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- Law enforcement officials ordered the evacuation of homes and businesses within a half-mile of a storm-damaged chemical plant in Braithwaite, Louisiana, to guard against possible contamination or fire. – *New Orleans Times-Picayune* (See item [7](#))
- A freight train struck the rear of another freight train in Chicago, derailing eight rail cars, and knocking out power to more than 2,500 people. – *Associated Press* (See item [17](#))
- Hacker group AntiSec published what it claims is about 1 million unique device identifier numbers for Apple devices that it said it accessed earlier in 2012 from a computer belonging to an FBI agent. – *Computerworld* (See item [40](#))
- Three people were injured when a large four-wheel-drive truck veered out of control into the spectator area during a race in Harrisburg, Oregon. – *Associated Press* (See item [53](#))
- A spokeswoman for St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, said officials were working to relieve pressure on Lock 2 on the Pearl River Diversion Canal that was in danger of failing and flooding homes. – *Associated Press* (See item [61](#))

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## Energy Sector

1. *September 4, Reuters* – (Louisiana) **Phillips66 Alliance refinery reports leakage at oil storage facility.** Phillips 66 reported that a leaking oil storage facility released an unknown amount of oil into the facility and surrounding area at its 247,000 barrel-per-day Alliance refinery in Belle Chasse, Louisiana, according to a filing with national pollution regulators. The incident was discovered September 2, the filing said. The refinery, which was shut and without power as of August 30, had also seen flooding after Hurricane Isaac.  
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/09/04/us-refinery-operations-phillips66-allian-idUSBRE88302420120904>
2. *September 4, CNN* – (Louisiana; Mississippi) **Louisiana and Mississippi face dangerous heat conditions.** As more residents in southern Louisiana return home after Hurricane Isaac, many must now contend with a new obstacle: rebuilding their lives amid blistering temperatures and no air conditioning. More than 100,000 utility customers on the Gulf Coast remained without power almost a week after Isaac's landfall, while about 2,800 people were still in shelters in Louisiana and Mississippi because of flooding. The Pearl River, along the Mississippi State line, was projected to crest at more than 5 feet above flood stage September 4 as authorities monitored a weakened lock on an adjoining canal. Parish officials warned people to stay away from the area, but authorities lifted a mandatory evacuation order over the weekend of September 1 after they released water from the lock to relieve pressure.  
Source: <http://www.wtsp.com/weather/article/271767/3/Louisiana-and-Mississippi-face-dangerous-heat-conditions>
3. *September 4, Baton Rouge Advocate* – (Louisiana) **Crosstex to relocate pipeline near Bayou Corne sinkhole.** Crosstex Energy LP will reroute its 36-inch natural gas pipeline located near the Bayou Corne sinkhole in Louisiana, the Baton Rouge Advocate reported September 4. The project that will cost \$20 million to \$25 million and take around a year to complete, said the Dallas-based company. Discovery of the sinkhole August 3 forced the firm to close a section of the pipeline and secure alternative natural gas supplies for its customers, Crosstex said. Closing that section of pipeline is costing Crosstex around \$250,000 to \$300,000 a month. The Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has said a plugged-and-abandoned salt cavern inside the Napoleonville Salt Dome had failed and could be the cause of the sinkhole. Houston-based Texas Brine Co. LLC owns the cavern. The DNR has ordered the company to drill a well into the cavern to find out, if possible, whether it caused the sinkhole to form.  
Source: <http://theadvocate.com/news/3785388-123/crosstex-to-relocate-pipeline-near>
4. *September 3, Associated Press* – (National) **Oil and gas production ramping up after Isaac.** The nation's oil and gas hub along the Gulf Coast is slowly coming back to life in the aftermath of Hurricane Isaac, the Associated Press reported September 3. Offshore oil platforms are beginning to ramp up production as crews are returning. Refineries are beginning to restart units as power is restored and floodwaters are

cleared out. The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement said September 3 that 800,000 barrels per day of oil production remained offline, 58 percent of Gulf of Mexico production. About 100,000 barrels per day of production was restored between September 2-3. At the height of the storm, 1.3 million barrels per day of oil production was suspended. About 12 percent of the region's platforms were still without staff. Onshore pipelines, ports, and terminals have re-opened, though some are still operating with restrictions, the Energy Department said. Several natural gas pipelines remained shut, along with natural gas processing plants that depend on gas from the pipelines. The Energy Department reported that most operators anticipate gas flows resuming over the next few days.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/2012-09-03/oil-and-gas-production-ramping-up-after-isaac>

5. *September 2, Central Florida News 13 Orlando* – (Florida) **Hit-and-run driver causes fuel spill at gas station.** Police said a driver hit a gas pump September 1 at the Mobile station off Interstate 4 in Altamonte Springs, Florida, spilling 120 gallons of gas. They said the driver then took off, leaving behind the mess and fumes that had firefighters concerned about safety. The gas station and Seminole County's Wekiva Trail reopened September 2. Initially, it was believed 30 to 50 gallons of fuel spilled, although computer records showed more. The majority of the spill went into a containment system underground. Workers with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection worked through the night and morning to test soil and air quality levels.

Source:

[http://www.cfnews13.com/content/news/cfnews13/news/article.html/content/news/articles/cfn/2012/9/2/hit\\_and\\_run\\_driver\\_c.html](http://www.cfnews13.com/content/news/cfnews13/news/article.html/content/news/articles/cfn/2012/9/2/hit_and_run_driver_c.html)

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

6. *September 4, Houston Chronicle* – (Texas) **Firefighters still monitoring site of warehouse fire.** Firefighters were monitoring a chemical warehouse on the Houston Ship Channel for hot spots late September 3 after a 2-day fire. Two firefighters were treated for heat exhaustion after battling the blaze at the Texas Distribution Services Inc. warehouse. The fire began September 1, but was quickly brought under control. Cloverleaf Volunteer Fire Department firefighters, working with the warehouse employees, used heavy equipment to bring out the smoldering debris and douse it with water. Portions of the warehouse collapsed, but part of the structure was intact. The materials burned in the fire were dry goods and not toxic. A member of the Harris County Fire Marshal's office said he expected to complete a final walk-through of the site September 4. Texas Distribution Services is an export packaging company that specializes in worldwide shipping.

Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/houston-texas/article/Firefighters-still-monitoring-site-of-warehouse-3836880.php>

7. *September 3, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **Days after Isaac, homes near Stolthaven chemical plant in Braithwaite evacuated.** Law enforcement officials ordered the evacuation of homes within a half-mile of a storm-damaged chemical plant in Braithwaite, Louisiana, to guard against possible contamination or fire, the New Orleans Times-Picayune reported September 3. A Louisiana State Police (LSP) spokeswoman said teams with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the State Department of Environmental Quality were evaluating the Stolthaven New Orleans plant, which was without power since Hurricane Isaac flooded it. The reason for the evacuation days after the storm was not immediately clear, but the spokeswoman said the company alerted the LSP's hazardous materials division about potentially harmful and flammable chemicals inside. Plaquemines' east bank was already under a mandatory evacuation order from Isaac, but authorities worked September 3 to clear out the residents near the plant who had stayed anyway. A parish spokeswoman said police closed English Turn Road within the evacuation perimeter. The evacuation only affects homes and businesses along the levee, the LSP spokeswoman said.

