



## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report 15 August 2012

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- Officials said contamination was found on the outside of a trailer used to transport fuel at a nuclear plant in Pennsylvania. – *Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice* (See item [8](#))
- The founder of a bankrupt Iowa-based brokerage was indicted by a federal grand jury on 31 counts of making false statements to regulators in connection with a \$200 million fraud scheme that could impact 24,000 customers. – *Associated Press* (See item [11](#))
- The Citadel trojan was responsible for an attack targeting VPN-using employees at a major international airport, according to security researchers. – *Infosecurity* (See item [16](#))
- Two days after shots from a pellet gun were fired into a Morton Grove, Illinois mosque, an Islamic school in the Chicago area reported it was the target of an acid bomb August 12. – *WMAQ 5 Chicago* (See item [37](#))
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## Energy Sector

1. *August 14, Associated Press* – (California) **Refinery fire site too dangerous for investigators.** Federal and State investigators are trying to determine how to safely enter the area where a fire broke out in a Chevron Corp. refinery the week of August 6 in Richmond, California, so they can examine a failed pipe blamed for the blaze, which the company reportedly considered replacing nearly a year ago. Structural engineers August 13 determined the damaged crude unit that was the site of the fire in the facility was too hazardous to enter. The 8-inch pipe leaked and its contents ignited, sending black smoke into the sky and thousands of nearby residents to hospitals with complaints of eye irritation and breathing difficulty. Investigators were discussing plans on how to make the unit safe so the faulty pipe could be removed for testing, said a spokeswoman for the U.S. Chemical Safety Board. Chevron examined the line that failed and a larger companion line linked to it in October 2011 but decided it was good for another 5 years of service, the San Francisco Chronicle reported August 14. Source: [http://www.necn.com/08/14/12/Refinery-fire-site-too-dangerous-for-inv/landing\\_nation.html?&apID=769d38b563564d8f9629b082d4885cb3](http://www.necn.com/08/14/12/Refinery-fire-site-too-dangerous-for-inv/landing_nation.html?&apID=769d38b563564d8f9629b082d4885cb3)
2. *August 13, WTSP 10 St. Petersburg* – (Florida) **Overtaken tanker leaks close to 4,300 gallons of gasoline on SR 64 E in Hardee County.** A tanker carrying 8,000 gallons of diesel and gasoline overturned August 13 off SR 64 East in Hardee County, Florida. The semi-tanker was traveling eastbound when it lost control and overturned. The accident, according to Polk County Fire Rescue, caused the tanker to spill approximately 4,500 gallons onto the shoulder. It took more than 8 hours for a clean up crew to drill four holes and remove fuel from the tanker, and clean up the leaked fuel. The excavation of the contaminated soil took place August 14 and involved partial road closures. According to Polk County Fire Rescue, the Hardee County Fire Rescue, Hardee County Emergency Management, Polk County Fire Rescue Hazardous Materials Team, and Highlands County Fire Department also responded to the incident. Source: <http://www.wtsp.com/news/local/article/268146/8/UPDATE-Overtaken-tanker-leaks--4300-gallons-on-SR-64-E>
3. *August 11, Associated Press* – (North Carolina) **Raleigh man accused by police of stealing 2,000 gallons of gas from 2 stations in June.** Authorities in Raleigh, North Carolina, arrested a man they claim stole more than 2,000 gallons of gasoline from two gas stations in June, the Associated Press reported August 11. Police stated the man stole 1,900 gallons of gasoline from a local station June 21, and an additional 350 gallons of gasoline from a Costco store June 16. The News & Observer of Raleigh reported the suspect turned himself in at the Wake County Detention Center after his attorney asked for a court order granting him bond of no more than \$4,000. A sheriff's deputy said the suspect is free on \$1,000 bond. Source: <http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/d2af8b6f437843718bc5a23ef1261ff8/NC--Gasoline-Theft>

4. *August 11, Florida Times-Union* – (Florida) **Truck driver charged in St. Augustine gas station explosion.** The Florida State Attorney’s Office charged a tanker truck driver with culpable negligence in the State Road 16 BP gas station explosion in St. Augustine, August 19, 2011. The driver was delivering thousands of gallons of fuel for Florida Rock and Tank Lines in Jacksonville, when the explosion occurred. The blast severely injured the driver, destroyed businesses, and dumped thousands of gallons of fuel in the nearby marsh. The negligence charge stems from a report by the State Fire Marshal’s office that claims the driver left the tanker unattended while it was off-loading fuel. The fire marshal’s report came after the Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Florida Rock and Tank and Coomes Oil and Supply with failing to provide a way for delivery drivers to determine how much gas was in the above-ground tank at the gas station.  
Source: <http://jacksonville.com/news/crime/2012-08-11/story/truck-driver-charged-st-augustine-gas-station-explosion>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

5. *August 13, Albany Times Union* – (New York) **Pesticide owner banned from business.** The New York Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) banned a Schenectady, New York man from ever owning or operating a pest control business after he pleaded guilty in July to spraying pesticides without a license, the Albany Times Union reported August 13. The man who operated Graham Pest Control accepted the ban under an agreement with the DEC. He also pleaded guilty July 26 in New Scotland Town Court to two misdemeanors — applying restricted-use pesticides without a pesticide applicator certification and without a business registration. The convict also paid a \$5,000 fine. He admitted he used the pesticides in August 2011 in New Scotland. This was after his State registration expired in November 2010, and after his business registration was revoked in May 2011.  
Source: <http://www.timesunion.com/local/article/Pesticide-owner-banned-from-business-3785552.php>

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## **Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector**

6. *August 14, RTT News* – (International) **Belgium suspends nuclear plant operation.** A nuclear power plant in Belgium was ordered to suspend operation until it has ensured the containment vessel is intact and has no cracks. The Federal Agency for Nuclear Control (FANC) said August 13 it would shut down the No.3 reactor at the Doel nuclear power plant, about 12 miles north of Antwerp, by the end of August. The country’s nuclear regulator issued the suspension order after anomalies, including possible cracks, were found during annual maintenance work that began in June 2011. Local media reported the containment vessel at the reactor was built by a Dutch firm that

went bankrupt 40 years ago. Another nuclear plant in Belgium uses the same type of vessel. Nuclear plants in the United States, Germany, and Spain also use the Dutch-built reactors, according to an industry expert.

