedly used for selling stolen payment card information that resulted in at least \$200 million in fraud. Suspects were also arrested in Vietnam, the U.K., Germany, and Italy. Source:

<http://www.informationweek.com/security/attacks/police-bust-200-million-data-theft-ring/240156195>

Microsoft and FBI storm ramparts of Citadel botnets. Microsoft and the FBI have disabled around 1,000 of the estimated 1,400 botnets created by the Citadel botnet malware that have stolen more than \$500 million. Microsoft also filed suit against the alleged controller of the botnet, and the FBI is working with law enforcement in various countries to identify the botmaster and 81 bot herders. Source:

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2013/06/06/microsoft_feds_breach_citadel_botnets/

(Nebraska) Nebraska Dept. of Banking and Finance warns of fraudulent escrow firm. The Nebraska Department of Banking and Finance ordered Lincoln Closing and Escrow Services to cease acting as a money transmitter and warned the public that the company is not licensed to handle money transfers. Source: <http://www.nebraska.tv/story/22490109/nebraska-dept-of-banking-and-finance-warns-of-fraudulent-escrow-firm>

SEC suspends trading of 61 companies ripe for fraud in over-the-counter market. The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission suspended trading in the securities of 61 companies seemingly no longer in business to prevent their use by fraudsters in ‘pump and dump’ investment schemes. Source: <http://www.sec.gov/news/press/2013/2013-97.htm>

CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR

NRC orders owners of 31 U.S. reactors to toughen vents. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission ordered upgraded vents to be installed at 31 nuclear power plants to prevent hydrogen buildups that can lead to explosions. Source:

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-06-06/nrc-orders-owners-of-31-u-s-reactors-to-toughen-vents.html>

(Washington) Birds at Hanford vit plant spread contaminated waste. Work stopped at an under-construction plant at the Hanford Site after a small amount of soil contaminated with low level radioactive substances was found in a bird nest. Work was planned to resume the next day. Source: <http://www.tri-cityherald.com/2013/06/05/2423007/birds-at-hanford-vit-plant-spread.html>

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COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

(Pennsylvania) 6 confirmed dead, 13 injured in Philadelphia building collapse in Center City. Six individuals were killed and 13 were injured in a four-story building collapse in downtown Philadelphia June 5. Source:

http://www.nj.com/south/index.ssf/2013/06/one_dead_and_13_injured_in_phi.html

COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

(Kentucky) Copper thief causes phone and internet outage. Windstream Communications officials hoped to quickly restore phone and Internet services to 1,500 Perry County customers after a copper thief cut a fiber optic cable June 3. Source:

<http://www.wkyt.com/wymt/home/headlines/Copper-thief-causes-phone-and-internet-outage-210030811.html>

CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

Jeep recall: Over 630,000 vehicles worldwide. Chrysler announced the recall of over 630,000 vehicles, most of them in the U.S., for a transmission fluid line issue and an airbag software glitch. The recalls cover certain 2012-2013 Jeep Wranglers and 2010-2012 Compass and Patriot vehicles, respectively. Source: <http://www.examiner.com/article/jeep-recall-over-630-000-vehicles-worldwide>

Toyota says to recall 242,000 vehicles for brake glitch. Toyota announced the recall of 242,000 Prius and Lexus HS 250h vehicles worldwide manufactured during 2009 due to mechanical design flaw that could cause greater braking distances. Source:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/06/05/us-toyota-recall-idUSBRE95406D20130605>

2013 Ford Explorer among 465,000 Ford vehicles recalled for leaky fuel tanks. Ford announced the recall of 465,000 model year 2013 Ford Explorer, Taurus, Flex, Fusion, Interceptor Utility, Interceptor Sedan and Lincoln MKT, MKS, and MKZ vehicles due to potentially leaky fuel tanks. 389,151 of the vehicles are in the U.S. Source: <http://www.edmunds.com/car-news/2013-ford-explorer-among-465000-ford-vehicles-recalled-for-leaky-fuel-tanks.html>

DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

EMERGENCY SERVICES

(California) Hemet: Fire station evacuated after family brings in possible explosives. The Cal Fire/Riverside County Fire Department facility in Valle Vista was evacuated June 3 after a family brought in possible explosives they discovered cleaning their newly rented home. A bomb squad spent several hours investigating the items which caused the station to be out of service

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for most of the day. Source: <http://www.pe.com/local-news/riverside-county/hemet/hemet-headlines-index/20130603-hemet-fire-station-evacuated-after-family-delivers-explosives.ece>

ENERGY

Nothing Significant to Report

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

Live poultry Salmonella Outbreak sickens 224. According to the latest update from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, an ongoing outbreak of Salmonella Typhimurium from baby chicks and ducklings has now sickened at least 224 people across 34 States. Source:

<http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/06/live-poultry-salmonella-outbreak-sickens-224/>

Weak food safety culture led to XL Foods recall, review finds. According to an independent review released by the Canadian government, Company and Canadian Food Inspection Authority (CFIA) staff at XL Foods had a lax approach to food safety leading up to a massive beef recall in fall 2012. The report found that XL Foods was not prepared to execute the recall – which was the largest in Canadian history and extended into the United States – because the company had never conducted any mock recalls “on a scale that remotely mimicked a real event.” Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/06/weak-food-safety-culture-led-to-xl-foods-recall-review-finds/>

