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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: Elevated, Cyber: Elevated

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://esisac.com>]

1. *June 21, Agence France–Presse* — **Russia vows to integrate with world oil partners. Russia plans to overhaul its energy and transport infrastructure in order to integrate better into the global oil and energy market, Prime Minister Mikhail Fradkov said Sunday, June 20.** "Russia's energy sector will develop first of all by integrating into global energy systems and

through international cooperation to develop new oilfields and gain access to new markets," he said. Developments will include new pipeline projects to carry oil through the Baltic Sea and east towards Asia, said Fradhov, whose country has been under pressure to increase exports since oil prices soared to record highs early this month. The world's second-largest oil exporter after Saudi Arabia, Russia is not a member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). Russia has regularly hiked oil production since 1999, but has only limited export capacity because of an underdeveloped pipeline network.

Source: <http://www.bday.co.za/bday/content/direct/1.3523.1642509-6078-0.00.html>

2. *June 21, Associated Press* — **Freeport liquefied natural gas facility approved. Cheniere Energy Inc. said on Monday, June 21, that Freeport LNG Development LP received approval from regulators to build a liquefied natural gas (LNG) receiving terminal on Quintana Island near Freeport, TX.** Freeport filed for the permit with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission last March to build and operate a facility able to produce 1.5 billion cubic feet of gas per day, the company said. The Dow Chemical Co., based in Midland, MI, and Houston, TX-based oil and gas company ConocoPhillips have entered into agreements with Freeport LNG for all of the facility's capacity, Cheniere said.

Source: <http://www.forbes.com/home/feeds/ap/2004/06/21/ap1423787.htm>

3. *June 21, Bloomberg* — **Crude oil plunges as Iraq begins exports. Crude oil futures dropped as Iraq resumed partial exports through one of two pipelines shut after an attack early last week.** Exports started at about 9 a.m. from the Basra Oil Terminal in the Persian Gulf. Flow rates to the facility averaged about 42,000 barrels an hour, according to the U.S.-led Coalition Provisional Authority. Iraq has the world's third-biggest proved oil reserves. A strike in Norway, the world's third-largest exporter, is limiting exports. "Iraqi exports are back on line, which cancels out the strike in Norway," said Phil Flynn, senior energy trader for Alaron Trading Corp. "There were a lot of terrorist attacks over the weekend but none of them hurt the flow of oil." Crude oil for July delivery was down on the New York Mercantile Exchange. However, prices were up 22 percent from a year earlier. **Prices have risen 18 percent in New York this year in part because of concern that terrorist attacks would disrupt shipments from the Middle East, source of about a third of the world's oil.**

Source: <http://quote.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=10000103&sid=a.Q38EeWxvaU&refer=us>

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Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials Sector

4. *June 21, Associated Press* — **Attempted theft leads to chemical leak and evacuations. An attempted anhydrous ammonia theft at a farm store in the western Kentucky town of Clay Monday morning, June 21, caused a chemical leak that forced evacuations and left two people in need of treatment.** Anhydrous ammonia is a common ingredient in methamphetamine, an illegal drug that has become pervasive in western Kentucky. Webster County Sheriff Frankie Springfield said one or more people slipped under a chain link fence shortly after 4 a.m. (central time) at the Southern States store and placed a hose on a 1,000 gallon tank of ammonia. **They attempted to pump the chemical into a small tank they brought along but the hose blew off, releasing about 700 pounds of ammonia into the air.**

As many as 300 people on the east side of the Webster County town were asked to leave their homes and most took shelter in a local church. It took workers about an hour to cap off the leaking ammonia, and another hour for the chemical to dissipate. There are no suspects so far. Manager Davids Edwards says there was no damage to the store. He said the thieves left their small tank and hose behind. He figures they may have received a dose of the ammonia. Source: <http://www.wkyt.com/Global/story.asp?S=1956711>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

5. *June 21, Reuters* — **U.S. Air Force to study satellite launch program. The U.S. Air Force bowed to Congressional pressure on Monday, June 21, and said it would reexamine a costly program under which two private contractors launch government satellites.** The study will be completed by the end of the year, Air Force Undersecretary Peter Teets said, stressing that he favored continuing the controversial and expensive tag-team approach for both big firms to put U.S. spy and other satellites into orbit. His announcement followed a report last week by the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee which said the United States should pick either one contractor or the other to launch satellites rather than "underfunding" both in what it called a counterproductive dual program. The new look at the so-called Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle Program, or EELV, will be headed by retired Air Force Gen. Tom Moorman. **The Air Force has been willing to spend extra to keep both companies in the business to spur competition and have a backup on hand if one launch vehicle is grounded.** However, both contractors have complained about losing money on the EELV program amid a poor market for commercial launches. The rockets were originally envisioned as serving both commercial and government clients.

