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Energy Sector

1. *August 26, Associated Press* – (National) **Energy companies evacuate oil rigs, slash production, as Tropical Storm Isaac approaches Gulf.** Oil companies scrambled out of the path of Tropical Storm Isaac, withdrawing offshore workers and cutting oil and gas production in the Gulf of Mexico. By August 26, the U.S. government said daily oil production in the Gulf was down 24 percent and natural gas production was off 8 percent. Energy giant BP evacuated all of its installations and temporarily halted production. Earlier, it had pulled workers from its Thunder Horse platform. Royal Dutch Shell planned to withdraw all workers and suspend production in the eastern Gulf. It said it would pull out all but essential personnel and cut production in the central Gulf. Apache Corp., a Houston oil firm, planned to withdraw 750 workers and contractors from its installations in the eastern Gulf. It also cut production of oil and natural gas. Other energy companies also evacuated. Murphy Oil Corp., based in El Dorado, Arkansas, said it was pulling out all workers and suspending operations. Overall, oil companies pulled workers off 39 of 596 production platforms and 8 of 76 oil rigs, the U.S. Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement said.
Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/energy-companies-evacuate-oil-rigs-slash-production-as-tropical-storm-isaac-approaches-gulf/2012/08/26/cfff7e22-efc6-11e1-b74c-84ed55e0300b_story.html
2. *August 26, IDG News Service* – (International) **Saudi Aramco restores network after malware attack.** Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia's national energy company, said August 26 it had repaired 30,000 workstations infected with a malicious virus. The eighth largest refiner in the world said its main internal networks were affected August 15. The computers were "cleaned and restored to service," said a statement. Company employees resumed work August 25 following the Muslim Eid holidays. Enterprise systems used for hydrocarbon exploration and product are isolated network systems that were not affected. Production plants, which also have isolated systems, were not affected, Saudi Aramco said. The incident remains under investigation. A group calling itself the "Cutting Sword of Justice" claimed responsibility. The group accused the Saudi Arabian government of supporting "crimes and atrocities" in countries such as Syria and Egypt, said a post on Pastebin. Saudi Aramco said it expected further intrusions. "Saudi Aramco is not the only company that became a target for such attempts, and this was not the first nor will it be the last illegal attempt to intrude into our systems."
Source:
http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9230616/Saudi_Aramco_restores_network_after_malware_attack
3. *August 25, WMAR 2 Baltimore* – (Maryland) **Fiery fuel tanker crash kills 1.** A fuel tanker driver died after the truck he was driving overturned near Port Deposit, Maryland, August 24. The truck, which was fully loaded with gasoline, burst into flames after it failed to negotiate a turn at the bottom of a steep hill on Bainbridge Road and overturned sliding off the road. Many first responder crews assisted at the scene including the Maryland State Police, Maryland Department of the Environment, and the Water Witch Fire Department. The fire damaged Delmarva utility wires and Norfolk

Southern Railroad equipment, including a signal pole and railroad ties.

Source: http://www.abc2news.com/dpp/news/region/cecil_county/fuel-tanker-crash-kills-1

4. *August 25, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Man mixing chemicals killed in explosion.** Authorities said a man was killed by an explosion as he mixed chemicals at a biodiesel plant in Harvey, Louisiana, August 24. The State fire marshal told The New Orleans Times-Picayune the man and another employee were mixing sulfuric acid and methanol, which presumably led to the explosion at Gold Leaf Energy. The other employee suffered minor injuries. The fire marshal said two nearby vehicles caught fire and were totaled, and a nearby metal warehouse also was damaged. The refinery opened in 2011. The company makes biodiesel for commercial clients and for film production, according to its Web site.

Source: <http://www.wafb.com/story/19375704/man-mixing-chemicals-killed-in-explosion>

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Chemical Industry Sector

5. *August 26, Mobile Press-Register* – (Alabama) **DuPont: Isaac prep underway, no shutdown eyed.** Chemical maker DuPont said August 26 that it made preparations for tropical weather, but did not anticipate a shutdown at its Mobile County, Alabama plant in response to Tropical Storm Isaac. “Being about 60 miles inland, we expect that the Mobile plant will not be significantly impacted by winds and storm surge,” said a DuPont spokesman. “At this point, we’re making sure that everything is tied down. It would have to be an extremely strong storm, probably a Category 5, before it would have an impact that far inland to require us to shut down.” He said the plant has a communications system in place that allows employees to check in before they evacuate and provide contact information for where they will be. DuPont has about 225 workers at its agricultural chemical plant.

Source: http://blog.al.com/live/2012/08/dupont_isaac_prep_underway_no.html

6. *August 25, West Chester Daily Local News* – (Pennsylvania) **Fire forces evacuations in Avondale.** A chemical fire forced the evacuations of homes in Avondale, Pennsylvania, August 25. The incident occurred at the Edlon chemical plant. The Chester County Hazardous Materials Unit as well as fire companies from West Grove and Avondale responded and got the fire under control within about 30 minutes. An emergency responder at the scene said toxic chemicals combined to create the fire and emit potentially dangerous gases. The responder said there was no danger of runoff to the nearby White Clay Creek. Traffic was blocked on State Street and Pennsylvania Avenue for a short time. The roads were reopened about 1 hour after the fire was reported.

Source: <http://www.dailylocal.com/article/20120825/NEWS01/120829728/fire-forces-evacuations-in-avondale>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

7. *August 27, Associated Press* – (Connecticut) **Conn. nuclear power plant back at full service 13 days after unit closed with too-warm water.** The Millstone Power Station in Waterford, Connecticut, returned to full service August 25 nearly 2 weeks after one of its two units was forced to shut down because seawater used to cool it down was too warm. A plant spokesman said tUnit 2 returned to 100 percent power. It shut down August 12 after record heat in July contributed to overheated water from Long Island Sound. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission issued an emergency license amendment to Millstone shortly before it shut down, allowing it to use an average temperature of several readings. Even that was not enough to prevent Unit 2 from closing. As plant operator Dominion considers long-term changes in weather and the possibility that excessively warm water will be the rule rather than the exception, it is looking at doing an engineering analysis allowing the plant to operate at higher water temperatures. Some scientists believe the partial Millstone shutdown was the first involving a nuclear plant pulling water from an open body of water. A few plants that draw water from inland sources have powered down because of excessively warm water.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/conn-nuclear-power-plant-back-at-full-service-13-days-after-unit-closed-with-too-warm-water/2012/08/27/48123b1c-f03e-11e1-b74c-84ed55e0300b_story.html

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

8. *August 27, U.S. Department of Transportation* – (National) **NHTSA recall notice - Chevrolet Sonic windshield wiper washer hoses.** General Motors (GM) announced August 27 the recall of 44,668 model year 2012 Chevrolet Sonic vehicles manufactured from May 5, 2011 through February 24, 2012. The windshield wiper washer hose on these vehicles may separate from the washer fluid reservoir. If this occurs, washer fluid will not be available to the windshield. A lack of washer fluid could impede the driver's view, increasing the risk of a crash. GM will notify owners, and dealers will secure the windshield washer hose to prevent separation.

