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Energy Sector

1. *August 10, Associated Press* – (Tennessee) **Cracks found in hydroelectric power plant.** The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) has shut down a hydroelectric power plant on Raccoon Mountain after cracks were found in rotors, the Associated Press reported August 10. The plant near Chattanooga, Tennessee, has provided hydroelectric power for 34 years, but was taken out of service in March. The TVA vice president said the utility hopes one of the four generators can be repaired within 2 years. He referred to the other three as “900,000 pounds of scrap.” The German firm that designed the units told TVA to check the rotors for cracks after a similar plant in Austria splintered in late 2009. There are two similar plants in Virginia and California facing the same problem.
Source: <http://www.pddnet.com/news-cracks-found-in-hydroelectric-power-plant-081012/>
2. *August 9, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Ventura County power plant shares blame for Flex Alert.** An unexpected outage at a power plant in Ventura County, California, was partially responsible for triggering the Flex Alert issued August 9 to ask residents to conserve energy during a heat wave expected to last through August 12. A generating unit at the Ormond Beach Generating Station went offline, removing 775 megawatts of energy from the grid, according to the California Independent System Operator (ISO). An ISO spokeswoman said the plant went offline because of “equipment failure” August 8 and could not give an estimate of the length of the outage. A spokesman for plant owner GenOn Energy said the outage at one of the plant’s two generating units was caused by an electrical fire. On top of demand during a heat wave, other plants are currently filling the gap for the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, which has been out of service for more than 6 months. Power companies including the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and Southern California Edison issued their own appeals for customers to conserve.
Source: <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2012/08/flex-alert-outage-ormond-beach.html>
3. *August 9, Miami Herald* – (Florida) **Beach sand used to soak up Miami Beach gas leak.** An underground leak August 9 in Miami Beach, Florida, sent fuel spewing into the streets and through the roof of a Chevron station. Firefighters and a HAZMAT team worked to contain and clean the spill with beach sand from the nearby oceanfront as well as biodegradable foam. The leak at the station closed streets in the area for several hours. More than 1,000 gallons of gas cascaded from the gas station — some from the roof pipes — and into the roadway. Some gas spilled into the sewer system, but authorities said drinking water was safe. “The foam works to control the gas’ vapors,” said a Miami fire spokesman. “We asked dump trucks to get sand from the nearby beach. We spread it across the streets so that it can block and absorb the gasoline.” The cause of the leak was still unknown, but foul play was ruled out. The station remained closed.
Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2012/08/09/2941626/hazmat-team-on-scene-of-gas-leak.html>

4. *August 8, Reuters* – (Louisiana) **Louisiana sinkhole roils local natural gas network.** A sinkhole the size of a football field in southern Louisiana forced energy companies to halt nearby natural gas pipeline activity and draw down fuel from a local storage cavern, Reuters reported August 8. Chevron Corp’s subsidiary, Bridgeline Holdings, declared force majeure on new injections into its salt dome storage facility near the sinkhole and the town of Napoleonville in Assumption Parish through the rest of 2012, according to a notice on its Web site. Natural gas traders said Chevron’s move to purge the gas could push an additional 4 billion to 5 billion cubic feet of gas on the market. The sinkhole, which local media reported was 372-feet wide, was discovered near the cavern August 3. The Louisiana Commissioner of Conservation issued a Declaration of Emergency August 3 due to the sinkhole, and led authorities to order evacuations. The Texas Brine Company, which has a plugged salt cavern within 100 yards of the sinkhole, was ordered to investigate the site. Unexplained bubbles discovered in the region in recent months and reported tremors were under investigation. Enterprise Product Partners, owner of the Arcadian Gas Pipeline System, said it was forced to shut two 20-inch gas pipelines near the area. Crosstex Energy said the company shut a portion of its 36-inch natural gas pipeline, taking about 150 million cubic feet a day of supply offline.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/08/08/us-chevron-natgas-idUSBRE87716I20120808>

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Chemical Industry Sector

5. *August 10, Marshall County Tribune* – (Tennessee) **Technical Coatings blaze doused quickly.** Lewisburg, Tennessee firefighters August 8 knocked down a chemical plant fire that caused several explosions. “Empty barrels became bombs,” the Lewisburg fire chief said of containers with chemical residue that blew up and sent shrapnel flying. Nitrocellulose, an ingredient for what Tennessee Technical Coatings manufactures, has a low flash point, meaning it will catch fire at a relatively cool temperature, said the owner of the company. The fire chief said 12,000 pounds of nitrocellulose, a truck, and metal drums, totaling more than \$30,000, burned. He and the firm’s owner said the company’s 14 employees were back at work August 9 when production resumed. The fire chief said preplanning by the company and firefighters helped them extinguish the fire. The owner said the firm had to buy more nitrocellulose because of the fire. The chief said the fire originated in the storage yard outside the structure.
Source: <http://www.marshalltribune.com/story/1880270.html>
6. *August 10, Sunbury Daily Item* – (Pennsylvania) **Chemical leak triggers road closure, evacuations Thursday night.** A leakage of hydrochloric acid from a tanker truck forced the precautionary evacuation of five people and shut down a portion of New Columbia Road in White Deer Township, Pennsylvania, for 6 hours August 9 into August 10. The truck was traveling east on Interstate 80 when the two occupants noticed the leak at the rear of the tanker owned by Haliburton Energy Services of

Duncan, Oklahoma. It was not immediately known how much acid leaked from the tanker, which was hauling 4,000 gallons from Homer City to Montrose. State police at Milton said the driver pulled off Interstate 80, then traveled on Route 15 to a parking lot at a supermarket in White Deer Township. Police said the truck drivers took immediate steps to contain the leak and notified emergency management officials. A hazardous materials unit contractor responded and stopped the leak, police said. A hazardous materials team from Haliburton also arrived, transferred the chemical to another truck, and assisted with the cleanup.