Source: http://biz.yahoo.com/rf/040621/arms_usa_satellites_2.html

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Banking and Finance Sector

6. *June 21, New Zealand City Ltd.* — **Westpac hit by e-mail scam. Westpac Bank in New Zealand is being targeted again in a phishing scam.** The e-mail is addressed to valued customers and falsely claims that the bank is introducing a new security system. People are asked to log on and provide their customer IDs and passwords. Local Internet service provider Enternet Online says hundreds of their clients have received the fraudulent e-mails. **It has traced the scam through the United States to Russia.** Managing Director Terry Coles says. He says security systems in place in New Zealand make it difficult for the scam to work. The bank is not aware of anyone in New Zealand falling victim to the scam. Source: <http://home.nzcity.co.nz/news/default.asp?id=40584&c=w>

7. *June 21, CBS MarketWatch* — **Wachovia pays extra for SouthTrust. Wachovia bank said Monday, June 21, it is acquiring SouthTrust, in a stock-for-stock deal valued at \$14.3 billion,** paying a rich 20 percent premium to expand its reach in the fast-growing southeast and confirming expectations of further consolidation in the banking industry. **The deal is expected**

to give acquisition-minded Wachovia bigger exposure in the fast-growing banking market in the southern states and Texas. SouthTrust, based in Birmingham, AL, has about 12,000 employees and operates 717 offices in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. Wachovia, with assets of \$411 billion, is the fourth-largest bank in the United States, behind Citigroup, J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. and Bank of America.

Source: http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2004/06/21/national/main62499_9.shtml

8. *June 21, Reuters* — **Banknorth to acquire BostonFed. Banknorth Group Inc. said on Monday, June 21, it agreed to acquire BostonFed Bancorp, the parent company of Boston Federal Savings Bank,** in a deal worth about \$195 million. The acquisition would grow Banknorth's position in the communities surrounding Boston, MA, Banknorth Chairman and Chief Executive William Ryan said. Terms of the deal value BostonFed at \$40.56 per share.

Source: http://biz.yahoo.com/rc/040621/financial_bostonfed_urgent_1.html

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Transportation Sector

9. *June 21, The Trucker* — **OIG wants tighter security for CDLs.** Concerns that just about anyone can get a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) within the current system has one government agency urging that the program be shored up. **The Office of Inspector General (OIG), citing concerns that "vulnerabilities exist within the current CDL program" wants the system secured to ensure proper distribution of Commercial Driver's Licenses.** OIG sent a management advisory asking the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to, "at a minimum, require all CDL applications to demonstrate that they are either a U.S. citizen, a permanent legal resident, or otherwise legally present in the United States." OIG stated that nearly 70 percent of the 11 million CDLs issued since 1989 do not carry a Hazmat endorsement, which presents a "very large loophole. Given our current environment and the efforts to enhance security, we question why the legal presence measures are limited to just those CDL applicants seeking Hazmat endorsements."

Source: http://www.thetrucker.com/stories/06_04/0621_cdl_security.ht ml

10. *June 21, Department of Homeland Security* — **Secretary Ridge announces new nationwide port security improvements.** New security measures are being implemented across the United States providing for safer ports in America, U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge announced Monday, June 21. **With the implementation of these international standards, in advance of the July 1st deadline, the U.S. is better able to harden the port's physical infrastructure, verify the security of individual vessels before they approach a U.S. port, and better restrict access to the port area.** Speaking from the Ports of Los Angeles/Long Beach, the nation's busiest container ports, Secretary Ridge underscored the importance of implementing these new security measures around the world. "Over 80 percent of world trade travels by sea," said Ridge. "By taking a layered, cooperative and balanced approach to strengthening the international maritime system, we are not only further securing our country, we are also protecting U.S. economic interests and the global economy." For the text of the speech: <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?content=3728>