Source: http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rcl_ID=12V408000&summary=true&prod_id=1361768&PrintVersion=YES

9. *August 27, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Ohio) **U.S. Department of Labor's OSHA cites Precision Steel Services with 11 safety violations at Toledo, Ohio, facility.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration August 27 cited Precision Steel Services Inc. of Toledo, Ohio, with 11 safety violations, including a repeat violation for failing to remove from service a forklift that was in need of repair. Proposed penalties totaled \$66,330. Nine serious violations were also cited. They

included failing to: protect workers from falls on elevated workspaces; provide lockout/tagout procedures; properly inspect forklifts; ensure forklift brakes were set when parked; provide electrical safe work training; and utilize electrical personal protective equipment. One other-than-serious violation was also cited.

Source:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=22887

10. *August 27, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Georgia) **U.S. Department of Labor’s OSHA cites Koswire in Flowery Branch, Ga., for willful and serious violations following worker fatality.** The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) August 27 cited Koswire Inc. with 19 safety and health violations, including one willful, following the death of a worker who became caught in moving wire and was pulled into rotating rolls at the company’s facility in Flowery Branch, Georgia. The citations totaled \$145,530 in proposed penalties. The willful violation was for failing to provide machine guarding to protect operators and other workers from hazards created by ingoing pinch points and rotating parts on equipment throughout the plant. Thirteen serious safety and health violations included lack of hazardous energy controls and training, and hazards involving hazardous chemicals. Also, OSHA identified fall hazards and found that the company did not provide equipment guarding on pulleys or horizontal and vertical belts. Five other-than-serious violations were also cited.

Source:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=22890

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

11. *August 25, Associated Press* – (Florida) **Tropical storm stalls NASA launch until Thursday.** NASA’s effort to launch a pair of satellites from Cap Canaveral, Florida, to Earth’s radiation belts has been delayed because of Tropical Storm Isaac. The countdown was halted at the 4-minute mark in the early hours of August 25. A tracking beacon on the rocket held up the flight August 24. NASA initially said it would try August 26, however, with Isaac bearing toward Florida, launch managers decided to move the Atlas V rocket back into its hangar and wait until the storm passed. Officials are now aiming for a August 30 launch. The twin satellites are designed to study Earth’s harsh radiation belts. Scientists said the 2-year, \$686 million mission will improve space forecasting; the goal is to better guard against solar storms.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/Tropical-storm-stalls-NASA-launch-until-Thursday-3814527.php>

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Banking and Finance Sector

12. *August 26, WPRI 12 Providence* – (Rhode Island) **East Providence bank robber may be ‘bearded bandit’**. East Providence, Rhode Island police said the suspect in a bank robbery August 25 appeared to match the description of the “Bearded Bandit,” the nickname for a man who is believed to be responsible for a string of bank robberies across Rhode Island. Police said he is believed to be the suspect in a bank robbery that occurred in Barrington in late July, as well as four other similar bank robberies all occurring within the last 6 months. The FBI said in July that his methods were similar in each robbery as he says he has a weapon, but does not show one.
Source: <http://news.providencejournal.com/breaking-news/2012/08/east-providence-87.html>
13. *August 25, Tacoma News Tribune* – (Washington) **Lakewood police shoot, critically wound armed hostage-taker at credit union**. Two police officers shot and seriously wounded a man after he held a dozen people hostage inside a Lakewood, Washington credit union August 25, then tried to flee while holding his estranged wife at gunpoint. The shooting happened at the Washington State Employees Credit Union. About 45 minutes earlier, the man showed up at the business to meet his wife and pulled out a semi-automatic handgun, a police lieutenant said. The couple, who had been married for 15 years with a history of domestic violence, had recently separated. “Initial indications are that they met at the credit union to resolve financial matters and the suspect attacked the victim once inside,” he said. The man eventually forced his wife at gunpoint toward the credit union’s entrance. When he passed into a glass-enclosed foyer, police felt that the woman was in immediate danger and two officers fired one round each.
Source: <http://blog.thenewstribune.com/crime/2012/08/25/lakewood-police-shoot-armed-hostage-taker-at-credit-union/>
14. *August 24, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Va. man pleads guilty in \$15M bank fraud case**. A southeast Virginia developer and restaurateur faces up to 20 years in prison after he pleaded guilty August 24 to federal bank fraud charges in a scheme that led to the collapse of Bank of the Commonwealth. The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot reported the man admitted that he conspired with bank executives to defraud Bank of the Commonwealth of \$15 million in loans. Much of that money was lost and contributed to more than \$150 million in losses that caused the bank to fail in 2011.
Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2012/08/24/4754995/va-man-pleads-guilty-in-15m-bank.html>
15. *August 24, Torrance Daily Breeze* – (California) **‘Make It Quick’ bandit strikes Gardena bank**. A robber dubbed the “Make it Quick Bandit” because he is usually in a hurry as he robs banks inside supermarkets struck again August 24 in Gardena, California, FBI officials said. The man already was sought in connection with eight bank robberies across the South Bay and Harbor Area regions of Los Angeles since 2009. FBI officials released photographs in July in the hope someone can identify him. The latest crime occurred at a U.S. Bank branch inside a Vons grocery store. All of the robberies have occurred at U.S. Bank branches inside grocery stores, three of which

have been hit twice. During the holdups, the man wore sunglasses, wandered the store's aisles, and waited near the bank. He passed a note demanding cash to tellers, and indicated they should "make it quick," an FBI spokeswoman said.