Source:

[http://www.nola.com/hurricane/index.ssf/2012/09/days\\_after\\_isaac\\_stolthaven\\_ch.html](http://www.nola.com/hurricane/index.ssf/2012/09/days_after_isaac_stolthaven_ch.html)

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

8. *September 1, Kenewick Tri-City Herald* – (Washington) **2 Hanford workers being checked for radioactive cesium.** Two Hanford Site workers were being checked for radioactive cesium 137 in their bodies after a seal on a pipe from a waste storage tank failed at the Hanford, Washington facility, the Kennewick Tri-City Herald reported September 1. If they did have an internal uptake of cesium 137, it was at a very, very low level, according to a spokesman for Washington River Protection Solutions, the Hanford tank farm contractor. Workers were in the condenser room when one felt air coming through a pipe and told the shift manager. The cause was determined to be a failed seal on a pipe from a double-shell tank of radioactive waste, which provided a pathway for vapors from the head space in the tank into the room. Work was stopped and specialists were brought in to check for contamination. Both found nothing, according to the spokesman. Tests on 27 workers who had been in the room came up negative, but the test detected cesium 137 in 2 workers slightly above the minimum detection level. However, the tests have about a 5 percent rate of false positives. The two workers were undergoing urine analyses to provide a definitive answer to whether they inhaled or ingested cesium 137. Results will be ready in about 2 weeks.

Source: <http://www.tri-cityherald.com/2012/09/01/2082635/2-hanford-workers-being-checked.html>

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## Critical Manufacturing Sector

9. *September 3, Reading Eagle* – (Pennsylvania) **Hacker hands Barto manufacturer \$190,000 loss.** A hacker broke into a Berks County, Pennsylvania manufacturer’s computer system and stole nearly \$200,000, according to State police. The Reading Eagle reported September 3 that the banking system at CWI Railroad System Specialists, a company that manufactures train engine parts, was hacked in August, troopers said. The hacker entered the system and issued payments to banks in Virginia. Investigators were able to track the origin of the attack using the attacker’s Internet protocol address. A total of \$190,000 was sent to four banks August 24 and 27, investigators said. “Malware must have been placed somewhere to make the withdrawal,” CWI’s vice president said. “There is only one computer in our company that has access to our Quaker National Bank account. I don’t know how they could have gotten to it.” According to investigators, people were waiting at the banks to either deposit the money into an account or cash the checks.  
Source: <http://readingeagle.com/article.aspx?id=412706>

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## Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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## Banking and Finance Sector

10. *September 4, Help Net Security* – (International) **Fake AmEx ‘security verification’ phishing emails doing rounds.** Malicious spam emails impersonating American Express (AmEx) have been hitting inboxes in the last few days, trying to make recipients open an attached HTML file to gather personal information, Help Net Security reported September 4. The email purports to be a notification about a “Membership Security Verification,” and warns the users that a “slight error” has been detected in their AmEx accounts. To make it right — and not lose access to their accounts in the next 48 hours — the victims are urged to download the attached HTML file and open it in a browser. The phishers are looking for every bit of personal and financial data they can get, including the users’ name, address, home and work telephone numbers, Social Security number, mother’s maiden name and date of birth, users’ date of birth, AmEx credit card number, expiration date, card security code, ATM PIN, email address, and the password for it. All of the information submitted on the fake form will be sent to online criminals and subsequently used to steal the identities of victims as well as use their credit card details to conduct fraudulent transactions, according to Hoax-Slayer.  
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=13520>

11. *September 3, WJAC 6 Johnstown* – (Pennsylvania) **Man accused of trying to kidnap bank manager surrenders to authorities inside bar.** A fugitive wanted for the attempted kidnapping of a bank manager in Emporium, Pennsylvania, during August was spotted inside a bar and turned himself in to police September 3. Court documents said that August 8 the man tried abducting the bank manager who worked at the branch that foreclosed on his house. The woman escaped unharmed and the man had been on the run since the incident. He was arraigned on kidnapping, aggravated assault, terrorist threats, unlawful restraint, false imprisonment, reckless endangerment, and disorderly conduct charges and was booked into the Potter County Jail. Borough police, State police, and the FBI were still looking into the incident.  
Source: <http://www.wjactv.com/news/news/man-accused-trying-kidnap-bank-manager-surrenders-/nR2x4/>
12. *September 1, Arizona Daily Star* – (Arizona) **Tucson bank robbery suspect turns himself in to authorities.** A man who was connected to a string of bank robberies in the Tucson, Arizona area during August was arrested September 1 after turning himself in, police said. The man was booked into Pima County jail on three counts of robbery after he was accused of holding up a Pima Federal Credit Union August 21. According to police, the suspect threatened a bank teller with a note before fleeing with an undisclosed amount of money. He is also facing charges for two other robberies on the city's northwest side. Authorities also connected him with at least one robbery in the Phoenix area.  
Source: [http://azstarnet.com/news/local/crime/fbi-looking-for-smokey-the-bandit-bank-robber/article\\_c739aa94-f488-11e1-b011-0019bb2963f4.html](http://azstarnet.com/news/local/crime/fbi-looking-for-smokey-the-bandit-bank-robber/article_c739aa94-f488-11e1-b011-0019bb2963f4.html)
13. *September 1, McAllen Monitor* – (Texas) **Man convicted of credit card scheme.** One of the men behind a high-tech credit card scheme operating out of McAllen, Texas, pleaded guilty to federal fraud charges and is awaiting sentencing, the McAllen Monitor reported September 1. The man admitted to possessing various debit and bank account numbers. The U.S. Secret Service brought federal fraud charges against him and other defendants in July after police discovered hundreds of fraudulent credit cards, gift cards, computers, cocaine, steroids, thousands of dollars in cash, and other brand new electronics at two apartments in McAllen, a criminal complaint stated. During the investigation, authorities found that he had more than \$130,000 in a U.S. bank.  
Source: <http://www.themonitor.com/news/scheme-63489-card-convicted.html>
14. *August 31, KCBS 2 Los Angeles* – (California) **'Haggler Bandit' allegedly linked to series of bank robberies in 10 days.** The so-called "Haggler Bandit" allegedly struck again in Los Angeles August 31, robbing a bank and attempting to steal from another, according to the FBI. The suspect reportedly robbed a Citibank branch and tried to steal from a Chase bank. Authorities said he threatened tellers with a gun in the attempted robbery. August 30, the bandit robbed a Chase bank in Monrovia and attempted to rob a Wells Fargo branch in Pasadena. The incidents started August 22 at a Citibank in Pasadena. The "Haggler Bandit" was given the nickname by bank tellers who said he "haggled" over the amount of money he expected to get based on his demand for cash.  
Source: <http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2012/08/31/haggler-bandit-allegedly-linked-to-series-of-bank-robberies-in-10-days/>

