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(North Dakota) DNR says work can continue on Oxbow ring dike. The Diversion Authority is now free to restart the controversial Oxbow ring dike, according to Minnesota Department of Natural Resources officials. The dike is part of the Fargo-Moorhead flood diversion and, on Wednesday, June 29, the DNR declared it had completed its environmental review of the project.

<http://www.inforum.com/news/4064593-dnr-says-work-can-continue-oxbow-ring-dike>

(North Dakota) Killdeer resembles war zone after hail storm. Fist sized hail damaged vehicles, campgrounds and buildings in Dunn County. Among the hardest hit were oil field workers living in campers and temporary housing.

http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/killdeer-resembles-war-zone-after-hail-storm/article_0fc78817-10e8-5747-b5e0-cfbfe1d0915e.html

REGIONAL

(Montana) Wildfire burns about 3,500 acres in Rosebud County. Crews reached 50 percent containment July 12 of the 3,500-acre Harris Fire burning in Rosebud County. http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/wildfire-burns-about-acres-in-rosebud-county/article_27c2c021-e7c7-56e3-aab7-440d9c4262df.html

(Minnesota; Wisconsin) List of flood-related road closures in the Northland. Severe flooding prompted the closure of several highways and roads throughout Minnesota and Wisconsin July 12 until the water recedes.

<http://www.duluthnewstribune.com/news/4072496-list-flood-related-road-closures-northland>

NATIONAL

(National) Three Officers Killed By Shooter In Baton Rouge. The AP reports three officers were killed, and three more were wounded in a shooting attack in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on Sunday. Officials report the suspect who shot the officers was killed at the scene, however an investigation is ongoing as to whether the suspect

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acted alone. President Obama “said there was no justification for violence against law enforcement and that the attacks are the work of cowards who speak for no one.” <http://www.politico.com/story/2016/07/police-say-more-than-1-officer-shot-in-baton-rouge-225673>

(National) FSIS to begin posting location-specific food safety data online. The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced its plan July 11 to begin posting new levels of food safety data specific to slaughter and processing facilities in the U.S. on Data.gov as part of its Establishment-Specific Data Release Plan, which aims to allow customers to make more informed choices, motivate individual establishments to improve performance, and lead to industry-wide improvements in food safety.

<http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/newsroom/news-releases-statements-and-transcripts/news-release-archives-by-year/archive/2016/nr-071116-01>

(National) USDA announces changes to improve humane handling of veal calves.

The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced July 13 new rules that aim to improve the humane handling inspections at veal meat production facilities. The rule requires that veal calves brought to slaughter that cannot walk be humanely euthanized and prohibited from entering the food supply, improves compliance with the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act by encouraging improved treatment of veal calves, and improves inspection efficiency, among other regulations. <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/newsroom/news-releases-statements-and-transcripts/news-release-archives-by-year/archive/2016/nr-071316-01>

INTERNATIONAL

(International) Attack In Nice Reflects A “New Normal” For Europe, World.

Reporting and analyses on the terrorist attack in Nice, France suggests that the perpetrator’s use of a truck as a weapon may be the latest evolution of global terrorism toward the adoption of cruder methods of killing and could signal a “new normal” of being unable to stop these lone-wolf attacks in Europe and worldwide. <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-europe-attacks-nice-security-idUSKCN0ZV1KD?il=0>

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https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/in-truck-rampage-experts-see-potential-shift-toward-cruder-deadlier-acts-of-terror/2016/07/15/9b86ba80-4a98-11e6-bdb9-701687974517_story.html

(International) Turkey widens post-coup purge, demands Washington hand over cleric. Turkey purged its police on Monday after rounding up thousands of soldiers in the wake of a failed military coup, and said it could reconsider its friendship with the United States unless Washington hands over a cleric Ankara blames for the putsch. <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-turkey-security-idUSKCN0ZX07S>

(International) Appeals Court Sides With Microsoft In Email Privacy Case.

