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- Residents near a chemical plant in Braithwaite, Louisiana, remained under an evacuation order September 10, many days after Hurricane Issac hammered the facility, pushing more than 100 rail cars off of tracks, and knocking storage tanks off of their foundations. – *WWL 4 New Orleans* (See item [7](#))
- A fire at a subway station that suspended service on three lines in Lower Manhattan and Brooklyn, New York, September 7 may have been caused when someone tried to steal copper wire. – *Associated Press* (See item [19](#))
- An analysis of government breach data shows the number of data breaches increased manifold since January 2009, with the number of hacking incidents for 2012 expected to more than double that of 2011. – *Help Net Security* (See item [33](#))
- The source of the database containing 1 million Apple unique device identifiers published online by hacking group AntiSec was identified September 10 as BlueToad, a Florida-based application publisher and analytics provider. – *InformationWeek* (See item [42](#))
- Four people were taken to the hospital after being among dozens trampled during a storm-induced evacuation at an arena in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. – *WUSA 9 Washington* (See item [56](#))
- Existing levees will be raised in two northeast Louisiana parishes within a few weeks to bring them up to 500-year flood protection levels. – *Associated Press* (See item [62](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *September 10, Reuters* – (Michigan) **Marathon Detroit refinery said to have released unknown chemical: NRC.** Marathon Petroleum Corp’s 106,000 barrel-per-day refinery in Detroit is reported to have released an unknown chemical into the atmosphere September 8, according to an unidentified caller cited in a filing with national pollution regulators. “The material is causing nausea, burning eyes, and difficulty breathing to local residents,” the filing with the U.S. National Response Center (NRC) said. The company said September 7 it began shutting down the entire refinery for a 70-day planned turnaround that will tie in units from a \$2.2-billion heavy oil upgrade project.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/09/10/us-refinery-operations-marathon-idUSBRE88905620120910>
2. *September 9, Associated Press* – (Virginia; Washington, D.C.; Maryland) **Crews restoring power throughout mid-Atlantic; about 2,500 outages remaining Sunday evening.** Crews made progress restoring power to those affected by severe storms that blew through the mid-Atlantic region September 8. Shortly after 6 p.m. September 9, Dominion Virginia Power reported just over 1,100 outages in northern Virginia. About 900 Pepco customers in Washington D.C. and its Maryland suburbs were also still in the dark. In central Maryland, Baltimore Gas & Electric had just over 500 customers without electricity. The storms September 8 brought winds near 70 mph and knocked out electricity to as many as 192,000 homes and businesses served by the three utilities.
Source:
<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/232dda9b97da47b1b6315a28ba9f7af1/DC--Severe-Weather>
3. *September 7, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner* – (Alaska) **Small fire sparked at UAF power plant.** A fire fueled by coal dust burned briefly at the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) power plant September 7 but was snuffed out before it could interrupt

service on campus. The fire was reported by an employee who noticed a burning smell near the coal-handling area. Smoldering was discovered in a concrete wall, where it is believed coal dust ignited, a UAF spokeswoman said. Fire crews put out the fire within hours by peeling back a portion of the roof and dumping water into the wall, said the UAF fire chief. There was no apparent damage to timbers inside the wall, he said, and thermal cameras confirmed the fire was out. Power and heat service on campus was unaffected. The incident caused some damage to the plant. It is unknown what started the fire. Coal dust is capable of spontaneously combusting, but there was also a contractor operating equipment in the area September 7.

Source: http://www.newsminer.com/view/full_story/20087221/article-Small-fire-sparked-at-UAF-power-plant?instance=home_news_window_left_top_3

4. *September 7, WPED 15 Myrtle Beach* – (South Carolina) **Marlboro Electric reports copper thefts in Dillon County.** Copper thieves struck three of Marlboro Electric’s substations in Dillon County, South Carolina, in August, causing more than \$23,000 in damages. The electric company said each incident resulted in a dangerous situation that could have caused an employee to be electrocuted or severely injured had they entered the substations and not noticed the vandalism. The Dillon Industrial, Moccasin Bluff, and Little Rock substations were vandalized. A spokesman said before all of the repairs were complete from the first incident, the Dillon Industrial substation was vandalized again with copper stolen. At all four crime scenes, fences were cut, ground wires were cut and left dangerously exposed, equipment was damaged, and copper wire was stolen. Source: <http://www.carolinalive.com/news/story.aspx?id=798197#.UE4Sxq5ozg2>
5. *September 7, KJRH 2 Tulsa* – (Oklahoma) **Crews restore power to northeastern Oklahoma residents, 19,000+ without power at height.** Crews restored electricity to thousand of customers in Oklahoma September 8. A burst of high winds brought down power lines and knocked out power across much of northeastern Oklahoma late September 7. Public Service Company of Oklahoma said Nowata, Ocheleta, and Ramona all had power lines down. At the outage’s peak, more than 19,000 customers were without electricity. Source: http://www.kjrh.com/dpp/weather/weather_news/high-winds-blow-through-northeastern-oklahoma-10000-without-power
6. *September 7, NJ.com* – (New Jersey) **Malfunction at PSE&G station causes outages across Bergen County.** A malfunction at a PSE&G switching station caused widespread power outages across Bergen County, New Jersey, September 7. A PSE&G spokeswoman said that the malfunction affected customers in Oradell, Paramus, Emerson, River Vale and parts of Hackensack, including the Riverside Square Mall. Power at the mall was restored within half an hour, and most other customers were back on line within an hour. After about 1 hour, only around 700 customers were still waiting for service. Data on the total number of outages caused by the malfunction was not immediately available. Source: http://www.nj.com/bergen/index.ssf/2012/09/malfunction_at_pseg_station_causes_outages_across_bergen_county.html