Source: <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?content=3729>

11. *June 21, PRNewswire* — **Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority breaks ground on \$11.25 million public dock and terminal.** The Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority (DWCPA) broke ground Monday, June 21, on an \$11.25 million state-of-the-art Public Dock and Terminal that will further establish Detroit's Riverfront as a tourist destination. **Great Lakes cruise ships, dinner cruisers, tour boats, tall ships and other vessels will be able to dock at the facility, which also includes a new headquarters for the DWCPA.** U.S. Senator Carl Levin, who secured \$7.5 million in federal funding for the project, was the featured speaker at the event. "The new dock and terminal will have a direct economic and positive impact on the city of Detroit and the entire region," said Senator Levin. "Given the history of commercial and recreational use of our riverfront, the construction of this state-of-the-art, Public Dock and Passenger Terminal will welcome national and international commercial and tourist vessels, once again, to our city. It will mark the rebirth of a world class Port of Detroit." Construction on the Dock of Detroit, located at the foot of Bates Street in downtown Detroit west of the General Motors (GM) Wintergarden, is expected to begin in the fall of this year as the DWCPA has completed all of its environmental requirements for construction.
Source: [http://www.prnewswire.com/cgi-bin/stories.pl?ACCT=109&STORY=
/www/story/06-21-2004/0002196961&EDATE=](http://www.prnewswire.com/cgi-bin/stories.pl?ACCT=109&STORY=/www/story/06-21-2004/0002196961&EDATE=)
12. *June 21, heraldtribune.com (FL)* — **Port Canaveral aims to give cargo side a boost.** Ron Dunlevy, a manager for ship's agent Eller & Co., has seen cruise lines such as Carnival, Disney and Royal Caribbean transform Port Canaveral into the second-busiest cruise port in the Western Hemisphere, behind Miami. Now, the port is trying to gain prominence as a cargo port. Although it doesn't make the top 75 on the latest national ranking of cargo ports, Port Canaveral is trying to establish itself as a destination shippers think of more often. **Port Canaveral, while still known for exporting citrus product, is a growing source of construction-product imports, and it plays a critical role in the growth of Brevard County and central Florida.** For example, over the last five years, lumber imports through Port Canaveral have skyrocketed from 7,938 tons to 180,518 tons -- an increase of more than 2,100 percent, largely attributable to the housing boom. Today, many homes in the region are built with lumber that came through the port from Germany and cement that came through the port from Colombia. There could be more foreign and domestic shippers docking and offloading needed products onto Port Canaveral cargo piers if a 10-year project to revamp the cargo side goes as planned. And that means more local jobs and opportunity for those who live in the surrounding region.
Source: http://www.heraldtribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/2004_0621/APF/406210602
13. *June 21, KHOU (Houston, TX)* — **Bayport ship terminal breaks ground. Amid protestors on the ground and in the air, Port of Houston administrators, politicians, and VIPs broke ground for the new Bayport Container and Cruise terminal. Bayport, as it will be known, will have enough space for seven ships and a 378-acre container storage yard,** according to information released by the Port Authority. The facility is also expected to create approximately 39,000 jobs and contribute approximately \$1.6 billion to the Texas economy through wages and tax revenues. Completion of the first phase is targeted for mid-2006. Remaining sections of the Bayport facility will be built in phases over the next 15 to 20 years. Several homeowners and environmental groups are concerned about the impact the project would have on neighborhoods, the Bay's eco system and surrounding property values. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality said the project would not hurt water quality standards.

Source: http://www.khou.com/news/local/stories/khou062104_jw_bayport_terminal.282fcdf0d.html

14. *June 21, Morning Journal News (Lisbon, OH)* — **Railroad operator bankrupt.** The operator of the railroad owned by the Columbiana County Port Authority has filed bankruptcy, jeopardizing repayment of \$3 million in debts owed by the port authority. **The Central Columbiana & Pennsylvania Railway (CCPR) will be required to continue operating the 36-mile railroad it leases from the port authority. The line runs from Darlington, PA, to Mahoning County, with the majority passing through the county.** The CCPR filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy earlier this week in federal court in Arkansas, where its parent firm is located — D & R Railroad of Russellville, AR. Port authority director Tracy Drake said their exposure is considerably more because they still owe \$800,000 on the loan used to purchase the former Youngstown & Southern Railroad in the late 1990s. Federal law requires CCPR to continue operating the rail line while going through the bankruptcy process, which is good news for customers and the port authority because it might result in money to help make loan payments, Drake said. The bankruptcy will place further financial constraints on the port authority's ability to undertake future economic development projects.

Source: <http://www.morningjournalnews.com/story.asp?ID=28987>

15. *June 21, U.S. Newswire* — **Greater Rochester International Airport to test new explosive trace detection technology.** On Monday, June 21, 2004, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will introduce air travelers at the Greater Rochester International Airport (GRIA) to an Explosive Trace Detection Portal at one of the passenger security checkpoint, representing the second time TSA has deployed this state-of-the-art explosive trace detection (ETD) technology in an airport environment. Last week T.F. Green State Airport in Providence, RI was the first of five airports to begin testing this technology. **The Explosive Trace Detection Portal is designed to analyze air for traces of explosive material by scanning air around the traveler in the portal.** Over the next 45 days, before proceeding through the Walk-Through Metal Detector as usual, some travelers at GRIA will then be asked to step into the trace portal and remain still for a few seconds while several quick "puffs" of air are released. A computerized voice will tell travelers when to exit the portal. This pilot program will yield important data on the efficacy of this technology in an airport environment with varying climates and will determine how it impacts customer service and wait times.