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## **Transportation Sector**

15. *September 4, Trucking Info* – (Tennessee) **DOT orders shutdown of reincarnated Tennessee carrier.** The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) ordered Tennessee-based trucking company Terri’s Farm to immediately cease all interstate transportation services, based on evidence it was a chameleon operation for an unsafe company previously shut down by the agency, Trucking Info reported September 4. Following a thorough review, FMCSA shut down Terri’s Farm after finding it was operating the same vehicles and maintaining the same operational and safety management structure as former horse transporter Three Angels Farms. June 29 FMCSA ordered Three Angels Farms, its officers, and vehicles out of service after safety investigators found multiple safety infractions, including allowing drivers to operate commercial motor vehicles without commercial driver’s licenses, and not conducting controlled substances testing of drivers. In the past 8 months, the former Three Angels Farms had two accidents involving poorly maintained vehicles and fatigued or disqualified drivers that resulted in the deaths of four horses. “Terri’s Farm’s operational structure and safety management controls are a continuation of the inadequate safety management controls of Three Angels Farms,” read the order. The notice said that failure to comply could result in civil penalties of up to \$16,000 per day for each day the companies continue operating in violation of the order.  
Source: [http://www.truckinginfo.com/news/news-detail.asp?news\\_id=77897](http://www.truckinginfo.com/news/news-detail.asp?news_id=77897)
16. *September 4, Washington Post* – (National) **Bird-airplane collisions are up five-fold since 1990.** There are more planes and more large birds flying, and collisions between them are happening five times more often than they did in 1990, sometimes with deadly results, a new federal report said. Almost 75 commercial planes have hit birds in 2012 while taking off or landing at Washington D.C.’s three major airports alone, and in more than a dozen instances in the past 5 years, aircraft have suffered major damage, the Washington Post reported September 4. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has spent \$458 million in the past 5 years to control birds and other wildlife around airports, but an inspector general’s report said it must do a better job. The FAA said it plans to tighten its oversight. The U.S. Department of Agriculture, working on behalf of the FAA, has taken measures to reduce airport wildlife. Keeping the critters at bay is no easy task. Failure to do so carries a cost: an estimated \$625 million a year and at least 25 deaths and 235 injuries since 1988.  
Source: <http://www.adn.com/2012/09/03/2610044/bird-airplane-collisions-up-five.html>
17. *September 2, Associated Press* – (Illinois) **Freight train derailment in Chicago.** A freight train struck the rear of another freight train in Chicago September 2, derailing eight full-sized rail cars and damaging a third freight train on an adjacent track, authorities said. Local reports said power was briefly knocked out to more than 2,500 people in the surrounding area. There were no immediate reports of any injuries following the derailment, a CSX rail spokesman said. At least one of the trains was

carrying liquid waste, a Chicago fire official and media affairs director told the Chicago Sun-Times. One train formation bound from Nashville, Tennessee, to Chicago had two locomotives and 13 freight cars; another from Albany, New York, to Chicago had four locomotives and 93 freight cars and a third on a route from Flint, Michigan, to Chicago had two locomotives and 130 freight cars. The report said emergency crews initially called for a hazardous materials response as a precaution, but no hazardous materials were detected and no leaks discovered.

Source: <http://www.13wham.com/news/local/story/freight-train-derailment-chicago/m3FfsGBDeE6ZQaaNTQnHmQ.csp>

18. *September 2, Fierce Homeland Security* – (National; International) **Coast Guard requires heightened security for ships that call on Yemeni ports.** Starting September 18, ships that visit all but a handful of Yemeni seaports within five port calls of entering the United States must carry out heightened security measures under new Coast Guard regulations printed September 4 in the Federal Register, *Fierce Homeland Security* reported September 2. The rules came about following a Coast Guard finding that Yemeni ports do not maintain effective anti-terrorist measures along with an assessment that Yemen presents a significant risk of introducing instruments of terror into maritime commerce. As a result, ships having docked in any Yemeni port excepting the Ash Shihr oil terminal, the Balhaf liquid natural gas terminal, and the port of Hodeidah, also known as al Hudaydah, during their past five ports of call must notify the Coast Guard prior to arrival into U.S. waters and report on heightened security measures undertaken while docked in Yemen.

Source: <http://www.fiercehomelandsecurity.com/story/coast-guard-requires-heightened-security-ships-call-yemeni-ports/2012-09-02>

19. *August 31, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Mississippi River reopens to limited traffic.** The Mississippi River reopened to shipping from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to its mouth after being closed August 27 as Hurricane Isaac approached, the Associated Press reported August 31. The U.S. Coast Guard was limiting some traffic as a backlog of vessels, including a cruise ship, waited to enter the river about 90 miles southeast of New Orleans. Authorities said barges had been stranded on the river bank in places because of Isaac's storm surge, which plowed up the river and effectively caused the Mississippi to flow backward until winds shifted to the north and pushed water back into the Gulf of Mexico. Isaac's rains upriver could bring some relief for the low water problems, though forecasters expect more normal river levels will not return until October.

Source: [http://beatricedailysun.com/news/national/mississippi-river-reopens-to-limited-traffic/article\\_b404cf75-acdb-5476-8902-62d945ccc3c8.html?comment\\_form=true](http://beatricedailysun.com/news/national/mississippi-river-reopens-to-limited-traffic/article_b404cf75-acdb-5476-8902-62d945ccc3c8.html?comment_form=true)

20. *August 31, WPXI 11 Pittsburgh* – (Pennsylvania) **Police: 2 arrested in Butler County railroad wire theft.** Two people were accused of stealing copper wire from railroad tracks near McCandless Road in Slippery Rock Township, Pennsylvania, WPXI 11 Pittsburgh reported August 31. One individual was accused of removing 900 feet of copper wire from the Canadian National Railroad and selling it, according to police reports. Officers said the other individual assisted in the sale of the stolen copper and was being charged with receiving stolen property and conspiracy. Canadian National

has fixed the railroad, replacing the wire, according to officials.

Source: <http://www.wpxi.com/news/news/2-arrested-butler-county-railroad-wire-theft/nRQjS/>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

21. *August 31, Boston Herald* – (Massachusetts) **30 smoke bombs found in Norwell post office.** The U.S. Postal Service was probing how 30 smoke bombs made it into the mail before several went off inside a Norwell post office August 31, forcing authorities to call in the Massachusetts State police bomb squad, officials said. Bombs of various sizes that were shipped by an out-of-State company starting spewing smoke at the Dover Street post office, said a spokeswoman for the State fire marshal's office. The State police bomb squad determined the smoking package posed no danger. The U.S. Postal Service will lead the probe into where they were being shipped. It is illegal to ship smoke bombs through the federal mail, and it is illegal to even have them in Massachusetts, the spokeswoman said.