Source: <http://www.rttnews.com/1947203/belgium-suspends-nuclear-plant-operation.aspx?type=gn&Node=B1>

7. *August 14, Global Security Newswire* – (International) **Homeland Security, U.N. Nuclear Agency agree to deepen collaboration.** The DHS said August 10 it inked an agreement intended to deepen nuclear security collaboration with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). The DHS-IAEA Practical Arrangements agreement was signed the week of August 6 by the head of the U.N. agency’s Nuclear Security Office and the acting chief of Homeland Security’s Domestic Nuclear Detection Office. The agreement outlines the importance of strengthening nuclear security, and lists four key areas for cooperation, a DHS spokesman said. They include: “implementation and development of guidelines for the IAEA Nuclear Security Series of publications that provide international guidelines and best practices related to nuclear security; collaboration on the standards, testing, characterization, and evaluation for nuclear detection instruments; providing expertise to the Nuclear Security Support Centers and Academic Research Initiatives as they pertain to radiation/nuclear detection; and cooperation in the development and review of nuclear forensics related best practices and guidelines.”  
Source: <http://www.nti.org/gsn/article/us-un-nuke-watchdogs-agree-deepen-collaboration/>
8. *August 14, Wilkes-Barre Citizens’ Voice* – (Pennsylvania) **Radioactive contamination found inside PPL plant’s trailer.** Radioactive contamination was unexpectedly found the week of August 6 on the outside of a trailer used to transport fuel at PPL’s nuclear power plant in Salem Township, Pennsylvania, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) reported August 13. The 32-tire trailer is used to move spent nuclear fuel rods in 100-ton containers from the plant to long-term storage sites. The contaminant cesium, found in the grease of the trailer, is a byproduct of the nuclear fuel burning process that can seep out of leaky containers holding fuel rods. Because of PPL Susquehanna Nuclear Power Plant’s “good history” in preventing leaks and the fact that it sometimes loans the trailer out to other plants, the contaminant is thought to have come from another plant, an NRC spokesman said. The contamination levels were very low and not dangerous, said a spokesman for the plant, but still above those deemed acceptable to be in a public space by the Department of Transportation. The trailer was most recently leased to a Michigan nuclear plant in 2011 and returned in June.  
Source: <http://citizensvoice.com/news/radioactive-contamination-found-inside-ppl-plant-s-trailer-1.1358209>
9. *August 13, Washington Post* – (Maryland) **Calvert Cliffs nuke plant shuts down one unit after control rod malfunctions.** The operators of the Calvert Cliffs nuclear power plant in Lusby, Maryland, shut down one of the plant’s two nuclear reactors August 12 after a control rod accidentally dropped entirely into the core where fission occurs, a spokesman for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) said August 13. Control

rods — which absorb neutrons created by nuclear fission and sustain a chain reaction — are gradually lowered or withdrawn from the core to regulate the reaction’s pace, the NRC spokesman said. When an unplanned drop occurs, however, the fission process can become imbalanced and “pose challenges” for the plant operator. Such a malfunction also requires operators to shut the reactor down within 6 hours, he said. Although any such incident poses challenges to plant workers because of the radiation and heat in the reactor’s core, the event has not endangered the public or the operators, and there has been no release of radiation. The event was classified as a “non emergency” on the formal notification form submitted to the NRC by Calvert Cliffs, according to a copy of the form.

Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/calvert-cliffs-nuke-plant-shuts-down-one-unit-after-control-rod-malfunctions/2012/08/13/a187761a-e582-11e1-8741-940e3f6dbf48\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/calvert-cliffs-nuke-plant-shuts-down-one-unit-after-control-rod-malfunctions/2012/08/13/a187761a-e582-11e1-8741-940e3f6dbf48_story.html)

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

10. *August 13, WMAQ 5 Chicago* – (Illinois) **3 injured in LaSalle County explosion.** Authorities said three people were injured after a fire and explosion August 13 at a chemical plant in Tonica, Illinois. LaSalle County sheriff’s officials said the incident took place at Dauber Company Inc. The firm processes metallurgical silicon carbide. Two injured employees were taken to a hospital for treatment of burns, while another worker was taken to the hospital for treatment of smoke inhalation. Fire departments from nine municipalities responded to the explosion. The Tonica Fire Department and State Fire Marshall’s Office are investigating.

Source: <http://www.nbcchicago.com/news/local/Explosion-Reported-at-LaSalle-County-Company-165997536.html>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

11. *August 14, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **Brokerage CEO indicted in \$200 million fraud case.** The founder of a bankrupt Iowa-based brokerage was indicted by a federal grand jury August 13 on 31 counts of making false statements to regulators in connection with a \$200 million fraud scheme. The Peregrine Financial Group Inc. CEO was arrested in July while hospitalized in Iowa City, Iowa, after a failed suicide attempt outside Peregrine’s office in Cedar Falls. Authorities said he left a detailed suicide note in which he confessed to a 20-year scheme to commit fraud and embezzle customer funds. Regulators said his company cannot account for more than \$200 million in

customer funds that it was supposed to be holding. Peregrine has filed for bankruptcy and is liquidating its assets, meaning more than 24,000 customers who used the company to invest in commodities ranging from corn to gold do not have access to their funds. The indictment alleges that he submitted false financial documents for his company to the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission that overstated the value of Peregrine's customer money, which was supposed to be held separate from other funds, by "at least tens of millions of dollars." The 31 counts represent the number of such documents that Peregrine submitted between January 2010 and May 2012.

Source: <http://www.omaha.com/article/20120814/NEWS/708149956/1016>

12. *August 13, Bloomberg News* – (National) **California man gets 27 years in prison in \$50 million fraud.** A California man was sentenced to 27 years in prison for his role in a \$50 million bank fraud that operated in six States and involved 500 victims worldwide, federal prosecutors in Minnesota said August 13. Another person, of New York, was sentenced to more than 22 years behind bars, a Minnesota U.S. attorney said in a statement. "Crooked bank insiders bartered the personal financial information of their patrons," the attorney said. U.S. juries convicted the men in February of participating in a ring that bought and sold stolen bank customer data, which they used to open bank and credit card accounts and apply for loans between 2006 and 2011, according to court papers. Among the victims of the scheme were JP Morgan Chase & Co., Wells Fargo & Co., and American Express Co. One of the men was convicted of identity theft, bank fraud, and conspiracy. The other was found guilty of those and other counts including mail fraud and money laundering. Nine other people were charged in the case. Six pleaded guilty and three remain fugitives, prosecutors said. The plot operated in California, New York, Texas, Minnesota, Massachusetts, and Arizona.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2012-08-13/california-man-gets-27-years-in-prison-in-50-million-fraud>

13. *August 12, Gannett News Services* – (Michigan) **Scammers hit ATMs in county.** For weeks, at least five men have placed skimming devices on ATMs in Livingston, Wayne, and Oakland counties in Michigan to steal more than \$500,000 from the bank accounts of hundreds of unsuspecting customers, authorities said, Gannett News Services reported August 12. Police warn that others may have been victimized and not realize it yet. To pull off the scam, the men attach a device to ATMs that captures data off bank cards when they are inserted into the machines, said the Oakland County Sheriff's Department substation commander in Commerce Township. The device is hard to detect and has a tiny camera that captures people punching in PINs, he said. Officials believe the skimmers have carried out crimes since at least June 28 at dozens of banks. The Secret Service and 16 police agencies are working together on the case.

