



## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report 17 September 2012

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## Energy Sector

1. *September 13, Associated Press* – (Utah) **Report: Utah officials could make pipelines safer.** A new report finds authorities could do more to prevent massive oil spills in Utah such as a pair in 2010 that contaminated a lake, but officials will have to decide if it is worth the cost, the Associated Press reported September 13. The study was commissioned by Salt Lake City and released the week of September 10 by the nonprofit Pipeline Safety Trust. It comes after a Chevron pipeline failure in June 2010 released 33,000 gallons of oil into Red Butte Creek and Liberty Lake. About 21,000 gallons spilled nearby, in Salt Lake City's eastern foothills, 6 months later. The trust executive director said regulators could do more to ensure the safety of the pipelines, and the oil and gas industry could be more transparent in its pipeline inspections. The mayor said Salt Lake City needs to take the lead on protecting the community, rather than leaving the job to the industry.  
Source: <http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2012/09/13/3527513/report-utah-officials-could-make.html>
2. *September 13, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **US regulators: miner killed at Consol Energy coal mine at W.Va.-Pa. line.** A coal miner died September 13 of injuries suffered at Consol Energy's Blacksville No. 2 mine in Greene County, Pennsylvania, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) said. The miner was struck by a rock from the roof in the outly track area, according to a MSHA spokesman. An inspector was on site and a closure order was issued. The worker was transported to a hospital where he died. The company notified State and federal authorities. The mine is a large longwall operation that employs about 585 workers. In 2011, it produced 4.3 million tons of coal.  
Source:  
<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/bba50e94247744e08c8c4268f4bf651f/WV--Mining-Death>

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## Chemical Industry Sector

3. *September 14, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **DEQ probes chemical leaks at Isaac-hit facility.** Louisiana officials are investigating how many chemicals leaked from storage tanks at a facility flooded by Hurricane Isaac with about 7 feet of water, the Associated Press reported September 14. Isaac's surge damaged the Stolthaven Braithwaite LLC chemical storage and transfer facility next to the Mississippi River in Braithwaite, a Plaquemines Parish community protected by levees overtopped by floodwaters. The facility is owned by Stolt-Nielsen Ltd., a Norwegian company that ships bulk liquid chemicals, vegetable oils, and other chemicals globally. A spokesman with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) said crews were

cleaning up the facility September 13, more than 2 weeks after Isaac struck Louisiana. Officials are uncertain how many chemicals were released. The DEQ spokesman said air and water testing has found no contamination outside of the facility's grounds.

Source: <http://www.fox8live.com/story/19539014/deq-probes-chemical-leaks-at-isaac-hit-facility>

4. *September 13, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Missouri) **EPA announces settlement of three pesticides enforcement actions.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced three enforcement actions against Missouri pesticides distributors September 13 for violations related to sales or distribution of unregistered and misbranded pesticides. All three cases involved the sale and distribution of plant growth regulators, which are regulated as pesticides by the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). June 14, Mayberry Seed Co., of Essex agreed to pay a \$17,160 penalty after the EPA alleged it distributed or sold an unregistered plant growth regulator and fungicide on at least 14 occasions between April 1, 2010, and August 25, 2011. July 5, Southeast Cooperative Service Company, Inc., of Advance agreed to pay a \$12,000 civil penalty to resolve multiple sales of an unregistered plant growth regulator and fungicide to at least four individuals between April 1, 2010, and August 21, 2010. September 4, AgXplore International, LLC, of Parma agreed to pay a \$237,573 civil penalty to resolve 212 counts for the sale or distribution between May 7, 2009, and March 25, 2012, of 19 different unregistered pesticide products, including plant regulators, insecticides, and fungicides. AgXplore informed its customers and distributors of its violative products.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/82e3cdcb7f43f1c485257a78005ba929?OpenDocument>