Chemical Industry Sector

7. *September 10, WWL 4 New Orleans* – (Louisiana) **Evacuation order still in effect surrounding Braithwaite chemical plant.** People in Braithwaite, Louisiana, who live half a mile north or south of the Stolthaven chemical plant remained under an evacuation order September 10 because officials are still cleaning up damage caused by Hurricane Isaac. State police have been working to repair the facility for days. Flooding at the facility pushed more than 100 rail cars off tracks, some of which carried hazardous material. Some tanks were also knocked off their foundations; others carried chemicals that can become explosive if they exceed a certain temperature, a big concern because the plant lost power. HAZMAT teams brought in chillers and inhibitors to curb chemical reactions. A State police spokesman said there was no immediate threat and no evidence of a chemical release, but the potential remained. An attorney filed a class action lawsuit against England-based Stolthaven September 4 on behalf of residents impacted by the situation. Much of the water in Braithwaite receded, and officials should have results of surface water tests later the week of September 10, said a Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality spokesman. Air quality samples had not revealed dangerous levels of chemicals, he added. Stolthaven's Web site said the firm provides integrated transportation solutions for bulk liquid chemicals, edible oils, and acids.
Source: <http://www.wwtv.com/home/Evacuation-order-still-in-effect-surrounding-Braithwaite-chemical-plant-169125596.html>
8. *September 9, Buffalo News* – (New York) **Firefighter injured in Tonawanda chemical fire.** A HAZMAT team was called as a precaution to a two-alarm fire September 9 at a Town of Tonawanda, New York chemical plant. Smoke was reported on the second floor of the FMC plant where firefighters found a machine on fire. The machine contained a hazardous material known as ammonium persulfate, which is capable of intensifying a fire. FMC, a worldwide company based in Philadelphia, produces industrial chemicals at the plant. One firefighter suffered burns to his hand in battling the blaze and was taken to a hospital.
Source:
<http://www.buffalonews.com/article/20120909/CITYANDREGION/120909554/1010>
9. *September 9, WTAQ 1360 AM / 97.5 FM Green Bay* – (Wisconsin) **Officials concerned about collection of hazardous chemicals in old Slinger factory.** A inspection showed dozens of drums and barrels containing hazardous chemicals in an abandoned metal plating factory in Slinger, Wisconsin, WTAQ Green Bay reported September 9. Federal regulators and contractors want to get inside that building in the next 2 weeks to assess the threat. Washington County emergency management officials are worried a fire could release the toxic chemicals or that vandals could get inside and damage containers causing spills. So far, nothing has been done since the August 20 inspection. It has been estimated there are 750 pounds of copper cyanide, nearly 14 tons of nickel sulfate, almost 4,200 pounds of nitric acid, and 3,500 pounds of sodium cyanide in the building, which is surrounded by homes and only a few blocks from three Slinger

schools. The owner reportedly signed an agreement giving the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency access to the property.

Source: <http://wtaq.com/news/articles/2012/sep/09/officals-concerned-about-collection-of-hazardous-chemicals-in-old-slinger-factory/>

10. *September 7, Reuters* – (National) **Pesticide violations cost Scotts Miracle-Gro \$12.5 million.** Lawn product company Scotts Miracle-Gro Co will pay \$12.5 million in criminal fines and civil penalties for illegally including insecticides in bird food products and for other violations, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) said September 7. The firm pleaded guilty in February to charges that it violated the federal law governing the use of pesticides. The sentence includes a \$4 million criminal fine, the DOJ said. Separately, the company agreed to pay more than \$6 million in civil penalties to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and spend \$2 million on environmental projects. The two penalties are the largest in the history of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, the DOJ said. The law has existed since 1947. Scotts, based in Marysville, Ohio, said in a statement the conduct was not consistent with its values. The company sold illegally treated bird food for 2 years before it voluntarily recalled the products in March 2008, prosecutors said. It treated the food to try to protect it from insect infestations during storage, but the pesticides it used were toxic to birds and barred by the EPA. The company also submitted false documents to the EPA and to state agencies in an attempt to deceive them, prosecutors said.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/09/07/us-usa-miracleagro-penalties-idUSBRE8861AW20120907>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

11. *September 8, Mid-Columbia Tri-City Herald* – (Washington) **Small fire starts up at Areva nuclear plant in Richland.** A small fire broke out September 7 in a ventilation system of the Areva plant in Richland, Washington, which manufactures fuel assemblies for nuclear power reactors. The fire was in the uranium oxide building, where uranium is manufactured into fuel pellets for reactor fuel assemblies, but was in a small back room used to cut metal, said an Areva spokeswoman. The ventilation system there is part of a system that is self-contained, with no air blowing outside, she said. Air samples taken in the room showed no abnormal conditions, she said. Richland firefighters received an alarm from the building and followed procedures they practice frequently in drills with Areva, said the Richland Fire Department battalion chief. Crews from the Hanford Fire Department and Benton Fire District 4 also responded, and crews from Kennewick and Pasco were on the way when they were told they could turn around. About 350 employees evacuated, the Areva spokeswoman said. Areva declared an alert and notified the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and State and county agencies.

Source: <http://www.tri-cityherald.com/2012/09/08/2091518/small-fire-starts-up-at-areva.html>

12. *September 6, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission* – (National) **NRC issues mid-cycle assessments for Nation’s nuclear plants.** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) announced September 6 it has issued mid-cycle assessment letters to the nation’s 104 operating commercial nuclear power plants. As of the end of June, 96 plants were in the two highest performance categories. Six nuclear reactors were in the third performance category with a degraded level of performance. For this category, regulatory oversight includes more NRC inspections, senior management attention and oversight focused on the cause of the degraded performance. These plants were: Hope Creek (New Jersey); Palisades (Michigan); Perry 1 (Ohio); Saint Lucie 1 (Florida) and Salem 1 and 2 (New Jersey). One reactor, Browns Ferry 1 in Alabama, is in the fourth performance category and requires increased oversight due to a safety finding of high significance, which will include additional inspections to confirm the plant’s performance issues are being addressed. In addition to regular inspections, the NRC is currently conducting extra inspections to assess all plants’ preparedness to deal with earthquakes and floods. These additional inspections are part of the NRC’s post-Fukushima actions.

Source: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/news/2012/12-099.pdf>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Banking and Finance Sector

13. *September 7, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (International) **SEC charges asset manager lied to investors, hid major losses while boasting remarkable performance during financial crisis.** The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) September 7 announced an emergency enforcement action against an asset manager who boasted remarkable investment success throughout the global financial crisis while allegedly exaggerating the value of the assets he manages and concealing major losses from investors. The SEC alleges the asset manager claims to manage \$1.5 billion on behalf of investors around the world. But contrary to his proclaimed track record of exceptional risk-adjusted returns for his investors, he actually suffered major losses in 2008 due to his investments in a huge Ponzi scheme and a failed derivative

investment program. Rather than admit the losses, he has been overstating the value of his investments in many ways. By boasting benchmark-beating returns, he has continued to attract new investors. However, during the past several months, investors asked for redemptions on their investments. Instead of paying them, he provided a series of excuses ranging from the MF Global collapse to others placing a hold on investors' money due to government investigations. The SEC sought and obtained a freeze of U.S.-based assets belonging to the manager and two of his firms, BC Capital Group S.A. based in Panama and BC Capital Group Limited based in Hong Kong. In addition to the manager and his companies, the SEC charged an unregistered broker-dealer who was banned from the industry in a previous SEC enforcement action for his involvement with the program.