Source: http://www.dailybreeze.com/news/ci_21395038/make-it-quick-bandit-strikes-gardena-bank

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Transportation Sector

16. *August 27, WBAL 11 Baltimore* – (Maryland) **Rain pounds Baltimore area, floods roads.** On East Monument Street in Baltimore, two homes had to be evacuated after a sinkhole expanded even wider as a result of several inches of rainfall August 26. Department of public works officials said they had to evacuate because the road near the sidewalk might become unstable. The sudden strong storms also caused flooded roads, downed trees, and knocked out power to more than 15,000 Baltimore Gas and Electric customers. About 1,000 customers were still without power early August 27. Source: <http://www.wbal.com/weather/Rain-pounds-Baltimore-area-floods-roads/-/9380898/16277370/-/4iuok6/-/index.html>
17. *August 27, Associated Press* – (New York) **JFK AirTrain passengers stranded in malfunction.** Authorities said about 140 passengers on a train that travels to and from New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport were stranded for hours following a computer malfunction, the Associated Press reported August 27. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey said the problems on the AirTrain started August 25. Service was restored about 5 hours later. The New York Times reported some passengers had to walk beside the tracks to the nearest station, nearly 1 mile away. A Port Authority spokesman said the problem was a loose wire on the main computer. He said the agency was not informed for nearly 2 hours that there was a malfunction and sent buses for stranded riders. AirTrain carries about 50,000 riders a day. Source: <http://libn.com/2012/08/27/jfk-airtrain-passengers-stranded-in-malfunction/>
18. *August 27, NBC News* – (California) **Dozens hurt as Metro train and bus collide near downtown Los Angeles.** A transit bus and Metro Blue line train crashed near downtown Los Angeles August 27 and injured dozens of people, Los Angeles Fire Department officials said. Officials said at least 40 people were on board the bus. Medical personnel were attended to as many as eight people who were traveling on the train, according to NBCLosAngeles.com. None of the injuries was life-threatening, according to fire-rescue officials. The Line 51 bus collided with the train, then the bus then crashed into at least two light poles, fire officials said. The intersection at Washington Boulevard and San Pedro Street was closed. Major delays were expected, and authorities added more buses to the area for commuters. Source: <http://usnews.nbcnews.com/news/2012/08/27/13506361-dozens-hurt-as-metro-train-and-bus-collide-near-downtown-los-angeles?lite>
19. *August 26, Associated Press* – (Florida; Louisiana) **Grounded: Airlines cancel 654 flights as Tropical Storm Isaac pelts Florida, heads across Gulf.** Airlines cancelled

hundreds of flights as Tropical Storm Isaac lashed southeastern Florida August 26, with service not expected to resume fully until late August 27. The airports in Miami and Fort Lauderdale were hit the hardest, cancelling 589 flights — the vast majority of the 742 U.S. flights grounded overall because of the storm as of August 26. American Airlines and its American Eagle affiliate cancelled 486 flights. The airline expected to be fully operational out of Miami by August 27, said an airline spokesman. Overall, airlines cancelled 184 flights for August 27 but expected to be operating normally later in the day. Isaac, already carrying winds of more than 60 miles an hour, crossed the Florida Keys August 26. The storm was expected to pick up strength from the warm, open waters of the Gulf of Mexico and strike as a dangerous Category 2 hurricane between New Orleans and the Florida Panhandle August 29. Louisiana's governor declared a state of emergency ahead of Isaac August 26 and urged voluntary evacuations for coastal parishes in the State.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/airlines-cancel-654-flights-as-tropical-storm-isaac-pelts-florida-heads-across-gulf/2012/08/26/c32fd794-efaf-11e1-b74c-84ed55e0300b_story.html

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report

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Agriculture and Food Sector

20. *August 27, Associated Press* – (California) **Calif. slaughterhouse gets USDA approval to reopen.** Federal regulators said a California slaughterhouse shut down because of cruelty and food safety allegations can reopen. Central Valley Meat said the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) approved the Hanford plant's plan of corrective actions and gave the OK to reopen August 27. A telephone voice recording told the firm's 450 employees to report for work. The week of August 20, the USDA suspended Central Valley Meat operations after an undercover video released by an animal welfare group showed cows that appeared to be sick or lame being beaten, kicked, shot, and shocked in an attempt to get them to walk to slaughter. The tape prompted McDonald's Corp., In-N-Out Burger and federal nutrition programs to stop buying meat from the plant. The plant mostly slaughters old dairy cows that have lost their value as milk producers. It will stop taking non-ambulatory cattle at the facility, the USDA said.

Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2012/08/27/2970090/calif-slaughterhouse-gets-usda.html>

21. *August 26, Food Safety News* – (National) **Expired bagged salad recalled by Fresh Express.** Fresh Express, Inc. announced August 26 that the company was recalling a

limited quantity of expired 10 ounce Hearts of Romaine salad as a precaution due to a positive test for *Listeria monocytogenes*. According to a company press release, Fresh Express customer service representatives would contact retailers to confirm the product was removed from inventories and store shelves. The recall was issued after a sample of a package tested positive for *Listeria monocytogenes* during U.S. Food and Drug Administration random sampling. The salad was distributed in limited quantities to the following States: Alabama, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/08/expired-bagged-salad-recalled-by-fresh-express/#.UDtiSaC6TIY>

22. *August 25, Food Safety News* – (Texas) **Salmonella cases traced to Abilene Country Club.** The general manager of the Abilene Country Club in Abilene, Texas, signed a letter to club members the week of August 20, stating that the Abilene-Taylor County Public Health District identified the club as the potential source of 35 Salmonella cases reported in the Abilene area in recent weeks. According to a report by KTXS 12 Sweetwater, at least 64 confirmed cases of Salmonella have been reported to the health department. The country club was taking steps to address food safety concerns laid out in a health inspection report. The club has tested staff on food safety procedures and will require food handlers to undergo food safety classes.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/08/salmonella-cases-traced-to-abilene-country-club/#.UDtiZqC6TIY>

23. *August 25, Food Safety News* – (International) **Salmonella illnesses prompt mango recall in Canada.** The Canadian Food Inspection Agency and North American Produce Sales recalled Mexican mangoes sold in western Canada due to likely contamination of Salmonella Braenderup, CTV News reported, according to Food Safety News August 25. Several illnesses have already been associated with the mangoes. The mangoes were sold at various retail stores between July 12 and August 14. The mangoes may have been distributed in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Northwest Territories, Nunavut, and Yukon.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/08/salmonella-illnesses-prompt-mango-recall-in-canada/#.UDtiXaC6TIY>

24. *August 25, Longview News-Journal* – (Texas) **Ammonia leak at Pilgrim's Pride facility sickens dozens.** Nearly 800 workers were evacuated from a Pilgrim's Pride poultry processing plant in Mount Pleasant, Texas, August 24 after a high-pressure line carrying anhydrous ammonia was ruptured. About a dozen people were treated at a hospital while another 80 workers were treated on the company parking lot by emergency crews. A spokeswoman for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, said no offsite impacts were reported or expected from the ammonia leak. In a prepared statement, a spokesperson for JBS, the parent company of Pilgrim's Pride, said 781 people were evacuated. The incident, which JBS said was caused when a contract worker ruptured the line carrying anhydrous ammonia was stopped about 20 minutes after it happened, JBS and the environmental commission said.