Source:

<http://www.livingstondaily.com/article/20120812/NEWS01/208120328/Scammers-hit-ATMs-county>

14. *August 12, Associated Press* – (Alaska; International) **Suspect in \$4.3 million Alaska bank heist still in custody in Mexico.** A federal prosecutor said a former Anchorage, Alaska bank employee accused of stealing \$4.3 million from the vault of the establishment remains in custody in Mexico, Associated Press reported August 12. According to the Anchorage Daily News, the money also remains in the custody of Mexican authorities. Authorities said the suspect was a Key Bank vault manager until he disappeared after the July 2011 theft. An assistant U.S. attorney said Key Bank and federal prosecutors are still working to get the cash and suspect back to Alaska. Source: [http://newsminer.com/view/full\\_story/19784919/article-Suspect-in--4-3-million-Alaska-bank-heist-still-in-custody-in-Mexico?instance=home\\_news\\_window\\_left\\_bullets](http://newsminer.com/view/full_story/19784919/article-Suspect-in--4-3-million-Alaska-bank-heist-still-in-custody-in-Mexico?instance=home_news_window_left_bullets)

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## **Transportation Sector**

15. *August 14, WCAU 10 Philadelphia* – (Pennsylvania) **1 dead, 12 hurt after SEPTA bus and car collide.** One woman died and a dozen people were injured after a Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) bus and a car collided in the Ogontz section of Philadelphia, August 13. Police said the driver of a passenger vehicle somehow lost control and went into oncoming traffic, colliding with a SEPTA Route 55 bus. The car's passenger was killed, and the driver was seriously injured in the crash, police said. They said 21 people on the bus suffered minor injuries and were taken to different hospitals. SEPTA officials were reviewing surveillance cameras on the bus as the investigation continued. Source: <http://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/local/At-Least-12-Hurt-After-SEPTA-Bus-and-Car-Collide--166042226.html>
16. *August 14, Infosecurity* – (National) **Citadel trojan targeting major international airport hub.** The Citadel trojan is best known for its recent delivery of the Reveton ransomware. Now, Trusteer discovered a Citadel-based man-in-the-browser attack aimed against VPN-using employees at a major international airport, Infosecurity reported August 14. The airport was notified and the VPN-based remote access by employees disabled. The fact that remote access has now been disabled for a week indicates the airport authorities are taking the matter very seriously. The attack combines form grabbing and screen capture “to steal the victim’s username, password, and the one-time passcode generated by a strong authentication product,” according to Trusteer. This strong authentication provides either dual-channel (a PIN delivered by SMS or separate mobile device) or single channel methods, selectable by the user. It is the latter option that is attacked. It combines the user’s static password with a system-generated 10 digit CAPTCHA to produce a one-time password for the session. A Trusteer director of product marketing indicated the motivation could be any one of the primary criminal motivations: hacktivism (there are many environmental activists opposed to airports in general); fraud (via access to the payroll); drug trafficking (by finding loopholes in the airport’s physical security); or,

terrorism.

Source: <http://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/view/27580/>

17. *August 14, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Truck driver charged in I-81 bus crash in Virginia.** A truck driver was charged with reckless driving after seven people were injured in a collision between a commercial passenger bus and a tractor-trailer on Interstate 81 in Rockingham County, Virginia. The accident occurred August 14 and closed the interstate at mile marker 244 for several hours. The bus was carrying 42 passengers and traveling from Tennessee to New York City. Virginia State Police said five passengers on the bus and both drivers suffered non-life threatening injuries. They were taken to a local hospital and released. The tractor-trailer and the bus collided in the northbound lanes and went into the median. The truck's cab overturned, but the bus remained upright. However, the tractor-trailer blocked the door of the bus and passengers got out through emergency side windows.  
Source: <http://www.wric.com/story/19272465/seven-hurt-in-i-81-bus-crash>
18. *August 13, Columbus Dispatch* – (Ohio) **Eastbound I-70 at Rt. 315 reopens after crash that included rescue.** Two off-duty firefighters and a surveyor pulled a trucker from his wrecked and smoldering cab on I-70 in Columbus, Ohio, August 13, just before the rig burst into flames. The ensuing blaze and HAZMAT response closed the eastbound lanes of the freeway, Ohio, causing traffic backups for most of the day. The battalion chief of the Columbus Division of Fire said the tractor-trailer rolled onto its side after colliding with a minivan. The trucker was not badly hurt but was trapped in his cab when the three bystanders smashed out the windows and freed him. The truck had a mixed load aboard, but the main concern was a shipment of car batteries. Batteries usually are transported without battery acid, but HAZMAT crews responded just in case acid was on board and to clean up spilled diesel fuel, fire officials said. A fire division spokesman said the truck did not have enough materials considered hazardous aboard to be marked with placards identifying its contents.  
Source: <http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2012/08/13/truck-fire-closes-freeway.html>
19. *August 13, Springfield Republican* – (Massachusetts) **Monson state of emergency remains after torrential rains wash out nearly 12 roads.** Work continued August 13 to repair almost a dozen roads damaged or washed out by torrential rains August 12 in Monson, Massachusetts. "The state of emergency is still on," a highway surveyor said August 13. Affected roads were Beebe, Fenton, Chestnut, T-Peck, Wood Hill, Reimers, Aldrich, and High, as well as Harrison Avenue and Homer Drive. Beebe and T-Peck roads, along with Chestnut Street, had the worst damage — with pavement washed away and the development of sink holes. Beebe Road lost 300 feet of roadway. The rain carved out a hole 6 to 8 feet deep in the road. A nearby brook overflowed from the rain, and water flowing from Crest Road contributed to the washouts. It was estimated road repairs will cost up to \$150,000.  
Source:  
[http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2012/08/monson\\_road\\_repairs\\_continue\\_a.html](http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2012/08/monson_road_repairs_continue_a.html)

