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- About 200 retail outlets in Northwest Indiana and the Chicago area were supplied with off-specification regular grade gasoline, which can damage vehicles that use it, and is part of BP's 2.1 million gallon recall. – *Merrillville Post-Tribune* (See item [4](#))
- Authorities blew two holes in a tanker truck containing isobutane August 23, to ignite and vent the truck more than 24 hours after an accident on Interstate 10 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The crash forced authorities to close the highway for nearly 7 hours, and evacuate many homes and businesses. – *Baton Rouge Advocate* (See item [14](#))
- A week of torrential rain in Alaska delayed air traffic, flooded a landfill, and caused problems for a village's supply of drinking water. – *Anchorage Daily News* (See item [30](#))
- Two inmates housed at different Indiana prisons ran a drug ring that distributed methamphetamine, heroin, and other drugs thanks to cellphones smuggled in by guards, according to a federal indictment that charged 40 people. – *Associated Press* (See item [43](#))
- The reservoir at the former Piney Point fertilizer plant near Port Manatee, Florida, is in jeopardy of overflowing and spilling millions of gallons of polluted water into Bishop Harbor and Tampa Bay due to recent rains and the threat of Tropical Storm Issac. – *Sarasota Herald Tribune* (See item [58](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *August 23, Casper Star-Tribune* – (Wyoming) **Four burned in Lost Cabin gas plant flash fire.** An August 22 flash fire burned four contractors working on maintenance at the ConocoPhillips Lost Cabin natural gas processing plant near Lysite in central Wyoming, the company said. Three workers were flown from the site by helicopter for medical care. The fire took place in the morning and was “immediately extinguished,” a ConocoPhillips spokeswoman said. The plant did not release gas and no one in the local community was evacuated, she said. All of the plant’s personnel were accounted for, and the plant was evacuated except for critical response personnel. “Work on the maintenance project has been suspended, and an investigation will begin immediately to determine the cause of the incident,” the spokeswoman said. A Wyoming Occupational Safety and Health Administration representative said inspectors were on the site August 22. The plant had been idle since August 1 for planned maintenance, a Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality spokesman said.
Source: http://trib.com/business/energy/four-burned-in-lost-cabin-gas-plant-flash-fire/article_3f7c4b8a-f89a-5de1-9afe-ea88e8bf25f9.html?comment_form=true
2. *August 22, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **Feds: Calif. man wanted \$13M from W.Va. coal exec.** A California man accused of trying to extort \$13 million from a West Virginia coal company executive and threatening to kill relatives if he did not pay up was indicted on federal charges August 22. A grand jury in Charleston charged the man with four counts of interfering with interstate commerce and using interstate commerce to threaten extortion. Though the indictment was handed up August 22, court records show he was arrested in Chicago about 7 days before. The scheme laid out in the affidavit was ambitious and wide-reaching, involving offshore banks in Cyprus, Antigua, Malta, and Mauritius. The affidavit says investigators found that the man used prepaid debit cards, telephones, and WiFi connections at a Starbucks near his home and the U.S. Postal Service to target five wealthy individuals in all. Four are not named in the affidavit but are identified as: a film studio co-founder who lives in Connecticut;

the co-founder and chairman of an Internet company who lives in Illinois; an oil and gas company founder who lives in Florida; and the son of an oil and gas company founder.

Source: http://www.montereyherald.com/state/ci_21374867/feds-calif-man-wanted-13m-from-w-va

3. *August 22, WBNG 12 Binghamton* – (Pennsylvania) **Drilling well fire.** A gas well in Lathrop Township in Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, was shut down after a fire August 21. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) said it occurred at the Phelps 2H well pad off State Route 209. A passerby noticed the gas flames and reported the fire. The DEP said a valve in the gas production unit malfunctioned. Officials are still looking into what caused the malfunction in the part of the unit where gas and water are separated. There was no explosion and no one was on site at the well pad. The well is owned by Chief Energy. The well pad is shut down until the valve is fixed and the DEP determines its operation can resume.
Source: <http://www.wbng.com/news/local/Drilling-Well-Explosion-167104195.html>
4. *August 22, Merrillville Post-Tribune* – (Indiana; Illinois) **More than 200 gas stations had bad gas.** About 200 retail outlets in Northwest Indiana and the Chicago area were supplied with the off-specification regular grade gasoline that is part of BP’s 2.1 million gallon recall. The tainted gasoline contained a higher than normal level of polymeric residue, which can lead to hard starting and other drivability issues, Merrillville Post-Tribune reported August 22. “The company continues to go through its shipping records and is contacting retailers who may have loaded tanker trucks with the off-specification fuel and is replacing it with on-specification product,” BP said in the statement. A BP spokesman said all of the company’s resellers have been instructed to bag their pumps and not sell regular or mid-grade gasoline until BP is able to pump out the tanks. The spokesman said midgrade gasoline is included in the order not to sell because most gas stations only have two underground storage tanks, one for regular and one for premium grade fuels. Midgrade fuel is mixed from those two tanks on site. The polymeric substance causing the problems is a naturally occurring byproduct of the refining process. BP has not yet been able to identify how the larger than normal levels of the polymeric substance got into the two cargos of fuel, the larger at the BP Whiting terminal and the smaller at the Milwaukee terminal. Drivers from around the region have been seeking repairs after filling up at stations including but not limited to BP, Speedway, Luke Oil, Costco, and Family Express.
Source: <http://posttrib.suntimes.com/news/lake/14661181-460/more-than-200-gas-stations-had-bad-gas.html>

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Chemical Industry Sector

5. *August 23, Norwalk Hour* – (Connecticut) **The King of safety: King Industries contained 60-gallon chemical spill with quick response.** Officials at King Industries

Inc. credited a quick response by the company's safety department with containing a potentially dangerous chemical spill August 21. Between 40 and 60 gallons of sulfonic acid, an organic compound with flammable properties, leaked from one of the tanks in the rear of the complex, triggering a massive emergency response. Officials said the spill was contained within the tank farm, which is surrounded by a 4-foot concrete wall, and a foam deluge system prevented the release of toxic vapors. The Norwalk Fire Department responded, but King's fire brigade handled the emergency. The brigade's fire chief said King has nearly 60 HAZMAT techs on site. King manufactures chemical additives used in products such as engine oil, grease, paints, coatings, and rubber goods. King's manager of operations said an electrician spotted the leak at the end of his shift. He radioed the "Code Yellow" emergency, and the safety department responded. The Norwalk Fire Department was alerted the moment the spill triggered the tank farm's foam deluge system.