Source: <http://www.sec.gov/news/press/2012/2012-185.htm>

14. *September 7, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (National) **SEC shuts down San Diego-based real estate investment fraud.** The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) September 7 announced an asset freeze against a San Diego-based firm and its owner accused of running a real estate investment fraud that raised approximately \$50 million from hundreds of investors nationwide. The SEC alleges Western Financial Planning Corporation and its owner sold units in partnerships that Western had organized to buy vacant land in Nevada and hold for sale at a profit at a later date. The owner and Western failed to tell investors that they were paying an exorbitant mark-up on the land, in some cases more than five times its fair market value. The owner and Western also failed to tell investors the land held by the partnerships was often encumbered by mortgages that Western used to help finance the initial purchase of the land. The SEC's complaint alleges Western and its owner misled investors since 2007 by providing them with comparative prices of supposedly similar plots of land that were in no way comparable to the land sold by Western. The SEC also alleges that since the spring of 2011, Western's owner paid "hush money" to silence investors who discovered they had been defrauded, allowing the scheme to continue.

Source: <http://www.sec.gov/news/press/2012/2012-183.htm>

15. *September 7, Atlanta Journal-Constitution* – (Georgia) **Suspicious package cleared after DeKalb bank robbery.** A robbery attempt at a SunTrust bank branch inside a Publix grocery store in DeKalb, Georgia, led to the temporary evacuation of the entire shopping center September 7 after a suspicious package was left behind, DeKalb County police said. The package, however, turned out to be harmless, according to WSB 2 Atlanta. A bomb squad checked out the package, said a DeKalb police spokeswoman. It was not immediately known whether the robber got away with any money.

Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/news/crime-law/suspicious-package-found-after-dekalb-bank-robbery/nR5pc/>

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Transportation Sector

16. *September 10, Associated Press* – (Nebraska) **5 killed, 1 arrested in western Nebraska after truck stalls on I-80, triggering crashes.** Five people died in two crashes in western Nebraska after mechanical problems forced a truck to stop on Interstate 80. A Cheyenne County attorney said the first crash occurred September 9, when a tractor-trailer rig ran into the stalled truck. The driver who hit the stalled truck died. Traffic backed up on the interstate and the slowdown contributed to another fatal crash. The attorney said another truck ran into and killed the driver of a 2010 Ford Mustang. The force of that collision pushed a car underneath another truck, killing the driver of that car and two child passengers. The truck driver in the second crash, will face manslaughter charges.
Source: <http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/2666ded920214c149e831358bbe2b10b/NE--Fatal-Crash-Nebraska>
17. *September 10, Associated Press; USA Today* – (Washington) **Chunk of Boeing 767 lands in Wash. neighborhood.** A refrigerator-door-size piece of a Boeing 767 fell from the sky and crashed to the ground in Kent, Washington, September 7, USA Today reported September 9. No one was injured when the carbon fiber landing gear door hit the middle of a street in Kent's East Hill neighborhood, KING 5 Seattle reported. The door narrowly missed a car parked a few feet away. Several pieces of the panel broke off, the Associated Press reported.
Source: <http://content.usatoday.com/communities/ondeadline/post/2012/09/09/boeing-767-door-neighborhood-kent/70000013/1#.UE4acK5oyJo>
18. *September 8, KRQE 13 Albuquerque* – (New Mexico) **Hazmat spill will take days to clean up.** Evacuations from a September 7 chemical spill were over, but a section of the U.S. Highway 285 Relief Route north of Roswell, New Mexico, likely will be closed until at least September 11. The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) reported cleanup of the sodium hydroxide solution was underway and that soil had to be treated or removed. The crisis began early the afternoon of September 7 when a tractor-trailer rolled over and spilled some of the material while negotiating the off-ramp from southbound U.S. 285 to the relief route that also carries U.S. Highway 70 around the northwestern side of Roswell. NMDOT maintenance staff covered the spill with dirt and tarps to protect it from rain, which could release a cloud of toxic gas. During the evening, a light rain fell on the site without causing further damage. Residents within a 1-mile radius were evacuated with as many as 300 people expected at the American Red Cross shelter set up in the gym on the Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell campus.
Source: http://www.kasa.com/dpps/news/interactive/hazmat-spill-will-take-days-to-clean-up_4505794
19. *September 7, Associated Press* – (New York) **Fire at Delancey St. station may have started during copper wire theft: Sources.** A fire at a subway station suspended service on three lines in Lower Manhattan and Brooklyn, New York September 7, and sources said there was evidence it started after someone tried to steal a copper wire

underground. A Metropolitan Transportation Authority spokesperson said a J train became stuck inside a “no power area” at the Essex Street station. The train reversed back to the Essex Street Station and about 500 passengers were evacuated. Sources told NBC 4 New York September 7 that the fire could have been sparked when a cable fell across the third rail and a track rail as someone tried to steal the copper wire. The spark of electricity along the rail caused the fire and smoke condition. A source said it appears the theft has been going on for months, and in all, as many as 2,000 feet of cable appear to be missing from the station. Service to the J, Z and M trains was fully restored after several hours.

Source: <http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/smoke-condition-m-train-j-train-delancey-essex-train-station-lower-east-side-168952266.html>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

20. *September 9, Syracuse Post-Standard* – (New York; National) **A 15-year mystery in Syracuse: Who keeps sending these anthrax hoax letters?** The FBI and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service are offering a \$10,000 reward for information that leads to the conviction of whoever sent 21 powder-filled letters threatening an anthrax attack from Syracuse, New York, since 1997, the Syracuse Post-Standard reported September 9. The FBI has evidence that for the past 15 years someone in Syracuse has been inducing panic among office workers with the powder-filled letters. The pattern is the same: A letter arrives with a mound of white powder inside, claiming it is anthrax. The letters also carry clues about the sender, including his penchant for the writings of a long-dead science fiction writer. Then the terrorist disappears for months, even years. Ten of the letters went to a high school, a college, a business, and a Congresswoman’s office in the Syracuse area. The other 11 went to military and police associations, nonprofit groups, government officials, private businesses, and TV celebrities all across the eastern United States, according to the FBI. The mailings started long before the nationwide anthrax scare that followed the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. The letters were sent from Syracuse in 1997, 1999, 2002, 2010, 2011, and 2012.