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

20. *August 14, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Plastic, penny found in Penn State ice cream.** The Berkey Creamery at Penn State in State College, Pennsylvania, warned patrons that pieces of plastic and a penny have been found in containers of ice cream sold earlier in 2012, the Associated Press reported August 14. Creamery officials said one customer found a penny in a container bought in mid-May. Penn State police thought it an isolated incident until three more customers complained of plastic in containers. The creamery manager said the plastic pieces are not components from machines used in production. He said officials are limiting access to ingredients and increasing surveillance at the production facility. The Food and Drug Administration is also involved in the investigation. The creamery produces ice cream, cheese, and other dairy products, much of it using milk from the university's herd.  
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2012/08/14/plastic-penny-found-in-penn-state-ice-cream/>
21. *August 14, WNBC 4 New York* – (New Jersey) **Pregnant woman, 7 others hurt after SUV careens into Dunkin Donuts.** Officials said eight people were injured, three critically, when an SUV crashed into a Dunkin' Donuts store in Jersey City, New Jersey, August 13. Authorities said the driver of the SUV, a girl, and a pregnant woman were among those injured in the accident. Six people were taken to the hospital and two were treated at the scene. Some of the injuries were serious. The fire director said the girl was in the shop with her mother and sister when the accident occurred. She suffered head trauma and two broken legs. She has undergone surgery. Four others were in stable condition after being treated for trauma. The store was expected to reopen once a department of health inspection is complete, an employee said.  
Source: [http://usnews.nbcnews.com/\\_news/2012/08/14/13276455-pregnant-woman-7-others-hurt-after-suv-careens-into-dunkin-donuts?lite](http://usnews.nbcnews.com/_news/2012/08/14/13276455-pregnant-woman-7-others-hurt-after-suv-careens-into-dunkin-donuts?lite)
22. *August 14, Crystal Lake Northwest Herald* – (Illinois) **Teens charged in rash of barn fires.** Two Crystal Lake teens were charged with arson in five barn fires in McHenry County, Illinois, the Crystal Lake Northwest Herald reported August 14. The teens were charged as adults with arson and criminal damage to property, both felonies. The teens also were charged with criminal trespassing to property, a Class A misdemeanor. The fires occurred over more than 2 months and caused more than \$1 million in property damage, authorities said. Since the end of May, the sheriff's office has responded to fires involving hay barns in Woodstock, Marengo, and Harvard. Each

teen's bond was set at \$50,000. Authorities said the boys also were charged by Crystal Lake police with five counts of tampering with a fire hydrant, a Class B misdemeanor. Source: <http://www.nwherald.com/2012/08/13/teens-charged-in-rash-of-barn-fires/aua5djh/?page=1>

23. *August 13, Agriculture.com* – (National) **Crop conditions stabilize — USDA.** Corn conditions changed just barely over the week of August 6, with the “very poor” category gaining 1 percent and the “fair” category losing 1 percent, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture-NASS Crop Progress report August 13. That now means 51 percent of the nation’s crop, like 38 percent of the soybean crop, is rated poor to very poor. But soybeans saw a 1 percent rise in the “good” category, lowering the poor category by the same amount. It is a sign some say the cooler temperatures and rainfall in parts of the Corn Belt so far in August have helped that crop show signs of life after a scorching, bone-dry June and July. However, that does not mean the crop worries are over; farmers still report devastating yield prospects with the approach of harvest, which will likely begin later in August for some Corn Belt farmers. That is about a month ahead of normal for some.  
Source: [http://www.agriculture.com/news/crops/crop-conditions-stabilize-usda\\_2-ar25770](http://www.agriculture.com/news/crops/crop-conditions-stabilize-usda_2-ar25770)
24. *August 13, Monroe News Star* – (Louisiana) **Grain elevator explosion injures one at Bunge’s Madison port facility.** An explosion August 12 at Bunge’s grain elevator operation at the port in Madison Parish, Louisiana, injured one employee and temporarily shut down the company’s facility. The southern district manager for Bunge said the employee was hospitalized and was in stable condition. “We’re working this morning with authorities to learn what caused the explosion and fire,” the manager said August 13. “I don’t know when we’ll be operational.” He said the Bear Creek Volunteer Fire Department in East Carroll Parish responded and remained on site for nearly 7 hours. An official with Terral River Service, which also has operations in the port, suspected the explosion was generated from grain dust.  
Source: <http://www.thenewsstar.com/article/20120813/NEWS01/120813009/Grain-elevator-explosion-injures-one-Bunge-s-Madison-Port-facility>
25. *August 13, Associated Press* – (National) **USDA to purchase \$170 million worth of meat to help farmers struggling with drought.** The government will buy up to \$170 million worth of pork, lamb, chicken, and catfish to help drought-stricken farmers, the White House said August 13. The purchase for food banks and other federal food nutrition programs is expected to help producers struggling with the high cost of feed during the worst drought in a quarter-century. Federal law allows the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to buy meat and poultry products to help farmers and ranchers affected by natural disasters. The agency plans to buy up to \$100 million of additional pork products, \$50 million of chicken, \$10 million of lamb, and \$10 million of catfish. The Defense Department, a large purchaser of beef, pork, and lamb, was expected to look for ways to encourage its vendors to speed up purchases of meat.  
Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/usda-buys-meat-to-help-drought-stricken-farmers/2012/08/13/98f7dee4-e565-11e1-9739-eef99c5fb285\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/usda-buys-meat-to-help-drought-stricken-farmers/2012/08/13/98f7dee4-e565-11e1-9739-eef99c5fb285_story.html)

26. *August 13, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Pennsylvania) **US Labor Department’s OSHA cites Birdsboro, Pa., company for exposing workers to safety and health hazards; proposed fines total \$140,000.** The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) cited MVP Kosher Foods LLC for 21 safety and health — including two repeat — violations at its Birdsboro, Pennsylvania facility. OSHA proposed \$140,000 in penalties following a February inspection initiated in response to a complaint, the U.S. Department of Labor reported August 13. The repeat violations included failing to provide the proper guards for a ladder way and platforms. Fifteen serious violations included failing to: provide fixed stairs where required; properly support gas cylinders; develop lockout/tagout procedures and training to prevent the inadvertent start up of a machine; guard machines, protect workers from energized conductors; prevent employees from working on live electrical parts; provide personal protective equipment for employees working on energized equipment; and maintain a written hazard communication program and train workers on hazard communications.