Source:

<http://www.bostonherald.com/news/regional/view.bg?articleid=1061157089&srvc=rss>

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

22. *September 4, Associated Press* – (Mississippi) **State environmental agencies close Pascagoula's Bayou Casotte after fish kill.** Mississippi State environmental agencies warned fishermen September 3 not to eat fish caught in or near industrial Bayou Casotte in east Pascagoula until they have time to find out what is killing them. Thousands of fish of different varieties were reported dead and floating in the bayou September 2. And September 3, two biologists were taking water and animal samples to see what killed them. It could be an industrial accident or natural causes in the wake of the hurricane, said the coordinator of the State's environmental emergency response team. The Mississippi departments of Environmental Quality and Marine Resources responded. The environmental response coordinator said a variety of marine animals — mullet, gar, flounder, crab, and eel — died. The State departments closed the bayou September 3 to all fishing and water contact, and closed the Mississippi Sound within 1,000 feet of the mouth of the bayou. The public was advised to avoid these waters and while seafood was not considered to be contaminated, fishermen were advised not to consume any seafood collected from these waters until further notice.

Source: [http://djournal.com/view/full\\_story/20020185/article-State--environmental-agencies-close-Pascagoula-s-Bayou-Casotte-after-fish-kill--?instance=home\\_news\\_right](http://djournal.com/view/full_story/20020185/article-State--environmental-agencies-close-Pascagoula-s-Bayou-Casotte-after-fish-kill--?instance=home_news_right)

23. *September 3, Food Safety News* – (National) **Recall of sea salt product for not listing milk as allergen.** San Francisco-based Somersault Snack Co., LLC recalled some of its Somersaults Pacific Sea Salt for a packaging mistake, Food Safety News reported September 3. “Limited quantities of Somersaults Santa Fe Salsa flavored product were inadvertently commingled with Somersaults Pacific Sea Salt flavored product in packages labeled as Somersaults Pacific Sea Salt,” the snack firm said. The inadvertent commingling of the products introduced another allergen — milk — to the Somersaults Pacific packages. Milk is not listed on the packaging as an ingredient or an allergen. The product was distributed to retail stores nationwide. Somersault Snack took the precautionary measure of notifying the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and was voluntarily recalling approximately 418 cases of the product.  
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/09/somersault-snack-co-llc-has/#.UEX1zKC6TIY>
24. *September 3, Food Safety News* – (National) **Soybean sprouts and tofu recalled for Listeria.** Newark, New Jersey-based Manna Organics, Inc. September 2 recalled various soybean sprouts and tofu products because they have the potential to be contaminated with potentially deadly *Listeria monocytogenes*. Manna Organics became concerned about possible contamination after random testing by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets discovered *Listeria* in a package of Soonyeowon Soybean Sprouts. The company suspended production while it investigated the problem with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The recalled products were distributed to various restaurants, retailers, and distributors in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Virginia, Maryland, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, and Texas on or after July 17.  
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/09/soybean-sprouts-and-tofu-recalled-for-listeria/#.UEX10aC6TIY>
25. *September 3, Food Safety News* – (Nebraska) **Grand jury indicts meat company owners in Nebraska.** A federal grand jury in Nebraska indicted two men on six counts stemming from the sale of misbranded and/or non-inspected meat and meat products to Omaha Public Schools, Food Safety News reported September 3. If convicted, each man could be sentenced to 3 to 5 years in federal prison, and fined from \$10,000 to \$250,000 on each of the six counts along with requirements that any release be supervised and fees paid. Count one charges the pair with conspiracy with the intent to defraud. The indictment is for both the mislabeling ground beef as inspected when it was not and for actually selling beef outside the required U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) inspection. The two were caught by a joint investigation of USDA’s Office of Program Evaluation, Enforcement, and Review and the Inspector General. Information developed by investigators led to the issuance of a search warrant for Nebraska’s Finest Meats, which led to the confiscation of records, labels, equipment, and other evidence. Nebraska’s Finest suspended operations. Omaha Public Schools, with about 50,000 K-12 students, is Nebraska’s largest school district.  
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/09/grand-jury-indicts-meat-company-owners-in-nebraska/#.UEX12KC6TIY>

26. *September 3, Associated Press* – (Massachusetts) **Cattle bandits swipe 49 cows from Mass. farm.** Police said most of the 49 cows stolen from a Dartmouth, Massachusetts farm turned up at a cattle auction site in Pennsylvania. A Dartmouth police official said September 3 that 39 of the animals were found in New Holland, Pennsylvania. Police said the bandits struck the communal farm September 1. The cows are worth an estimated \$50,000.  
Source: <http://www.abc6.com/story/19446447/cattle-bandits-swipe-49-cows-from-mass-farm>
27. *September 1, Hamilton Ravalli Republic* – (Montana) **Hamilton Taco Bell reopens after methane forced building closure.** Hamilton, Montana’s Taco Bell reopened for business following an issue with methane gas August 26-27, the Hamilton Ravalli Republic reported September 1. The Hamilton fire chief said he allowed the business to reopen August 29 after monitoring devices showed the building was clear of methane for 24 hours. The issue was apparently caused by a faulty air exchange system that caused enough negative pressure inside the building that methane gas was sucked up through floor drains, he said. Several employees were sick enough to be checked out at a hospital.  
Source: [http://missoulian.com/news/state-and-regional/hamilton-taco-bell-reopens-after-methane-forced-building-closure/article\\_c524e9fd-f22a-5ede-920c-23eb3d81cc06.html](http://missoulian.com/news/state-and-regional/hamilton-taco-bell-reopens-after-methane-forced-building-closure/article_c524e9fd-f22a-5ede-920c-23eb3d81cc06.html)

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## **Water Sector**

28. *September 2, Wisconsin State Journal* – (Wisconsin) **Dry cleaning solvents blamed for water contamination.** Testing has turned up a probable culprit in the contamination of the Madison Water Utility’s Well No. 15 on Madison, Wisconsin’s east side: cleaning solvents from a defunct dry cleaning shop. Concerned about the well’s increasing levels of tetrachloroethylene, utility officials contracted with an engineering firm to conduct soil tests at suspect sites near the well in a search for a potential contaminant source. The location of the former Day One Formal Wear — which closed several years ago — is about 800 feet southeast of the well. Of several potential sources tested, officials said, this was the closest site to the well and had the highest levels of the carcinogen perchloroethylene (PCE) in soil test readings. The utility plans to install an air-stripper system to remove the PCE from the well water.  
Source: [http://host.madison.com/wsj/news/local/environment/dry-cleaning-solvents-blamed-for-water-contamination/article\\_34f5ee57-c43b-5413-a194-203292b652ff.html](http://host.madison.com/wsj/news/local/environment/dry-cleaning-solvents-blamed-for-water-contamination/article_34f5ee57-c43b-5413-a194-203292b652ff.html)