Source: http://dailyitem.com/0100_news/x775520869/Chemical-leak-triggers-road-closure-evacuations-Thursday-night

7. *August 9, Albany Times Union* – (New York) **PCB tally isn't known.** The head of a Columbia County, New York recycling company whose plant was destroyed in an inferno the week of July 30 knows hundreds of gallons of toxic hazardous PCBs were at the site before the fire, but will not know how much burned until the tangled wreckage can be examined. He said August 9 that shipping records pieced together after the fire show the facility held two classes of PCBs. Some containers were 50 parts per million (ppm) or greater, which is hazardous waste under federal law, and other containers held less than 50 ppm, which is not considered hazardous. In the hazardous category, there were three electrical transformers and six ceramic bushings — a transformer component — containing 875 gallons of PCB-laden oil, some with levels as high as 1,600 ppm, according to a report from TCI consulting engineers. That was roughly equal to about fifteen 55-gallon industrial drums. Also falling into the hazardous category were nine drums of PCB “debris, typically soil or absorbent materials” totaling 2 tons, the report said. The roof of the steel-and-concrete plant collapsed, making it impossible to immediately determine how much of the PCBs were ignited in the fire, said the TCI counsel. The massive chemical-fueled blaze sent smoke, soot, and ash into the area around the plant.

Source: <http://www.timesunion.com/local/article/PCB-tally-isn-t-known-3775986.php>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

8. *August 10, U.S. Department of Transportation* – (National) **NHTSA recall notice - Ford Transit Connect wiper arms.** Ford Motor Company announced August 10 the recall of 16,330 model year 2011-2012 Transit Connect vehicles. The wiper arms may not be adequately riveted resulting in incomplete or inconsistent clearing of the windshield and possible detachment of the wiper arm. If the wiper arm detaches, the

windshield wiper will fail and the driver's visibility may be reduced, increasing the risk of a crash. Ford will notify owners, and dealers will replace the driver and passenger side wiper arm and blade assemblies.

Source: [http://www-](http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rcl_ID=12V374000&summary=true&prod_id=1384769&PrintVersion=YES)

[odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rcl_ID=12V374000&summary=true&prod_id=1384769&PrintVersion=YES](http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rcl_ID=12V374000&summary=true&prod_id=1384769&PrintVersion=YES)

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

9. *August 9, NJ.com* – (New Jersey) **Buildings evacuated at Picatinny Arsenal.** Buildings at Picatinny Arsenal in Morris County, New Jersey, were evacuated August 9 because of a gas main rupture, but there was no threat to the general public, a spokesman for the military research and manufacturing facility said. The spokesman said he was unsure how many buildings were involved, but said they were well within the base, far from Route 15. The base's main entrance is on Route 15. The spokesman said the gas leak was sealed, but emergency responders were continuing to inspect buildings to make sure gas cleared. The base's own fire, police, and EMS units responded. Also on the scene were fire departments from Jefferson, Mount Arlington, Lake Hopatcong, and Wharton, as well New Jersey Natural Gas, and ambulances from Rockaway. The spokesman said he was not aware of any injuries or illness related to the leak.

Source:

http://www.nj.com/morris/index.ssf/2012/08/building_evacuated_at_picatinn.html

10. *August 9, NBC News* – (Florida) **NASA lander blows up during test.** A prototype lander for future moon missions went awry and blew up August 9 during its first free-flight test at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Kennedy Space Center in Florida, the space agency reported. The \$7 million Morpheus lander project is an experiment aimed at testing autonomous navigation systems and other spaceflight technologies. Morpheus has undergone a series of less ambitious tests, including its first tethered flight at Kennedy Space Center August 3. During that test, the craft was suspended from a crane on a safety tether. The test August 9 was aimed at pushing the envelope further by letting the methane-powered craft off its leash. Video of the test shows the craft rising off its pad, then turning to the side and plunging back down to the ground in flames. Moments later, the entire vehicle explodes.

Source: http://cosmiclog.nbcnews.com/_news/2012/08/09/13202236-nasa-lander-blows-up-during-test

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Banking and Finance Sector

11. *August 9, Associated Press* – (Mississippi) **3 men indicted on credit card fraud charges.** Three men were indicted on charges related to the discovery of 485 credit cards and gift cards during a traffic stop in Rankin County, Mississippi, July 1, the Associated Press reported August 9. An affidavit filed in the case by a Secret Service agent said the men were pulled over in a car with Texas plates because the car allegedly swerved over a line on the highway. The affidavit said the cards were found hidden behind the dashboard. Some of the cards had the defendants' names on them but the magnetic strips pulled up other people's accounts.
Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2012/08/09/4710014/3-men-indicted-on-credit-card.html>
12. *August 9, Philadelphia Inquirer* – (New Jersey; South Carolina; Georgia) **10 charged in \$40 million shore, resort mortgage fraud.** Ten New Jersey residents were charged in a \$40 million mortgage fraud scheme involving properties and resorts in New Jersey, South Carolina, and Georgia, federal officials said August 9. A New Jersey man and some of his alleged co-conspirators sought out oceanfront condominiums overbuilt by financially distressed developers and recruited straw buyers for the properties. The plotters then created false documents that made the straw buyers appear more credit-worthy than they were, the indictment alleged. Working with brokers in on the scheme, the alleged conspirators then obtained mortgages for the properties.
Source: http://www.philly.com/philly/news/20120809_10_charged_in_40_million_Shore_resort_mortgage_fraud.html
13. *August 9, Wired* – (New York) **Goldman Sachs programmer back in court on new charges.** A former programmer for Goldman Sachs who downloaded source code for the investment firm's high-speed trading system from the company's computers was back in New York State court on new charges that he unlawfully duplicated and used the company's proprietary code. The programmer was re-arrested the week of July 30, according to his attorney, and was slated to be arraigned in Manhattan criminal court August 9 on State charges of "unlawful use of secret scientific material" and "unlawful duplication of computer related material." The new charges come after the programmer defeated previous federal charges against him for theft of the code. He was convicted in 2010 under the Economic Espionage Act of 1996. But in February 2011, an appellate court reversed that conviction.
Source: <http://www.wired.com/threatlevel/2012/08/sergey-aleynikov-new-charges/>