Source: <http://releases.usnewswire.com/GetRelease.asp?id=149-06212004>

16. *June 18, Department of Transportation* — **United States, China reach agreement on expanded air services.** U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta on Friday, June 18, announced a landmark air services agreement between the United States and China that will more than double the number of U.S. airlines that may serve China and will permit a nearly five-fold increase in weekly flights between the two countries over the next six years. The agreement was reached in Washington, DC after four rounds of talks starting last February. "This agreement recognizes the critical role of commercial aviation in the rapidly growing U.S.-China trade relationship," Secretary Mineta said. "This agreement represents a giant step forward in creating an international air transportation system that meets the needs of the new global marketplace." Secretary Mineta noted that even as U.S.-China aviation services have remained limited, trade between the two countries has grown dramatically, increasing in value from \$4.8 billion in 1980 to \$170 billion

in 2003. The United States is China's largest export destination, and China is the United States' fastest-growing export market.

Source: <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/dot09004.htm>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

17. *June 21, Reuters* — UPS, pilots union seek mediator. United Parcel Service Inc. and the union representing its 2,500 pilots will ask a federal mediator to enter bargaining on a revised labor contract, the company and union said on Monday, June 21. "Although the parties have utilized their best efforts over the past 22 months, no agreement has yet been reached in the contract areas of scheduling, compensation, pension, scope, and benefits," UPS and the Independent Pilots Association said in a joint news release. **The current contract remains in full force, according to the union and UPS, which is the world's largest package-delivery group.** Federal mediators helped the IPA and UPS reach deals in 1991 and 1998. UPS, which operates one of the world's biggest airlines in its shipping businesses, and the union have been negotiating changes in the labor pact since October 2002. The sides reported tentative agreements on secondary issues. Industry sources have said the pilots association was focused on overhauling the methods UPS uses to assign routes, days off and rest periods between flights to the pilots.

Source: http://www.boston.com/business/articles/2004/06/21/ups_pilot_s_union_seek_mediator/

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Agriculture Sector

18. *June 21, New York Ag Connection* — Animal health advisory issued. The New York state Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory has isolated Salmonella Group C2 from cultures submitted from four different horse farms in either New Jersey or Pennsylvania in the last week. They have all shown the same profile, being resistant to most antibiotics. A Salmonella newport strain (Group C2) was recently associated with the closing of the University of Pennsylvania's large animal clinic, New Bolton Center, and was also reported to be multi-drug resistant. It is unknown how and when multi-drug resistant Group C2 Salmonella strains have emerged in the equine industry, or how widespread they are. It is believed that the extensive non-therapeutic use of antibiotics exposes too many pathogens to levels of antibiotic which then causes "hardy" strains to survive. At this point, the cultures received at the lab have all been from sick foals or from the environment in which sick animals with confirmed Salmonella cultures were housed. It is advised that equine operations be alert to the possible spread of these organisms.

Source: <http://www.newyorkagconnection.com/story-state.cfm?Id=203&yr=2004>

19. *June 21, Associated Press* — Brucellosis testing. Wyoming's farm and ranch industry could lose about 100 jobs and nearly \$4 million as a result of mandatory brucellosis testing, according to a state report. The finding of the disease in two cattle herds in the state last winter resulted in loss of federal brucellosis-free status and testing of hundreds of

thousands of cattle. Lost livestock sales revenue over the next year is estimated to range from \$495,000 to \$3,795,000, according to a report by the Wyoming Economic Analysis Division. Producers may lose sales to other states and foreign countries that do not want to risk buying Wyoming cattle because it may jeopardize their own brucellosis status, said Amy Bittner, a state economist. In addition, producers can expect to pay \$1.50 to \$11.50 per head for testing, she said. "The employment impacts from low-cost testing could result in 11 jobs initially lost in the farm sector," she wrote. "Additionally, if a higher testing cost was instituted, then 87 farm jobs could be eliminated due to the decrease in livestock sales." Prior to the mandatory testing requirements, about 50,000 cattle were tested each year. That number is expected to jump to 330,000, putting a strain on the Wyoming State Veterinary Laboratory in Laramie, which analyzes the tests.