Source: http://www.thehour.com/news/norwalk/king-industries-contained--gallon-chemical-spill-with-quick-response/article_7345f3c1-0006-5097-a699-deaa6da2778f.html

6. *August 22, Chartiers Valley Patch* – (Pennsylvania) **Leaking tanker truck causes lengthy evacuations near Carnegie.** A leaking tanker truck on Noblestown Road near Carnegie, Pennsylvania, forced nearby residents and workers to evacuate the area for nearly 7 hours August 22. Collier police stopped the tanker truck, which was leaking an unknown fuel, as it was heading into Carnegie near the Interstate 79 exit, the Kirwan Heights fire chief said. The chemical was removed from the tanker and the road was reopened almost 7 hours later. The problem forced the evacuation of nearby homes, and the State Department of Transportation closed the Carnegie exit of I-79. The fire chief said the industrial park across from the roadway, which is in Scott Township, was also evacuated. Hazardous material crews transferred what was left of the chemical into a new truck.

Source: <http://chartiersvalley.patch.com/articles/leaking-tanker-truck-forces-evacuations-near-carnegie>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

7. *August 22, Reuters* – (Nebraska) **Nebraska's Fort Calhoun reactor restart delayed - utility.** The Omaha Public Power District (OPPD) delayed its plan to restart the Fort Calhoun nuclear plant near Blair, Nebraska, until late 2012 or early 2013 and hired a unit of Exelon Corp to manage the 478-megawatt reactor, which has been shut for 16 months, Reuters reported August 22. OPPD plans to heat up the plant by December 1, in anticipation of restarting the reactor at a later date after a number of inspections and other work, a spokesman said. An exact restart date remains subject to Nuclear Regulatory Commission approval. The week of August 13, OPPD announced an agreement with Exelon Nuclear Partners to manage day-to-day operation of Fort Calhoun for the remainder of its operating license.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/08/22/utilities-oppd-fortcalhoun-idINL2E8JMD2X20120822>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

8. *August 22, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **Energize recalls night lights due to burn hazard; sold exclusively at Target.** The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with Energizer, August 22 announced a voluntary recall of about 260,000 Energizer Rotating Night Lights sold exclusively at Target stores. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. The night lights can overheat and smoke, posing a burn hazard to consumers. Energizer has received nine reports of the night lights overheating, including three reports of minor property damage.

Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml12/12253.html>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Banking and Finance Sector

9. *August 23, Naples Daily News* – (Florida) **Judge orders ex-CEO to pay \$31 million to FDIC.** The ex-CEO of Naples, Florida-based Orion Bank was ordered to pay more than \$31 million to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) for his leading role in a bank fraud conspiracy. At a restitution hearing in Orlando August 22, a judge decided on the amount the ex-CEO should pay the FDIC, which became the receiver for the local bank when it failed. The amount was based on the losses the agency suffered when it took over the bank's fraudulent loans after selling most of Orion's assets to IberiaBank. The ex-CEO and his co-conspirators made the loans as part of a scheme to trick regulators and make the bank appear in better financial shape than it was as it teetered on the edge of collapse. The ex-CEO is currently serving a 6-year sentence after pleading guilty to his involvement in the scheme.
Source: <http://www.naplesnews.com/news/2012/aug/23/judge-orders-jerry-williams-to-pay-31-million-to/>
10. *August 22, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (New York) **SEC charges New York-based firm and owner in penny stock scheme.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) August 22 charged a White Plains, New York-based firm and its owner with conducting a penny stock scheme in which they bought billions of stock shares from small companies and illegally resold those shares in the public market. The SEC alleges that E-Lionheart Associates LLC (which also does business

under the name Fairhills Capital) and its owner reaped more than \$10 million in unlawful profits from selling shares they bought at deep discounts from approximately 100 penny stock companies. No registration statement was filed or in effect for any of the securities that he and E-Lionheart resold to the investing public, and no valid exemption from the registration requirements of the federal securities laws was available. Acting at the owner's direction, E-Lionheart personnel systematically "cold called" penny stock companies to ask if they were interested in obtaining capital. If the company was interested, E-Lionheart personnel would offer to buy stock at a rate deeply discounted from the trading price of the company's stock at that time. The owner and E-Lionheart purported to rely on an exemption from registration under Rule 504(b)(1)(iii) of Regulation D, which exempts transactions in compliance with certain types of State law exemptions. However, no such State law exemptions were applicable.

Source: <http://www.sec.gov/news/press/2012/2012-165.htm>

11. *August 21, Reuters* – (National) **Crowdfunding scams top investor threat — regulators.** State securities regulators have put the relatively new investment phenomenon of crowdfunding at the top of their annual investment scams list, highlighting a recent U.S. law that relaxed capital raising rules on small firms, Reuters reported August 21. The North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA) evaluated emerging and ongoing threats to investors in its 2012 list of top investor traps. The list also included mid-size investment advisers and oil and gas drilling schemes. Crowdfunding, which allows fundraising for projects via Web sites, is relatively new, and scams are just getting started, the regulators said. Portions of the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act (JOBS Act), which go into effect in 2013, will push crowdfunding from a "donation" model to a true investment model, and that will make it even more of a lure for swindlers, NASAA said. It also expressed concern about mid-size investment advisers, who recently transferred to supervision by State authorities instead of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The most common scam NASAA highlighted was the "Reg D/Rule 506 Private Offerings" that involves marketing investments not registered with the SEC. The JOBS Act also relaxed regulations on this type of investment, and allowed much broader advertising of these types of investment opportunities, which NASAA said will make fraud easier.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/08/21/investing-scams-threats-idUSL2E8JLCVB20120821>

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Transportation Sector

12. *August 23, NYI New York* – (New York) **Subway blast site was not properly equipped, MTA says.** Work remained suspended on a section of the Second Avenue subway line after a August 21 blast in New York City, which the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) said was conducted at a different angle and intensity than planned. Speaking to reporters August 22, MTA officials said that the incident happened during a controlled tunnel blast at the northwest corner of 72nd Street and Second Avenue — an area the agency said was not equipped to handle the force of the

blast. “The force of the blast was concentrated in one particular area. That was not anticipated. The other factor was, the area it was all focused on, was not ever anticipated to take that kind of blow,” said an MTA spokesman. Agency officials said the explosion knocked off the wooden piling and steel plate covering the blast section, allowing debris to fly into the street.