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Transportation Sector

14. *August 10, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **Westbound I-70 reopens from closure due to fire.** The Maryland State Highway Administration said westbound Interstate 70

reopened west of Clear Spring after being closed for many hours August 10 following a fire on a truck hauling explosives. Eastbound traffic was still diverted around the area, early the afternoon of August 10. A spokesman said the westbound lanes reopened at noon. He said authorities diverted eastbound traffic to avoid a 6-mile stretch of I-70. Maryland State Police said they did not expect the blasting devices in the trailer to explode. A sergeant said firefighters let the blaze burn out. He said the explosives are the kind used for excavation. He said the fire started in the brakes, and the driver managed to separate the truck from the trailer and drive away from the blaze.
Source: <http://www.wtop.com/46/2987593/Explosives-truck-fire-partly-closes-I-70-in-Md->

15. *August 9, CNN* – (National; International) **FAA proposes \$1 million penalty against Horizon Air for cockpit door rivets.** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) proposed a \$1 million civil penalty against a regional airline for allegedly using improper rivets on cockpit doors, saying the rivets could have damaged wiring and other aircraft components, CNN reported August 9. The agency said Horizon Air operated 22 aircraft for more than 3 years with the improper rivets, making at least 186,189 flights while the planes were “unairworthy.” The FAA discovered the violations in 2011 when Horizon modified a 23rd aircraft with blind rivets, and the plane experienced an incident during a flight because of wire damage, the agency said. Horizon Air was required to use solid rivets on the doors, but instead used blind rivets, which can be fastened from one side of a panel or structure, “blind” to the opposite side.
Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2012/08/08/travel/horizon-air-penalty/index.html>

16. *August 9, CNN* – (Florida; West Virginia) **Plane lands at wrong airport in West Virginia, FAA investigating.** The Federal Aviation Administration was investigating why a regional commuter plane landed at the wrong West Virginia airport August 7, CNN reported August 9. United Express Flight 4049 operated by Silver Airways was supposed to fly from Morgantown to Clarksburg, West Virginia, but landed instead at Fairmont Municipal Airport in Fairmount, West Virginia, about 10 miles away. The Saab 340B plus aircraft had 11 passengers and 3 crew members on board at the time, according to a Silver Airways spokesman. Pending the investigation, the flight crew was removed from service, the spokesman said. Silver Airways, based in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, started operations in 2011 and currently operates 120 flights a day on its 31 aircraft, according to the company’s Web site.
Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2012/08/08/travel/west-virginia-wrong-airport/index.html>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

17. *August 10, Global Security Newswire* – (Minnesota) **Mail carrier med delivery exercise has 95% success rate.** U.S. Postal Service workers were able to deliver empty tablet containers to roughly 95 percent of the homes included in a May

biological attack response exercise in the Twin Cities area of Minnesota, the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy reported August 9. May 6, participating mail distribution personnel dropped off the containers and informational brochures to some 33,000 residences around the Minneapolis-St. Paul region, according to an assessment of the bioresponse exercise issued in recent days by the Minnesota Health Department. The exercise was part of a broader U.S. government effort to make ready for a feared bioterror attack that could involve weaponized anthrax, smallpox, or other highly lethal disease agents. In the event of a such an attack, volunteer mail carriers would be mobilized to quickly deliver stockpiled medical countermeasures to residents in affected areas. The deliveries would complement distribution of countermeasures at fixed-location centers.

Source: <http://www.nti.org/gsn/article/mail-carrier-med-delivery-exercise-has-95-success-rate/>

18. *August 9, Associated Press* – (National; California) **US says FedEx broke rules on hazardous shipments.** U.S. safety regulators sought a \$681,200 civil penalty against FedEx, saying that the package-delivery company violated rules on shipping hazardous material 2 years ago. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) said August 9 that the violations occurred around the country and were discovered during an inspection of FedEx operations in the Los Angeles area. The FAA said FedEx failed to give pilots accurate information about hazardous shipments on 19 flights to and from Los Angeles in August 2010. It said FedEx also failed to document hazardous-materials training and testing for three people whose jobs included accepting shipments. FedEx Corp. has 30 days to respond to the FAA.

Source: http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-505245_162-57490444/us-says-fedex-broke-rules-on-hazardous-shipments/

19. *August 9, Hackensack Record* – (New Jersey) **Flooded roof closes Dumont post office.** A flooded roof closed a post office in Dumont, New Jersey, August 9, and the building was expected to remain closed for most of August 10, the North Jersey Record reported. A postal employee called police and said one of the walls separated from the rest of the building. A foot of water accumulated on the roof as a result of poor drainage and rainfall during the past few weeks, the fire chief said. Firefighters pumped water from the roof for more than 2 hours and employees evacuated the building.

Source:

http://www.northjersey.com/dumont/Flooded_roof_closes_Dumont_post_office.html

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Agriculture and Food Sector

20. *August 10, Food Safety News* – (International) **UK approves E. coli O157:H7 vaccine for cattle.** A Canadian vaccine designed to reduce E. coli O157:H7 shedding in cattle has become the first drug of its kind to be approved for use in the United Kingdom, Food Safety News reported August 10. The medication — manufactured by Bioniche Life Sciences, Inc. — received a Special Treatment Certificate (STC) from the UK's Veterinary Medical Directorate, a branch of the department for the environment, food

and rural affairs. An STC is issued when no treatment for a given animal disease was approved by the European Union (EU), but one is available in a country outside the EU. Although cattle cannot get sick from E. coli O157:H7, their intestines serve as a reservoir for the bacteria, which is shed in their feces and can be passed on to humans, in whom it can cause serious and sometimes fatal illness. The first application of the drug is likely to be on farms where the public risks exposure to cow feces. The STC allows UK veterinary surgeons to use the foreign drug until an equivalent one, or that same drug, is approved for use in the EU. Econiche was approved for use in Canada in October 2008. However, it has not yet received a green light from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) - the agency responsible for licensing and regulating Shiga toxin-producing E. coli vaccines. In the U.S., another drug designed to prevent E. coli shedding in cattle — Pfizer's E coli Bacterial Extract Vaccine with SRP Technology — was approved by USDA but has yet to find the funding it needs to be put to widespread use.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/08/uk-approves-e-coli-o157h7-vaccine-for-cattle/#.UCULCqD6fEU>