Source:

[http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=NEWS\\_RELEASES&p\\_id=22839](http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=22839)

27. *August 13, Mobile Press-Register* – (Alabama) **Early morning fire ‘devastating’ for employees of White House Restaurant in Bucks.** A fire destroyed the White House Restaurant in Bucks, Alabama, August 13, reducing to ashes a popular north Mobile County eatery. The Mount Vernon Volunteer Fire Department was called, and units from Creola, Turnerville, Satsuma, Saraland, and Mobile Fire-Rescue Department were called to provide extra manpower and support. When firefighters arrived, they found flames and heavy smoke coming from a back corner of the restaurant. Firefighters entered the building, but the roof started to collapse and they had to get out, the fire chief said. He said the restaurant “was a total loss.”

Source: [http://blog.al.com/live/2012/08/popular\\_restaurant\\_in\\_bucks\\_de.html](http://blog.al.com/live/2012/08/popular_restaurant_in_bucks_de.html)

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## **Water Sector**

28. *August 14, Associated Press* – (New York) **Plan to clean up Holley chemical site.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed a plan to clean up contaminated soil and ground water at the Diaz Chemical Corporation Superfund site in the western New York town of Holley, the Associated Press reported August 14. The EPA’s proposed plan calls for the use of a heating technology to treat six areas of soil and groundwater. Diaz Chemical manufactured specialty chemicals for the agricultural, pharmaceutical, photographic, color, dye, and personal care product industries at the site. A chemical mixture was released in 2002 when a safety valve ruptured. The company filed for bankruptcy in 2003 and abandoned the site, leaving large volumes of chemicals behind.

Source: <http://www.wivb.com/dpp/news/local/plan-to-clean-up-holley-chemical-site>

29. *August 14, MLive.com* – (Michigan) **Saginaw approves \$2.9 million in bond sales for improvements to sewage treatment plant.** Saginaw, Michigan city council approved August 13, the sale of up to \$2.9 million in bonds to pay for a new screening system at the city's sewer plant. The wastewater treatment plant superintendent said the new system will eliminate a threat to worker safety. The superintendent said the screen is composed of a series of metal bars, each 3 inches apart, meant to catch large items. The current system requires employees to descend about 50 feet into a chamber every 2 or 3 months to clear debris caught between the bars. The superintendent said the screen must be cleared out more frequently than in past years.  
Source:  
[http://www.mlive.com/news/saginaw/index.ssf/2012/08/saginaw\\_approves\\_29\\_million\\_in.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/saginaw/index.ssf/2012/08/saginaw_approves_29_million_in.html)
30. *August 13, Bedford Minuteman* – (Massachusetts) **Bedford's water line issues remain.** Despite 3 weeks of continuous flushing and increased chlorine, Bedford, Massachusetts' water system has continued to test positive for total coliform bacteria, a sign that conditions could be ripe for the growth of other more harmful bacteria such as E. coli, the Bedford Minuteman reported August 13. The high temperatures this summer have contributed to the problem, the Department of Public Works (DPW) director said. The main theory behind July's five positive tests is that a microscopic lining in the pipes is harboring the bacteria, he said. The town flushed lines mostly at parts of the system farthest from the three areas on the town line with Lexington, where Bedford gets its Massachusetts Water Resources Authority water. While the flushing and chlorine have helped, it has not fixed the problem. Bedford has been dealing with the problem on and off since 2011, and as far as back as October 2010. June's testing of the water system's Pine Hill water tank found three positive tests for total coliform bacteria. The State Department of Environmental Protection standard is that no more than one sample a month can test positively for total coliform bacteria in a water distribution system. The DPW took the Crosby and Pine Hill water tanks offline, flushed, and cleaned them, getting rid of older water in the tanks.  
Source: [http://www.wickedlocal.com/bedford/news/x1568954132/Bedfords-water-line-issues-remain?zc\\_p=1#axzz23RUtewfl](http://www.wickedlocal.com/bedford/news/x1568954132/Bedfords-water-line-issues-remain?zc_p=1#axzz23RUtewfl)
31. *August 13, Adrian Daily Telegram* – (Michigan) **Sheen on River Raisin closes Deerfield water plant.** The Deerfield, Michigan water filtration plant was shut down all day August 13 after the village superintendent noticed a sheen on the River Raisin. The system had about 200,000 gallons of water in its reservoir and another 200,000 gallons in its water tank meaning there was no immediate water shortage, the superintendent said. "We have enough (water) to go for 2 days," he said. The sheen was reported to the State Department of Environmental Quality. The Blissfield village administrator said the sheen was reported August 11 at Blissfield, and that he was told by a Lenawee County Health Department official that a department worker followed the sheen upstream to Crockett Highway before nighttime prevented further following. The sheen disappeared August 12 at Blissfield but was back intermittently August 13, he said. Investigators said it did not look or smell like a petroleum product.

Source: <http://www.lenconnect.com/news/x1437145140/Sheen-on-River-Raisin-closes-Deerfield-water-plant>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

32. *August 14, Associated Press* – (Texas) **10th West Nile Virus death confirmed in Dallas County.** A Dallas County, Texas resident’s death was blamed on the West Nile virus, the tenth case in 2012. An August 13 statement from Dallas County Health and Human Services said a person living in north Dallas died from a severe form of West Nile disease. As of the most recent count, 190 human cases of the virus have been confirmed in Dallas County. Also August 13, health officials in nearby Tarrant County confirmed a second West Nile death. A public health statement said the victim was a Fort Worth man in his 80s with underlying medical conditions. Texas has seen the bulk of the nation’s cases. Mosquitoes spread the virus from birds to people. One in 150 infected people develop severe symptoms including neck stiffness, disorientation, coma, and paralysis.  
Source: <http://www.kztv10.com/news/10th-west-nile-virus-death-confirmed-in-dallas-county/>
33. *August 14, Norfolk Virginian-Pilot* – (Virginia) **Norfolk medical worker gets two years for ID thefts.** A phlebotomist who worked in a Norfolk, Virginia medical office will serve 2 years in federal prison for stealing patient information and giving it to others who used it in a scheme to obtain fraudulent credit union loans, according to a news release from the U.S. attorney’s office. She was sentenced in district court August 13. The phlebotomist met a man who “led a scheme to defraud the Navy Federal credit union” in 2010, according to the release. He obtained about \$131,100 in fraudulent loans and cash advances from the credit union using the victim’s identification, the release stated.  
Source: <http://hamptonroads.com/2012/08/medical-worker-gets-two-years-stealing-identity-data>
34. *August 14, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Washington retired nuns home evacuated as brush fire nears.** A Spokane, Washington fire official said a brush fire prompted the evacuation of about 60 people from a convent that houses retired nuns who need assisted living services. The Spokane Spokesman-Review reported the fire burned within about 100 yards of the Convent of the Holy Names August 13. The fire chief said the evacuation was orderly. Buses and ambulances were used to evacuate employees and 36 nuns; some were in wheelchairs and others were confined to their beds. Between 75 and 100 firefighters responded. The fire chief said several crews worked through the night to completely extinguish the fire.  
Source: <http://www.yakima-herald.com/stories/2012/08/14/wa-retired-nuns-home-evacuated-as-brush-fire-nears>
35. *August 13, Kansas City infoZine* – (Kansas; New Hampshire) **Kansas updates potential hepatitis C exposures at Hays Medical Center information.** The Kansas