Source: http://www.news-journal.com/news/local/ammonia-leak-at-pilgrim-s-pride-facility-sickens-dozens/article_1f455eff-f039-55e5-b2b4-e695646f711b.html

25. *August 24, Food Safety News* – (Texas) **Pork rind plant temporarily shuts down after finding Salmonella.** A Dallas pork rind factory halted operations to do a deep clean after finding Salmonella in their plant. KXAS 5 Fort Worth reported August 24 that Rudolph Foods found four positives for Salmonella on the floor in their “pro-cook” area. While the company said they did not find any positive in their finished product or on food contact surfaces, they note they continuously check for bacteria, and if they find a positive test result, they initiate a thorough cleaning. They said they expected to resume full production the week of August 27.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/08/pork-rind-plant-temporarily-shuts-down-after-finding-salmonella/#.UDtib6C6TIY>

26. *August 24, Food Safety News* – (Ohio) **Source never found in deadly OH E. coli outbreak.** Public health officials were unable to determine the source of the E. coli O157:H7 outbreak at a July picnic in Germantown, Ohio, that killed 1 person and sickened 79, Food Safety News reported August 24. The outbreak investigation began July 9, when the first case of E. coli infection was confirmed, though the picnic took place July 3. That 6-day gap made it especially difficult for investigators to trace back to the root cause of the outbreak, said a spokesman for Dayton & Montgomery County Public Health. Investigators had to rely on interviews with 117 attendees and an environmental assessment of the sites where foods — including two roasted hogs — were eaten and prepared. More than 300 people attended the unlicensed event, with more than 100 contributing side dishes. Food was also provided by the event organizer, Neff’s Lawn Care, which hosted it as a customer appreciation picnic and fireworks show.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/08/source-never-found-in-deadly-oh-e-coli-outbreak/#.UDticiaC6TIY>

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Water Sector

27. *August 26, Chicago Sun-Times* – (Illinois) **Recycling plant owner accused of buying stolen manhole covers.** A Chicago police raid on a West Side recycling plant recovered hundreds of metal city sewer and tree grates August 23. Prosecutors said the recycling plant owner stockpiled more than \$100,000 in stolen city property. He appeared in court August 26, charged with knowingly purchasing stolen manhole covers marked “City of Chicago” and tree grates used on city parkways at his business, Industrial Metal Enterprise. Two men accused of stealing the metal were charged August 25. The Assistant Cook County State’s Attorney said the tree grates cost \$883 each and the sewer covers cost \$50 each.

Source: <http://www.suntimes.com/news/crime/14744267-418/recycling-plant-owner-accused-of-buying-stolen-manhole-covers.html>

28. *August 24, WYTV 33 Youngstown* – (Ohio) **Struthers cited for deadly plant explosion.** The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation issued 10 citations the week of August 20 relating to a methane explosion at Struthers' waste water treatment plant March 1 that claimed the lives of two workers. At the time, investigators determined gas had built up in a compressor room where the employees were performing maintenance work and ignited, leaving two men with extensive burns. Both men died weeks later. But one of the citations claims employees had equipment that was not even meant for the work being done. Investigators found a particular volt-ohm testing meter was being used in the compressor area that had specific instructions from the manufacturer stating it was not approved for use in areas where dust or vapors could ignite and explode.
Source: http://www.wytv.com/content/news/local/story/Struthers-Cited-for-Deadly-Plant-Explosion/VD_xvqfXM0G5YHR_oq--zg.csp
29. *August 24, Yakima Herald-Republic* – (Washington) **Chlorine leak causes highway closure.** A chlorine leak from a Sunnyside, Washington well prompted authorities to close a mile-long section of Yakima Valley Highway August 24, restricting traffic in and out of the police station to law enforcement only. At the city's No. 8 well house, chlorine gas escaped from a regulator joining two 150-pound tanks used to treat the city's water supply at the corner of Yakima Valley Highway and Homer Street, said the battalion chief of the Sunnyside Police Department. Meanwhile, authorities closed Yakima Valley Highway between Swan Road and North First Street, as well as the part of Homer Street that connects to the Sunnyside Law and Justice Center. Authorities advised people in a nearby trailer park and the law and justice center to stay indoors, said a sergeant of the Washington State Patrol. City crews planned to allow the tanks to vent before trying to fix them, officials said.
Source: <http://www.yakima-herald.com/stories/2012/08/24/chlorine-leak-causes-highway-closure>
30. *August 24, KTVK 3 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **Johnson Utilities: There never was any E. coli in our water.** Residents of San Tan Valley, Arizona, complained they were not notified about an E. coli scare August 18, the day Johnson Utilities notified the State about a possible problem, KTVK 3 Phoenix reported August 24. Even though Johnson Utilities notified the Florence Unified School District about a possible water problem August 21, many people said they got left out because they did not have kids. "A lot of our people out there, residents, do not have computers or do not have emails," a spokeswoman with the water company said. "The best way we finally determined to notify people was the school districts and Web site." The water company services 83,000 people and 30,000 homes. She said that is too many people to go door to door and notify them. "Our water system has never had a positive test like this before," she said. "We felt it was the result of contamination at the sampling site or lab, which has now proven true. There never was any E. coli, never ever." The water company is now looking to add Robo Call technology to better reach their customers in the future.
Source: <http://www.azfamily.com/news/Spokesperson-Johnson-Utilities-There-never-was-any-E-coli-in-our-water--167272445.html>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

31. *August 24, WEWS 5 Cleveland* – (Ohio) **Police: Man arrested walking around Massillon mental health facility with loaded gun, knives.** A man was behind bars after police said he stalked a mental health facility August 23 with a loaded gun and three large knives in Massillon, Ohio. According to the Ohio State Highway Patrol, the man had previously been advised to stay away from Heartland Behavioral Healthcare earlier that day when employees reported him walking around with a gun and knives. He returned later that evening and was arrested by troopers. Troopers inspected his vehicle and located a loaded 9mm handgun, three large knives, and a large quantity of ammunition. He was booked at the Stark County Jail on charges of felony illegal conveyance of weapons into a drug or detention facility, and criminal and aggravated trespassing.
Source: http://www.newsnet5.com/dpp/news/local_news/oh_stark/police-man-arrested-walking-around-massillon-mental-health-facility-with-loaded-gun-knives
32. *August 24, Associated Press* – (Kansas) **19 West Nile cases, 1 death reported in Kansas.** Kansas has its first reported death of 2012 from the West Nile virus amid an unusual spike in cases nationwide, State health officials said August 24. The State Department of Health and Environment reported that the State has had 19 probable or confirmed cases of the mosquito-borne virus so far this year. Typically, most cases are reported in August and September.
Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/19-West-Nile-cases-1-death-reported-in-Kansas-3813863.php>

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Government Facilities Sector