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

5. *September 13, Bloomberg News* – (Texas) **Halliburton hunting for missing radioactive probe in west Texas.** Halliburton Co. is scouring a 130-mile swath of west Texas oil fields for a lost 7-inch cylinder with radioactive material used when drilling natural gas wells by hydraulic fracturing, Bloomberg News reported September 13. Pickup trucks outfitted with detection gear retraced the route of a vehicle that carried the radioactive rod before it was reported missing September 11, the company told the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). The trucks drove at 10 miles an hour between Pecos, where the device was previously used on a well, and Odessa without finding the unit, said an NRC incident report. "It's not something that produces radiation in an extremely dangerous form," a spokesman for the Texas Department of State Health Services said. "But it's best for people to stay back, 20 or 25 feet" if they find a cylinder marked "radioactive — do not handle," he said. The probe contains americium-241/beryllium.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2012-09-13/halliburton-hunting-for-missing-radioactive-probe-in-west-texas>

6. *September 13, Reuters* – (International) **Second Belgian reactor has indications of cracks.** A second nuclear reactor in Belgium has indications of cracks in its core tank, the country's nuclear regulator said September 13, putting further strain on the country's energy supply as it heads into winter. Preliminary results of tests being carried out at Tihange 2 showed that there were indications of cracks on the core tank, Belgium's nuclear regulator FANC said in a statement. The 1,008 megawatt reactor in the south of the country was to reopen from a scheduled shutdown in October, but that will now be delayed while experts analyze the test results.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/09/13/belgium-nuclear-idUSL5E8KD9D420120913>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

7. *September 13, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Washington) **Two Puget Sound-area metalworking facilities fail to disclose use of chemicals.** Two metalworking facilities in Seattle and Tukwila, Washington, failed to report toxic chemical use under federal community right-to-know laws, according to two separate settlements with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency released September 13. Under the settlements, North Star Casteel Products, Inc. and Jorgensen Forge Corporation submitted missing reports outlining chemical use at their facilities and will pay fines of \$87,000 and \$73,600, respectively. North Star Casteel Products failed to report on time its use and off-site disposal of chromium and manganese compounds for 4 years between 2006 and 2010. Jorgensen Forge Corporation failed to report on time for use and off-site disposal of chromium, lead, manganese, and nickel in 2010.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/f5d07d7a0f189bc385257a78006d1ba1?OpenDocument>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

8. *September 14, Global Security Newswire* – (Tennessee) **Y-12 protesters mull infiltrating New Mexico, Missouri nuclear sites: Report.** A group of three antiwar advocates targeted the Y-12 National Security Complex in Tennessee for infiltration after considering two alternative U.S. nuclear-weapon locations, and the trio used open-source information to plot the unauthorized entry over a period of months, one of the trespassers said September 12 in comments reported by the Knoxville News Sentinel.

The members of the antinuclear group Transform Now Plowshares infiltrated the Oak Ridge site's "Protected Area" July 28, where a facility holding large quantities of weapon-grade uranium is located. The three had enough time to allegedly pour out blood, put up signs, and paint on the sides of buildings before they were discovered and apprehended. The group's final member to be freed from detention said the group also considered attempting entry at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico and the Kansas City Plant in Missouri. Both installations house nuclear-weapon production facilities.

Source: <http://www.nti.org/gsn/article/y-12-protesters-mulled-infiltrating-new-mexico-kansas-nuclear-sites/>

9. *September 14, Fort Worth Star-Telegram* – (International) **F-22 Raptor's oxygen systems may be altered, Air Force says.** The U.S. Air Force is considering making changes to the F-22 Raptor's oxygen supply system, including some that were proposed nearly a decade ago, a senior general told a Congressional subcommittee September 13. He said the service decided in 2005 not to make recommended changes that would have better regulated oxygen supplied to pilots. At the time, respiratory problems reported by pilots were not considered serious. Since then, many more breathing problems have been reported, he said, and the Air Force "has learned a lot" about physiological effects unique to the F-22. Pilots have reported becoming disoriented while flying the plane.