Source: http://www.ny1.com/content/top_stories/167344/subway-blast-site-was-not-properly-equipped--mta-says

13. *August 23, Associated Press; KXAS 5 Dallas-Fort Worth* – (Texas) **Gas tanker hit by freight train, explodes.** A tanker truck carrying gasoline exploded after being hit by a freight train in Wills Point, Texas, August 23. A Union Pacific (UP) spokeswoman said the crash happened when a Love’s fuel tanker carrying up to 8,000 gallons of gasoline was struck by a UP freight train at State Highway 80. The sheriff said a train was stopped on the tracks, blocking most of the intersections in town, so the driver of the tanker took a side road. The driver ended up on a road not designed to handle the size of the tanker and it got stuck on the tracks. A police chief said the was going at a low speed, but could not stop in time to avoid a collision. The UP spokeswoman said the train was hauling containers with mixed freight and nothing hazardous. However, with the smoke from the explosion and fuel leak from the tanker, nearby homes were evacuated briefly and residents were sent to a shelter at a church. A HAZMAT team from Fort Worth was called to help with clean up. Multiple fire departments from Van Zandt and Kaufman counties assisted in battling the fire. It took crews several hours to access the bridge-building material in the train cars to fully put out the fire. More than 9 hours after the crash, the cars were still smoldering.

Source: <http://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/Fuel-Tanker-Train-Collision-in-Wills-Point-167159345.html>

14. *August 23, Baton Rouge Advocate* – (Louisiana) **Tanker wreck burns in BR; I-10 open both directions.** Authorities blew two holes in a tanker truck containing isobutane August 23, igniting a huge fireball as they prepared to move the damaged rig from the accident scene on Interstate 10 near Essen Lane in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Interstate 10 reopened in both directions by August 23, after being closed for nearly 7 hours. Authorities’ evacuated residents within 500 yards of the accident prior to the controlled “vent and burn.” Traffic in the capital city was snarled throughout the day after both the eastbound and westbound lanes were closed on I-10 between Essen and Bluebonnet Boulevard following the accident. The truck was carrying 8,700 gallons of isobutane. Two people involved in the accident were hospitalized with minor injuries. The Red Cross opened a shelter for evacuated residents, a spokeswoman said. Local businesses were struggling with the logistics of moving products and materials. A shelter-in-place in effect August 22 at nearby Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center on Essen Lane was lifted early August 23, said a deputy director of the East Baton Rouge Parish Emergency Medical Services.

Source: <http://theadvocate.com/home/3698836-125/evacuation-set-for-10-pm>

15. *August 22, Associated Press* – (National) **Coast Guard partially reopens Mississippi River hours after barge runs aground.** Authorities reopened the Mississippi River to some boat traffic August 22, hours after freeing a barge that ran aground in dangerously

low waters caused by an extensive drought. A trickle of barges had begun heading north, but clearing all 33 northbound tows and 72 southbound barge strings was going to be a slow process, said a U.S. Coast Guard petty officer. Southbound barges were expected to begin moving overnight, said a lieutenant. A safety zone remained in effect along the 11-mile stretch of river that first reopened late August 21 after dredges cleared enough mud to make a passable channel. Thirty-three vessels had made it through the channel before the barge went aground August 22. The river has closed several times in August, most recently August 20, and low-water conditions were expected to affect the flow of cargo from the nation's heartland until October. In addition to the river closings, port operations along the river in Missouri, Tennessee, Arkansas, and Mississippi have been closed while the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers works to dredge channels.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/mississippi-river-closed-again-as-barge-grounds-in-low-water/2012/08/22/4945675a-ec71-11e1-866f-60a00f604425_story.html

16. *August 22, KFSN 30 Fresno* – (California) **Union Pacific Railroad damaged by copper wire thieves.** Three people are accused of stealing 500 feet of copper wire from Union Pacific Railroad, KFSH 30 Fresno reported August 22. Madera County, California deputies arrested them after an anonymous caller tipped investigators about suspicious activity near Avenue 12 and Highway 99 August 18. A Union Pacific spokesman said freight and passenger trains often have to be halted after a theft of this magnitude, as the wiring affects the signal system. The repair costs in the case were estimated at \$60,000. The suspects were charged with vandalism and theft.

Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/kfsn/story?section=news/local&id=8783212>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report

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Agriculture and Food Sector

17. *August 23, Food Safety News* – (National) **Indiana's Chamberlain Farms named as source of bad cantaloupe.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) August 22 announced a recall of cantaloupe grown by Chamberlain Farms, located in Owensville, Indiana. Previously, FDA declined to name the cantaloupe farm involved in an ongoing outbreak of food-borne illnesses spreading across the country. Cantaloupe from Chamberlain Farms "may be one source" of contamination in the multi-State outbreak of salmonellosis, FDA said. Chamberlain agreed to remove their cantaloupe from the market after meeting health officials from FDA, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Indiana. Salmonella Typhimurium is the cause of the outbreak

previously attributed to an unnamed cantaloupe farm in Indiana. So far, 145 in 21 States have been sickened in the outbreak, which resulted in 2 deaths. Chamberlain reportedly stopped shipping cantaloupe August 17, the day Kentucky's State laboratory connected the outbreak strain to two cantaloupes from an Indiana grower that were being sold at retail.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/08/indianas-chamberlain-farms-named-as-source-of-bad-cantaloupe/#.UDYsIKC6TIY>

18. *August 23, Associated Press* – (Wyoming) **Botulism outbreak kills pheasants at Wyo. bird farm.** A botulism outbreak at the State Game and Fish Downer Bird Farm near Yoder, Wyoming, killed more than 2,700 pheasants, the Associated Press reported August 23. The bird farm superintendent said botulism is a naturally occurring disease that occurs especially during hot, dry weather. It was not known what effect the disease will have on pheasant stocking for the fall 2012 hunting season. The assistant wildlife division chief said game and fish will be evaluating areas and numbers of birds to be stocked once the outbreak ends and total losses can be determined. Once this is completed, the agency intends to maximize pheasant releases in walk-in areas that have suitable cover and are most often used by hunters. The Downer Bird Farm typically produces 15,000-18,000 pheasants each year.
Source: <http://k2radio.com/boutulism-outbreak-kills-pheasants-at-wyo-bird-farm/>
19. *August 23, Lansing State Journal* – (Michigan) **Grain elevator fire in Charlotte is contained; Amtrak service delayed.** A fire at a wooden grain elevator at Citizens L.L.C. in Charlotte, Michigan, was contained after firefighters from several departments were called to the scene August 23. According to a firefighter, the wooden elevator was fully engulfed in flames, sending up huge clouds of black smoke. Officials were “controlling the burn” with ladder trucks spraying lifts. A co-owner of the grain elevator said the fire will put a sizable dent in the firm's grain processing operations. It was one of five grain elevators Citizens Elevators owns in the region. The elevator stored soybeans that were to be shipped overseas to Japan. The fire delayed Amtrak service on the Blue Water Line between Port Huron and Chicago, said an Amtrak spokesman. He said Amtrak was making arrangements to disembark passengers in the morning and place them on motor coaches and charter buses to their final destinations.
Source: http://www.thetimesherald.com/article/20120823/NEWS05/308230022/Grain-elevator-fire-Charlotte-contained-Amtrak-service-delayed?odyssey=nav|head&nclick_check=1
20. *August 22, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (National) **Agriculture Secretary announces changes to emergency loans, crop insurance.** The Agriculture Secretary made a series of announcements August 22 that continue ongoing work to help farmers, ranchers, and businesses impacted by the most severe drought in 50 years. He said the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) intends to file special provisions with the federal crop insurance program to allow haying or grazing of cover crops without impacting the insurability of planted 2013 spring crops, a move that can help provide forage and feed for fall and winter for livestock producers. In a separate step, he will modify emergency loans, allowing loans to be made earlier in the season helping livestock producers offset increased feed costs and the cost of liquidating herds. Also