33. *August 27, Associated Press* – (Georgia) **Prosecutor: Ga. murder case uncovers terror plot.** Four U.S. Army soldiers based in southeast Georgia killed a former comrade and his girlfriend to protect an anarchist militia group they formed that stockpiled assault weapons and plotted a range of anti-government attacks, prosecutors told a judge August 27 in Ludowici, Georgia. Prosecutors said the militia group composed of active duty and former U.S. military members spent at least \$87,000 buying guns and bomb components and was serious enough to kill two people, a former soldier and his girlfriend, by shooting them in December 2011 to keep its plans secret. The group also bought land in Washington States for its activities and ultimately aimed to assassinate the U.S. President. One of the Fort Stewart soldiers charged in the case, an Army private, also gave testimony that backed up many of the assertions made by prosecutors. Prosecutors said the group called itself F.E.A.R., short for Forever Enduring Always Ready. A prosecutor said authorities did not know how many

members the militia had. The four soldiers are charged by State authorities with malice murder, felony murder, criminal gang activity, aggravated assault, and using a firearm while committing a felony. A hearing was scheduled for August 30. The prosecutor said the militia group had big plans. It plotted to take over Fort Stewart by seizing its ammunition control point and talked of bombing the Forsyth Park fountain in nearby Savannah, she said. In Washington State, she added, the group plotted to bomb a dam and poison the State's apple crop. Ultimately, prosecutors said, the militia's goal was to overthrow the government and assassinate the U.S. President.

Source:

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_SOLDIERS_CHARGED_PLOT?SITE=ILNOR&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT

34. *August 27, Military Times* – (National) **Aircraft exit bases in expectation of Isaac.** Military bases in the Gulf of Mexico region prepared for Tropical Storm Isaac, expected to make landfall August 29 near New Orleans as a hurricane, the National Hurricane Center said August 27. The F-35 fighters based at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, will remain because their hangars can withstand a Category 4 hurricane, a base spokesman said. Planes from 927th Air Refueling Wing have moved to Pease Air National Guard Base, New Hampshire, and McGhee-Tyson Air National Guard Base, Tennessee, the American Forces Press Service reported. Other moves include the following: F-22 fighters based at Tyndall Air Force Base in Florida were sent to Shepherd Air Force Base in Texas; planes with the 919th Special Operations Wing at Duke Field, Florida, were flown to Fort Campbell, Kentucky; aircraft with the 482nd Fighter Wing at Homestead Air Reserve Base, Florida, were moved to Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base, Texas; and aircraft with the 920th Rescue Wing will stay at Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, reported the American Forces Press Service. The 403rd Wing will fly its WC-130Js for weather reconnaissance from Ellington Field, Texas. At Hulburt Field, Florida, most of the 1st Special Operations Wing aircraft were moved to Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, according to the base Web site. Meanwhile, 45 Navy and Air Force training aircraft were moved from Pensacola Naval Air Station, the Associated Press reported. The Navy aircraft flew to a Joint Reserve Base near Fort Worth, Texas, while the Air Force planes went to Randolph Air Force Base.

Source: <http://www.militarytimes.com/news/2012/08/air-force-aircraft-exit-bases-hurricane-isaac-082712/>

35. *August 27, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **High school student shot in Baltimore County on 1st day of school; suspect in custody.** A male student opened fire on the first day of classes August 27 at a Baltimore County, Maryland high school, getting off two shots and wounding a classmate before being rushed by teachers, authorities said. The Baltimore County police chief said at a news conference that officers do not believe the victim, a fellow male student, was targeted by his classmate at Perry Hall High School. The suspect was taken into custody after the shooting, and police have the weapon. The chief said the student walked into the cafeteria and pulled out a gun. He said the suspect fired one shot before being grabbed by teachers, and then another shot went off as teachers grabbed him. Police said several other students suffered minor, non-shooting injuries during the incident. The chief said the shooter acted alone. The school was evacuated, and students were escorted to a nearby shopping center and

middle school.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/student-shot-on-1st-day-of-classes-at-high-school-near-baltimore-flown-to-hospital/2012/08/27/34b533b6-f05d-11e1-b74c-84ed55e0300b_story.html

36. *August 27, Data Center Knowledge* – (Washington) **Repairs force Seattle data center offline for 5 days.** The city of Seattle will turn off many public services for 5 days over the weekend of September 1 so they can repair the power system supporting its primary data center, Seattle’s mayor said August 23. The shutdown will allow the city to replace a faulty bus bar providing power to the city data center on the 26th floor of the Seattle Metro Tower. During the shutdown, which began August 24 and runs through August 28, city residents will be unable to conduct many services they would normally access online, including paying bills and applying for licenses. Critical operations, including 9-1-1 and other public safety systems, will remain online.

Source: <http://www.datacenterknowledge.com/archives/2012/08/27/repairs-force-seattle-data-center-offline-for-5-days/>

37. *August 26, Associated Press* – (International) **Lawyer: Shooting of US Embassy car accidental.** The attorney for two of the Mexican federal police officers detained in the August 24 shooting of a U.S. embassy vehicle that wounded two U.S. government employees said his clients have formally declared that the incident was not an ambush but an accident that occurred during the pursuit of suspected criminals. Officials from both nations have said federal officers were chasing criminals on a highway south of Mexico City when bullets were fired at the embassy sport utility vehicle carrying the two employees and a Mexican navy captain. The U.S. embassy characterized the incident as an “ambush.” But the attorney said August 26 that “there was no ambush.” A dozen Mexican federal police officers were detained.

Source:

http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5himKeGBucKhWazm_98pnsriiKUew?docId=7bd4adeefdaa43aea3109256eb14b577

38. *August 26, Associated Press* – (Florida) **Police: Man with machete at Republican convention protest arrested, faces charges.** At least one arrest has been made during protests near the Republican National Convention in Tampa, Florida. Authorities said that August 26 officers spotted a man they said had a machete strapped to his leg. The Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office said deputies ordered him to stop but he kept walking. When deputies caught up to him, police said he told them he did not have to stop and that he was allowed to carry whatever he wanted. Weapons are prohibited in areas police have designated as “event zones.” Police said he resisted arrest but was subdued and taken to the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office. He faces charges of carrying a prohibited item in the event zone and resisting arrest.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/police-man-with-machete-at-republican-convention-protest-arrested-faces-charges/2012/08/26/008d466a-efc6-11e1-b74c-84ed55e0300b_story.html

39. *August 24, Associated Press* – (Alaska) **Alaska couple set to change pleas in threat case against IRS agent, judge.** An Alaska husband and wife connected to a militia and

accused of trying to kill an IRS agent and federal judge over unpaid taxes have agreed to plead guilty. A notice filed August 23 shows the couple will enter their plea August 27 in district court. The couple faces eight counts, and it was not immediately clear to which counts they would enter pleas. Authorities say the couple owed about \$180,000 in taxes, interest, and penalties. They claimed the IRS has no authority to collect taxes. Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/alaska-couple-set-to-change-pleas-in-threat-case-against-irs-agent-judge/2012/08/24/6a166b34-ee40-11e1-b624-99dee49d8d67_story.html