Source: <http://www.casperstartribune.net/articles/2004/06/21/news/wyoming/1fa3532d969f2ec987256eb8006bcb5a.txt>

20. *June 20, Associated Press* — **Researchers look to genetics to battle white mold. North Dakota State University researchers say they have found genetic traits in sunflowers that resist a devastating fungus known to producers as white mold.** Cooperative research at the Carrington Research Extension Center and the Agricultural Research Service in Fargo, ND, has yielded three new lines of germplasm that are resistant to the infection. Germplasm is the genetic information of a plant's hereditary makeup and is the living tissue that can be used to grow new plants. The researchers are also studying how fungicides and practices such as planting dates, row spacing, or seed depth affect the growth of white mold. **In nursery trials the average incidence of the disease affecting the head of plants carrying the three new germplasm lines ranged from eight percent to 33 percent, compared with 58 percent in four commercial types.** White mold — known to scientists as *Sclerotinia sclerotiorum* — affects most broadleaf plants.

Source: <http://www.grandforks.com/mld/grandforks/news/state/8971903.htm>

21. *June 18, Dow Jones Newswires* — **WTO rules against U.S. cotton subsidies. Cotton subsidies for U.S. farmers are unfair to producers in Brazil, the World Trade Organization (WTO) said Friday, June 18, in a landmark decision that could prompt developing countries to mount trade cases against agricultural subsidies for other crops.** The WTO's final report on the trade case upheld a preliminary ruling that U.S. cotton subsidies cause artificially low international prices and are hurting Brazilian farmers, said Clodoaldo Hugueneu, a top economic official with Brazil's foreign ministry. Critics of subsidies predicted the case, if upheld after an appeal expected by the U.S., would give cotton producers from Brazil to West Africa an incentive to increase production and get what they call a fair price. Brazil alleged the U.S. has kept its place as the world's second-largest cotton grower and largest exporter because the government paid \$12.5 billion in subsidies to U.S. farmers between August 1999 and July 2003.

Source: http://www.agprofessional.com/show_story.php?id=25751

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Food Sector

22.

June 21, just-food.com — **EU invests in food safety research.** The European Commission has announced that it would award \$232 million for food quality and safety research in the second year of the European Union's (EU) Sixth Framework Program for Research. These funds will go to 31 research projects and networks of excellence and 13 smaller support actions, which will tackle a range of consumer-driven issues with an impact on the farm-to-fork approach. **The short-listed projects will tackle issues such as traceability, contaminants in food, emerging pathogens, diseases affecting animals and crops, and food allergy.**

Source: http://www.just-food.com/news_detail.asp?art=57894

23. *June 21, USAgNet* — **Russia suspends meat imports from Brazil. The Russian Agriculture Ministry said it suspended the import of meat and animal feedstuff from Brazil after cases of foot-and-mouth disease were detected in the country.** The decision is based on media reports about a cow disease outbreak in the state of Para in the north of Brazil. The Russian Veterinary Service has not yet received a formal confirmation from Brazil. Officials said the ban could be "regionalized" later, provided that the Brazilian veterinary authorities inform the Russian service of the spread of the disease.

Source: <http://www.usagnet.com/story-national.cfm?Id=651&yr=2004>

24. *June 21, Associated Press* — **Labs testing for mad cow get off to slow start.** Early screening of high-risk cattle for mad cow disease has found no suspected cases in the 2,871 tests taken during the expanded program's first two weeks. **But the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) \$70 million testing program has been slow to gear up to the point where it can screen 220,000 animals for bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or BSE, in the next 12 to 18 months.** The program, which started June 1, is meant to reassure domestic and international consumers that U.S. beef is safe to eat. **Most of the agency's 12 mad cow testing laboratories nationwide still aren't operating. States have been bogged down in contract negotiations with rendering plants in the effort to get brain samples for testing.** The USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service said the infrastructure for the expanded testing program was in place June 1, and the agency is just now ironing out the remaining details.

Source: <http://www.ljworld.com/section/stateregional/story/173598>

25. *June 18, Associated Press* — **Smucker completes deal for Pillsbury's company.** The J.M. Smucker Co.'s bid for Pillsbury is a done deal. **J.M. Smucker said Friday, June 18, that its \$500 million deal for Minneapolis, MN, based International Multifoods Corp. is complete. Multifoods is the maker of Pillsbury, Hungry Jack, and other food brands.** Smucker shareholders approved the deal Thursday, June 17. The agreement called for Multifoods shareholders to get \$25 per share in a combination of 80 percent Smucker stock and 20 percent cash. The maker of Smucker's jams and Jif peanut butter also would assume about \$340 million of Multifoods' debt. **The purchase also will give Smucker the Canadian brands Robin Hood flour and baking mixes and Bick's pickles and condiments.** Combined sales of the two companies are expected to exceed \$2.3 billion.