August 22, the Secretary designated 33 additional counties in 8 States as natural disaster areas — 23 counties due to drought. In the past 6 weeks, USDA has designated 1,821 counties in 35 States as disaster areas — 1,692 due to drought.

Source: <http://www.agprofessional.com/news/Vilsack-announces-changes-to-emergency-loans-crop-insurance-167045855.html>

21. *August 22, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Spence & Co issues a voluntary recall of Smoked Salmon 8oz Trim & Wellsley Farms 16oz Nova lot no. 6704701 because of possible health risk.** Spence & Co Ltd, of Brockton Massachusetts, a smoked salmon company recalled Wellsley Farms brand 16oz Nova Lot: 6704701 and Spence & Co brand 8oz Smoked Trim Lot: 6704701 because of possible contamination by *Listeria monocytogenes*, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported August 22. The recalled product was identified and distributed as follows: BJ'S Wholesale Club, Wellsley Farms brand 16oz Nova in Florida, North Carolina, Georgia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, and Ohio, June 13, and Spence & Co Ltd brand 8oz Smoked Salmon Trim distributed to Krogers and King Soopers in Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Colorado, Wyoming, and Utah between June 22-29.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm316667.htm>
22. *August 22, NBC News* – (California) **Red Vines black licorice recalled over high lead levels.** California health officials warned Red Vines black licorice candy should not be eaten because it tested positive for high levels of lead. American Licorice Co. of Union City, California, issued a voluntary recall August 22 for 1-pound bags of Red Vines Black Licorice Twists. Analysis by the California Department of Public Health found samples of the black licorice candy contained as much as .33 parts per million of lead, the agency said in a press release. That concentration could provide up to 13.2 micrograms of lead per serving, more than double the daily limit, for instance, for children younger than 6.
Source: <http://vitals.nbcnews.com/news/2012/08/22/13419860-red-vines-black-licorice-recalled-over-high-lead-levels?lite>
23. *August 22, WKTV 2 Utica* – (New York) **DeIorio Foods cited by OSHA for safety violations, faces nearly \$55k in fines.** Food processing company DeIorio Foods Inc. was cited by the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) with 14 alleged serious violations at the company's Utica, New York manufacturing facility for exposing workers to unsafe working conditions. Proposed penalties total \$54,900 following an inspection initiated by OSHA in May, WKTV 2 Utica reported August 22. The inspection found working area floors were not kept free from slippery conditions and the exit route from a storage area was obstructed by a pallet of food and a trash can. OSHA inspectors also found that employees who were exposed to corrosive materials lacked adequate stations for quick flushing of the eyes and body if they came in contact with the materials. Additionally, inspectors found the devices intended to be used for locking and tagging out the energy sources of machinery were being used incorrectly as personal locks in the men's locker room.
Source: <http://www.wktv.com/news/local/DeIorio-Foods-cited-by-OSHA-for-safety-violations-faces-nearly-55k-in-fines-167074995.html>

24. *August 21, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (New York) **Undeclared sulfites in Del Campo Dried Potato.** August 21, the New York State Department of Agriculture and Market alerted consumers that Optima Distributors LTD recalled Del Campo brand Dried Potato due to the presence of undeclared sulfites. The recalled Del Campo brand Dried Potato was packaged in a 14-ounce plastic bag. The product was distributed in the New York City metro area and is a product of Peru. Routine sampling by New York agriculture department food inspectors and subsequent analysis of the product by food laboratory personnel revealed the product contained high levels of sulfites, which were not declared on the label.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm316582.htm>

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Water Sector

25. *August 23, Kent County News* – (Maryland) **Town well fails due to contamination.** At the Chestertown Utilities Commission meeting August 20, the utilities director reported the pump at well No. 9 failed “around August 3.” The pump was reset and restarted, and “tripped out again.” Upon investigation, he said, the well proved to be “out of water.” Well No. 1, which draws on the same aquifer at a similar depth, reported no problem. Exploratory drilling of No. 9 identified the problem as iron sludge buildup on well screens — an “unusual” problem, caused by bacterial contamination, said the well drilling company. A test detected the presence of anerobic and iron bacteria in the water. The presence of the bacteria is not a health hazard because the town’s drinking water is filtered, monitored, and chlorinated to remove dangerous bacteria, however, it can clog screens and pipes. The director said the apparent reason for the bacterial growth is the injection of oxygen into the groundwater by Chester River Hospital Center, in an attempt to break down petroleum contamination in ground beneath the hospital. The loss of well No. 9 meant the loss of 450,000 gallons a day from the water supply which would become a problem in the event of a large fire, a prolonged drought, or the failure of additional wells.
Source: http://www.myeasternshoremmd.com/news/kent_county/article_899938ea-ebd1-11e1-a6cd-001a4bcf887a.html
26. *August 23, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Massachusetts) **Settlement requires Boston Water and Sewer Commission to remedy sewer and stormwater discharges.** Under the terms of a consent decree lodged in federal court August 23, the Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC) will implement extensive remedial measures to minimize the discharge of sewage and other pollutants into water bodies in and around Boston, the Department of Justice and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced August 23. The BWSC will also pay a civil penalty of \$235,000 for violations of the Clean Water Act, and will perform a supplemental environmental project worth at least \$160,000.
Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/DE3E8674AA08AB9F85257A6300590FD1>