Department of Health and Environment and Hays Medical Center worked collaboratively to notify patients who had procedures in the cardiac catheterization laboratory from May 24, 2010, to September 22, 2010, of potential exposure to hepatitis C virus, Kansas City infoZine reported August 13. A contract radiology technologist who had worked at Hays Medical Center from May 24, 2010, to September 22, 2010 was arrested July 19 and charged with obtaining controlled substances by fraud and tampering with a consumer product in New Hampshire. According to an affidavit filed in federal court in New Hampshire, the worker allegedly engaged in drug diversion and infected a cluster of patients with hepatitis C while employed at Exeter Hospital in New Hampshire.

Source: <http://www.infozine.com/news/stories/op/storiesView/sid/52820/>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

36. *August 14, Global Security Newswire* – (Georgia) **Skydivers accidentally touch down on U.S. ballistic missile submarine site.** Strong air currents August 12 resulted in two hobby skydivers being blown off course and landing on a U.S. ballistic missile submarine installation in Georgia, the Florida Times-Union reported. The two parachutists were aiming to land at St. Mary’s Airport after jumping out of plane operated by skydiving company The Jumping Place. They ended up landing instead on a baseball diamond at the Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay. The skydivers were detained by Navy authorities while their identities were ascertained. “They said one was a naturalized citizen and one was not a U.S. citizen and (didn’t have) a passport,” the St. Mary’s Airport Authority chairman said in relating a conversation with Navy officials. The Navy released the individuals after The Jumping Place supplied data confirming their identities. Kings Bay is the East Coast home port for U.S. submarines that carry nuclear-tipped Trident missiles.

Source: <http://www.nti.org/gsn/article/two-skydivers-accidentally-touch-down-ballistic-missile-submarine-site/>

37. *August 13, WMAQ 5 Chicago* – (Illinois) **Acid bomb thrown at Lombard Islamic school.** Two days after shots from a pellet gun were fired into a Morton Grove, Illinois mosque, an Islamic school in the Chicago area reported it was the target of an acid bomb August 12. “This is not an isolated incident,” said a spokesman for the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago (CIOGC) in a statement. “A few days ago another CIOGC member institution, the Muslim Education Center was also attacked.” Worshipers at the College Preparatory School of America heard a loud bang the night of August 12 during evening Ramadan prayers. They went outside to find an empty soda bottle that had been thrown at the window of the school. It was “filled with acid and other unspecified materials,” said the Council on American-Islamic Relations, which has called on the FBI to investigate. They are also calling on authorities to increase security during the final days of Ramadan, which ends August 19.

Source: <http://www.nbcchicago.com/news/local/Bomb-Thrown-at-Lombard-Islamic-School-166042736.html>

38. *August 13, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Bomb squad removes package from Washington state Capitol after evacuation that lasted 2 hours.** A bomb squad removed a suspicious package August 13 from Washington’s Capitol building in Olympia. The Washington State Patrol reopened the building to workers and the public about 2 hours after evacuating the site. A bomb squad member wearing full protective gear and helmet carried a cloth shopping bag out of the building. Authorities said the package was suspicious in part because it was left in a roped-off area in the center of the Capitol rotunda. Lawmakers are not in session at the Capitol, but staff members for the governor’s office and other State agencies work in the building.  
Source: <http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/bfab50a49a5d42e9b2932c916b39044f/WA--Capitol-Evacuation>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

39. *August 14, KSAT 12 San Antonio* – (Texas) **City introduces new emergency notification system.** A new emergency alert system was unveiled August 13 at a press conference held by San Antonio’s Office of Emergency Management. The system, called AlertSA, is designed to provide crucial information to citizens during emergency situations such as floods or brushfires. The new program will alert people in any way they wish to be contacted, whether it be via cell phone, e-mail, or over a landline.  
Source: <http://www.ksat.com/news/City-introduces-new-emergency-notification-system/-/478452/16096900/-/1487042z/-/index.html>
40. *August 13, Associated Press* – (Mississippi) **FBI: Inmates who started Miss. prison riot angry over what they called poor food, medical care.** A deadly riot at a prison for illegal immigrants in Mississippi was started by a group of Mexican inmates angry about what they considered poor food and medical care and disrespectful guards, according to an FBI agent’s affidavit, the Associated Press reported August 13. One guard was killed and 20 people were injured in the May 20 riot at the privately-run Adams County Correctional Facility in Natchez, which holds illegal immigrants convicted of crimes in the United States. The leaders of the Mexican inmates demanded to take a list of grievances to the warden May 20 and told others in the group to disobey orders from prison staff, said the FBI affidavit. One correction officer was beaten to death during the riot, which officials have said involved as many as 300 inmates and left the prison badly damaged. The affidavit describes a chaotic scene in which inmates were picking up tear gas canisters and hurling them back at guards. Some guards locked themselves in safe rooms, but the inmates used keys taken from other officers to get into the rooms.  
Source: <http://www.startribune.com/nation/166003556.html>