21. *August 10, CNN Money* – (National) **USDA predicts big drop in corn yield.** Corn yields are shriveling up as the drought continues to wreak havoc on crops across the Midwest. August 10, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) projected a massive slump in the corn harvest and a subsequent surge in corn prices. In its monthly World Agricultural Supply and Demand report, the USDA projected the corn harvest would plunge by 2.2 billion bushels. That is worse than expected and puts the 2012-2013 yield on track to be the lowest since the 1995-1996 harvest. Meanwhile, the USDA also said it now expects farm prices for corn to hit a record high this season of \$7.50 to \$8.90 per bushel, sharply higher than its July forecast of \$5.40 to \$6.40 per bushel. The USDA blamed “extreme and dryness” in the Central Plains and the Corn Belt. Fewer crops translated into higher prices for consumers. August 9, the United Nations released a report that showed world food prices jumped 6 percent in July. Corn was the biggest culprit. The global price of corn surged nearly 23 percent in July.

Source: http://money.cnn.com/2012/08/10/news/economy/usda-corn/?source=cnn_bin

22. *August 10, Wilkes-Barre Times Leader* – (Pennsylvania) **W-B McDonald's struck by fire.** Customers were turned away from McDonald's August 9 while Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania firefighters battled a grease fire. Two employees were transported to a local hospital for breathing in fumes from a fire extinguisher. The assistant fire chief said the fire occurred in the fryer area in the kitchen, and a fire suppression system designed to extinguish flare ups failed to activate. Two employees hit the flames with fire extinguishers breathing in chemicals. About three customers and 10 employees were inside the restaurant at the time of the fire. The assistant chief said the restaurant would remain closed until health department officials determine it is safe to reopen. The facility was closed the afternoon of August 9.

Source: <http://www.timesleader.com/stories/W-B-McDonalds-struck-by-fire,188991>

23. *August 8, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Two Moms in the raw issues allergy alert on undeclared peanuts in Pesto Sea Cracker, 4 oz.** Two Moms in the Raw of Lafayette, Colorado, voluntarily recalled a limited number of 4-ounce

packages of Pesto Sea Crackers which were distributed from July 10 to August 6 because they may contain undeclared peanuts, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported August 8. The product was distributed to retailers and distributors located nationwide. The voluntary recall was initiated after Two Moms in the Raw was notified by their raw ingredient supplier that the pine nuts used in the manufacture of the affected lots may have been contaminated with peanuts.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm315028.htm>

24. *August 8, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (California; Arizona; Utah) **Lucky Country Inc. recalls one lot of Lucky Country Aussie Style Soft Gourmet Black Licorice with Natural Ingredients.** Lucky Country Inc. of Lincolnton, North Carolina, recalled Lot A3057 of Lucky Country Aussie Style Soft Gourmet Black Licorice with Natural Ingredients from Costco and Smart & Final stores located in California, Arizona, and Utah due to elevated levels of lead, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported August 8. Recent analysis performed by the California Department of Public Health found the candy contained lead levels as high as 0.18 parts per million which could provide up to 7.2 micrograms of lead per serving. Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm315116.htm>

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Water Sector

25. *August 9, Portland Oregonian* – (Oregon) **Vandals tossed sealed bottle of hydrochloric acid into Portland reservoir.** Vandals broke the hatch on an underground water reservoir on Mt. Tabor in Portland, Oregon, and tossed in a sealed bottle of hydrochloric acid, traffic cones, and a hose, the Portland Oregonian reported August 9. The incident — which the Portland Water Bureau administrator called “terrible” but harmless to public health — happened May 27 or 28. A group of people broke into a Portland Bureau of Parks and Recreation storage shed at Mt. Tabor and pried open a hatch to the underground reservoir and tossed in items from the storage shed. “The reservoir was isolated as quickly as possible (noon on 28th) and testing was completed for [volatile organic compounds], coliform and oils/grease,” a water bureau report stated. “Reservoir was drained and cleaned and put back online after test results received.” The administrator said the bureau never informed the public because it was not in danger. Also, the bureau took swift action, he said. The affected reservoir feeds drinking water to some homes on Mt. Tabor.

Source:

http://www.oregonlive.com/portland/index.ssf/2012/08/vandals_toss_sealed_bottle_of.html

26. *August 9, WTMJ 620 AM Milwaukee* – (Wisconsin) **Gasoline contamination spreading, flush-only advisory area may expand in Jackson.** An investigation found State environmental and health officials in Wisconsin may consider expanding the flush-only advisory area in Jackson, Wisconsin, later the week of August 6 after an

investigation discovered gasoline contaminated areas outside of the designated flush-only area. An estimated 55,000 gallons of gasoline leaked from a West Shore Pipe Line pipeline July 17, prompting the State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to issue drinking water and flush-only advisories for parts of Washington County. The pipeline company said in a statement August 8 that they installed new water filtration devices in the homes affected and were developing a remediation plan to submit to the DNR for review and approval. Two hundred and thirty eight private water wells were tested and 21 private wells in Jackson were contaminated by the chemical benzene. Of the 21, 16 wells exceed the federal drinking water standard of 5 parts per billion. The pipeline company said they will continue to offer hotel accommodations for individuals impacted by the flush-only advisory for the duration of the advisory, and continue to provide water to residents.