Listeria killed 1 in 5 infected in recent years. Listeria killed approximately one-in-five Americans it infected between 2009 and 2011, according to a report released by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/06/listeria-killed-1-in-5-infected-in-recent-years/>

Corn farmers across Iowa, Midwest face tough decisions. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture 91 percent of the nation's corn crop is in the ground, but just 74 percent of the plants have emerged due to wet spring weather. Source: <http://newsok.com/corn-farmers-across-iowa-midwest-face-tough-decisions/article/3841913>

Hepatitis A cases hit 61 in Townsend Farms berry outbreak. Around 61 people have been sickened with Hepatitis A in an outbreak linked to Townsend Farms Organic Antioxidant Berry Mix sold at Costco stores. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/06/hepatitis-a-cases-hit-61-in-townsend-farms-berry-outbreak/>

Honeybee food may contribute to U.S. colony collapse - study. According to a study by scientists at the University of Illinois, corn syrup and other honey substitutes as bee feed may be contributing to colony collapse by depriving the insects of compounds that strengthen their immune systems. Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/06/03/usa-bees-food-idUSL5N0EF3OE20130603>

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GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)

(Massachusetts) Malware identified on University of Massachusetts Amherst computers. The University of Massachusetts Amherst notified 1,670 patients from their Center of Language, Speech and Hearing after a malicious program was found on a workstation April 5. The malware may have compromised patient health information including Social Security numbers and insurance information. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Malware-Identified-on-University-of-Massachusetts-Amherst-Computers-358678.shtml>

(New York) Possible gas blast at NY college hurts 7 faculty. Authorities are investigating a possible natural gas explosion at Nyack College, north of New York City June 4. Seven faculty members were taken to a local hospital for injuries as the campus was mostly empty due to students' dismissal following graduation in May. Source: <http://news.msn.com/us/possible-gas-blast-at-ny-college-hurts-7-faculty>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Malware increasingly uses peer-to-peer communications, researchers say. Security firm Damballa reported that malware's use of peer-to-peer (P2P) communications increased fivefold over the past year. Source: http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9239834/Malware_increasingly_uses_peer_to_peer_communications_researchers_say

64% of data breaches caused by human and system errors, study finds. Symantec and the Ponemon Institute released their 2013 Cost of Data Breach Study that finds that 64 per cent of data breaches were due to human and system errors, among other findings. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/64-of-Data-Breaches-Caused-by-Human-and->

Systems of DNSimple and easyDNS abused for DNS amplification attack. Recent distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks against DNS providers DNSimple and easyDNS were in fact part of a DNS amplification attack that abused the targets' systems to power an attack against another target. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Systems-of-DNSimple-and-easyDNS-Abused-for-DNS-Amplification-Attack-358492.shtml>

Expert develops fake Chrome browser for phishing attack POC. A researcher developed a proof of concept (POC) that uses a fake browser to open a window after a victim clicks on a link, allowing information to be taken in a phishing attack. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Expert-Develops-Fake-Chrome-Browser-for-Phishing-Attack-POC-358079.shtml>

easyDNS hit by DDOS attack. Managed DNS provider easyDNS was targeted by a distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack June 3. The attack was preceded by a smaller DDoS attack,

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believed to be a test run. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/easyDNS-Hit-by-DDOS-Attack-358144.shtml>

NetTraveler espionage campaign makes 350 high-profile victims in 40 countries. Researchers at Kaspersky identified a long-running cyberespionage campaign with victims in 40 countries known as NetTraveler. The campaign may have begun in 2004 and increased recently, with targets including diplomats, governments, energy companies, defense contractors and industries such as medicine, nuclear power, communications, and others. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/NetTraveler-Cyber-Espionage-Campaign-Compromises-350-High-Profile-Victims-in-40-Countries-358427.shtml>

NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS

(California) Evacuations lifted as crews gain upper hand on California's Powerhouse Fire. Firefighters reached 60 percent containment June 4 of California's Powerhouse Fire that burned through 32,000 acres. Evacuation orders were lifted but officials warned that nearly 300 buildings remain under moderate threat and several roads still closed. Source: <http://usnews.nbcnews.com/news/2013/06/04/18743137-evacuations-lifted-as-crews-gain-upper-hand-on-californias-powerhouse-fire?lite>

POSTAL AND SHIPPING

(West Virginia; Washington, D.C.) W.Va. man charged with threatening U.S. President, family. Authorities arrested a West Virginia man June 3 after he wrote a letter threatening to kill the U.S. President and the president's family. Officials believe the suspect may also be tied to two previous threatening letters sent to the U.S. President and are continuing to investigate. Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2013/06/03/wva-man-charged-with-threatening-obama-family/2385113/>

PUBLIC HEALTH

Department of Veterans Affairs hacking includes at least eight organizations, official says. A former U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs computer security chief told Congress June 4 that at least eight foreign-sponsored organizations have hacked into Veterans Affairs computer networks and that attacks are continuing. The entire database contains personally identifiable information on roughly 20 million veterans that could be used in identity theft or other purposes. Source: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/06/04/department-veterans-affairs-hacking_n_3385623.html

TRANSPORTATION

Refer to ***Regional***, Item #1 for related information

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WATER AND DAMS

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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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