41. *August 13, San Antonio Express News* – (Texas) **Computer glitch leaves police unable to talk with dispatchers.** A computer hardware malfunction that left San Antonio Police Department dispatchers unable to hear officers’ radio transmissions was fixed, but diagnostic testing on the system continues, city officials said. The afternoon of August 12, the problem with the radios lasted about 20 minutes, but similar difficulties with communication occurred nightly the week of August 6. During the time the channels were down, dispatchers were not able to hear the officers, which was a problem if they needed help or wanted to pass on information about suspects or victims.  
Source: [http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local\\_news/article/Computer-glitch-leaves-police-unable-to-talk-with-3785709.php](http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local_news/article/Computer-glitch-leaves-police-unable-to-talk-with-3785709.php)
42. *August 13, Associated Press* – (North Carolina; Idaho) **National Guard unit returns to wildfire fighting.** The 145th Airlift Wing of the North Carolina Air National Guard is resuming fighting wildfires in the West, 6 weeks after four of the unit’s airmen died while fighting a fire in the Black Hills of South Dakota, the Associated Press reported August 13. The unit’s operations commander said it is important for the Charlotte-based unit to get back to the critical mission. The 145th will send 2 aircraft and 16 airmen to Boise, Idaho. They will fight fires at the direction of the U.S. Forest Service starting August 14. Three groups of North Carolina airmen will rotate from Charlotte to Boise and back through September 4. A C-130 equipped with a firefighting system was battling a fire near Edgemont, South Dakota, July 1 when it crashed, killing four and severely injuring two others.  
Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2012/08/13/4720367/national-guard-unit-returns-to.html#storylink=cpy>
43. *August 13, Firehouse.com News* – (New Jersey) **N.J. responders banned from posting victims’ photos.** New Jersey responders are now prohibited from posting pictures or videos of crash victims without obtaining the family’s permission. The governor signed a bill the week of August 6, known as “Cathy’s Law” that makes it crime for responders to post photos or videos of victims online, according to the Parsippany Daily Record. Those found guilty of violating the law can face up to 18 months in jail and fines up to \$10,000.  
Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/news/10758824/nj-responders-banned-from-posting-victims-photos>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

44. *August 14, Softpedia* – (International) **Multiple Web vulnerabilities identified in SonicWALL email security.** Researchers from Vulnerability Lab identified security holes in SonicWALL Email Security 7.3.5.6379. The company was notified of the existence of the flaw in May, but since it failed to respond within the 90-day period, the security firm decided to publicly reveal the problem. The first vulnerability is a

persistent input validation — estimated as being high risk — which allows a remote attacker (or a local attacker with low privileges) to inject malicious code into the software. The bug can be leveraged for session hijacking, phishing, and “stable persistent module context manipulation.” The Compliance and Virus protection procedures module is affected, the vulnerability being triggered when unsanitized inputs are loaded. Many client-side cross-site scripting (XSS) flaws were also detected in the application. According to the researchers, they can be leveraged by a remote attacker to manipulate appliance requests on the client side. Catalogued as being low risk, the vulnerabilities can be exploited with medium user interaction. “Successful exploitation results in session hijacking, account steal, client side phishing requests or manipulated context execution on client side requests,” reads an advisory published by the experts. “The vulnerabilities are located on the `from`- & `row` page listing values.”

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Multiple-Web-Vulnerabilities-Identified-in-SonicWALL-Email-Security-Video-286435.shtml>

45. *August 14, The H* – (International) **BackTrack 5 R3 adds tools for Arduino and Teensy attacks.** The third release of version 5 of the BackTrack Linux security distribution fixes several bugs discovered since the R2 release in March and adds more than 60 new tools. Several of the new tools were released as part of presentations at the recent Black Hat and DEFCON conferences. The distribution also added a completely new category of software for “physical exploitation.” This category includes libraries and an IDE for the Arduino and the Kautilya toolkit that provides payloads for the Teensy USB development board. BackTrack can be run as a live CD for added security and flexibility or can be permanently installed on a system. The distribution is developed with security researchers and penetration testers in mind and offers one of the most comprehensive collections of Linux-based security software.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/BackTrack-5-R3-adds-tools-for-Arduino-and-Teensy-attacks-1666994.html>

46. *August 14, The H* – (International) **Magento shops attacked through Zend vulnerability.** A critical vulnerability in the Zend Framework can be exploited by remote attackers to access arbitrary files from online shops using the eBay-owned Magento eCommerce platform. This is because the Zend XML-RPC component used by Magento is vulnerable to XML eXternal Entity injection attacks; exploiting the hole can allow an attacker to read private information such as database configuration and customer data including complete order histories. While the problem has already been publicly known for nearly 2 months, many shop owners have yet to update or patch their software. The Magento developers fixed the problem in version 1.7.0.2 of the open source Community Edition and in version 1.12.0.2 of the Enterprise Edition of their software. Patches are provided for older versions of the Community Edition, while workarounds are offered for Enterprise Edition versions prior to 1.8.0.0. Zend closed the hole in versions 1.11.12 and 1.12.0 of the Framework; the fifth beta for 2.0.0 also fixes the problem.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Magento-shops-attacked-through-Zend-vulnerability-1667008.html>

47. *August 14, The H* – (International) **Oracle releases unscheduled fix for critical vulnerability.** At the recent Black Hat conference in Las Vegas, a security expert revealed a zero day exploit in Oracle’s database server. Oracle plugged this vulnerability with an unscheduled patch. Server versions 10.2.0.3, 10.2.0.4, 10.2.0.5, 11.1.0.7, 11.2.0.2, and 11.2.0.3 are all affected, though the July 2012 patch update contained a fix for the latter two. The bug enables attackers to obtain the privileges of the SYSDBA user. To do so, they require a user name, password, CREATE TABLE and CREATE PROCEDURE privileges, and EXECUTE privileges for the DBMS\_STATS package. The Oracle Text package also must be installed, which is typically the case. Oracle advised users to install the patch as soon as possible, with exploits for the vulnerability already publicly available. According to Oracle, the bug may also be present in older versions that are no longer supported; the company will not be releasing a fix for these versions. Oracle describes the bug, cataloged as CVE-2012-3132, only in general terms. A little more detail can be found in a blog posting by a researcher from Team Shatter. He said normal database users should not possess the required privileges, but developers generally do.  
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Oracle-releases-unscheduled-fix-for-critical-vulnerability-1666898.html>
48. *August 14, IDG News Service* – (International) **Microsoft patches critical security holes in Windows, Office, IE.** Microsoft fixed 26 vulnerabilities in its software products, including several considered critical, the company said August 14 in its monthly security patch report. The security holes, described in five critical and four important bulletins, affect multiple products, including Windows, Internet Explorer, Exchange, SQL Server, and Office. In the worst-case scenarios, exploits could give attackers control of affected systems.  
Source: [http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9230281/Microsoft\\_patches\\_critical\\_security\\_holes\\_in\\_Windows\\_Office\\_IE](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9230281/Microsoft_patches_critical_security_holes_in_Windows_Office_IE)
49. *August 13, Government Computer News* – (International) **Typical Web app is attacked 274 times a year, study finds.** A typical Web site application experiences an average of 274 attacks, on an average of 120 days, each year, with some getting as many as 2,766, according to the latest Imperva Web Application Attack Report. Imperva based its finding on observation and analysis of traffic going to 50 Web apps between December 2011 and May 2012, and although the security company did not specify which apps it studied, past studies found government sites vulnerable to the kinds of attacks Imperva found.  
Source: <http://gcn.com/articles/2012/08/13/web-app-attacks-battle-days-imperva-study.aspx>
50. *August 13, Help Net Security* – (International) **Bogus ‘MS Cyber-Crime Department’ warnings lead to phishing.** Emails purportedly sent by the Microsoft Cyber-Crime Department warning all Internet users their email account may be deleted from the “world email server” has been hitting inboxes around the world. The phishers used the official logo of the Microsoft Digital Crimes Unit to lend the email an aura of legitimacy. Following the embedded email will take the victims to a page where they

are asked to supply their email address, username, and password. The inputted information is sent directly to the phishers.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=13418>

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## Communications Sector

51. *August 14, Door County Daily News* – (Wisconsin) **Kewaunee County phone outage resolved.** The Kewaunee County, Wisconsin Sheriff's Department said a phone outage that affected several prefixes in the county August 13 was resolved early August 14. The sheriff said residential land lines with the prefixes 837, 845, and 863 were out of service August 13. During the outage, 9-1-1 service was available by cell phone use in the affected areas until repairs were made.