Source: <http://www.620wtmj.com/news/local/165517106.html>

27. *August 9, Bloomberg News* – (New York) **N.Y. Ironman Triathlon may cancel Hudson swim due to sewage.** The swim portion of the first New York City Ironman triathlon August 11 could possibly be canceled due to a sewer-line break that will lead to the discharge of millions of gallons of raw sewage into the Hudson River, Bloomberg News reported August 9. Organizers for the triathlon said they were monitoring the water quality and direction of the current in the river. There will be a controlled discharge of several million gallons of chlorinated raw sewage into the Hudson River at Sleepy Hollow overnight August 9 into August 10, due to the sewer break in Tarrytown, New York, the Westchester County Department of Health said in a statement. The treated sewage bypass is needed so repairs can be made to the line. Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/business/bloomberg/article/N-Y-Ironman-Triathlon-May-Cancel-Hudson-Swim-Due-3775782.php>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

28. *August 10, Associated Press* – (New Hampshire) **Report cites NH hosp as hepatitis C clinic opens.** The first New Hampshire Health Department clinic to test people for hepatitis C related to an outbreak at Exeter Hospital was opening August 10 as a new report said the hospital failed to properly maintain supervision over narcotics. The report by the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services said nurses at the cardiac catheterization laboratory, where the outbreak occurred, left syringes unattended. The hospital said in the report it changed its policy to place syringes in a secure location, where they will remain when medication is not being administered to patients. State health regulators started an investigation at the hospital in June after it reported the hepatitis C outbreak among patients. A former Exeter Hospital technician was arrested in July, accused of stealing drugs from the lab and infecting 31 patients with contaminated syringes. The former traveling medical technician, who also is infected with hepatitis C, worked in at least 18 hospitals in 8 States.

Source: <http://www.boston.com/news/local/new-hampshire/2012/08/10/report-cites-hosp-hepatitis-clinic-opens/4IVgSI9RHBwAvDL7OP0EhO/story.html>

29. *August 10, WFAA 8 Dallas* – (Texas) **Dallas County declares state of emergency due to West Nile.** A Dallas County, Texas judge declared a public health emergency in Dallas County August 9 due to the West Nile virus epidemic. The judge instructed the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department to file a local disaster declaration with the State. There have been 9 West Nile-related deaths in Dallas County this summer and 12 overall in North Texas. The judge organized a work session August 10 with county, State, and federal health and emergency management officials to discuss their response to the virus outbreak.

Source: <http://www.kvue.com/news/state/165714236.html>

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Government Facilities Sector

30. *August 10, Associated Press* – (Illinois) **Audit finds private information on Illinois Commerce Commission site.** The Illinois State auditor found significant personal information about consumers filing complaints with the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) published on the agency’s Web site, problems the regulatory agency began fixing last fall, the auditor general reported August 9. He said the ICC’s “e-Docket” complaint system held a wealth of readily available private data that could be found through basic use of search functions. The data included Social Security and driver’s license numbers and credit history and medical data. He said the disclosures appeared to violate State law. An ICC spokeswoman said the commission posted a disclaimer in October on the e-Docket Web site urging consumers not to disclose personal information and scoured the Web site for such data. “We’ve gone through all the documents we could go through and removed anything that might be private,” she said. ICC technicians also reset search functions to make it more difficult to find unidentified personal data. In addition to the Web page disclaimer, a notice is now included on e-Docket forms warning that private data should not be included.

Source: <http://www.sj-r.com/top-stories/x417565907/Audit-finds-private-information-on-Illinois-Commerce-Commission-site>

31. *August 10, Help Net Security* – (International) **NIST updates guide for dealing with computer security incidents.** The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) published the final version of its guide for managing computer security incidents. Based on best practices from government, academic, and business organizations, the guide includes a new section expanding on the important practice of coordination and information sharing among agencies. Government agencies face daily threats to computer networks. The Federal Information Security Management Act requires government agencies to establish incident response competencies, and NIST researchers revised the guidance in Computer Security Incident Handling Guide to cover challenges related to evolving threats. The revised NIST guide provides step-by-

step instructions for new, or well-established, incident response teams to create a proper policy and plan. NIST recommends each plan should have a mission statement, strategies and goals, an organizational approach to incident response, metrics for measuring the response capability, and a built-in process for updating the plan as needed.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=13408>

32. *August 9, WCAX 3 Burlington* – (Vermont) **Suspicious package prompts evacuations in Essex Jct.** A suspicious package August 9 cleared the parking lot at Prouty Federal Building and shut down surrounding streets in Essex Junction, Vermont. The Vermont State Police Bomb Squad responded. The suspicious package was underneath a vehicle and passersby were told to go into a store or to leave the scene, said a local man. It took police nearly 4 hours with robots and X-ray cameras before they determined the cooler was empty. Some local civilians questioned the response time. The crew assigned to the scene came from St. Johnsbury. “We do try to make as expedited responses as possible, obviously. Due to the scenario today, it just played out that it was going to be me coming out from the other side of the state,” said a member of the Vermont State Police Bomb Squad.

Source: <http://www.wcax.com/story/19237779/police-investigate-suspicious-package-in-essex-jct>

33. *August 9, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **2 plead guilty in metal thefts from Md. Army base.** Federal prosecutors said two more Aberdeen Proving Ground employees pleaded guilty August 9 to metal thefts at the U.S. Army base in Maryland, according to the U.S. attorney’s office. Prosecutors said one of the men captained a patrol boat that allowed him to enter secure areas, where he stole more than 27,000 pounds of aluminum and other metals, selling the metal as scrap for about \$16,000. The other man pleaded guilty in a separate scheme involving two other employees. Prosecutors said the three stole copper wire from buildings and wire buried at the base. One of those employees pleaded guilty August 7 in the case.

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2012/08/09/4711314/2-plead-guilty-in-metal-thefts.html>

34. *August 8, WOUB 20 Athens* – (Ohio) **Suspicious package near statehouse detonated.** A bomb unit in Columbus, Ohio, detonated a suspicious package August 8 that earlier closed streets near the Ohio Statehouse. The package, reported to be a backpack on the Ohio Statehouse grounds, forced pedestrians to clear the area, closed parts of High and Broad Streets, and required statehouse workers to remain away from the windows. Columbus police said the Ohio State Highway Patrol had called in the report and asked the bomb unit to investigate.