40. *August 24, Allentown Morning Call* – (Pennsylvania) **Unknown ‘ammonia’ odor sickens students at Lincoln Technical Institute’s Allentown campus.** An ammonia-like odor in a classroom at Lincoln Technical Institute sickened at least three people August 24 and brought a hazardous materials team to the South Whitehall Township campus near Allentown, Pennsylvania. The Cetronia Ambulance Corps chief executive officer said several people, including students, complained of nausea and breathing and eye irritations. The Cetronia fire chief said the Lehigh County Hazardous Materials Team was requested for a full investigation after his crews responded. “We did sweeps with meters and were unable to find anything on our meters,” he said. It seems whatever caused the irritation dissipated quickly on its own, said the Cetronia Ambulance Corps executive. The building was ventilated with fans and turned back over to the administration about 2.5 hours after the initial call, the fire chief said. Source: http://articles.mcall.com/2012-08-24/news/mc-lincoln-technical-institute-odor-hazmat-incident-20120824_1_haz-mat-team-sickens-ammonia-type-odor

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Emergency Services Sector

41. *August 27, New London Day* – (Connecticut) **Norwich fire, police boats are damaged.** Officials said that the Norwich, Connecticut fire boat and police boat were damaged recently in separate training incidents when they struck objects while maneuvering in the navigational channel in the Thames River, the New London Day reported August 27. One firefighter was disciplined as a result of the incident, the fire chief said, describing the action as “minor.” City officials notified the U.S. Coast Guard and are considering hiring divers to inspect the navigational channel for possible debris, the police chief said. Both boats received propeller damage, and the two-year-old police boat also had hull damage. Repairs to the police boat were estimated at \$19,355, and repairs to the 25-year-old fire boat cost \$6,340, not including the cost of other unrelated repairs done while the boat was being serviced, said the city purchasing agent. The fire boat is back in service, the police boat is undergoing repairs. The fire chief said the fire boat’s two-member crew was within the navigational channel, marked by buoys, and hit an unidentified object. The boat’s propellers were damaged. Source: <http://www.theday.com/article/20120827/NWS01/308279941/1019&town=%20%3Chttp:%20www.theday.com=%22%22%20article=%22%22%2020120827=%22%22%20nws01=%22%22%20308279941=%22%22%201019&town=%22%22%3E%3C/ht tp:%3E>

42. *August 26, Associated Press* – (National) **Ind. prison drug ring shows contraband phone risks.** Officials said that a drug ring that two Indiana inmates allegedly ran behind bars using cellphones to orchestrate drug purchases and sales shows the risks posed by the widespread problem of the phones being smuggled into the nation's prisons, the Associated Press reported August 26. A Texas State senator said about 2,000 contraband cellphones are seized each year from Texas prisons, frustrating prison officials and law enforcement officers because it allows inmates to circumvent prison-monitored land lines. An Indiana Department of Correction spokesman said hundreds of cellphones are seized each year from inside Indiana's prisons and many more elude detection. He said many are thrown over fences or smuggled in by visitors, who sometimes conceal them in body cavities — a technique that is difficult to detect even with screening procedures. A spokesman for the Federal Bureau of Prisons said the federal agency is reviewing new technology that might be able to detect contraband cellphones at its 117 prisons around the country.
Source: http://www.tristate-media.com/pdclarion/news/article_8a56cca6-f000-11e1-9fa3-001a4bcf887a.html
43. *August 23, WNCT 9 Greenville* – (North Carolina; National) **Marines, civilian police officers conduct urban training exercise.** Training at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, for law officers and U.S. Marines across the country ended August 23. It was the final day of exercises for the trainees who went through special reaction team training at Camp Lejeune for 3 weeks. In the final exercise, teams were presented with a series of real life scenarios as well as hands on instruction to handle them correctly. The operations chief of I&I in Lexington, Kentucky, said training civilians as a blended force with Marine Corps personnel eases the transition into a real world scenario. The tactics trainees take away from the course could help save lives. The 3-week SRT training course is phase one for law enforcement and Marine Corps personnel. Phase two will focus on sniper and designated marksmanship training.
Source: <http://www2.wnct.com/news/2012/aug/23/8/marines-civilian-police-officers-conduct-urban-tra-ar-2542928/>

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Information Technology Sector

44. *August 27, Threatpost* – (International) **New Java Zero Day being used in targeted attacks.** August 27, a newly discovered zero day vulnerability in Java 7 is being used in some targeted attacks. The vulnerability works against Internet Explorer and Firefox, and researchers say attackers are exploiting in the wild and installing a version of the Poison Ivy RAT on compromised systems. The targeted attacks that are being launched are using an exploit from a site hosted in China, which is still up and running. Once the exploit fires, the attack will install a dropper on the compromised PC called Dropper.MsPMs, which will then call out to another IP address on the same domain as the one serving the exploit. Dropper.MsPMs further talks to its own CnC domain that is currently resolving to an IP address located in Singapore, according to an analyst at

FireEye. The vulnerability is present in Java 7 and does not affect earlier versions, researchers said. There is proof-of-concept exploit code circulating for the bug, and researchers at Metasploit also have developed a module that exploits the flaw.

Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/new-java-zero-day-being-used-targeted-attacks-082712

45. *August 27, IDG News Service* – (International) **Dropbox upgrades security with two-factor authentication.** The file-sharing utility Dropbox is now offering two-factor authentication. Dropbox said in July it planned on introducing two-factor authentication after user names and passwords were stolen from another Web site and used to access accounts. Users first must upgrade their client to version 1.5.12. Users can opt to receive the six-digit code sent by SMS to their mobile phone when a new device is used to access their account. A valid code can also be obtained by using an application that supports the Time-Based One-Time Password protocol, such as Google Authenticator, Amazon AWS MFA, or Authenticator, according to Dropbox. Apple users can opt to generate a code from the terminal application using the OATH tool, Dropbox said. While setting up two-factor authentication, users get a 16-digit backup code that can be used to unlock their account if they lose their phones and cannot obtain codes through SMS or an application. Dropbox is also working on a feature for users to “untrust” their current browser or all other browsers, which would mean that a code would be required upon the next attempted login.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9230619/Dropbox_upgrades_security_with_two_factor_authentication