Source: <http://www.grandforks.com/mld/grandforks/news/state/8956554.htm>

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Water Sector

26. *June 21, South Florida Sun–Sentinel* — **Sewage spill closes two lakes. Boynton Beach, FL, officials estimate 200,000 gallons of sewage spilled into the L–24 canal when a 16–inch sewer pipe broke Saturday, June 19.** Officials said age caused the pipe to deteriorate. Utilities workers repaired the break. The spill prompted health and city officials to issue a health advisory Sunday, June 20, for Lake Ida, Lake Eden, the L–24 canal and the E–4 canal. The public is advised to avoid contact with the water from those sites, and residents along the lakes and canals are advised not to use their irrigation systems until test results of the water are complete.

Source: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/local/palmbeach/sfl-pspill21jun21.0.2284910.story?coll=sfla-news-palm>

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Public Health Sector

27. *June 21, Medical News Today* — **SARS found in tears. According to doctors in Singapore, the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) virus can be spread through tears.** They also said that they can analyze whether someone has SARS by taking samples of people's tears — the virus can be detected at an early stage. This is both good and bad news: Taking tear samples and using them for analysis is relatively easy and straightforward. However, if SARS can be spread through tears, then health professionals and people in general have to face yet another health hazard.

Source: <http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/medicalnews.php?newsid=9720>

28. *June 21, Associated Press* — **Health officials warn of West Nile hot spots. The West Nile virus has gained a foothold in several Southern California hot spots where people are most likely to contract the disease, health officials said.** The areas in Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties contain large bird populations or wetlands and other bodies of water that attract mosquitoes carrying the virus. The disease is transmitted from infected birds to people through mosquitos. **Health officials are bracing for the state's first major outbreak of West Nile. The virus has spread through the region's bird population unseasonably early and infected six people in California this year, twice the number of cases in 2003.** "It's here in higher concentrations in the bird populations than we've ever seen before," said Jonathan Fielding, director of public health and health officer of the County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services. "We'd expect this to translate into human cases." Large numbers of West Nile–afflicted birds and insects have been discovered in the locations identified as hot spots, health officials said.

Source: <http://www.sanluisobispo.com/mld/sanluisobispo/news/politics/8975836.htm>

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Government Sector

Nothing to report.

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Emergency Services Sector

29. *June 21, Associated Press* — **Charlotte to test response to smallpox outbreak. Charlotte and Mecklenburg, NC, are paying a California firm \$115,000 to run a 36-hour, real-time drill of how the region would respond to a smallpox outbreak. The drill is to involve dozens of agencies, local hospitals, the state Health Department and five neighboring counties.** It is to begin sometime Tuesday, June 22, but the exact scenario is a mystery even to the officials who will have to try to coordinate a response. **The idea is to force officials to make decisions and respond to a changing situation in real time.** With smallpox vaccine in short supply, deciding whom to vaccinate is expected to be a major concern. The drill is to begin with a report of an outbreak. Officials will be called to the county's Emergency Operations Center. Few people under the age of 30 have been vaccinated for smallpox, and vaccinations of older people may have lost their effectiveness over the years. The federal government stores smallpox vaccines, but the closest stockpile to Charlotte is in Atlanta. Health officials will have to decide who gets vaccinated. Health and law enforcement investigators will have to try to track down the people who released the virus.

Source: http://www.heraldtribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/2004_0621/APN/406210711

30. *June 21, Federal Computer Week* — **Keeping the money flowing for first responders.** A central system for administering grants is one of a series of recommendations from a task force looking into how to get \$8 billion in homeland security funding to first responders faster. **For the first time, members of the Task Force on State and Local Homeland Security Funding identified why local government officials haven't seen the money they expected, and they issued 15 recommendations for getting past this problem.** The report was delivered to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Tom Ridge on June 17. DHS has not set a timeline for seeing that Congress, state legislators and officials involved in homeland security initiatives at every level of government follow through on these recommendations. Secretary Ridge asked the Homeland Security Advisory Council to create the multigovernmental task force in March in response to complaints from officials at all levels of government about the problems disbursing the more than \$8 billion in homeland security funds appropriated by Congress for fiscal 2003 and 2004. At the end of their three-month investigation, task force members blamed the delays on an entrenched bureaucracy that included policies designed to make sure government money is spent appropriately.

Source: <http://www.fcw.com/fcw/articles/2004/0621/news-money-06-21-04.asp>

31. *June 21, Government Technology* — **Government, industry coalition make e-directory for emergency providers.** A coalition of public safety and health organizations is sponsoring a program to create an electronic directory of the nation's first responders and emergency personnel. **The initiative, known as the Emergency Provider Access Directory, would give the nation's 80,000 public safety agencies a map-enabled, Web registry containing telephone numbers, Internet addresses and street addresses of their counterparts throughout the United States.** The registry could save time, for example, if a hazardous-materials truck were hijacked. Local law enforcement officials could notify police, fire, transportation and health officials along the route where the truck was headed so they could prepare to intercept it or react to a chemical spill. The directory is the brainchild of the Washington-based ComCARE Alliance, a non-profit coalition of more than 90 organizations representing services from public safety and health officials to first responders and automotive

and wireless technology companies. When fully deployed, the directory would serve as a key component of an electronic safety network, an integrated emergency communications and information system that the alliance envisions for the country. "We need a 411 for 911," said David Aylward, ComCARE's director.