Source: <http://woub.org/2012/08/08/suspicious-package-near-statehouse-detonated>

35. *August 8, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **University of Arizona glitch exposes personal data online.** A mistake made during an upgrade of the University of Arizona’s (UA) financial system posted the personal data of nearly 8,000 students, vendors, consultants, and guest speakers, the Associated Press reported August 8. The personal data of about 7,700 people who received payments from the university were

mistakenly put online for more than a month. The problem was exposed when a student looked herself up online and her private data appeared on a UA computer server accessible to the public. University officials said the sensitive information was embedded within a larger set of files being transferred to UA's new financial system in February and early March. UA has taken steps to prevent a recurrence and is offering a free year of credit monitoring to those affected.

Source: <http://www.azcentral.com/news/articles/2012/08/08/20120808university-arizona-glitch-exposes-personal-data-online.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

36. *August 9, Detroit Lakes Tribune* – (North Dakota) **Rumors of shooter near Williston tie up sheriff's office.** A rumor that spun out of control August 8 shut down the Williams County, North Dakota 9-1-1 system and wasted hours of law enforcement time. The Williams County Sheriff's Office said it received a report August 8 from a man traveling on Highway 1804 claiming the driver's side mirror on his vehicle had been hit with a bullet, authorities said. Deputies searched the area, and met with residents in the immediate vicinity. No resident had heard any gunshots at the time of the alleged incident, said the captain of the Williams County Sheriff's Office. Deputies responded again later August 8 after receiving numerous reports from the public of someone shooting along Highway 1804, the captain said. Nothing was located in the area and callers could not provide vehicle or suspect information. The sheriff said he and at least five others with the department spent up to 3 hours investigating. The department received so many calls it had to shut its phone systems down, he said. Authorities are investigating how the rumor started and there could be consequences for individuals who were responsible, the sheriff said.

Source: <http://www.dl-online.com/event/article/id/69278/>

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Information Technology Sector

37. *August 10, Help Net Security* – (International) **Stuxnet cousin able to attack industrial control systems.** Extensive analysis on a new cyber espionage weapon dubbed "Gauss" was released August 10, stating the tool has capabilities to attack national critical infrastructure and steal financial data. Experts believe it was designed by the same source behind the state-sponsored Flame and Stuxnet cyberweapons, Gauss was discovered in June and was already found to have infected personal computers in Lebanon and other countries in the Middle East. The sophisticated malware, which not only steals system information but has a potentially dangerous "mysterious payload," also contains a module known as "Godel," which researchers concluded contains a weapon for attacking industrial control systems.

Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2215

38. *August 10, Help Net Security* – (International) **Blizzard confirms hack, urges users to change passwords.** The chief executive officer (CEO) of Blizzard confirmed in a letter that the company's internal network was breached the week of August 6. The "unauthorized and illegal access" was closed off, and an investigation in the matter started. It appeared that no financial information was compromised. "Some data was illegally accessed, including a list of email addresses for global Battle.net users, outside of China. For players on North American servers (which generally includes players from North America, Latin America, Australia, New Zealand, and Southeast Asia) the answer to the personal security question, and information relating to Mobile and Dial-In Authenticators were also accessed. Based on what we currently know, this information alone is NOT enough for anyone to gain access to Battle.net accounts," the CEO said. Cryptographically scrambled versions of Battle.net passwords for players on North American servers were also taken, so players were advised to change their password.
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=13410>
39. *August 10, Softpedia* – (International) **NIST and Venafi highlight the risks of CA compromises.** With the release of a study entitled "Preparing for and Responding to Certificate Authority Compromise and Fraudulent Certificate Issuance," the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and Venafi are aiming to alert organizations to the risks posed by a security breach that affects certificate authorities (CAs). The bulletin, a result of the collaboration between NIST's Information Technology Laboratory (ITL) and the EKCM solutions provider, is meant to alert and advise government and private agencies on what must be done if certificates are fraudulently issued. In the past few years, digital certificates, their issuers and private keys have become a tempting target for cyber criminals. Large organizations may use up to tens of thousands of certificates and encryption keys to secure communications, and they must be aware that misplacing any of them could have devastating consequences. To mitigate the risks posed by an incident that affects a CA, organizations must secure CAs, establish a proper inventory of all the certificates they utilize, identify certificate replacement procedures, and seek out backup sources for the rapid acquisition of new certificates.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/NIST-and-Venafi-Highlight-the-Risks-of-CA-Compromises-286026.shtml>
40. *August 10, Softpedia* – (National) **FBI on Reveton ransomware: We are getting dozens of complaints every day.** The FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center has become inundated with complaints received from Internet users who have had their computers locked-down by a malicious computer virus. The main actor in these incidents is the Reventon ransomware. Some variants hijack the Web camera, take a picture of the computer's owner, and display it on the locked screen. The organization issued a warning regarding Reveton in May 2012, but the number of infections has increased considerably since then.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/FBI-on-Reveton-Ransomware-We-are-Getting-Dozens-of-Complaints-Every-Day-286054.shtml>

41. *August 9, ZDNet* – (International) **Adobe warns of critical holes in Reader, Acrobat.** August 9, Adobe announced it would release an update for Adobe Reader (9.5.1) and Acrobat (10.1.3) and earlier versions for both Windows and Mac to fix critical security flaws. The updates will be released August 14. The flaws are rated “critical,” meaning malicious native-code can be executed without a user’s knowledge. Out of the six versions of Adobe Reader and Adobe Acrobat, four have a priority rating of 2, signifying “a vulnerability that has historically been at elevated risk,” despite “no known exploits.” However, both products have versions for Windows and Mac that are at rating 1, noting that a vulnerability is “being targeted” or at a “higher risk of being targeted.” These updates should be installed within 72 hours of the security fix release. Source: <http://www.zdnet.com/adobe-warns-of-critical-holes-in-reader-acrobat-7000002395/>
42. *August 9, Computerworld* – (International) **Microsoft plans patches for ‘hacker’s playground’.** August 9, Microsoft said it will patch at least 14 vulnerabilities August 14, including 4 in Internet Explorer, making it 3 months in a row that the company plugged holes in its browser. Of the nine updates, five will be labeled “critical.” The other four will be pegged “important.” The most important items are the patches for Exchange, the email server software used by most companies, and SQL Server, the database that runs many corporations’ internal and external processes, including powering Web sites and providing workers with everything from business intelligence to financial information. Source: http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9230147/Microsoft_plans_patches_for_hacker_s_playground
43. *August 9, Threatpost* – (International) **Researcher finds technique to bypass Microsoft’s EMET protections.** The Enhanced Mitigation Experience Toolkit (EMET), which Microsoft updated in July to include one of the three technologies that were finalists in the company’s BlueHat Prize competition, is designed to prevent certain kinds of exploits from targeting software vulnerabilities. However, a researcher posted two exploits he developed that can bypass the protections in the newest version of EMET. The researcher said he used an exploit for CVE-2011-1260, a flaw in Internet Explorer, to demonstrate the bypass. Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/researcher-finds-technique-bypass-microsofts-emet-protections-080912