Source:

http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2012/09/fbi_tracks_15_years_of_white_p.html#incart_river_default

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Agriculture and Food Sector

21. *September 10, Food Safety News* – (Indiana; National) **Farm linked to cantaloupe outbreak now recalling watermelons.** The farm in southwestern Indiana whose cantaloupes were pinpointed late in August as the probable source of a Salmonella outbreak that sickened 204 people is now recalling its watermelons because they may be contaminated with a different strain of Salmonella, Food Safety News reported

September 10. Chamberlain Farms of Owensville, Indiana, issued a voluntary recall of this growing season's watermelons because they may be contaminated with Salmonella Newport. An outbreak of Salmonella Typhimurium was linked to the farm August 22 after samples of cantaloupe collected there revealed the presence of the outbreak strain of the bacteria. Missouri-based Schnucks grocery announced the watermelon recall in a press release September 7. Watermelons subject to the recall were sold at Schnucks, Logli, and Hilander stores.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/09/farm-linked-to-cantaloupe-outbreak-now-recalling-watermelons/#.UE3rKK66RnA>

22. *September 10, Associated Press* – (Kentucky) **Food processing plant reopens after ammonia leak.** A northern Kentucky food processing plant reopened after an ammonia leak forced the evacuation of about 160 workers. Employees returned to Club Chef in Covington September 9, almost 10 hours after the detection of the leak that morning. Club Chef is a Castellini Group company that processes fruits and vegetables for restaurants and supermarkets. A company spokeswoman told the Kentucky Enquirer the chemical did not leak out of the building. A hazardous materials team was at the scene heading up the cleanup effort. Employees sat in groups on the lawn outside the building waiting to get belongings like car keys for nearly 11 hours.

Source: <http://www.fox19.com/story/19500574/food-processing-plant-reopens-after-ammonia-leak>

23. *September 9, Burlington County Times* – (New Jersey) **Panera Bread closed after employees become ill from fumes.** The Panera Bread in Mount Laurel, New Jersey, was closed September 7 after numerous employees became ill from noxious fumes, officials said. Eleven workers were taken to a hospital with respiratory problems. Officials believe the fumes may have formed when drain cleaners were mixed to remove a clog. A Burlington County HAZMAT team found minor chlorine readings in the building before it was ventilated, officials said. Separate contractors were expected to clean the restaurant drains and pump the grease traps. The restaurant was to remain closed until cleanup was finished and a food inspection was performed.

Source:

http://www.phillyburbs.com/news/local/burlington_county_times_news/hazmat-team-investigating-fumes-at-panera-bread/article_dd733101-8f06-54b4-9faf-dae698fc0e2f.html

24. *September 8, Food Safety News* – (Mid-Atlantic) **Grocery recalls seafood products made with potentially contaminated onions.** A grocery store with locations in North Carolina, Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D.C., issued a voluntary recall of eight seafood products September 7 because they were made with onions that may be contaminated with Listeria. North Carolina-based Harris Teeter grocery chain recalled a variety of foods served in its Service Seafood Department because they contain onions that revealed the presence of Listeria monocytogenes in a test sample. Products subject to the voluntary recall include the following dishes: Crab Stuffed Flounder, Crab Stuffed Salmon, Crab Stuffed Tilapia, Maryland Style Crab Cakes, Deviled Stuffed Crab, The Charleston Crab Cake, Signature Lump Crab Cake, and Signature Lobster Cake. Harris Teeter was informed by the supplier of these products — 3 Fish,

Inc. — that they contain onions that have the potential to be contaminated with Listeria. The grocer has removed the affected items from store shelves and encourages customers who purchased these seafoods September 3 or later to return them to any Harris Tweeter for a full refund.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/09/grocery-recalls-seafood-products-made-with-potentially-contaminated-onions/#.UE3rS666RnA>

25. *September 7, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Dawn Food Products Inc. issues allergy alert on undeclared milk and soy in Sam’s Club Chunky Cinnamon Streusel.** Dawn Food Products, Inc. recalled 251, 25-pound buckets of Sam’s Club Chunky Cinnamon Streusel because it may contain undeclared milk and soy allergens, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported September 7. Sam’s Club Chunky Cinnamon Streusel was distributed from July 23-September in Sam’s Club distribution centers in California, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming. The recall was initiated after Dawn Foods determined the product contains milk and soy and was distributed in packaging that did not reveal the presence of these allergens.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm318684.htm>

26. *September 7, Food Safety News* – (California) **San Diego McDonald’s employee carried Hepatitis A in late August.** An employee of a McDonalds in San Diego was infected with Hepatitis A in late August and may have passed the virus on to consumers, warns the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), Food Safety News reported September 7. The McDonalds where the individual works is located inside a Walmart. Customers who ate at the restaurant August 25, 26, 27, or 30 may have been exposed to the virus and should contact their healthcare providers, health officials advise. Only one employee at the location was infected with the virus, and no illnesses have been reported among patrons, a representative for the San Diego County HHSA said.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/09/hepatitis-a-case-linked-to-san-diego-mcdonalds/#.UE3rV666RnA>

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Water Sector

27. *September 9, WEWS 5 Cleveland* – (Ohio) **Boil alert in effect for Vermilion residents.** Vermilion, Ohio officials issued a boil alert September 8 after an employee at the Water & Sewer Service Plant said groundwater got into the city’s clearwell, a water storage tank. Work was being done on the well when it rained, causing the need for a boil alert. The city expected the alert to continue into September 10 while officials were awaiting more test results.

Source: http://www.newsnet5.com/dpp/news/local_news/oh_erie/boil-alert-in-effect-for-vermilion-residents

28. *September 9, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Cleanup at plant shifts to water.** Groundwater testing around the closed General Chemical Corp. hazardous-waste facility in Framingham, Massachusetts, could begin the week of September 17, beginning what could be years of monitoring and cleanup, according to State officials. General Chemical filed a notice of closure for its facility March 1, after years of complaints from residents and officials about potential health hazards. Most cleanup was finished before Woodrow Wilson Elementary School opened August 29, but the remaining structural decontamination will be done when school is not in session, again using air monitoring to protect the neighborhood. The State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) decided more wells were needed because of inadequate data. The groundwater plume is heading toward a large wetland area including Course Brook, which flows into Sherborn. The primary concern is certain chlorinated solvents, said a DEP official, which are denser than water and sink when they go into the ground. Tests have shown some of these solvents are in the groundwater table and it is unknown how widespread and deep they are. With no known danger to any public water supply, the State is looking at private wells. Officials said testing for other contaminants, such as metals, will happen later, as will soil testing, with some wells likely being monitored for years.
Source: http://www.boston.com/yourtown/framingham/articles/2012/09/09/framingham_ground_water_testing_begins_soon_at_general_chemical/
29. *September 8, Birmingham News* – (Alabama) **Jefferson County sewer plant repairs to cost \$80,000.** An explosion that shut down a Jefferson County, Alabama sewer plant the week of September 2 will cost about \$80,000 to repair, said the director of the county's environmental services department. He said the Five Mile Creek Wastewater Treatment plant lost power September 2 and was operating at limited capacity. It may not return to full power until later in 2012 when a transformer is rebuilt, he said. An electrical bus faulted and killed the power feed to a portion of the plant. Officials do not believe the problem was related to a design error, which caused problems for the plant in the past.
Source: http://blog.al.com/spotnews/2012/09/jefferson_county_sewer_plant_r.html
30. *September 7, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **275,000 gallons of waste spill in Frederick County.** The Frederick News-Post reported 275,000 gallons of partially treated wastewater spilled into Ballenger Creek September 5, and then flowed into the Monocacy River. Frederick County, Maryland officials were trying to determine why the malfunction went unnoticed for 90 minutes. The county utilities chief said a pump-station control malfunctioned, an alarm light and horn were supposed to alert two employees on duty, but no one responded for 2 hours. He said the spill was reported to the Maryland Department of the Environment and the county health department.
Source: <http://www2.wsls.com/lifestyles/2012/sep/07/275000-gallons-of-waste-spill-in-frederick-county-ar-2186818/>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