The Washington Post reports that the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals in New York on Thursday “sided with Microsoft” in a case “over whether the U.S. government could force the tech giant and other companies to hand over customer emails stored overseas.” The Post calls the ruling “a victory for privacy advocates” and says it “reverses a 2014 court order that required Microsoft to turn over email content stored on a server in Ireland.”

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/the-switch/wp/2016/07/14/microsoft-just-won-a-huge-legal-victory-about-email-privacy/>

BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY

(International) GootKit banking trojan receives massive update. Security researchers from IBM’s X-Force Research reported that the GootKit trojan, which targets banks internationally, has updated its source and mode of operation to avoid antivirus detection by changing its installation method to use scheduled tasks that run every minute, allowing the trojan to run with least-privilege user accounts (LUA) and administrator accounts.

<http://news.softpedia.com/news/gootkit-banking-trojan-receives-massive-update-506181.shtml>

CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

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COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

(National) Omni Hotels was hit by point-of-sale malware. Omni Hotels & Resorts reported July 8 that its point-of-sale (PoS) systems were allegedly compromised after discovering malware attacks on its network May 30, which were intended to collect certain payment card information including cardholder names, credit/debit card numbers, security codes, and expiration dates. The luxury hotel did not disclose how many of its 60 properties were affected.

http://www.computerworld.com/article/3093390/security/omni-hotels-was-hit-by-point-of-sale-malware.html#tk.rss_security

(Maryland) Six Flags re-opens after bomb threat. The Six Flags America amusement park in Prince George's County was closed for nearly 5 hours July 13 following a phoned bomb threat and the discovery of two suspicious backpacks. Police cleared the scene after determining that there was no threat.

<http://www.wusa9.com/news/local/maryland/bomb-threat-reported-at-six-flags-america/271899888>

COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

(International) Backdoored Pokemon Go app infects Android devices.

SimilarWeb data and Proofpoint revealed that attackers were using a malicious version of the popular mobile gaming app, Pokemon GO via third-party portals to disseminate a remote access tool (RAT), dubbed DroidJack, to add Android application package (APK) files and allow attackers to gain full control over the Android users' mobile devices. DroidJack could allow an attacker to read and exit text messages, make phone calls, record audio, modify contacts, and connect to Wi Fi, among other actions. <http://www.securityweek.com/backdoored-pokemon-go-app-infects-android-devices>

(National) Comcast business outages reported nationwide. Comcast Corporation reported July 12 that it is working to ensure that services are fully restored after crews fixed an issue in the network that knocked out inbound and outbound phone service for Comcast Business customers nationwide for several hours.

<http://patch.com/us/across-america/comcast-outages-reported-nationwide>

CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

Nothing Significant to Report

DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR

(International) California man arrested on spy charges involving satellites. A California man was arrested and charged July 7 with allegedly attempting to sell sensitive information used in military and commercial satellites to an individual whom he believed was a foreign agent.

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2016/07/08/california-man-arrested-on-spy-charges-involving-satellites.html>

EMERGENCY SERVICES

(Louisiana) 3 arrests made in alleged plot to harm officers, police say. The Baton Rouge Police chief announced July 12 that three suspects were arrested for stealing several handguns as part of an alleged plot to harm police officers in the Baton Rouge area. Officers discovered the alleged plot while responding to a burglary at a pawn shop July 9 after surveillance video showed the suspects attempting to break into the building. <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/3-arrests-made-in-alleged-plot-to-harm-officers-police-say/ar-BBuhABw>

(National) Sixth Circuit Rules US Can Withhold Criminal Mug Shots. The Detroit Free Press reports that the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals “has ruled that federal authorities can withhold criminal mug shots, concluding that the Internet and social media have made booking photos more ‘embarrassing and humiliating’ than ever before for defendants, and that the accused are entitled to privacy rights.” <http://www.freep.com/story/news/2016/07/14/high-court-rules-public-has-no-right-see-mug-shots/87092690/>