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Communications Sector

44. *August 10, Youngstown Vindicator* – (Ohio) **AT&T confirms recent cellular outage.** An AT&T spokesman confirmed that several towers and cell sites were knocked offline in the Youngstown, Ohio area August 8, the Youngstown Vindicator reported August 10. A spokesman for the communications company said AT&T had not yet found the cause of the outage, but he did say that it led to “degraded service” for some area customers most of August 8. The company’s technicians and engineers were able to resolve the problem by the afternoon of August 8. He said the outage is not common, and the incident was confined to sites in and around Youngstown.
Source: <http://www.vindy.com/news/2012/aug/10/atampt-confirms-recent-cellular-outage/>
45. *August 9, Charleston Daily Mail* – (West Virginia) **Thousands without Frontier service.** Services were disrupted to about 3,000 Frontier Communications customers in Kanawha County, West Virginia August 8. The company notified customers by automated calls. The outage occurred when a contractor involved in a construction project at Spring and Bullitt streets cut two major underground Frontier Communications cables, knocking out service to customers from Bigley Avenue to the Mink Shoals area. The company’s communications manager for West Virginia said the cables were “significant” in size. A crew worked overnight August 8 into August 9 to repair the cable, he said.
Source: <http://www.dailymail.com/News/Kanawha/201208090071>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

46. *August 10, WLNS 6 Lansing* – (Michigan) **People evacuate building after roof collapse.** A roof collapses on a building in Lansing, Michigan, WLNS 6 reported August 10. The building is home to the Michigan Health and Hospital Association, and the MHA Insurance Company. The facilities manager of the Verndale building said the cave in apparently caused some pipes to burst and water damaged parts of the building not already damaged by the collapse. Workers evacuated the building and then were sent home. At least 60 people work at the headquarters of the Michigan Health and Hospital Association. An automated phone message left by the insurance firm said it should be open August 13.
Source: <http://www.wlns.com/story/19246872/roof-collapses>
47. *August 10, Forth Worth Star-Telegram* – (Texas) **Keller fire damage placed at more than \$1 million.** An explosive fire at Keller Outdoor Power, which sells commercial and residential outdoor power equipment, outside Forth Worth, Texas, August 9 caused more than \$1 million in damage, the Keller fire chief said August 10. Firefighters from 15 departments fought the blaze that included exploding fuel cylinders. The fire was contained, but the nearby highway was closed, the fire chief said. One of the business’

two buildings was destroyed.

Source: <http://www.star-telegram.com/2012/08/10/4170971/keller-fire-damage-placed-at-more.html>

48. *August 10, WUSA 9 Washington D.C.* – (Virginia) **Route-29 partially closed in Gainesville due to massive church fire.** Route-29 northbound was closed in Gainesville, Virginia, as firefighters doused a burning church that went up in flames August 10. Southbound lanes of Route-29 were reopened after several hours. The large fire took hold of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church. The fire was extinguished but authorities were on the scene investigating and firefighters were present to make sure the fire was completely out. WNEW 99.1 FM Bowie has learned that the fire originated in one of the church's air conditioning units, then emanated to the rest of the structure, said the Prince William County police.

Source: <http://washington.cbslocal.com/2012/08/10/route-29-closed-in-gainesville-due-to-large-baptist-church-fire/>

49. *August 9, Merrillville Post-Tribune* – (Indiana) **Possible grenade, gunfire blast Gary car wash.** A huge boom, then gunfire, broke through the normal traffic sounds in Gary, Indiana, August 8. Gary police, who were on the scene for at least 4 hours, could provide little information about the incident. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Resident-Agent-in-Charge confirmed that “some type of explosive device” was thrown at a newly opened car wash. Evidence at the scene suggested the blast was caused by a grenade-type explosive. The brick exterior of Hassle-free Tires and Car was damaged. The blast was followed by gunfire. The building has been used as a car wash on and off for many years, but the current owners have been operating there for a few weeks.

Source: <http://posttrib.suntimes.com/news/lake/14340923-418/possible-grenade-gunfire-blast-gary-car-wash.html>

50. *August 9, Bloomington-Normal Pantagraph* – (Illinois) **Storm clean-up continues on Bloomington's west side.** Clean-up continued August 10 on the far west side of Bloomington, Illinois, where an August 9 storm damaged several buildings and ripped limbs from trees. The worst hit buildings on Illinois 9 were; the building Los Amigos Auto Service and Towing shares with Hunt Brothers Pizza, Carri Scharf Trucking, and the United Pipe and Supply Co. showroom. Some nearby businesses were unscathed while others had crumpled roofs. Corn Belt Energy Corp. reported about 300 customers still without power in Bloomington-Normal and McLean. All Ameren outages were restored, said the company's Web site.