31. *September 8, WSVN 7 Miami* – (Florida) **3 carjack truck carrying prescription drugs.** Police were searching for three armed robbers who carjacked a truck during a delivery of pharmaceuticals September 7 in Miami Beach, Florida. According to police, a truck was scheduled to drop off merchandise at a pharmacy when the driver was held up at gunpoint and carjacked. After pulling the driver out and pointing a gun at him, authorities said, the three men jumped in the truck and fled. Police were looking for a white cargo van with windows in the back.
Source: <http://www.wsvn.com/news/articles/local/21008473183262/3-carjack-truck-carrying-pharmaceutical-drugs/>
32. *September 7, Miami Herald* – (Florida) **Two University of Miami Hospital employees may have stolen, sold patient data.** Two employees at University of Miami (UM) Hospital in Miami may have stolen and sold information from thousands of patients who visited the facility over a 22-month period, the medical school announced September 7. A press release stated UM learned of the breach from Miami-Dade police July 18. A UM Web site said the employees “admitted improper conduct” and that the investigation was continuing. A UM spokeswoman said she had no information about how many patients’ records may have been taken. State records indicate the UM hospital admits about 19,000 patients a year. The records that were possibly taken were “face sheets” in the registration process that include name, address, date of birth, insurance policy numbers, and reason for the visit. The sheets contained only the last four digits of the person’s Social Security number, but UM noted that some insurers, including Medicare and Medicaid, use Social Security numbers as the policy numbers. UM said patients who visited the hospital between October 2010 and July 2012 may be affected.
Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2012/09/07/2990379/two-university-of-miami-hospital.html>

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Government Facilities Sector

33. *September 10, Help Net Security* – (National) **Data breaches expose 94 million records in the government sector.** An analysis of government breach data shows that the government sector reported 268 incidents of data breaches from January 1, 2009 to May 31, 2012, which exposed more than 94 million records containing personally identifiable information (PII), according to Rapid7. The research revealed a 50 percent increase in the number of compromises affecting the government sector from 2009 to 2010, as well as a skyrocketing rise in the number of records exposed each year, with the number tripling from 2010 to 2011. Unintended disclosure, the loss/theft of portable devices, physical loss, and hacking continue to be the leading causes of breaches. Analyzing data collected and categorized by the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse

Chronology of Data Breaches, Rapid7 discovered additional details regarding breach incidents and government records that were exposed. The number of hacking incidents increased nearly 50 percent year-over-year between 2009 and 2011, with 2012 on pace to more than double that of 2011 entirely. Between January 1, 2012 and May 31, 2012, government agencies reported more hacking incidents than any other type of incident. California (21), District of Columbia (20) and Texas (16) reported the greatest amount of incidents across the country.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=13553>

34. *September 10, WSAV 3 Savannah* – (South Carolina) **Bomb threat disrupts Jasper County schools.** A bomb threat was called in September 7 to the Jasper County School District office's answering service in Ridgeland, South Carolina. Officers with the Jasper County Sheriff's Office responded the suspicious call when the message was retrieved September 10. It was determined by law enforcement there was a need to evacuate both campuses and do a complete search of each of them. Students were evacuated from the buildings as a bomb squad was called in to investigate. Parents were notified of the situation through the Alert Now System. The Jasper County Sheriff's Office, the Town of Ridgeland Police Department, and the Town of Hardeeville Police Department responded.
Source: <http://www2.wsav.com/news/2012/sep/10/bomb-threat-disrupts-jasper-county-schools-ar-4517674/>
35. *September 9, Associated Press* – (Washington) **New security notification system at Wash. Capitol.** Washington State will unveil a new security notification system for the Capitol campus in Olympia next month, the Associated Press reported September 9. The still-in-development system was first tested in August when a suspicious bag left in the Capitol rotunda led to an evacuation of the building. In that test, a series of three emails were sent to 42 designated security people at the Capitol. They then forwarded them on to more employees. It was used a second time in August when an alert went out to more than double the number of employees after a phone threat at a State agency. By October, the notification email is expected to expand to the thousands of employees who work in the 36 buildings on the State's Capitol campus.
Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2012/09/09/4802194/new-security-notification-system.html>
36. *September 9, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Paper: Pa. House leaders strip guards of guns.** Leaders of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives have quietly decided to strip the chamber's uniformed guards of their firearms, reversing a policy instituted in 2006, the Philadelphia Inquirer reported September 9. The decision was made after discovering one of the 16 guards had been carrying a gun for years despite a criminal history. The paper, citing house records and interviews, said he was fired in May and three people who supervised him later resigned. Security guards for the State senate do not carry weapons. The Capitol complex is protected by the Capitol police force. The former director of security for the legislative officers, who was one of those who resigned, said he has no regrets about the policy.
Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2012/09/09/4802388/paper-pa-house-leaders-strip-guards.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