ENERGY

(National) Cantwell Seeks Guidance On Electricity Grid Protection. Politico reports Sen. Maria Cantwell, ranking Democrat on the Energy and Natural

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Resources Committee, has asked the National Academies of Science and Engineering “to provide guidance to lawmakers about what policies should govern the electricity grid in the future, including policies on defending it from hackers.” <http://www.politico.com/tipsheets/morning-cybersecurity/2016/07/evolution-and-possible-movement-for-encryption-commission-bill-215350>

(New Mexico) Massive fire at San Juan County oil and gas rig. WPX Energy, Inc., reported July 12 that around 30 oil storage tanks caught fire at an oil and gas rig in San Juan County, New Mexico, July 11, prompting drilling to stop in the area. Fire crews are allowing the fire to burn out before extinguishing the flames. <http://www.koat.com/news/massive-fire-at-san-juan-county-oil-and-gas-rig/40467284>

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

(International) General Mills pulls Betty Crocker mixes because of E.coli. General Mills, Inc., issued a recall July 11 for its Betty Crocker Delights Super Moist Party Rainbow Chip Cake Mix, Betty Crocker Delights Super Moist Carrot Cake Mix, and Betty Crocker Super Moist Rainbow Bit Cake Mix products due to a 21-State outbreak of E.coli O121 linked to the consumption of raw dough or batter that has sickened 42 people since December 2015. The products were distributed to retailers, restaurants, and bulk buyers nationwide, and in Canada and China. <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2016/07/general-mills-pulls-betty-crocker-mixes-because-of-e-coli>

(Maryland) Maryland Department of Agriculture extends emergency orders to prevent High Path Avian Influenza. The secretary of the Maryland Department of Agriculture extended emergency quarantine order, which went into effect July 1 through at least December 31 for poultry entering the State to prevent high path avian influenza from infecting poultry flocks within Maryland. The quarantine requires that all hatching eggs and poultry entering the State must be tested within 10 days or come from certified clean sources, states that poultry markets must maintain records of all birds sold or purchased, and orders all commercial poultry farms to meet basic biosecurity and sanitation practices, among other requirements. <http://www.capitalgazette.com/news/environment/ph-cc-avian-influenza-emergency-orders-20160711-story.html>

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GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)

(Michigan) 2 bailiffs, shooter dead in Berrien County Courthouse shooting. Two court bailiffs were killed and a suspect was shot and killed by police officers inside the Berrien County Courthouse in downtown St. Joseph July 11 following a disturbance at the courthouse. A deputy sheriff and several civilians were injured in the incident which remains under investigation.

<http://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/2016/07/11/reports-shots-fired-berrien-county-courthouse-st-joseph/86953034/>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

(International) Researchers Create New Anonymous Network. The Hill reports researchers at MIT and the Swiss École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne collaborated on creating a “network architecture they claim is a dramatically more efficient way for users to interact anonymously.” The technology, known as “Riffle networking,” “could make it more difficult for law enforcement to trace the source of illegal or copyrighted files being transmitted over a network.” The Hill says Riffle works differently than Tor because Riffle “mixes up the order of servers, making it difficult to figure out who is contacting what.”

<http://thehill.com/policy/cybersecurity/287255-researchers-tout-new-anonymity-network>

(International) New Stampado ransomware advertised on the Dark Web for only \$39. Heimdal Security researchers spotted a new version of ransomware on the Dark Web dubbed, Stampado, which is offered via Ransomware-as-a-Service (RaaS) model and locks files with a “.locked” file extension, similar to other ransomware families. Stampado is being offered for \$39 for a lifetime license and mimics the Jigsaw ransomware, in that it deletes a random file from the infected computer every 6 hours in order to scare the victim into paying the ransom.

<http://news.softpedia.com/news/new-stampado-ransomware-advertised-on-the-dark-web-for-only-39-506272.shtml>

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(International) Huge spam wave drops Locky variant that can work without an internet connection. F-Secure researchers examined a July 12 campaign utilizing the Locky ransomware where the group sent out 120,000 spam email messages every 2 hours in 2 instances of activity. Avira researchers also found that a new Locky variant works in “offline mode,” making it harder to block.