Source:

<http://www.doorcountydailynews.com/news/details.cfm?clientid=28&id=42566>

52. *August 13, Arizona Daily Sun* – (Arizona) **Lightning knocks out cable TV Sunday night.** Thousands of Flagstaff, Arizona residents lost cable when lightning struck a utility pole in Kingman the evening of August 12. The lightning caused a fire and damaged lines attached to that pole including those associated with Suddenlink Communications, a spokesperson for the cable television services company said. It took nearly 6 hours for services to be restored, although Suddenlink crews were not allowed to repair the damaged lines until being cleared by emergency officials late August 12.

Source: [http://azdailysun.com/news/local/lightning-knocks-out-cable-tv-sunday-night/article\\_82a1eb5c-e598-11e1-b0c9-001a4bcf887a.html](http://azdailysun.com/news/local/lightning-knocks-out-cable-tv-sunday-night/article_82a1eb5c-e598-11e1-b0c9-001a4bcf887a.html)

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

53. *August 14, Franklin Daily Journal* – (Indiana) **Fire loss at Furniture World estimated at \$200,000.** A fire at a furniture store south of Franklin, Indiana, caused more than \$200,000 in damage and will close the store for at least 3 months. Fire investigators and the Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office were investigating the August 11 fire at

Long's Furniture World in Amity. The investigation determined the fire started inside the building and spread to mattresses stacked outside.

Source: [http://www.dailyjournal.net/view/local\\_story/Fire-loss-at-Furniture-World-e\\_1344923937/](http://www.dailyjournal.net/view/local_story/Fire-loss-at-Furniture-World-e_1344923937/)

54. *August 13, Manchester Union Leader* – (New Hampshire) **Firefighters battle four-alarm blaze on Manchester's Central Street.** Flames burned through three multi-family buildings in Manchester, New Hampshire, August 13 while approximately 100 firefighters kept the fire from spreading. An off-duty firefighter was hurt in the four-plus alarm fire. Officials first learned of the fire from a passerby who pounded on the glass windows at the fire department headquarters. Officials have reports of two juveniles running from the area shortly before the fire started, said the Manchester fire chief. "I'm very close to calling it arson," he said. It took firefighters about 2 hours to bring the fire under control. One property owned by CGL Properties LLC of Mont Vernon according to the city's online property database, was destroyed and will be condemned. The fire chief expected another property owned by the same firm, will suffer a similar fate. Damage was estimated at \$500,000. The other building owned by a private individual was also damaged. Fire officials estimated damage at \$50,000. Source: <http://www.newhampshire.com/article/20120814/NEWS07/708149979>
55. *August 13, Boston Globe* – (National) **Hundreds of Mass. workers exposed in Petco data breach.** The Boston Globe reported August 13 that personal data from hundreds of Massachusetts employees of pet care retailer Petco Animal Supplies Inc. was compromised due to a computer theft that occurred in May. A report filed in late July with the Massachusetts Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation, stated five laptop computers were stolen from an outside firm that Petco, which is based in San Diego, hired to audit the company's 401k retirement plan. The computers contained personal data about Petco's current and former employees, including 1,320 in Massachusetts. Petco currently employs about 22,000 people nationwide. The company said that the information on the computers was encrypted, so that it would be extremely difficult to decypher, and that there was no evidence that the data has been used by criminals. Source: <http://www.boston.com/businessupdates/2012/08/13/hundreds-mass-workers-exposed-petco-data-breach/6euDBbRaXPrdJkPvuSdJkK/story.html>

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

56. *August 14, CNN* – (West) **Wildfires blaze through Western states.** A wildfire in central Washington State scorched 26,500 acres and destroyed at least 60 homes, officials said August 14. The fire raging near Cle Elum is one of several devastating Western states the week of August 13. Colorado was affected earlier in the summer. Now, new wildfires are burning in California, Oregon, Nevada, Washington, and Idaho. In all, 62 fires, including 16 new large fires, were burning as of August 14, the U.S.

Forest Service reported. They destroyed dozens of homes and threaten many more. Washington's Taylor Bridge Fire began as a brush fire August 13. By August 14, it grew to 16,500 acres, or 41 square miles. Authorities already evacuated more than 400 people near the Taylor Bridge Fire, according to the incident commander. In Idaho, a blaze killed a firefighter, and two other firefighters were injured in Oregon and California. More than 750 firefighters and support personnel were working in Oregon and Nevada to corral the 418,235-acre Holloway Fire, the largest of the Western wildfires ignited by a lightning strike August 5. An injured firefighter was rushed by helicopter to a hospital and was treated and released. In California, a pair of fires north of San Francisco in Lake County burned 7,000 acres and were 30 percent contained as of August 14, according to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. Two buildings were destroyed and one was damaged, KGO 7 San Francisco reported. An additional 480 homes were threatened, and a firefighter was injured while battling the flames, said a representative of the State's forestry and fire department.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2012/08/14/us/western-wildfires/index.html>

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## **Dams Sector**

57. *August 13, Wyandotte Daily News* – (Kansas) **Wolcott levee repairs completed.** The repairs to the Wolcott levees in Kansas City, Kansas, were completed, according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Wyandotta Daily News reported August 13 that a spokesman for the Corps said the contractor repaired a breach and large scour hole at the Wolcott Drainage District. Only minor seeding must be completed for the levees. The agricultural-style levee along the Missouri River in northwest Wyandotte County flooded in 2011 when the Missouri River reached high levels after reservoir water was released and runoff entered the river from States to the north.

Source: <http://www.wyandottedailynews.com/component/content/article/41-top-headlines/13015-wolcott-levee-repairs-completed>

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