37. *September 10, New York Post* – (New York) **FDNY Marine Unit rescues cops after boat sinks.** A Port Authority of New York and New Jersey boat carrying 10 police officers suddenly sank off Breezy Point in New York September 9 during a water-rescue exercise. Seven of the officers were already in the water, training for their water-rescue certification, when the 37-foot craft started sinking, sources said. One source said a few of the officers swam the 300 yards to shore, navigating heavy currents in the 40-foot waters. Some of the other officers and two civilian trainers aboard climbed into safety in rafts, while the rest were removed from the water by the New York Fire Department's Marine Unit, law-enforcement sources and witnesses said. Two or three of those aboard were briefly hospitalized.
Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/news/10776455/fdny-marine-unit-rescues-cops-after-boat-sinks>
38. *September 9, Washington Post* – (Maryland) **Fire truck struck amid multiple Beltway crashes.** A car crash on the Capital Beltway in Prince George's County, Maryland, September 8 brought rescue workers to the scene. While rescuers were on the scene, a second car ran into the fire truck posted on the road. Police said one person from the first crash was taken to a hospital. No injuries to rescue workers were reported, but it was the second time in 2 months that a fire truck was struck on the Beltway while shielding rescue workers, according to a county fire department spokesman.
Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/crime/2012/09/09/c8943fb4-fadf-11e1-8252-5f89566a35ac_story.html
39. *September 8, Washington Missourian* – (Missouri) **Fire, ambulance districts report radio troubles.** The week of September 3, emergency responders in Franklin County, Missouri, said they experienced issues with sending and receiving emergency radio communications following the county's switch to narrowband radio frequencies earlier during the summer. Both the Boles fire chief and the New Haven ambulance chief said they were experiencing issues hearing and being heard with portable and mobile radios when responding to calls.
Source: http://www.emissourian.com/news/top_stories/article_0dc6a2fa-17be-5f0a-a36a-b3142bc76bdf.html
40. *September 8, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **St. Tammany fire station damaged in fire Saturday.** An electrical fire broke out in St. Tammany fire station No. 14 in Slidell, Louisiana, September 8, destroying about half of the building and leaving it inoperable for some time, officials said. It took 20 firefighters 23 minutes to contain the fire, said the chief of administration for Fire Protection District No. 1. Firefighters discovered the flames when they went to check on a loud popping noise coming from one of the engine rooms. An \$80,000 hose truck, packed with \$35,000 worth of

equipment, was completely destroyed, he said. Personnel who work at the station were reassigned to the nearest fire station.

Source:

http://www.nola.com/traffic/index.ssf/2012/09/st_tammany_fire_station_damage.html

41. *September 7, KXAS 5 Dallas-Fort Worth* – (Texas) **Fire truck catches fire outside fire station.** A fire truck in Haltom City, Texas, caught fire outside Fire Station 3 September 6. Firefighters from all three of Haltom City's stations were inside undergoing training when they were interrupted. The fire was contained to the cab, but did extensive damage, leaving it charred. While the department tried to figure out how the fire started, investigators ruled out foul play. It is a big loss because the truck is an important piece of equipment due to its versatility. The truck cost half a million dollars when it was purchased in 2000. Currently, the department does not know if it would be cheaper to repair the truck or to purchase a new one. Haltom City will rely on ladder trucks from surrounding cities for the time being.

Source: <http://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/Fire-Truck-Catches-Fire-Outside-Fire-Station-168966776.html>

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Information Technology Sector

42. *September 10, InformationWeek* – (International) **Apple device ID leak traced to BlueToad.** The source of the database containing 1 million Apple unique device identifiers (UDIDs) published online the week of September 3 by hacking group AntiSec was identified September 10 as BlueToad, an application publisher and analytics provider based in Orlando, Florida. AntiSec said it obtained the database from the FBI, which subsequently disputed that claim. A security researcher working for the Intrepidus Group said he identified BlueToad from patterns in the database itself. In a blog post published September 10, he explained how he sorted the data, identified some 15,000 duplicated UDID numbers, and then linked some of those numbers to BlueToad. He found names in the database shared by BlueToad employees and also discovered passwords from the company that were leaked online. September 5, in response to queries, BlueToad's CIO contacted the security researcher and the company began working on a response. September 10, BlueToad's CEO acknowledged the firm's systems were compromised the week of September 3, and that the list of Apple UDIDs came from its servers.

Source: <http://www.informationweek.com/security/privacy/apple-device-id-leak-traced-to-bluetoad/240007032>

43. *September 10, The H* – (International) **Foxit Reader 5.4 fixes DLL hijacking vulnerability.** The 5.4 release of Foxit Software's proprietary PDF Reader addresses a Dynamic Link Library (DLL) hijacking vulnerability that could be exploited by an attacker to compromise a victim's system. According to the company, previous versions of its software contained a security hole that allowed it to call and execute

- malicious code stored in an infected DLL file. For an attack to be successful, a victim must first open a PDF file in the same directory as a specially crafted version of a system DLL file. Versions up to and including Foxit Reader 5.3.1.0606 are affected. Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Foxit-Reader-5-4-fixes-DLL-hijacking-vulnerability-1703878.html>
44. *September 10, Softpedia* – (International) **DarkShell keylogger comes as Windows help file.** Sophos researchers discovered a sample of malware that can hide within a .hlp file. The file is called Amministrazione.hlp (Italian for “administration”) and once it is executed, it downloads several additional elements onto the affected system: Windows Security Center.exe and RECYCLER.DLL. According to experts, the dynamic library file is actually a keylogger part of the DarkShell trojan. The malicious element records every keystroke, stores the data in a file, and then sends it back to a remote server.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/DarkShell-Keylogger-Comes-as-Windows-Help-File-291124.shtml>
45. *September 10, Ars Technica* – (International) **Guild Wars 2 officials say password attack, blocked accounts, generates 8,500 requests.** A password-cracking campaign against players of the popular game Guild Wars 2, combined with account log-in problems, generated more than 8,500 support requests the weekend of September 8, company officials said, adding the account takeover attacks were in part aided by compromised credentials siphoned from an unknown fan site that was recently hacked. Officials with Guild Wars 2 developer ArenaNet recently began the practice of proactively emailing customers when someone logs into an account from a new location. They also advised users to choose long, random passwords that are unique to their accounts and to check email only from trusted devices. From September 7-9, officials said they received about 8,500 support requests related to hacked accounts or blocked accounts. By September 10, the company’s support team helped 2,574 players with hacked accounts get back into the game. It also restored service to another 2,867 players with other blocking log-in issues.
Source: <http://arstechnica.com/security/2012/09/guild-wars-2-password-attack-affects-10000-accounts/>
46. *September 10, The H* – (International) **Pre-release version of Windows 8 contains Flash hole.** The upcoming version 10 of Microsoft’s Internet Explorer includes an integrated version of Flash Player and updates it automatically. However, Windows 8 continues to use version 11.3.372.94, released July 19, even though Adobe released a security update August 15 that was followed by another update a week later. Microsoft’s Malware Protection Center warned customers of this bug, advising them to update Flash Player or implement other security measures. However, Adobe explains Windows 8 users no longer have the option of manually updating the player, and they need to rely on Microsoft’s automatic updates.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Pre-release-version-of-Windows-8-contains-Flash-hole-1703494.html>