<http://news.softpedia.com/news/huge-spam-wave-drops-locky-variant-that-can-work-without-an-internet-connection-506294.shtml>

(International) CryptXXX devs provide free decryption keys for some ransomware versions. Bleeping Computer researchers released a category of users who could obtain a free decryption key by visiting the Tor-based payment sites of the CryptXXX ransomware after their files were encrypted by the ransomware using the “.crypz” and “.cryp1” file extensions at the end.

<http://news.softpedia.com/news/cryptxxx-devs-provide-free-decryption-keys-for-some-ransomware-versions-506333.shtml>

PUBLIC HEALTH

(National) Connecticut hospitals facing acute drug shortages must do workarounds. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration updated its list of acute-drugs that are in short supply nationally, which include antibiotics, intravenous saline, and morphine, among others July 11. The shortages have forced hospitals across Connecticut to turn to alternative drugs, ration supplies, or seek new suppliers to work around the shortages.

<http://www.registercitizen.com/article/RC/20160711/NEWS/160719955>

(New York) 33 sickened in apparent mass drug overdose in New York City. The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene reported July 13 that it recorded a spike in emergency room visits related to synthetic marijuana, K2, connected to an incident in Brooklyn where 33 people were transported to area hospitals with injuries in an apparent mass drug overdose in the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood. Authorities are investigating the incident.

<http://www.foxnews.com/health/2016/07/13/33-sickened-in-apparent-mass-drug-overdose-in-new-york-city.html>

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(National) Hundreds of flaws found in Philips Healthcare product. Philips advised Xper Connect users to update their operating system (OS) to Microsoft Windows 2008-R2 and install Xper version 1.5 service pack 13 after Whitescope LLC and Synopsys researchers discovered 460 vulnerabilities in Philips Xper Information Management Connect, which include code injections, information exposure flaws, and resource management and numeric errors, among others, that can allow an attacker to compromise the system. <http://www.securityweek.com/hundreds-flaws-found-philips-healthcare-product>

(California) Ultrasound theft results in data breach at health care company Kaiser Permanente. Kaiser Permanente's Northern California division announced July 13 that about 1,100 patients are known to be impacted by a data breach after 2 of its employees allegedly stole an unspecified number of ultrasound machines containing protected health information, with the intent of selling the machines. An investigation is ongoing. <http://www.scmagazine.com/ultrasound-theft-results-in-data-breach-at-health-care-company-kaiser-permanente/article/509467/>

TRANSPORTATION

(Tennessee) Thousands of gallons of diesel fuel spilled, 3 injured after train hits heavy truck, derails in Lookout Valley. Three locomotives and 10 rail cars on a Norfolk Southern train derailed July 14 after the train collided with a truck in Wauhatchie Pike in Tennessee, injuring 3 people, and spilling thousands of gallons of diesel fuel. Authorities closed several roads and intersections while crews worked to upright the derailed cars and repair the damaged track. <http://www.timesfreepress.com/news/local/story/2016/jul/14/train-hits-semi-truck-derails-lookout-valley/375998/>

WATER AND DAMS

(Nebraska) Fremont awaiting final test result on drinking water safety. A lightning strike July 7 at a water treatment plant prompted officials to issue a boil water advisory for residents of Fremont, Nebraska until final water testing

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confirmed safe drinking water. <http://www.wowt.com/content/news/Fremont-awaiting-final-test-result-on-drinking-water-safety-386160471.html>

(Ohio) Ohio town water manager charged over lead contamination. Officials announced that the former water system operator in Sebring, Ohio, was charged July 13 for violating State safe drinking water laws by failing to notify residents of high lead levels in their tap water immediately after a lab confirmed the high levels in samples taken during routine tap water testing in August and September 2015. <http://www.cnn.com/2016/07/14/us/ohio-lead-contaminated-water-charges/>

NORTH DAKOTA 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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