Source: http://www.washingtontechnology.com/news/19_6/statelocal/23825-1.html

32. *June 18, Government Technology* — **New mobile identification solution in Florida.** Pinellas County Sheriff's Office (PCSO), in Florida, has successfully deployed its new mobile identity solution. **Through the use of this wireless application, Pinellas County deputies are now able to leverage the image capture, enrollment and search capabilities of the entire PCSO face recognition-enabled database from their patrol vehicles.** During the initial arrest process in the field, it is not uncommon for law enforcement officials to be confronted with individuals who lack proper identification, such as a drivers' license, or present alias information to avoid identification. With the new mobile application, PCSO deputies are now able to capture an individual's image with a digital camera, place the camera into a docking station in the patrol car and, through wireless communication to the PCSO's existing image database, conduct a face recognition search to determine if the individual has been previously arrested.

Source: <http://www.govtech.net/news/news.php?id=90604>

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33. *June 21, InternetWeek* — **IM worms could spread in seconds.** Enterprises whose workers use one of the free public instant messaging networks risk malicious attacks, said a security analyst Friday, June 18. "Attacks can come in as attachments, there have already been some IM-related worms that send themselves to people on your buddy list, and IM lacks encryption," said Eric Chien of Symantec. "IM the guy down the hall, and the message doesn't stay within the perimeter, as does e-mail," said Chien. "It goes from the desktop onto the broader Internet to, say, Yahoo's servers, then from their servers back to the guy down the hall." That means **it's difficult for a company to secure the clear-text of IM sent over public networks, and makes it much easier for hackers to exploit any IM client vulnerabilities.** Among the most dangerous security problems "blended threats." **An IM blended threat could exploit a vulnerability in the instant messaging client or service, and infect systems without any human interaction.** There are mitigating factors, however. "If millions of messages were sent out in a short span of time, the IM servers would probably go down before the threat spread completely," said Chien. Once a threat was discovered, IM service providers could block it by filtering at their servers, or by updating the client and banning access from clients that were vulnerable.

Source: <http://www.internetweek.com/breakingNews/showArticle.jhtml%3Bjsessionid=YKE02ZGNN21GKQSNDBCSKHY?articleID=22101033>

34. *June 21, ZDNet (UK)* — **Outlook's security compromised by spammers.** In order to help fight spam, Microsoft armed Outlook 2003 with a Bayesian filter, which tries to recognise unsolicited messages by examining the words used and, depending on the frequency of certain key words, calculating the probability of that e-mail being spam. The company also improved

on previous versions of Outlook by allowing users to choose if an HTML email should be allowed to access the Internet and download content. However, John Cheney of BlackSpider Technologies explained a growing trends is for spammers to attach a pornographic image file to their emails and then use HTML code to display the attached image. This means that **Outlook doesn't need to access the Internet before displaying the picture**. Simon McNally of anti-spam firm Borderware said **spammers can now create an image that also displays words or a Web address that would otherwise have been intercepted by the spam filter**. But McNally points out that because the spammers now have to send an image file, they use more bandwidth and so the same volume of spam costs more and takes longer.

Source: <http://news.zdnet.co.uk/internet/0,39020369,39158241,00.htm>

35. June 21, TechWeb — Six Korean government agencies hacked. A half dozen South Korean government agencies reported over the weekend that their computer networks had been infected with the Peep Trojan horse, malicious code allegedly written by a Taiwanese computer engineer who was arrested last month. Korea's National Cyber Security Center (NCSC) announced that 64 systems in six agencies were infected by Peep, including the Agency for Defense Development, the Korea Institute for Defense Analyses, the Korea Atomic Energy Research Institute, and the National Maritime Police Agency. "As soon as we discovered some government computers were contaminated by the Peep Trojan hacking program, we took emergency measures and currently there is no risk of data outflow," the NCSC said in a statement, the Korea Times reported. The NCSC also said it had shut down the hackers' site and distributed anti-virus software, but did not confirm whether data was actually hijacked. The Peep attack on Korea, said government officials, came as file attachments to e-mail messages which originated in China. According to the Korea Times, however, the anonymous official refused to blame Chinese hackers directly, saying "Even though the e-mail came from China, it doesn't necessarily mean the hackers are Chinese. We will continue to trace the e-mail senders."