47. *September 8, SecurityWeek* – (International) **RSA: Not enough proof that China is behind the Elderwood gang.** September 7, Symantec released a report claiming the Aurora attackers used the same methods to target more than 1,000 in various industry sectors and non-governmental organizations in recent years. The group, dubbed the “Elderwood gang” by Symantec for a parameter used in the attack source code, used a combination of zero-day vulnerabilities and compromised Web servers to launch the attacks, according to a research report released by Symantec Security Response. While there were some commonalities in the attack infrastructure and scripts used, RSA researchers, who were independently tracking the same attacks over the summer of 2012, were not convinced links existed between the Elderwood gang and the Aurora attackers, the senior manager at RSA’s advanced threat intelligence team said.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/rsa-not-enough-proof-china-behind-elderwood-gang>
48. *September 7, Threatpost* – (International) **Backdoor.LV samples on the rise.** A strain of malware called Backdoor.LV that uses a custom protocol over port 80 to communicate with its command and control (C&C) server has been consistently increasing its reach since May, according to a report from FireEye. The security firm observed Backdoor.LV determining its host’s NetBIOS name, user, date, locale, and Windows OS name and relaying that data to its C&C server via a customized protocol on port 80. It also identifies itself, letting the C&C server know which particular version of Backdoor.LV it is. Backdoor.LV is distributing itself with malicious executables hidden on many Web sites with IP addresses emanating primarily from countries in North Africa, the Arabian Peninsula, and the Middle East.
Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/backdoorlv-samples-rise-090612

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Communications Sector

49. *September 8, North Andover Eagle-Tribune* – (Massachusetts) **Verizon expects to have repairs done this weekend.** Verizon officials said they restored service to all but 50 customers who lost their Internet and phone after a fire in Lawrence, Massachusetts, nearly 2 weeks ago, the North Andover Eagle-Tribune reported September 8. A spokesman for Verizon said all but 50 of the roughly 8,000 customers who lost service were restored, and the company expected the remainder to be fixed the weekend of September 8. A smoldering mattress destroyed tens of thousands of copper and glass fiber optic lines under the Central Bridge in Lawrence August 27. The mattress was one

of several laid over PVC conduits carrying the telecommunications cables by homeless people who slept under the bridge at night. The outage temporarily knocked out thousands of residents' and businesses' communications services, along with a regional hospital-to-ambulance service and North Andover's 9-1-1 system.

Source: <http://www.eagletribune.com/local/x1709875070/Verizon-expects-to-have-repairs-done-this-weekend>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

50. *September 10, WWLP 22 Springfield* – (Massachusetts) **40 homeless after apartment fire.** More than 40 people were displaced September 9, after an apartment fire in Holyoke, Massachusetts. A total of eight apartments in the five-story building were occupied at the time. All of the tenants were able to make it out safely. A Holyoke Fire Department spokesman said it was still unclear what caused the fire, but they do know it started in the back of the building.
Source: <http://www.wwlp.com/dpp/news/local/hampden/40-homeless-after-apartment-fire>
51. *September 10, WTXF 29 Philadelphia* – (Pennsylvania) **Firefighters hurt battling Horsham strip mall fire.** Four firefighters were hospitalized after fighting a fire September 9 at a strip mall in Horsham, Pennsylvania. None of the injuries was considered serious. One of those firefighters had already been treated and released September 9, and the other three were released September 10. Investigators said they were looking into what caused the fire at The Shoppes at Blair Mill. Investigators believe the fire started in a laundromat, near the back of the building, which comes from a statements that eyewitnesses gave fire officials. Some of the other businesses in the strip mall suffered water, smoke, and fire damage.
Source: <http://www.myfoxphilly.com/story/19497072/fire-damages-businesses-in-horsham>
52. *September 10, Bel Air Aegis* – (Maryland) **Aberdeen Marriott evacuated, one taken to hospital after chemical smell.** The Courtyard at Marriott Hotel in Aberdeen, Maryland, was evacuated and one person taken to the hospital after an unknown chemical smell was reported September 9. HAZMAT crews responded to the hotel for a chemical odor stated the Harford County Volunteer Fire & EMS page on Facebook. The chemical was “believed to be located in [the] pool area [as a] result of mixing of chemicals,” the page stated. A hotel employee said that everything was safe and the hotel cooperated with the fire department.
Source: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/explore/harford/neighborhoods/aberdeen/ph-ag-marriott-evacuated-0912-20120909,0,7503684.story>
53. *September 9, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Fire rips through historic Pa. hotel building.** Officials in central Pennsylvania said a fire September 9 burned through a historic hotel building in Bellefonte, displacing dozens of residents. The Centre Daily Times said the blaze at the former Garman Hotel that hosed Hotel Do De was reported

early September 9. The Bellefonte Fire Department said the cause remained unknown. The building owner said all tenants either escaped unharmed or were not home at the time, and hotel bar patrons also escaped unharmed. Three firefighters were treated for likely smoke inhalation. The neighboring Garman Theatre sustained fire and smoke damage.

Source: <http://www.wytv.com/content/news/pastate/story/Fire-rips-through-historic-Pa-hotel-building/dIXTz68vMECubvWA3smqVg.cspX>

54. *September 9, WBOY 12 Clarksburg* – (West Virginia) **Man on life support, motel residents left homeless after fire.** A fire in Harrison County, West Virginia, left one man in grave condition at a local hospital September 9. The fire destroyed two wings of the Towne House West Motor Lodge and left many of its residents with no place to go. The fire started in a few apartments on the west wing of the motel. In minutes, it spread throughout the building and jumped a fire wall into the next section. Many people lived at the motor lodge. While locals may have people in the area to stay with, others do not have that option. American Red Cross officials said rooms in the area are scarce. Crews spent many hours trying to locate residents of the motel unaccounted for at the time of the fire.

Source: <http://www.wboy.com/story/19496627/motel-residents-left-homeless-after-fire>

55. *September 8, KUSA 9 Denver* – (Colorado) **200K bond set for RadioShack standoff suspects.** The two men accused of holding a man hostage for hours after a botched robbery attempt September 7 outside Denver, appeared in court September 8. The two suspects were being investigated for three felony charges. The charges include attempted first degree murder of a police officer, kidnapping, and aggravated robbery. A bond for both suspects was set at \$200,000. The 6-hour standoff at a Denver RadioShack store ended peacefully after the suspects released their hostage and walked out of the store. The hostage was identified as the store's manager. Police responded to the RadioShack after a report of a robbery. Police arrived before the suspects were able to get away. One of the suspects was attempting to leave, but ran back inside when police showed up and took the store manager hostage. The suspects shot several rounds, but police said no one was hit. Police entered the store and conducted negotiations as a SWAT team surrounded the building.