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29. *September 1, KOTV 6 Tulsa* – (Oklahoma) **Bethany nursing home evacuated after ceiling collapse.** Residents at Forest Glade Retirement Community, a nursing home in Bethany, Oklahoma, were evacuated September 1 after the ceiling in the building's dining area collapsed. At least 35 residents at the retirement home were eating lunch when the ceiling collapsed. Fire officials said a sprinkler head broke and the sheet rock fell from the ceiling. They said this was the third time crews were called to the nursing home during the week due to sprinkler problems. The Bethany fire chief said no one should be staying at the retirement center because he thinks conditions are unsafe.  
Source: <http://www.newson6.com/story/19435096/emergency-crews-respond-to-roof-collapse-in-bethany>
30. *August 31, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Patient data stolen from Temple Community Hospital.** Temple Community Hospital in Los Angeles warned about 600 patients their personal and medical information was taken earlier during the summer. The theft occurred in July when someone stole a computer from a locked office in the radiology department, hospital staff announced August 31. The computer contained CT scans of patients, their names, the reason for the scans, and the patients' hospital account numbers. The data included scans that occurred between January 1 and July 2. The hospital has back-up copies of the scans. Hospital officials assured patients their financial information, Social Security numbers, and personal contact information was not on the computer.  
Source: <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2012/08/patient-data-stolen-from-temple-community-hospital-.html>

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## Government Facilities Sector

31. *September 4, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Teen arrested after videos, tweets unsettle students at central Ohio high school.** A bomb squad swept a central Ohio high school as a precaution September 4, after a student sent some tweets and posted YouTube videos that many saw as threatening. September 3, police arrested a Gahanna-Lincoln High School student who allegedly sent the tweets and posted videos that police said induced panic. More than 200 concerned parents and students called police in the Columbus-area community to report the videos and tweets over the weekend of September 1, according to the deputy police chief.  
Source:  
<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/df4f839928a14776b6bb4b26a8d080b2/OH--Video-Threat>
32. *September 4, MLive.com* – (Michigan) **Eight police canine units searching Grand Blanc schools for threats this morning, nothing found yet.** Canine units were searching the high school and both middle schools in Grand Blanc Township,

Michigan, September 4 after a bomb threat came via email. Police were notified of the email August 28. So far nothing has been found as of the morning of September 4, said the Grand Blanc City police chief. The threat was sent to an email address that has not been used by the district in about 10 years. The email made a threat to the district's high school and two middle schools for September 4, the first day of school. The Grand Blanc Township police chief said he believed it was safe to send students to school September 4.

Source:

[http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2012/09/eight\\_police\\_canine\\_units\\_sear.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2012/09/eight_police_canine_units_sear.html)

33. *September 4, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* – (Pennsylvania) **Florida man accused of emailing threat to shoot up Allegheny County Courthouse.** A Florida man was arrested September 3 after the Allegheny County, Pennsylvania sheriff's office said he threatened to shoot up the county's courthouse in an email to an attorney. He was arraigned on a charge of terroristic threats and on misdemeanor charges of harassment and obstruction of justice. The Allegheny County sheriff's office said the suspect, party to a civil suit in the county, sent an email to an attorney involved in the suit, saying "I will light the court up like a Viet Cong landing zone." The threat prompted law enforcement to search the Allegheny County Courthouse and the attorney's office. Sheriff's deputies learned the suspect would be flying into Pittsburgh International Airport September 3 and apprehended him there.

Source: <http://old.post-gazette.com/pg/12248/1259025-53.stm>

34. *August 31, San Antonio Express-News* – (Texas) **Federal building evacuated downtown.** A downtown San Antonio, Texas building that houses federal offices was evacuated August 31 after authorities discovered two suspicious packages in the parking lot, but both packages were declared safe. The packages were found stuffed under two mailboxes next to the Washington Square building. Officials blocked off sidewalks around the building as they investigated the boxes. A police sergeant said a bomb squad examined the boxes using an X-ray machine and discovered electronics inside. A parking attendant who saw the packages as she prepared for her shift said authorities were called because the packages were unattended. The building houses offices for federal agencies that include the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and DHS, and is also home to the San Antonio Immigration Court. The police sergeant said authorities plan to contact the person to whom the packages were addressed.

Source: [http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local\\_news/article/Federal-building-evacuated-downtown-3830770.php](http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local_news/article/Federal-building-evacuated-downtown-3830770.php)

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## Emergency Services Sector

35. *September 3, Help Net Security* – (New Hampshire) **Inmates breached prison system’s network.** Inmates at the State prison in Concord, New Hampshire, have managed to connect the computers they use in the prison’s industries program to the prison system’s network, but it is unknown if they managed to gain access to or modify the confidential information held in it, Help Net Security reported September 3. According to the NH Union Leader, the fact was discovered August 24, when the cable connecting the two networks was spotted by one of the prison’s staff. The investigation into the breach was being led by the Department of Corrections Investigations Team and the State’s Department of Information Technology.  
Source: [http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=13516&utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed:+HelpNetSecurity+\(Help+Net+Security\)&utm\\_content=Google+Reader](http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=13516&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+HelpNetSecurity+(Help+Net+Security)&utm_content=Google+Reader) [http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=13516&utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=fe-###](http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=13516&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=fe-###)
36. *September 3, WBBJ 7 Jackson* – (Tennessee) **Henderson County criminal justice center struck by lightning.** Residents in Lexington, Tennessee said they were questioning emergency response time after the Henderson County, Tennessee Criminal Justice Complex and Dispatch center took a direct hit by lightning September 2. Henderson County deputies said the lightning struck an outside antenna, which caused serious electronic damage and knocked out emergency dispatch for several hours September 2. “Probably the most of the damage was more in 9-1-1 than anywhere else in the building,” said the Henderson County sheriff. He said the damage forced dispatchers to forward incoming emergency calls through an emergency radio to Lexington’s police department. Officials said the lightning that struck the building not only shut down dispatch, it fried several monitors, destroyed security cameras, and disabled electronic door keyless entries. The jail’s visitation was canceled until further notice.  
Source: <http://www.wbbjtv.com/news/local/Henderson-County-Criminal-Justice-Center-Struck-by-Lightning--168334326.html>
37. *September 3, Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal* – (Mississippi) **Lightning damages Chickasaw communications.** Chickasaw County, Mississippi’s emergency communications system, including sheriff’s department and E-9-1-1, were damaged September 2 from lightning strikes, said the sheriff. He said his officers are able to communicate via a backup radio system but that 9-1-1 calls are disabled until repairs can be made. “It’ll probably be sometime [September 4] before we’ll know how long it’ll be out,” he said.  
Source: [http://www.chickasaw360.com/view/full\\_story/20016092/article-Lightning-damages-Chickasaw-communications?instance=lead\\_story\\_left\\_column](http://www.chickasaw360.com/view/full_story/20016092/article-Lightning-damages-Chickasaw-communications?instance=lead_story_left_column)

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## Information Technology Sector