Source: http://www.pantagraph.com/news/local/storm-levels-trees-damages-buildings-on-city-s-west-side/article_e8007fd4-e270-11e1-a28e-001a4bcf887a.html

51. *August 7, Ashbury Park Press* – (New Jersey) **High bacteria levels force some shore beaches to close.** High bacteria levels closed two Ocean County beaches August 7 and placed many others in Monmouth and Ocean counties, New Jersey, under close watch, said State authorities. Avon Road, a river beach in Pine Beach, and Beachwood Beach West, another river beach in Beachwood, were closed said the State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). A total of 22 beaches in both counties were marked

in excess of the bacteria standard by DEP officials. Of those, five were in Monmouth and 17 in Ocean, including five on Long Beach Island, stated the DEP. While four of the five Monmouth beaches were on the ocean, all the beaches in Ocean that made the list are river and bay beaches. The closings in Ocean County were precautionary measures. Neither of the two closed beaches or the others marked in excess of the bacteria standard pose health risks, officials said.

Source: <http://www.app.com/article/20120807/NJNEWS/308070088/High-bacteria-levels-force-some-Shore-beaches-close?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|Frontpage>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

52. *August 10, Associated Press* – (Idaho; Nevada; Oregon) **Southern Oregon fire flares up, prompts advice to evacuate.** A lightning-caused wildfire in southern Oregon's Lake County grew dramatically, prompting officials to urge some residents near a reservoir to leave their homes. August 9, fire officials estimated the Barry Point fire burned nearly 12 square miles, or 7,500 acres, and it made a push during the day toward Drews Reservoir. An Oregon Red Cross spokesman said 15 families might be affected. A U.S. Forest Service campground was closed earlier, and residents of two homes in the Fremont-Winema National Forest were warned of potential danger. The fire, which started August 6 about 20 miles southwest of Lakeview, was about 25 percent contained. Southwest of Medford, along the Oregon-California border, the Forest Service said crews made progress on a complex of small fires centered on the Red Buttes Wilderness area. To the east, the Holloway fire, which started August 6 near Denio, Nevada, crept north into Harney and Malheur counties. It scorched more than 123,500 acres, threatening eight homes and several dozen outbuildings, a fire spokeswoman said. It was 5 percent contained. Along the Idaho border, firefighters established containment lines around the 8-square-mile Lytle fire south of Vale. In central Oregon, the 2-square-mile Geneva 12 fire near Sisters was close to full containment.

Source: http://www.oregonlive.com/pacific-northwest-news/index.ssf/2012/08/southern_oregon_fire_flares_up.html

53. *August 10, Associated Press* – (Idaho) **Idaho wildfires force evacuations of some homes.** A series of lightning strikes ignited dozens of new fires throughout Idaho and intensified efforts by crews to establish control during the busiest wildfire season since 2007. More than 40 new fires ignited in the Nez Perce and Clearwater National Forests in northern Idaho August 8, marking the first significant fire activity in that part of the state for 2012. August 10, in southern Idaho, emergency workers ordered the evacuation of homes near Hansen because of growth of three wildfires. National fire managers were monitoring 11 big fires in Idaho that so far burned more than 367-square-miles and closed down access to thousands of prime recreational areas. Fire officials also issued warnings Statewide based on threats for more fires from lightning.

Source: http://www.idahopress.com/news/state/idaho-wildfires-force-evacuations-of-some-homes/article_9a964282-2e61-554b-a76c-0810f37ba24f.html

54. *August 9, Fresno Bee* – (California) **700-acre fire burns in Ansel Adams Wilderness.** Seven lightning fires that ignited August 4 in California's Sierra National Forest joined to create a 700-acre fire in the Ansel Adams Wilderness between Edison and Florence lakes. The blaze, dubbed the Bear fire, is south of Bear Diversion Dam near Beard Dome at an elevation of 7,500 to 9,000 feet, a Forest Service spokesman said. High winds and rough terrain made it difficult to battle the fire, which was 50 percent contained as of August 9.

Source: <http://www.fresnobee.com/2012/08/09/2944794/350-acre-fire-burns-in-ansel-adams.html>

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Dams Sector

55. *August 10, San Antonio Express-News* – (Texas) **Work wrapping up on Comal dam.** The completion of a \$19.2 million dam on a tributary of Dry Comal Creek marks the latest efforts to predict and prevent flooding in the Guadalupe River basin in Texas, the San Antonio Express-News reported August 10. It is the fifth flood-control dam built on tributaries of the creek since the 1970s, and the first finished of five new dams proposed by county leaders in the wake of massive flooding in 1998 that caused more than \$1 billion in property damage and took 29 lives in southern Texas. No work has occurred on the other proposed dams in the Guadalupe River basin due to a lack of available funding. In 2011, the city of New Braunfels installed eight sirens to alert residents to floods, wildfires, and other emergencies. The city also identified 19 flood-related projects, most involving neighborhood drainage improvements.

Source: http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local_news/article/Work-wrapping-up-on-Comal-dam-3776719.php

56. *August 10, Shanghai Daily* – (International) **Zhejiang reservoir bursts, 10 killed.** At least 10 were dead and 3 were missing after a dam burst August 10 in a village in Daishan County, east China's Zhejiang Province, China News Service reported. The accident occurred when the dam that holds a 180,000-cubic-meter reservoir collapsed, washing more than 10 houses away. The rescue work was ongoing and more than 20 residents had been saved. Daishan is the second largest island of Zhoushan, a city made up of many islands. Zhejiang was lashed by downpours recently with the arrival of the typhoon Haikui, which made landfall August 8.

Source: <http://www.shanghaidaily.com/article/?id=508885&type=National>

57. *August 9, WBZ 4 Boston* – (Massachusetts) **Crews begin tearing down Taunton Dams seven years after near-catastrophe.** Work crews began the process of removing the Hopewell Mills dam in Taunton, Massachusetts August 9, the first of three dams that will be eliminated to open up the river. The work is a direct result of a near-catastrophe in 2005, when the nearby Whittenton dam nearly failed. Since then, environmental groups, the State, and landowners have come together to re-build the

river. The removal of the dams will likely mean the return of native fish that have not been seen in the river for years. The project should be completed in October.

Source: <http://boston.cbslocal.com/2012/08/09/crews-begin-tearing-down-taunton-dams-seven-years-after-ear-catastrophe/>

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