Source: <http://www.techweb.com/wire/story/TWB20040621S0011>

36. June 21, The Register (UK) — Glasgow vandals cut 5,000 phone lines. Some 2,500 phone lines are still on the blink in Glasgow, Scotland, after telephone cables were cut by vandals over the weekend. The perpetrators struck on Saturday, June 19, after they lifted a manhole cover and snipped eight copper cables and a fibre optic cable. A BT spokesman said it was an act of "wanton vandalism." **Around 5,000 phone lines linked to homes and businesses were wiped out by the damage. Half were repaired within hours of the cable-cutting.** The rest should be restored by the end of Monday. Police are investigating.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2004/06/21/bt_glasgow_cable/

37. June 18, Government Technology — Virginia governor announces major broadband initiative. Virginia Governor Mark R. Warner announced a \$12 million investment in broadband technology Friday, June 18, that will result in the installation of 700 miles of fiber-optic cable connecting five cities, 20 counties and 56 industrial parks in southern Virginia. **The Regional Backbone (RBI) and Roots of Progress Initiative will create an advanced, open-access telecommunications infrastructure, and offer high-speed Internet accessibility to an estimated 700,000 Virginians and more than 19,000 businesses in the region.** The RBI will connect the cities of Bedford, Danville, Emporia, Lynchburg and Martinsville, as well as the counties of Amelia, Appomattox, Bedford, Brunswick,

Buckingham, Campbell, Charlotte, Cumberland, Dinwiddie, Franklin, Greenville, Halifax, Henry, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Nottoway, Patrick, Pittsylvania, Prince Edward and Sussex.
Source: <http://www.govtech.net/news/news.php?id=90598>

Internet Alert Dashboard

DHS/US-CERT Watch Synopsis	
Over the preceding 24 hours, there has been no cyber activity which constitutes an unusual and significant threat to Homeland Security, National Security, the Internet, or the Nation's critical infrastructures.	
Watch Synopsis: Internet scans for backdoor and Trojan Horse ports continue to top the lists of all reporting organizations. The likely reason for such scans are that Bot Networks continue to amass zombie hosts from prior infected hosts such as Sasser and Bagel victims. The use of "botnets" to create denial of service attacks remain a serious threat to the National Infrastructure.	
Current Port Attacks	
Top 10 Target Ports	9898 (dabber), 5554 (sasser-ftp), 445 (microsoft-ds), 135 (epmap), 4899 (radmin), 1023 (Reserved), 1434 (ms-sql-m), 137 (netbios-ns), 3127 (mydoom), 1026 (nterm) Source: http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html ; Internet Storm Center
To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@us-cert.gov or visit their Website: www.us-cert.gov .	
Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Website: https://www.it-isac.org/ .	

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38. *June 22, Associated Press* — **Iran to prosecute British crewmen. British Navy sailors serving in Iraq will be prosecuted on charges of entering Iran's territorial waters, Iran's state-run television reported Tuesday, June 22.** "They will be prosecuted for illegally entering Iranian territorial waters," the Arabic language Al-Alam television reported. The station is part of the state-run Iranian radio and television network. **Iran impounded the three British boats and detained the eight crewmen Monday, June 21, in the Shatt-al-Arab waterway, Iraq's main link with the Persian Gulf.** It said the crewmen were armed. Great Britain said it was in contact with Iran to resolve the situation. It said the personnel from the Royal Navy training team based in southern Iraq had been detained while delivering a boat to the new Iraqi Riverine Patrol Service.

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/2004-06-22-british-iran_x.htm

39. *June 22, CNN* — **Heavy casualties in Russia raids. At least 46 people have been killed and dozens wounded in coordinated attacks on government buildings in three separate towns in the Russian republic of Ingushetia, which borders Chechnya.** Officials say Russian

Interior Ministry troops beat back the rebels in heavy fighting that raged early Tuesday, June 22. In the republic's main city of Nazran, several buildings were attacked, including the Interior Ministry, the Federal Security Service, and the headquarters of the Border Guards. Fighters also attacked the towns of Karabulak and Sleptsovsk. **Colonel Ilya Shabalkin, head of the press service for Anti-Terrorist Operations in the Caucasus, told CNN the attacks were carried out by 50 to 100 fighters which included Chechen, Ingush, and "possibly" foreign fighters.** Shabalkin the acting head of the Ingush Interior Ministry was among the dead. The attacks began shortly before midnight Monday, June 21, when rebels launched the raids and laid siege to several key government buildings. An Ingush official said Russian troops were able to break the siege and push back rebel attempts to seize government buildings.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2004/WORLD/europe/06/22/russia.fighting/index.html>

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