38. *September 4, The H* – (International) **VMware secures server products.** VMware released an advisory, VMSA-2012-0013, which addresses vulnerabilities in open source components in its VMware vCenter 4.1, VMware vCenter Update Manager 4.1, VMware ESX and ESXi, and VMware vCOPS 5.0.2 or earlier. Among the upgraded components are OpenSSL, Perl, libxml2, and the Linux kernel.  
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/VMware-secures-server-products-1698343.html>
39. *September 4, The H* – (International) **Google suspicious sign-in alert contains a trojan.** Unknown attackers are attempting to persuade email recipients to open attachments that contain a trojan by claiming to be from The Google Accounts Team. A new email supposedly from “accounts-noreply@google(dot)com” with the subject “Suspicious sign in prevented” is being sent en masse, claiming a hijacker attempted to access the mail recipient’s Google Account. The message says the sign-in attempt was prevented but asks users to refer to the attached file for details of the attempted intrusion. However, instead of containing information such as the IP address of the log-in attempt, the attached zip file contains a Windows executable file that will install a trojan onto a victim’s system. While Google does sometimes send emails like this to users, they never contain attachments; users that receive such an email are advised to delete them. According to VirusTotal, the trojan is currently only detected by just half of 42 anti-virus programs used by the online virus scanner service.  
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Google-suspicious-sign-in-alert-contains-a-trojan-1698349.html>
40. *September 4, Computerworld* – (International) **Hacker group claims access to 12M Apple device IDs.** Hacker group AntiSec published what it claims is about 1 million unique device identifier numbers (UDIDs) for Apple devices that it said it accessed earlier in 2012 from a computer belonging to an FBI agent. The group, which is a splinter operation of the Anonymous hacking collective, claims it culled more than 12 million UDIDs and personal data linking the devices to users from the FBI computer. AntiSec said it chose to publish a portion of those records to prove it has them. In a note on Pastebin, a member of AntiSec said the group culled some personal data such as full names and cell numbers from the published data. Instead, the group said it published enough information such as device type, device ID, and Apple Push Notification Service tokens to let users determine whether their devices are on the list. It was not immediately possible to verify the authenticity of AntiSec’s claims about the data.  
Source:  
[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9230883/Hacker\\_group\\_claims\\_access\\_to\\_12\\_M\\_Apple\\_device\\_IDs](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9230883/Hacker_group_claims_access_to_12_M_Apple_device_IDs)
41. *September 3, The Register* – (International) **Firefox, Opera allow crooks to hide an entire phish site in a link.** A shortcoming in browsers including Firefox and Opera allows cyber criminals to hide an entire malicious Web page in a clickable link — ideal for fooling victims into handing over passwords and other sensitive data. Usually,

phishing attacks rely on tricking users into visiting Web sites designed by criminals to masquerade as banks and online stores, thus stealing their credentials and bank account details when they try to use the bogus pages. However, this requires finding somewhere to host the counterfeit sites, which are often quickly taken down by hosting companies and the authorities or blocked by filters. Instead, the malicious Web pages can be stored in data uniform resource identifiers (URIs), not to be confused with URLs — which place the Web code into a string that when clicked on, instructs the browser to unpack the payload and present it as a page. It negates the need to find a place for a hacker’s malicious page, and once shortened using a service such as TinyURL, the URI can be reduced to a small URL, perfect for passing around social networks, online chats, and email. Crooks may need to set up a server to receive data from victims, however.

Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/09/03/phishing\\_without\\_hosts\\_peril/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/09/03/phishing_without_hosts_peril/)

42. *September 3, The Inquirer* – (International) **Hackers claim Sony Mobile scalps.** A group of hackers claimed it seized control of eight Sony servers because of the firm’s lax security. The group called Null Crew made the claim on Twitter and via a Pastebin release. The release shows a list of usernames and passwords that apparently relate to Sonymobile.com, and a message to Sony that accuses the firm of not having strong enough security credentials.  
Source: <http://www.theinquirer.net/inquirer/news/2202355/hackers-claim-sony-mobile-scalps>
43. *September 3, IDG News Service* – (International) **Rogue Microsoft Services Agreement emails lead to latest Java exploit.** Hackers are distributing rogue email notifications about changes in Microsoft’s Services Agreement to trick people into visiting malicious pages that use a recently circulated Java exploit to infect their computers with malware. The rogue email messages are copies of legitimate notifications that Microsoft sent out to users to announce changes to the company’s Services Agreement that will take effect October 19. However, in the malicious versions of the emails, the correct links were replaced with links to compromised Web sites that host attack pages from the Blackhole exploit toolkit.  
Source:  
[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9230858/Rogue\\_Microsoft\\_Services\\_Agreement\\_emails\\_lead\\_to\\_latest\\_Java\\_exploit](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9230858/Rogue_Microsoft_Services_Agreement_emails_lead_to_latest_Java_exploit)
44. *August 31, The Register* – (International) **Philips databases pillaged and leaked second time in a month.** Electronics giant Philips was hacked for the second time in a month and its databases raided. Usernames and encrypted passwords were leaked after the breach. It is unclear whether email addresses or the actual contents of corporate emails were included in the records dumped from the company’s SQL databases. The lifted data was uploaded to various file hosting sites by hackers, who used blogs (since taken down by Google’s Blogspot service) and social networks, using the hashtag labels “AntiSec” and “LulzSecReborn” to spread the word. “All together there is [sic] well over 200,000 emails with at least 1,000 of them have further vital credentials that could allow others to use the users’ personal information,” according to a Web site run by Anonymous. The site reports that Anonymous-affiliated hackers in Sweden announced the raid. The latest attack follows a smaller leak of a few thousand

records from Philips by r00tbeersec, another hacktivist crew, about a week ago.  
Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/08/31/philips\\_anon\\_hack/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/08/31/philips_anon_hack/)

45. *August 31, The H* – (International) **Chrome 21 update closes high-risk security holes.** Three high-severity holes were fixed in Google's latest stable channel update to the Chrome Web browser. Version 21.0.1180.89 of Chrome for Windows, Mac OS X, and Linux addresses nine vulnerabilities in the Web browser, and fixes a number of non-security issues with Flash, developer tools, and gradient boxes. The high severity vulnerabilities include two incidents of bad casting, when handling XSL transforms and run-ins, and a stale buffer appearing when loading URLs. Additionally, the update fixes three medium-risk and three low-risk issues.  
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Chrome-21-update-closes-high-risk-security-holes-1696236.html>

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### Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at [sos@us-cert.gov](mailto:sos@us-cert.gov) or visit their Web site: <http://www.us-cert.gov>

Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <https://www.it-isac.org>

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## Communications Sector

Nothing to report

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

46. *September 4, KGMB 9 Honolulu* – (Hawaii) **Maui fire causes \$1.4 million in damage.** A huge fire disrupted holiday plans for dozens of visitors to a Maui, Hawaii resort. The Valley Isle Resort shut down the week of September 3 after a fire consumed the Maui Muscle Sports Club in Kahana, KGMB 9 reported. It took crews nearly 11 hours to extinguish the fire that caused an estimated \$1.4 million in damage. The building is connected to the 12-story Valley Isle Resort. Authorities stated the two-story commercial building contained a gym, sauna, and offices. Valley Isle Resort's office and lobby are located in the damaged building. The fire also left behind lots of ash and debris on the property. All 120 vacation rental units, which are individually owned, will be inspected for smoke damage. Guests were briefly allowed to return the afternoon of September 3 to grab essential items such as prescription medications. They will have a chance to pack up more of their belongings September 4.  
Source: <http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/story/19444127/fire-forces-evacuations-at-lahaina-resort>