27. *August 22, WLOX 13 Biloxi* – (Mississippi) **Ocean Springs fixes hundreds of old, sunken manholes in the city.** Ocean Springs, Mississippi, has worked since the end of 2011 to repair more than 400 manholes to avoid sewer over-flows and prevent infiltration and leaks in the manholes, WLOX 13 Biloxi reported August 22. The city expects to complete this project by the end of the week of August 20. Polyurethane foam was used to seal cracks inside the manholes, and then a pink coating is applied, which acts as a protective wall. The Ocean Springs public works director said the city and his department worked for at least 10 years to get grant money. A \$3.5 million federal grant and city funds are paying for the work.
Source: <http://www.wlox.com/story/19335269/ocean-springs-fixes-hundreds-of-old-sunken-manholes>
28. *August 22, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* – (Wisconsin) **Mobile cleanup plant operating at Jackson pipeline spill.** A mobile groundwater cleanup plant is operating around the clock adjacent to the July 17 gasoline spill in Jackson, Wisconsin, pumping contaminated water out of several wells and removing toxic chemicals, West Shore Pipe Line Co. representatives said August 22. Pumping and treating tainted groundwater could halt the spread of contaminants in the aquifer farther from the spill and reduce the concentration of gasoline remaining in the aquifer, said State Department of Natural Resources' spill coordinator. The system is "pulling in gasoline" from the spill and could be operating for a minimum of several months, if not several years. West Shore estimates 54,600 gallons of gasoline spilled into a farm pasture when its 10-inch fuel pipeline ruptured. The gasoline seeped into fractured dolomite bedrock a few feet beneath the surface and flowed away from the spill site. A total of 23 private wells were contaminated with gasoline. As of August 22, the company had retrieved 1,466 gallons of gasoline.
Source: <http://www.jsonline.com/news/ozwash/mobile-cleanup-plant-operating-at-jackson-pipeline-spill-j86j837-167103525.html>
29. *August 21, WDAZ 6 Fargo* – (North Dakota) **Milnor, ND completely shuts down its water supply again.** Milnor, North Dakota, was forced to completely shut down its water supply for the second time in August, delaying the first day of school for the area, WDAY 6 Fargo reported August 21. The city's public works director said there have been three water main breaks in August. Weeks after fixing a leak near Highway 13 in Milnor, the town now must fix two more. Because of the leaks, the community has been using about 10,000 more gallons of water per day. The director said he plans to bring in engineers to determine if the entire main, first built in 1991, must be replaced. Previously, the water supply was shut down for 15 hours. With two crews working, the director expected to have the water turned back on by mid-afternoon August 22.
Source: <http://www.wday.com/event/article/id/67982/group/homepage/>
30. *August 21, Anchorage Daily News* – (Alaska) **Torrential rains cause numerous woes in Northwest Alaska.** Recent torrential rain in northwest Alaska delayed air traffic,

flooded a landfill, and caused problems for one village's supply of drinking water. An unusual low pressure front over the Chukchi Sea poured rain on the region beginning August 13, said a National Weather Service (NWS) hydrologist and meteorologist. Nine inches fell at the Red Dog Mine area between August 13 and 19, he said, half the rain the area normally gets for an entire year. In Ambler, rains almost washed out a bridge used to access subsistence hunting areas, said a member of the Northwest Arctic Borough. In Kiana, four unopened shipping containers were partly underwater because of high waters on the Kobuk River. Planes ferrying workers to and from the Red Dog Mine were delayed August 15 to 19 due to poor visibility. In the village of Kivalina, a flooded landfill contaminated berry-picking grounds, and a lack of safe drinking water delayed the start of the school year. The rain-swollen Wulik and Kivalina rivers washed into the lagoon to the east of the village, and high water in the lagoon flooded the landfill, contaminating water. Delays in replenishing the village's water supply were compounded by the rains because the tanks can not be filled with water from the river because it is muddy and filled with debris.

Source: <http://www.adn.com/2012/08/20/2594837/torrential-rains-cause-numerous.html>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

33. *August 23, Wisconsin State Journal* – (Wisconsin) **More than 60 test positive for hepatitis, but state finds no link to Dean Clinic incident.** More than 60 Dean Clinic patients and family members tested positive for hepatitis, but the State of Wisconsin found no link to the diabetes nurse educator who mistakenly reused insulin devices, the Wisconsin State Journal reported August 23. In 2011, Dean Clinic officials announced that the nurse had reused devices on patients at clinics, potentially exposing 2,345 people to the blood-borne diseases. Of 1,779 people tested after possible exposure to hepatitis and HIV from 2006 to 2011, 66 had current or past hepatitis and none had HIV, according to a new report. The State found no evidence that the hepatitis B and C infections came from the nurse's reuse of insulin demonstration pens and finger stick devices as State investigators ruled out a connection between the nurse and the infections based on the timing of when and where the patients saw her and their past medical histories. She told investigators she typically reused the devices for a month and did not transport them between clinics. The Wisconsin Board of Nursing reprimanded the nurse in May. The board also fined her \$450 and made her pay to take classes on medical errors, infection control, and exposure to blood-borne pathogens. Source: http://host.madison.com/wsj/news/local/health_med_fit/more-than-test-positive-for-hepatitis-but-state-finds-no/article_f32c1dc2-ecb2-11e1-bdc6-001a4bcf887a.html
34. *August 22, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **Genetic sleuthing solves solve superbug outbreak that kills 6; lesson in hospital germ battles.** Government researchers published August 22 an unusually candid account of last year's Klebsiella pneumonia

outbreak at the National Institutes of Health Clinical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. They advise that fast sequencing of a germ's genome, its full DNA, may be essential. It can reveal how drug-resistant bacteria are spreading so that doctors can protect other patients. According to a senior investigator at NIH's National Human Genome Research Institute, the genetic sleuthing found the superbug hiding in sink drains and even in a ventilator that had been cleaned with bleach. Infection-control specialists at other hospitals called this detailed anatomy of an outbreak, published in the journal *Science Translational Medicine*, important to share. "They were able to demonstrate that this sneaky little bug was able to stay alive and get transmitted in ways they hadn't quite predicted before they had the detailed genetic information," said an associate hospital epidemiologist at Johns Hopkins University. "Absolutely this could happen in any hospital," said the co-director of a Duke University infection control network that advises smaller community hospitals. The multidrug-resistant strain named KPC has emerged over the past decade to become a fast-growing threat in intensive care units, spreading easily between very ill people and killing half of those it sickens.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/c355063d3a6f474b887521a72feed348/US-MED--Superbug-Outbreak>

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Government Facilities Sector

35. *August 23, Luzerne County Citizens Voice* – (Pennsylvania) **'Citizen soldier' threatened DA to 'resecure' rights.** Police arrested a Hazleton, Pennsylvania man on charges of harassment and terroristic threats August 21. He had been complaining to law enforcement officials for years, but when he allegedly threatened the Luzerne County District Attorney in an email to "re-secure" his rights as a "citizen soldier" and demanded weapons, authorities decided it was time to act. Officers seized a Winchester 90 30-30 rifle and found his home filled with dangerous carbon monoxide fumes. A Hazleton police detective said in an affidavit seeking the warrant that his email to the district attorney "threatens that he will essentially engage in a gun fight with police officers if the district attorney does not do as he desires." The affidavit added: "[He] makes the not-so-veiled threat that people will be killed if he does not get the actions that he demands." The city police chief put the detective on the case after the suspect allegedly began sending emails to the district attorney August 17.