46. *August 24, IDG News Service* – (International) **Cybercriminals take advantage of Android Flash Player gap on Google Play.** Cybercriminals are trying to capitalize on Adobe’s decision to stop distributing Android Flash Player to new users via Google Play by creating malware and adware apps that masquerade as Flash Player installers. Since August 15, Android users who did not already have Flash Player installed on their devices could no longer obtain it from Google Play. “Of course, it’s possible that some Android users have missed that deadline, so they venture on to other parts of the Internet in search of alternative download sites,” a communications and research analyst at GFI Software said. This is precisely what cybercriminals are counting on, as GFI’s security researchers have already identified multiple SMS trojan apps packaged as Flash Player for Android. Most of these apps are distributed from third-party Russian app stores and Web sites. However, the company’s researchers have also come across an English-language scam that tried to pass an adware app as Android Flash Player. “With a rooted device, future updates of this hacked app may grant or install new permissions users are not aware of,” he said.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9230591/Cybercriminals_take_advantage_of_Android_Flash_Player_gap_on_Google_Play

47. *August 24, The H* – (International) **McAfee comes unstuck over signature updates.** As a result of two bug-ridden signature updates to McAfee’s anti-virus software, some customers have found themselves unable to access the Internet. The

updates can either disable anti-virus monitoring or result in an unresponsive program console. According to McAfee, the defective signatures, DAT 6807 and 6808, were distributed the weekend of August 18. A large number of customers looking for help have turned to the support forum of the Intel subsidiary, including one administrator who has 3,000 machines with the problem. Private customers with this problem can work their way through instructions that provide alternative resolution paths depending on symptoms. It essentially advises users who are able to access the Internet to run McAfee Virtual Technician, and users who cannot access the Web to reinstall the product. Business customers will find links to hotfixes providing relief for the problem in McAfee's knowledge base. For users whose computers did not install the bad updates, it is now safe to click the "update" button as McAfee has begun distributing corrected DATs (versions 6809 and later).

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/McAfee-comes-unstuck-over-signature-updates-1674793.html>

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Communications Sector

48. *August 24, KTVU 2 Oakland* – (California) **Vandal allegedly knocks Vallejo radio station off the air.** The owners of a small community radio station in Vallejo, California, said an unknown person went out of their way to knock them off the air by targeting the tower that broadcasts their signal, KTVU 2 Oakland reported August 24. Everything was back up and running, though earlier in August, the radio station owner said a person broke in and stole solar charging units that knocked the non-profit Ozcat radio off the air. After changing the locks, he said someone tried to get into the shack a second time the week of August 20. He said he reported the vandalism to police and the Federal Communications Commission.

Source: <http://www.ktvu.com/news/news/vandal-allegedly-knocks-vallejo-radio-station-air/nRKMt/>

49. *August 24, Falls Church Patch* – (Virginia) **Construction mishap cuts Verizon phone, Internet service in Merrifield.** An overnight construction mishap left more than 1,000 Verizon landline customers in the Merrifield area of Fairfax County, Virginia, without service August 24. A spokesman for Verizon said contractors doing work near the intersection of Lee Highway and Gallows Road damaged three Verizon communications cables and the underground ducts they were in. He said there was no timeline for when landline and Internet customers would have service restored, and that

complete repairs could take days.

Source: <http://fallschurch.patch.com/articles/verizon-phone-internet-service-in-merrifield-affected-by-construction-mishap>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

50. *August 27, Tire Review* – (Oregon) **Schwab store fire closes road, cuts power.** A two-alarm fire at a St. Helens, Oregon tire store the weekend of August 25 closed part of a highway and cut power to 800 customers. The fire at the Les Schwab Tire Centers was not extinguished until August 25, reports stated. A section of Highway 30 was closed, forcing transit buses to detour, as well as disrupting a charity foot race. The power company cut the electricity to the area until the fire was brought under control.

Source:

http://www.tirereview.com/Article/104156/schwab_store_fire_closes_road_cuts_power.aspx

51. *August 27, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Fire marshal probing explosion at W. Pa. course.** A county fire marshal is investigating an explosion and fire that destroyed a storage garage at a Pittsburgh-area golf course. The West Deer Township fire chief said the explosion occurred August 26 and the fireball could be seen for about 10 miles. Propane and other fuel tanks were stored in the building, though the cause of the blast and subsequent fire was not immediately clear. The explosion destroyed the garage, where lawn mowers and other supplies were stored. The resulting fire destroyed a nearby trailer. The course has since reopened for business.

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2012/08/27/4760368/fire-marshal-probing-explosion.html>

52. *August 27, WMAR 2 Baltimore* – (Maryland) **4-alarm fire injures firefighter.** Firefighters in Baltimore were called to the scene of a four-alarm fire that injured four people, including a firefighter, WMAR 2 reported August 27. Three people were rescued from inside the blaze, with one person transported to a trauma center. One firefighter suffered a burn to the face and was treated at the scene. He was later transported to a burn center and has since been released. The fire reportedly began at the Chicken and Trout restaurant and spread to a vacant church and Chinese restaurant in the area. A Baltimore City fire spokesman said the fire brought nearly 100 firefighters to the scene.

Source: http://www.abc2news.com/dpp/news/region/baltimore_city/4-alarm-fire-injures-4-people

53. *August 27, Associated Press* – (California) **Earthquake swarm puts California town on edge.** A series of small to moderate earthquakes shattered windows and knocked trailer homes off their foundations in Brawley, California, August 26. Scientists say the continued jolts could last for days. The largest quake, registered at a magnitude 5.5,

was centered about 3 miles northwest of Brawley, said a geophysicist with the U.S. Geological Survey. Another quake about an hour and a half earlier registered at magnitude 5.3. More than 30 additional earthquakes with magnitudes of at least 3.5 shook the same area near the southern end of the Salton Sea. The quakes pushed 20 mobile homes at a trailer park off their foundations and rendered them inhabitable, said a spokeswoman for the Imperial County Emergency Operations Center. Sporadic power outages, at one point affecting 2,500 Imperial Irrigation District customers, also prompted authorities to evacuate 49 patients from one of the county's two hospitals. Police also received numerous calls about gas leaks and water line breaks.