47. *September 4, WPTV 5 Palm Beach* – (Florida) **Sweet 16 party shooting concerns Riviera Beach leaders after two teens killed.** A celebration of life turned deadly September 1 outside Newcomb Hall in Riviera Beach, Florida, after investigators said gunfire killed two teens and injured six others. Police said more than 100 people had gathered inside the hall to celebrate a “Sweet 16” birthday party when someone opened fire. The shooting had investigators and city leaders September 2 searching for answers and for who is responsible. The city’s mayor said the city’s curfew ordinance is working but said the deadly shooting makes him want to look into even more changes. When asked about the application for Newcomb Hall stating “no teen events allowed,” a police spokeswoman said whoever booked the party did not break any rules. The victims who survived remained in the hospital September 2 recovering from non-life threatening injuries.  
Source: [http://www.wptv.com/dpp/news/region\\_c\\_palm\\_beach\\_county/riviera\\_beach/sweet-16-party-shooting-concerns-riviera-beach-leaders](http://www.wptv.com/dpp/news/region_c_palm_beach_county/riviera_beach/sweet-16-party-shooting-concerns-riviera-beach-leaders)
48. *September 3, KCAL 9 Los Angeles* – (California) **3 armed suspects allegedly wage standoff with San Juan Capistrano police.** Approximately two dozen residents evacuated from an apartment complex where three armed suspects allegedly waged a standoff with police, authorities in California reported September 3. San Juan Capistrano police said they received a call from a teenage boy in one of the apartments, claiming two men and a woman were arguing in his home, and they had several weapons. A SWAT Team surrounded the residence. Officers evacuated several homes using a loudspeaker, and got the teenager to come outside. Four hours later, several residents stood waiting anxiously nearby. When the SWAT team entered, no one was inside the apartment. The teenage boy who alerted police was taken to the police station for questioning and a medical examination. Authorities said they would let residents back into their homes late the afternoon of September 3. Police said they would continue searching for the three suspects.  
Source: <http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2012/09/03/3-armed-suspects-allegedly-wage-standoff-with-san-juan-capistrano-police/>
49. *September 3, Omaha World Herald* – (Nebraska) **High chlorine levels force evacuation at CoCo Key Water Resort.** Swimmers at the CoCo Key Water Resort in Omaha, Nebraska, evacuated September 2 after chlorine levels got too high. Omaha firefighters were called to the resort where a few people had vomited or had irritated eyes and throats, the battalion chief said. Paramedics checked those affected, but they declined further treatment. The battalion chief estimated that between 75 and 100 people were evacuated. A hazardous materials crew determined that chlorine gas levels in the building were a little high, he said. A malfunctioning chemical pump connected to a baby pool was blamed. The swim area was to stay closed until resort staff could determine what caused the malfunction.  
Source: <http://www.omaha.com/article/20120903/NEWS/709039919/1707>
50. *September 3, Associated Press* – (Texas) **3 dead, 3 injured in Houston nightclub shooting.** Three people were killed after an argument at a nightclub in Houston, Texas, turned violent. Police said a fight began inside Club ICU September 2, around closing

time. The fight continued outside, when someone drew a gun and began shooting. Two people were killed in the parking lot. A third person died after being taken to a local hospital. Three other people were injured. Police said the gunman drove away after the shooting and remained at large.

Source: [http://www.waxahachietx.com/apnews/texas/dead-injured-in-houston-nightclub-shooting/article\\_28292c66-f601-11e1-8a2a-0019bb2963f4.html](http://www.waxahachietx.com/apnews/texas/dead-injured-in-houston-nightclub-shooting/article_28292c66-f601-11e1-8a2a-0019bb2963f4.html)

51. *September 3, NY1* – (New York) **Fire officials investigate cause of suspicious Crown Heights blaze.** An apartment building in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, New York, was gutted by a fast-moving fire September 3. The fire is believed to have started on the second floor and the flames quickly spread through the top three floors of the building. More than 100 firefighters took about 2 hours to get the flames under control. Six residents were treated for minor injuries. Ten firefighters were also injured, to include one who suffered burns to the neck and another who was treated for chest pains. Fire officials said the blaze seemed suspicious. Fire marshals were working to determine the cause of the fire.

Source: [http://brooklyn.ny1.com/content/top\\_stories/168141/fire-officials-investigate-cause-of-suspicious-crown-heights-blaze](http://brooklyn.ny1.com/content/top_stories/168141/fire-officials-investigate-cause-of-suspicious-crown-heights-blaze)

52. *September 2, Access North Georgia* – (Georgia) **Bomb threat closes Toccoa Walmart.** A north Georgia Walmart was evacuated September 2, due to a bomb scare. A Toccoa police lieutenant said the threat was phoned in to a Walmart employee and employees evacuated the store while police and fire units were dispatched. The lieutenant said a time limit was stated in the bomb threat. That time came and passed without incident. Afterward, a bomb-sniffing dog was run through the building. The Walmart was cleared to be re-opened shortly after about 2 hours.

Source: <http://www.accessnorthga.com/detail.php?n=252455>

53. *September 2, Associated Press* – (Oregon) **Monster truck mishap in Ore. sends 3 to hospital.** A large four-wheel-drive truck veered out of control during a race at Harrisburg MotorSports Complex in Harrisburg, Oregon, struck a barrier, and crossed into the spectator area, where three people were injured, authorities said. The three hurt September 1 were taken to a hospital, said a Linn County sheriff. Sheriff's officials said their injuries were not life-threatening. The 1975 Ford pickup, fitted with large tractor tires, had slowed to about 10 mph just before coming to a stop, the sheriff said. Emergency crews responded to the complex about 30 minutes after "Monster Air 2012" began. The owner of the complex said numerous precautions had been taken to keep spectators safe. However, he said the truck's hydraulic steering went out suddenly during a two-truck race and that the driver could not stop it as it veered into the spectator area. He said about 1,000 people attended the event.