Source: <http://citizensvoice.com/news/citizen-soldier-threatened-da-to-resecure-rights-1.1362515>

36. *August 22, Government Computer News* – (National) **Security weaknesses 'pervade' EPA systems, GAO audit finds.** The lack of a comprehensive cybersecurity strategy has left the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) without adequate information security, according to an audit released August 20 by the Government Accountability Office (GAO). Shortcomings include inadequate access control for systems and data, as well as inconsistent physical security, inadequate configuration management, and inadequate security configuration. "A key reason for these weaknesses is that EPA has not yet fully implemented its agencywide information security program to ensure that

controls are appropriately designed and operating effectively,” GAO concluded. It provided a lengthy list of recommendations for improving security that the agency agreed to implement. Among the dozen suggestions included in the report are: Update and enforce configuration management procedures; Finalize and enforce interim information security policies and draft procedures and update them to reflect current policies and procedures; Develop and finalize role-based security training procedures; Test security controls at least annually; Implement an agency-wide, uniform method for approving contingency plans, with procedures to annually test their viability; Implement procedures to verify the accuracy of system inventory information.
Source: <http://gcn.com/Articles/2012/08/22/EPA-IT-security-weaknesses-GAO-report.aspx?Page=1>

37. *August 22, WFED 1500 AM Washington, D.C.* – (National) **Derecho strikes GSA right in the cloud.** The derecho thunderstorm that knocked out power throughout the capital region in June should spur agencies to consider backup Internet connections, a General Services Administration (GSA) official said August 21. The storm halted GSA’s Internet access for a few hours during a weekday. GSA’s chief information officer said the loss of connectivity illustrates a broader need for agencies to think about enlisting secondary Internet Service Providers (ISP) that can keep them online when their primary ISPs go down. She said the need becomes greater as the government adopts more cloud-based services. “[The question is how] we maintain access to critical services regardless of where they’re being served from. And that would involve potentially thinking about multiple providers or different technologies including, landline and satellite and other services that might provide backup connectivity.” The director in KPMG’s federal practice said agencies should require ISP service-level agreements and contracts that aim for redundancy. He said agencies should consider providers that can re-route Internet traffic using virtual switching technologies instead of physical hardware.
Source: <http://www.federalnewsradio.com/240/3003036/Derecho-strikes-GSA-right-in-the-cloud>
38. *August 22, Tampa Bay Tribune* – (Florida) **Protest group video spurs RNC concern from Tampa police.** As security officials prepare for the Republican National Convention, Tampa, Florida police are investigating whether there are links between the August 15 posting of a YouTube video purporting to be from the hacker collective Anonymous and the discovery of pipes and bricks on a downtown rooftop 2 days later. The 8-minute video features a figure in a blue outfit wearing a Guy Fawkes mask, speaking in a computer-altered voice. The video shows images of a car burning and police in riot gear marching through an unidentified city. The figure says, “You have an opportunity to fight back at the Republican National Convention. How you fight back is up to you – but it is a fact that flowers and holding up signs stopped working long ago.” The pipes and bricks were found August 17 on the roof of a building on the northwest corner of Florida Avenue and Tyler Street. Graffiti including the numeral “99” and an image of a person wearing a Guy Fawkes mask were found. “If you take a look at this as a continuum, you take the video and the prepositioned weapons and graffiti in the event zone, it lends itself to the realization of what we have been told and saw both for this event and historically,” said the assistant police chief. “We investigate

every possible angle, especially violent behavior. We are looking for a link.”

Source: <http://www2.tbo.com/news/politics/2012/aug/21/12/police-confiscate-bricks-pipes-from-downtown-tampa-ar-470117/>

39. *August 22, Marin Independent Journal* – (California) **Larkspur man accused of threatening to kill mayor, other city officials.** A Larkspur, California man was arrested on allegations he threatened to kill the city’s mayor, fire chief, and public works director, authorities said. He is free on bail while the district attorney’s office decides whether to file charges. An initial court appearance is tentatively set for August 30. In addition, Larkspur is seeking a restraining order barring him from coming near the three city officials. A judge granted a temporary restraining order pending a hearing September 7. Twin Cities police said their investigation is still in progress. The investigation began earlier this month, when Larkspur officials received information that the man had talked about killing the city officials because he was upset about work he could not do on his home, according to court documents. He allegedly blamed the officials for ruining his life and for his girlfriend’s suicide.

Source: http://www.marini.com/ci_21379029/larkspur-man-accused-threatening-kill-mayor-other-city

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Emergency Services Sector

40. *August 22, Associated Press* – (New York) **Police probe latest aircraft laser beam incidents.** Police are investigating two incidents of laser beams pointed at aircraft, a charter flight coming in for a landing at New York City’s John F. Kennedy International Airport, and a helicopter dispatched to investigate the report. They said the crew of Sun Country Airlines Flight 8800 out of Reykjavik, Iceland, reported the cockpit being hit August 21. A police helicopter en route to investigate minutes later also was hit. Two officers and a medical technician on board were treated at a hospital and released. The reports were the latest in a series of laser-related incidents in the area. Source: <http://www.newsday.com/news/region-state/police-probe-latest-aircraft-laser-beam-incidents-1.3919434>
41. *August 22, Associated Press* – (Minnesota) **Police: Man made fake 911 call, stabbed officer.** Authorities said a man accused of stabbing a Minneapolis park police officer admitted he placed a fake 9-1-1 call so he could lure officers before attacking them. Minneapolis police said park police officers got a call about a robbery at knifepoint near Minnehaha Creek August 21. When two officers approached the man who they thought was a victim, he stabbed the male officer in the chest, then stabbed the female officer in the upper back. The male officer shot the man. Both officers are recovering at home. The man is under guard at the hospital and will be arrested when he is released. Source: <http://www.bemidjipioneer.com/content/police-man-made-fake-911-call-stabbed-officer>