Source: http://www.montereyherald.com/state/ci_21407982/series-earthquakes-rattle-southern-california

54. *August 27, Associated Press* – (Indiana) **Woman killed in smoky fire at 10-story Evansville tower.** Firefighters in Evansville, Indiana, used a ladder truck to help rescue people from balconies during a smoky fire in a 10-story apartment building August 26. Fire officials said one person died and about a dozen people were taken to a hospital for non-life threatening injuries. A fire department spokesman told the Evansville Courier & Press the fire was contained to one first-floor apartment but that others had smoke damage. The 180 residents of the apartment complex were told they would not be allowed back inside until at least August 27.
Source: <http://www.pal-item.com/article/20120827/UPDATES/120827003/Woman-killed-smoky-fire-10-story-Evansville-tower?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|FRONTPAGE>
55. *August 26, KCOY 12 Santa Maria* – (California) **Golf cart in Avila Beach catches fire and explodes.** A golf cart shed was destroyed in a fire at Avila Beach Golf Resort in Avila Beach, California, causing hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage, KCOY 12 Santa Maria reported August 26. An employee went to one of the cart sheds and found a golf cart engulfed in flames. To complicate the issue, the cart was near an air compressor. The explosion and flames spread to nearby vegetation along Blue Heron Road. The damage was estimated at \$400,000.
Source: <http://www.kcoy.com/story/19380853/golf-cart-in-avila-beach-catches-fire-and-explodes>
56. *August 26, WCTV 46 Thomasville* – (Florida) **Fire destroys local Foster & Adoption charity center.** A fire destroyed a foster and adoption charity center building in Tallahassee, Florida, August 26. The building was a total loss. A captain with the Tallahassee Fire Department said, "We're estimating damages around \$130,000. It was about a 1,200-square-foot structure and significant fire damage to both the inside and the roof." The Tallahassee Area Foster and Adoptive Parent Association Charity provides resources for people who are adopting or fostering children in the area. The building was used to provide training and store donated items such as clothing and furniture.
Source: <http://www.wctv.tv/news/headlines/Fire-Destroys-Local-ChildrenAdoption-Charity-Center-167487825.html?ref=825>
57. *August 26, KTVX 4 Salt Lake City* – (Utah) **Apartment fire destroys 6 units, 8 injured.** Several families were without a place to live in Salt Lake City after a four-

alarm fire gutted their apartment complex August 26. Upon arrival, fire officials and crews found the three-story, 24-unit building fully involved. Residents of the building had self-evacuated from their apartments. A spokesman for the the Salt Lake Fire Department said the fire started on the outside deck of a second-floor apartment on the east side. Officials said six apartment units, to include the unit where the fire originated, were completely destroyed, but firefighters were able to keep the fire from spreading to other apartments in the building. Several other units suffered heavy smoke and water damage. Reports indicated eight residents suffered minor injuries, but all of the injured were treated on scene.

Source: <http://www.abc4.com/content/news/slc/story/Apartment-fire-destroys-6-units-8-injured/niGNVN4om0aBuWhamxp2gw.csp>

58. *August 26, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **100 residents evacuated from flooded Tidewater-area apts.** Apartments housing more than 100 people were evacuated because of flooding in Newport News and Hampton, Virginia. Residents were forced from their apartments August 25 after a storm dumped almost 7 inches of rain. Water reached 4 feet high in one Hampton apartment building's parking lot. A Newport News police spokeswoman said authorities found one woman dead in an apartment. Source: <http://www.wric.com/story/19379276/100-residents-evacuated-from-flooded-newport-news-apartments>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

59. *August 27, Associated Press* – (Alaska) **Site of deadly bear mauling remains closed.** About 200 square miles of Alaska backcountry terrain where a California hiker was mauled to death by a grizzly bear remained closed August 26 as investigators continued to piece together what happened. Rangers at Denali National Park were planning to recreate the steps taken by the San Diego man before he was attacked August 24 near the Toklat River, park officials said. Before the attack, the man photographed the male bear for at least 8 minutes from a distance of 50 to 100 yards. A State trooper fatally shot the bear August 25. A park spokeswoman said park pilots would fly over the area to look for other backpackers believed to still be in the general vicinity or heading in that direction. A park spokeswoman said rangers might also go on foot to alert — not evacuate — the party believed to still be there. The hiker's remains were recovered August 25 and were sent to the State medical examiner's office in Anchorage. Denali is 240 miles north of Anchorage, and spans more than 6 million acres. Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/Site-of-deadly-bear-mauling-remains-closed-3816598.php>

60. *August 26, Yakima Herald-Republic* – (Washington) **Area fire crews make headway.** Containment of the Taylor Bridge Fire in Washington State remained at 91 percent, while firefighters continued to make steady progress against the Diamond

Butte Fire burning in a closed area of the Yakama reservation. As of August 26, the Diamond Butte Fire was 60 percent contained, up from the halfway point August 25, officials said. Meanwhile, the Taylor Bridge Fire near Cle Elum, now into its third week, was fully under control for several days, but officials did not have plans to declare it 100 percent contained anytime soon. Crews from outside the Cle Elum area will likely be demobilized by the middle of the week of August 27, an official said. About 140 firefighters remained on scene late August 26.

Source: <http://www.yakima-herald.com/stories/2012/08/26/area-fire-crews-make-headway>

61. *August 26, Associated Press* – (Idaho; Montana) **Burnout operation working in central Idaho.** A 187-square-mile wildfire threatening an evacuated Featherville, Idaho community made no significant runs August 25, but three firefighters were injured when a large log rolled down a steep embankment into a crew battling the fire, fire officials said. Two of the firefighters were transported for medical treatment, one suffered a minor head injury and the other had injuries to the back, neck, and shoulders. They were some of the 1,200 firefighters assigned to the Trinity Ridge Fire, which started August 3 when a utility terrain vehicle caught fire. August 25, a burnout maneuver helped reduce fuels between the fire and Featherville, which was forced to evacuate the weekend of August 18, a fire spokesman said. Burnout in other areas has yet to merge with the main fire, and about 350 homes remain threatened, he said. Twelve structures have been lost, including two U.S. Forest Service rental cabins. The Trinity Ridge Fire is 5 percent contained and has cost about \$18.9 million to fight. Meanwhile, the Halstead Fire grew to 157 square miles by August 25. Officials said the fire burned past a line that firefighters had been trying to hold near a Forest Service Road, but aggressive firefighting combined with aircraft helped keep the fire from spreading in that area. On the Idaho-Montana border, an evacuation order remained in effect for residents who live near Spring Creek and Indian Creek where part of the 205-square-mile Mustang Complex of fires was burning. Officials said no structures have been lost in that fire.

Source: http://dnews.com/news_ap/idaho/article_e44cac58-f232-56fb-a5b5-d697e556d492.html

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Dams Sector

62. *August 25, Associated Press* – (South Carolina) **SC wants owners to check dams before Isaac rains.** South Carolina environmental officials asked dam owners and operators across the State to check the structures and begin lowering water levels if necessary, the Associated Press reported August 25. The Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) said heavy rains are possible from Tropical Storm Isaac after it moves inland the week of August 27. Heavy rains could stress out dams already dealing with recent rains. The National Weather Service said up to 5 inches of rain could fall across South Carolina, with up to 8 inches possible in the Upstate region. DHEC also asked dam owners and operators to clean trash and debris from spillways.

People were urged to keep a close eye on dams in case they showed signs of failing.
Source: <http://www.blueridgenow.com/article/20120825/APN/1208250693>

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