Source: [http://beatricedailysun.com/news/national/monster-truck-mishap-in-ore-sends-to-hospital/article\\_aafa3f41-2067-5696-b4e5-e8c8f8d8674c.html](http://beatricedailysun.com/news/national/monster-truck-mishap-in-ore-sends-to-hospital/article_aafa3f41-2067-5696-b4e5-e8c8f8d8674c.html)

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## National Monuments and Icons Sector

54. *September 4, KTLA 5 Los Angeles* – (California) **Williams Fire burns 3,600 acres; 15 percent contained.** The Williams Fire continued to burn in the Angeles National Forest just north of Azusa, California, and full containment was not expected until the week of September 10. The fire was 15 percent contained as of September 4 and was holding at 3,600 acres. The blaze erupted September 2 between Camp Williams Resort and Burro Canyon Shooting Park in the San Gabriel Mountains. Four people, including at least two firefighters, had minor injuries, an Angeles National Forest officer said. No structures have been lost and none were threatened. Numerous public areas in the vicinity of the fire remained evacuated, including campgrounds and picnic areas. Hundreds of people live in and around Camp Williams Resort, which includes a campground, a mobile home park, and a restaurant. The American Red Cross opened a shelter at Glendora High School, located in Glendora. The cause of the fire remained under investigation. A burned car was found in the area, but it was not clear if it was a source of the blaze or if it was consumed by the fire.  
Source: <http://www.ktla.com/news/landing/ktla-glendora-fire-sept-2012,0,4988973.story>
55. *September 2, Associated Press* – (Idaho; Montana) **3 big Idaho wildfires resist containment efforts.** Firefighters in Idaho continue to battle three large wildfires that were proving difficult to bring under control, the Associated Press reported September 2. In central Idaho, the 194-square-mile Halstead Fire was only 7 percent contained and September 2 was about 100 yards from power lines that provide power to the mountain tourist town of Stanley. The Custer County Sheriff's Office September 1 told residents of about 30 homes between Sunbeam and Yankee Fork to evacuate. To the south, back burns on the 226-square-mile Trinity Ridge Fire have been effective in protecting Featherville and an evacuation order was lifted September 2. Crews were trying to slow the fire's growth toward the Middle Fork Boise River. About 1,200 personnel were assigned to the fire that was 31 percent contained. Along the Idaho-Montana border, fire managers said the 329-square-mile Mustang Complex of fires would be difficult to contain without rain or snow. Fire officials August 29 issued various evacuation levels for residents near the fire that remained in effect. Residents along Highway 93 between Hull and Sheep were advised to leave immediately. More than 900 wildland firefighters were fighting the blaze that was 16 percent contained and has burned across the Idaho border into Montana.  
Source: <http://www.statesmanjournal.com/viewart/20120902/UPDATE/120902014/3-big-Idaho-wildfires-resist-containment-efforts?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|News>
56. *August 31, Reuters* – (California) **CDC says 10,000 at risk of hantavirus in Yosemite outbreak.** Some 10,000 people who stayed in tent cabins at Yosemite National Park in California this summer may be at risk for the deadly rodent-borne hantavirus, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said August 31. The CDC urged lab testing of patients who exhibit symptoms consistent with the lung disease, hantavirus pulmonary syndrome, after a stay at the park between June and August and recommended that doctors notify state health departments when it is found. Two men have died from hantavirus linked to the Yosemite outbreak and four others were

sickened but survived, while the CDC said additional suspected cases were being investigated from “multiple health jurisdictions.” Most of the victims were believed to have been infected while staying in one of 91 “Signature” tent-style cabins in Yosemite’s Curry Village camping area. “An estimated 10,000 persons stayed in the ‘Signature Tent Cabins’ from June 10 through August 24, 2012,” the CDC said. Nearly 4 million people visit Yosemite, one of the nation’s most popular national parks, and roughly 70 percent of those visitors congregate in Yosemite Valley, where Curry Village is located.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/08/31/us-usa-hantavirus-yosemite-idUSBRE87U04P20120831>

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## **Dams Sector**

57. *September 3, Associated Press* – (Louisiana; Mississippi) **Water release continues from Mississippi dam.** Mississippi officials said September 3 they released enough water from Lake Tangipahoa at Percy Quin State Park, swollen with rain from Hurricane Isaac, to bring it to normal pool levels. The dam safety director with the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality said officials would drop the lake another 5 feet the week of September 3, at which point workers should have completed a drainage ditch to divert even more water from the lake into nearby fields. Work on the ditch continued around the clock but was slowed by rain and other topographical difficulties, such as having to dig through a hill. Plans were to drain the lake and bring the dam up to standards. The mandatory evacuation of areas within a half-mile of the Tangipahoa River in Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana, was lifted by local officials September 1.  
Source: <http://www.sunherald.com/2012/09/03/4162288/water-release-continues-from-mississippi.html>
58. *September 3, Associated Press* – (New York) **Flood preventative gates top Gilboa Dam.** New crest gates were added to the top of the Gilboa Dam in Schoharie, New York. The State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) said the 11 stainless steel panels, each 20 feet-long and weighing 5,400 pounds, provide an additional layer of flood protection around the Schoharie Reservoir. The gates can maximize storage capacity or create more storage space by being lowered to release water. The DEP’s water system provided more than 1 billion gallons of water a day to more than 9 million residents and at full capacity, the reservoir holds 17.6 billion gallons of water. An ongoing rehabilitation and strengthening project will cost more than \$400 million and is expected to be finished in 2019.  
Source: <http://www.fox23news.com/news/local/story/Flood-preventative-gates-top-Gilboa-Dam/mcQx4dA22Uiunz7eEK57Qg.csp>
59. *September 2, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **2 more dams on the Red River in eastern North Dakota modernized in \$1.7 million project.** Officials completed a \$1.7 million project to modify two dams on the Red River near Oxbow, North Dakota. The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead newspaper reported the dams at Hickson and Christine

were renovated to enhance fish passage and improve safety. Fargo owns the two dams, as well as three others on the river. All five have now been modified to reduce the risk of drowning deaths. Only one of the eight dams on the Red south of the Canadian border still must be modernized. An upgrade to the dam at Drayton is planned as part of the Red River diversion project in the Fargo area and once completed, fish will have 600 miles of free-flowing river to navigate.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/591e6f8b494c4c2f9451d36f0a025475/ND--Dams-Modernized>

60. *September 2, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **Bayou Barataria levee intentionally breached to drain Hurricane Isaac’s floodwaters from Lafitte.** Crews in Lafitte, Louisiana, intentionally breached the levee along Bayou Barataria the night of September 2, a Jefferson Parish councilman said. Officials hoped that, coupled with pumping, the breach in the levee would allow floodwaters that ran over the earthen barrier to subside. In order to begin draining the area, the water level in the bayou had to fall to a level that was lower than the floodwaters trapped inside the town. Most residents of Lafitte have been unable to get back into town south of New Orleans since the storm surge from Hurricane Isaac the week of August 27.

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[http://www.nola.com/hurricane/index.ssf/2012/09/bayou\\_barataria\\_levee\\_intentio.html](http://www.nola.com/hurricane/index.ssf/2012/09/bayou_barataria_levee_intentio.html)

61. *September 1, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Evacuation called near Pearl River diversion canal; parish works to ease pressure on lock.** A spokeswoman for St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, said officials were working to relieve pressure on Lock 2 on the Pearl River Diversion Canal that was in danger of failing and flooding homes near a canal that branches off the Pearl River. An evacuation was ordered the evening of September 1 for part of rural St. Tammany. The order affected as many as 2,000 people. Area waterways were swollen because of heavy rains from Hurricane Isaac. The State said the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers operates the lock. The parish spokeswoman said the parish got permission from the Corps to relieve pressure on the structure by opening a valve that will allow a controlled flow of water through it.

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