Source: <http://www.9news.com/news/article/287790/339/RadioShack-standoff-suspects-to-appear-in-court->

56. *September 8, WUSA 9 Washington* – (Maryland) **Four people taken to hospital in Show Place Arena.** Four people were taken to the hospital by Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department after being stampeded during a storm-induced evacuation at an arena in Upper Marlboro, Maryland, September 8. The Prince George's Fire Department public information officer said the Show Place Arena, which is an open-air area, was playing host to the Prince George's County Fair. When a severe thunderstorm moved into the area, the fairgrounds were evacuated. The exit areas were congested as people tried to head to shelter and some trampling occurred as people tried to get out. There were about a dozen people with injuries, but emergency officials evaluated them and only four were transported to the hospital. None of the injuries were major. There was some damage to structures and tents at the fairgrounds.

Source: [57. *September 8, WSVN 7 Miami* – \(Florida\) **3 injured in shooting at local park.** Police searched for the gunman who fired shots at a park in Miami, Florida, and sent at least 300 people running for cover, WSVN 7 Miami reported September 8. The shooting happened the night of September 7 at newly renovated Gibson park. Investigators said the bullets started flying during the middle of a little league football game. Rescue crews transported three people to a hospital and police were searching for the gunman. “Just pulled out a gun and started shooting at everybody just talking to some, 2 girls got shot and a guy,” said a witness.](http://www.wusa9.com/news/article/220411/158/Up-To-A-Dozen-Injuries-Reported-In>Show-Place-Arena-Trampling-Incident-in-Md</p></div><div data-bbox=)

Source: <http://www.wsvn.com/news/articles/local/21008480405350/3-injured-in-shooting-at-local-park/>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

58. *September 10, Associated Press* – (Idaho; Montana; Oregon) **Wildfires lead to evacuations.** Authorities issued evacuation orders September 9 for Idaho residents in the path of two wildfires where expected strong winds and low humidity could make firefighting difficult. The Lehmi County sheriff issued an evacuation order September 9 for residents along U.S. Highway 93 from Quartz Creek to North Fork threatened by the 408-square-mile Mustang Complex of wildfires on the Montana border that officials fear could spread with high winds. Law enforcement officials September 9 were going door to door notifying residents of about 400 homes. On the other side of the State along the Oregon border, fire officials said evacuations were taking place ahead of the 2.5-square-mile Sheep Fire. The National Weather Service issued a Red Flag Warning September 9 for the region, predicting winds of more than 25 mph combined with low humidity. One firefighter was injured September 8 and had to be taken to a hospital by ambulance. In central Idaho, firefighters had the 228-square-mile Trinity Ridge Fire near Featherville 64 percent contained. To the north, the 232-square-mile Halstead Fire near Stanley was 35 percent contained.

Source: http://dnews.com/news_ap/idaho/article_12bccb4b-3d70-5a47-90bc-ceb9a05c7fea.html

59. *September 10, Santa Rosa Press-Democrat* – (California) **Cal Fire’s Santa Rosa air attack base keeps tanker in the air.** Cal Fire aerial bombers played a critical role September 9 in slowing down a fire that was burning in steep, rugged terrain east of Ukiah, California. As of September 9, the fire was only 15 percent contained and had consumed 4,100 acres in an area bordered by Scotts Valley Road, Highway 20 and the north Cow Mountain Recreation Area. About 300 homes and 40 other buildings were threatened. The air attack involved seven air tankers and five helicopters that were dropping a reddish-colored retardant in an effort to keep the fire from spreading.

Source: <http://www.pressdemocrat.com/article/20120909/ARTICLES/120909624>

60. *September 10, Sheridan Media* – (Wyoming) **Gilead Fire: 5760 acres, 45 percent contained.** The Gilead Fire, near Buffalo, Wyoming, was at 5,760 acres within the Big Horn National Forest, Sheridan Media reported September 10. Firefighters report the blaze was 45 percent contained, but the fire remained largely unchecked along its western border because firefighters could not access the area due to dangerous terrain. The National Incident Response Team in charge of the area reported a red flag warning was in effect from noon until midnight September 10. Some fire growth was expected due to dry and possibly windy conditions. The Bud Love Wildlife Habitat Management Unit, along with more than 15 U.S. Forest Service trails, were closed. The cost to date to fight the Gilead wildfire was \$1.7 million.
Source: <http://www.sheridanmedia.com/news/gilead-fire-5760-acres-45-contained50841>
61. *September 7, Redding Record-Searchlight* – (California) **Stafford Fire threatens Hayfork; crews making progress on north state fires.** The Stafford Fire close to the Trinity County town of Hayfork in California, prompted officials September 7 to close roads and issue additional evacuations. The 2,070-acre blaze forced the closure of a stretch of Highway 3 east of Hayfork, from County Road 343 to Wildwood Road, September 7. That stretch of Highway 3 later reopened. Fire officials said the southern and eastern ends of the fire are contained and crews shifted efforts to the southern and western ends. Evacuations on Morgan Hill Road to Genessee Road, Wildwood Road, and Wildthings Road from the north end to Highway 3 remained in effect. The evacuation center was located at Solid Rock Church in Hayfork. The Trinity County Sheriff's Office issued evacuations for Barker Valley Road along Highway 3 to Big Creek Road and also the mobile home park across from a mill west of Big Creek Road. The Likely Fire in Modoc County grew to 8,500 acres September 7, just 2 days after a motor home fire sparked the wildland blaze, fire officials said. Crews have kept buildings safe, though 18 homes and 7 other buildings were threatened. Firefighters continued September 7 to make good progress toward containing the Bagley Fire northeast of Redding. Officials said the fire, which has burned nearly 46,000 acres, was 80 percent contained, and they predicted full containment by September 10. The 22,000-acre Goff Fire in Siskiyou County was 67 percent contained as of September 7.
Source: <http://www.redding.com/news/2012/sep/07/hayfork-threatened/>

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Dams Sector

62. *September 10, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Levees to be raised in 2 Louisiana parishes.** Existing levees will be raised in two northeast Louisiana parishes within a few weeks, the Associated Press reported September 10. The levees held during the Mississippi River flooding of 2011, but settled gradually since being built in 1973. The president of the 5th Louisiana Levee District board said the changes will bring all of East Carroll Parish and most of Concordia Parish to 500-year flood protection levels. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said the levees will be raised about 1.5 feet at their three lowest spots. Each section is about 1,000 feet long. One spot is 3 miles south of Transylvania and another 7 miles south of the town. The third is about 15 miles south

of Vidalia. Work should be complete by November.

Source: <http://www.wafb.com/story/19496196/levees-to-be-raised-in-2-ne-louisiana-parishes>

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