42. *August 22, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **2 charged with murder in La. deputies' slayings.** Authorities said they have charged two men with murder in the slayings of two Louisiana deputy sheriffs the week of August 13. The Louisiana State Police said in a news release August 22 that they have charged a 24-year-old man and a 28-year-old man with two counts of first-degree murder of a police officer, and three counts of attempted first-degree murder of a police officer. Another individual has been charged with two counts of principal to first-degree murder of a police officer. She is the girlfriend of one of the men. The three are among seven people charged in shootings August 16 that killed two St. John the Baptist Parish deputies, and wounded two others. Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/Murder-charges-brought-in-2-La-deputies-slaying-3808658.php>
43. *August 22, Associated Press* – (Indiana; National) **40 indicted in drug ring run from Indiana prisons.** Two inmates housed at different Indiana prisons ran a drug ring that distributed methamphetamine, heroin, and other drugs thanks to cellphones smuggled in by guards, according to a federal indictment unsealed August 22 that charged 40 people in connection with the scheme. The indictment alleged that the purported ringleader and an inmate at another prison even held a conference call with a third man using smuggled cellphones to discuss “pooling their financial resources” to get a discount on heroin. At least 17 people appeared in court August 22 in Indianapolis after about 300 FBI agents fanned out across the State and made arrests. A judge ordered them to remain in custody. Only one prison guard was among those charged, though the indictment alleged several were involved. The indictment detailed a series of alleged phone calls the two men placed to people outside the prisons, including to oversee the purchase of “large amounts” of heroin from a source in Chicago. They also instructed people how and where the drugs should be sold. Source: <http://www.abc6.com/story/19344753/40-indicted-in-meth-ring-run-from-ind-prison>

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Information Technology Sector

44. *August 23, The H* – (International) **A \$5,000 vulnerability in Facebook.** A security researcher disclosed a security hole in Facebook’s Web site. The cross-site request forgery (CSRF) flaw allows an attacker to execute actions as a logged-in user by accessing specific URLs. After Facebook introduced its App Center functionality, the researcher found the anti-CSRF tokens in HTTP requests are not validated on the server side and an attacker is therefore able to add applications on the platform as another user. To execute this attack, the attacker needs the victim to visit a specially crafted Web site, after which malicious applications can be planted on the App Center. Anti-CSRF measures like the ones employed by Facebook are supposed to prevent this kind of attack by generating a token with every valid session that must be sent with every request. Scripts on other Web sites have no access to this token and therefore can not generate valid requests. In Facebook’s case, the App Center pages did not actually

check the token for validity, which allowed anyone to send bogus requests and have them accepted. The Facebook Security team fixed the vulnerability within 1 day of being contacted by the researcher.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/A-5-000-vulnerability-in-Facebook-1673573.html>

45. *August 22, Softpedia* – (International) **RSA: Phishing attacks worldwide cause losses of \$687M in H1 2012.** RSA's FraudAction Research Labs revealed that in the first half of 2012, phishing attacks caused businesses worldwide to lose \$687 million. While this represents an increase compared to the same period of 2011, it is actually a slight decrease to what companies experienced in the second half of the same year. Other figures from the report show that compared to the second half of 2011, the number of phishing attacks increased by 19 percent. Experts from the Anti-Phishing Working Group noticed the attack duration median actually went down to 11.72 hours per attack from 15.3 hours. If the duration were to remain the same, the total losses would have been approximately \$897 million. The main targets of the attacks recorded in the first 6 months of 2012 were the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada, Brazil, and South Africa.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/RSA-Phishing-Attacks-Worldwide-Cause-Losses-of-687M-556M-in-H1-2012-287534.shtml>

46. *August 22, NBC News* – (International) **'Frankenstein' virus could assemble itself from app snippets.** Two researchers at the University of Texas at Dallas analyzing how malware disguises itself in order to propagate more widely developed an experimental virus that builds itself out of pieces a user's computer knows to be safe. Many pieces of malware and viruses can be identified by detection software because of known bits of malicious code. As such, malware authors and security experts have tried different ways to camouflage malicious code, such as encrypting it or adding garbage data to confuse the scanners. The two researchers take these techniques a step further: their virus builds itself out of bits of applications like a user's word processor, image editor, or Web browser. Currently, the malware is just a proof of concept, however, it is a tactic hackers may try to implement in the future. The researchers labeled their experimental malware "Frankenstein."

Source: <http://www.nbcnews.com/technology/technolog/frankenstein-virus-could-assemble-itself-app-snippets-959004>

47. *August 22, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Flash Player bug exploited by malicious Word documents.** Adobe patched the remote code execution vulnerability (CVE-2012-1535) in Flash Player that could cause the application to crash and potentially allow an attacker to take control of the compromised computer August 14 as part of its regularly scheduled update. At the time, the company said there were reports of the vulnerability being exploited in the wild in "limited attacks" using malicious Word documents. Symantec researchers have observed such attacks since August 10. The attacks used different email subject lines, body text, and attachment file names, a Symantec researcher said. The names and subject lines cover political and other newsworthy items, topics of interest, as well as topics that may be of interest to specific industries and companies.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/flash-player-bug-exploited-malicious-word-documents>

48. *August 22, PC Magazine* – (International) **McAfee fixes buggy antivirus update, resolves errors.** McAfee fixed the buggy update that disabled the security software for many home and enterprise users the weekend of August 18. Users who received the latest updates for McAfee’s consumer and enterprise versions of its antivirus software August 17 found themselves unable to access the Internet or encountering errors within the application, said messages posted on McAfee’s community forums.
Source: <http://securitywatch.pcmag.com/none/301809-mcafee-fixes-buggy-antivirus-update-resolves-errors>
49. *August 22, PC Magazine* – (International) **Poor passwords cracked in seconds.** A Sophos researcher who reported on the initial hack of Phillips Electronics recently, noted the plaintext password collection contained some extremely simple choices. He also conducted an experiment cracking those password hashes. He downloaded the free open-source tool John the Ripper to a basic laptop and input the list of hashed passwords into the cracking tool. It cracked a quarter of the passwords in 3 seconds or less, and fully half of them in 50 minutes. When the researcher ended the test at 2 hours, John the Ripper had cracked 53 percent of the hashed passwords.
Source: <http://securitywatch.pcmag.com/none/301807-poor-passwords-cracked-in-seconds>
50. *August 22, Ars Technica* – (International) **Password hints easily extracted from Windows 7, 8.** A password reminder feature built in to recent versions of Microsoft’s Windows operating system was recently discovered by a vulnerability researcher from SpiderLabs. The password clues for Windows 7 and 8 are stored in the OS registry in a scrambled format that can be easily converted into human-readable form. That information would be useful to hackers who intercept a cryptographic hash of a targeted computer, but are unable to crack it. The researcher who documented the new Windows behavior wrote a script that automates the attack and added it to Metasploit, an open-source toolkit popular among whitehat and blackhat hackers.
Source: <http://arstechnica.com/security/2012/08/windows-8-password-hints/>
51. *August 22, Threatpost* – (International) **Fake Flash Player, laden with malware, making rounds.** Scammers began to take advantage of Adobe’s decision to remove its Flash Player from Android’s Google Play marketplace the week of August 13. The removal prompted scammers to start promoting fake versions of the software to unsuspecting smartphone owners. While researching the scamware, security firm GFI Labs uncovered a separate fake version of the Flash Player that is not only fake, but an SMS trojan that comes bundled with adware.
Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/fake-flash-player-laden-malware-making-rounds-082212

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Communications Sector

52. *August 22, Athens News* – (Ohio) **Phone service being restored after cables severed.** City officials estimating that phone service to the north of Carpenter Street/Stimson Avenue in Athens, Ohio, that had been out for 1 week would be restored August 23. Two phone cables were cut August 16 when a contractor working for Columbia Gas drilled through them. The outage, according to a release from Athens deputy service-safety director, affected customers of Frontier north of Carpenter/Stimson, as well as all Frontier customers on East State Street as far east as The Market On State. The release said Frontier was “working around the clock” to restore service to the approximately 3,300 affected customers. “This process is time-consuming due to the nature of the communication lines that were destroyed, as each line in the cable must be individually tested,” the release said.

Source: <http://www.athensnews.com/ohio/article-37603-phone-service-being-restored-ater-cables-severed.html>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

53. *August 23, KVVU 5 Las Vegas* – (Nevada) **Floodwaters ravage Las Vegas church.** Flooding in Nevada’s Las Vegas Valley August 22 caused major problems for Hope Church in Las Vegas. Approximately 3 feet of water gathered around its two buildings and leaked into the ground floors. Floodwater was sufficient to puncture a hole in the foundation of one of the buildings, sending 3 feet of water crashing into the property. “Firefighters showed up and said you’ve got to evacuate the building. They pulled the power on both buildings and said we need everyone to leave campus,” the pastor said. Six inches of rainwater filled both buildings. With chairs, guitar amplifiers, music instruments, and much more inside, the church said damages will exceed \$500,000.

Source: <http://www.fox5vegas.com/story/19347487/floodwaters-ravage-las-vegas-church>

54. *August 23, KDVR 31 Denver* – (Colorado) **Strasburg standoff with suspected criminal lasts 10 hours.** A murder suspect was taken into custody early August 23 after holing up in a trailer in Strasburg, Colorado, for more than 10 hours. The standoff

between Arapahoe County Police and the suspect started late the afternoon of August 22 at a mobile home park outside Strasburg. Officials were attempting to serve the suspect with an Adams County arrest warrant for attempted murder. The mobile home park was evacuated because police believed the suspect may have had a bomb. A bomb squad was responded to deal with the threat, but it did not recover any explosives. Late August 22, SWAT team members finally made contact with the suspect, but he threatened to shoot them and then himself. The suspect gave up peacefully approximately 3 hours later.

Source: <http://kdvr.com/2012/08/23/strasburg-standoff-with-suspected-criminal-lasts-10-hours/>

55. *August 23, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Three alarm fire in Cambridge leaves 12 homeless.** Firefighters battled a three-alarm fire in Cambridge, Massachusetts, August 23 that left 12 people homeless and caused more than a \$1 million dollars in damage, Cambridge fire officials said. The blaze quickly grew to three alarms in a building housing condominiums. Police officers rescued three residents and two Cambridge firefighters were hurt during the fire and were treated at local hospital for non-life threatening injuries, officials said. The blaze took several hours to bring under control. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Source: <http://bostonglobe.com/metro/2012/08/23/three-alarm-fire-cambridge-leaves-homeless/oHZwytfE2dLVmP0zDLXqXK/story.html>

56. *August 23, Bay Area News Group* – (California) **Fire at Oakland appliance store treated as suspicious.** A fire August 23 at an appliance store in Oakland, California, caused heavy damage and is being treated as suspicious in nature, fire officials said. The fire started on the building's exterior and spread inside, stated the battalion chief. There was no obvious electrical or natural cause, he added. The store's owner said the business did not have any dispute recently that would lead them to believe the store was the target of arson. The battalion chief estimated damage at about \$200,000.

Source: http://www.contracostatimes.com/bay-area-news/ci_21381896/firefighters-extinguish-blaze-at-commercial-building-east-oakland

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

57. *August 22, Reuters* – (California) **California governor declares state of emergency as wildfires rage.** The California governor declared a state of emergency in 3 northern California counties August 22 after raging wildfires destroyed 50 buildings and threatened more than 200 others. Some 3,000 people have been evacuated as the Ponderosa fire burned through more than 24,000 acres of steep, rugged terrain in the rural California counties of Tehama and Shasta. The lightning-sparked blaze was 50 percent contained as of August 22, fire officials said, but 200 homes, 10 commercial properties, and 30 outbuildings were still at risk of being consumed by the fire. The governor also declared a state of emergency in nearby Plumas County, where

firefighters were battling a fire nearly double the size of the Ponderosa blaze. Efforts to prevent the fire from overrunning the rural towns of Manton and Shingletown had succeeded so far despite high winds and heat, fire officials said, and evacuation orders for Shingletown and the Lake McCumber area were lifted August 22. But an expanded evacuation warning was issued for areas along Highway 36, including the community of Mineral. “Firefighters are working aggressively to build approximately 11 miles of line and strengthen existing containment lines,” the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection said on its Web site.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/08/22/us-usa-wildfires-west-idUSBRE87LOXU20120822>

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Dams Sector

58. *August 22, Sarasota Herald Tribune* – (Florida) **Isaac could flood Piney Point reservoir, sending toxic water into Tampa Bay.** The reservoir at the former Piney Point fertilizer plant near Port Manatee, Florida, is in jeopardy of overflowing due to recent rains and the threat of Tropical Storm Isaac. The reservoir could potentially spill millions of gallons of polluted water into Bishop Harbor and Tampa Bay, the Sarasota Herald-Tribune reported August 22. To avoid a spill, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is allowing HRK Holdings LLC, which owns the plant, to pipe some of the toxic water into another reservoir at the site although it was not intended to hold such water. The main reservoir is not in danger of imminent collapse, officials said, but recent rain is adding to the problem and if a tropical storm or hurricane dumps more, the situation would become more tenuous. Further raising concerns, HRK has not provided the DEP with any assurance that the site is secure to avoid an unauthorized release of contaminated water during ideal conditions. The water is above the level considered safe for the reservoir to hold and the DEP has not received an inspection report from HRK showing that the reservoir walls are structurally sound. A DEP spokeswoman said that while the “maximum water design water level” was reached, there is 3.2 feet of freeboard remaining in the reservoir.

Source:

<http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20120822/ARTICLE/120829855?p=1&tc=pg>

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