Source: <http://www.kansascity.com/2012/09/14/3814745/f-22-raptors-oxygen-systems-may.html>

10. *September 14, Fort Myers News-Press* – (Florida) **Five suffer minor injuries in oven explosion at Fort Myers complex.** An oven explosion inside an industrial complex in Fort Myers, Florida, injured 5 workers and forced more than 100 people to evacuate the building, the Fort Myers News-Press reported September 14. Five employees suffered minor injuries. Two of them were transported to the hospital. Firefighters said there was structural damage to the building but only in the immediate area of where the explosion occurred. An attached concrete building storing two commercial ovens was destroyed during the explosion. Debris was scattered across the parking lot, and there was damage to vehicles nearby. Pall Corporation, an aerospace and filtration-systems manufacturer, shut down operations for the day while investigators examined the cause of the explosion.

Source: <http://www.news-press.com/article/20120914/NEWS0110/120914003/1075/Five-suffer-minor-injuries-oven-explosion-Fort-Myers-complex?odyssey=nav|head>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

11. *September 14, Associated Press* – (Oklahoma; National) **'Bucket List Bandit' caught in Okla. after crime spree.** An FBI agent said a suspect dubbed the "Bucket List

Bandit,” who is believed to be responsible for bank robberies in nine States, was arrested in Oklahoma City September 13. The FBI nicknamed the robber the “Bucket List Bandit” after he allegedly told a Utah bank teller he had only 4 months to live. A warrant charged the man with robbing the Huntingdon National Bank branch in Erie, Pennsylvania, September 10. It said a confidential informant gave the FBI his name and birth date. Authorities then reviewed surveillance video and found an “obvious likeness” to him during robberies in Missouri, Colorado, Arizona, Idaho, Utah, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Illinois.

Source: <http://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Latest-News-Wires/2012/0914/Bucket-List-Bandit-caught-in-Okla.-after-crime-spree>

12. *September 14, Asbury Park Press* – (New Jersey) **Freehold Twp. man charged in bank fraud.** A Freehold Township, New Jersey man was one of eight people charged September 13 by federal authorities with conspiracy to commit bank fraud and money laundering as part of a more than \$30 million mortgage fraud scheme. Authorities said the man was part owner of Woodbridge-based Premiere Mortgage Services. Through his company, fraudulent documents of “straw buyers” were submitted to financial institutions asserting the buyers had more assets and income than they actually did, according to authorities. When the financial institutions approved the mortgages, he and others split the proceeds, authorities said. The properties went into foreclosure, defrauding the banks and other companies of millions. Two Brazilian nationals involved in the scheme remain at large.  
Source: <http://www.app.com/article/20120913/NJNEWS/309130066/Freehold-Twp-man-charged-in-bank-fraud>
13. *September 14, Associated Press* – (International) **Prosecutor: UBS trader accused of \$2.3 billion fraud ‘caused chaos,’ risked bringing down bank.** A senior trader at the Swiss bank UBS was a “master fraudster” who lost his bank \$2.3 billion, imperiling its very existence through risky deals and deceit in a bid to improve his status, bonus, and job prospects, prosecutors said September 14. A prosecution lawyer told a British jury that the man lied to his employer, invented clients, and breached the bank’s safeguards against high-risk trading between 2008 and 2011. The man was a senior equities trader with the bank in London when he was arrested in September 2011 after UBS discovered irregularities in trading records. He pleaded not guilty to two counts of fraud and two counts of false accounting. The fraud wiped \$4.5 billion, or 10 percent, off the share price of Switzerland’s biggest bank.  
Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/ex-ubs-trader-goes-on-trial-accused-of-fraud-that-cost-swiss-bank-2-billion/2012/09/14/d0ed09b6-fe3b-11e1-98c6-ec0a0a93f8eb\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/ex-ubs-trader-goes-on-trial-accused-of-fraud-that-cost-swiss-bank-2-billion/2012/09/14/d0ed09b6-fe3b-11e1-98c6-ec0a0a93f8eb_story.html)
14. *September 12, KABC 7 Los Angeles* – (California) **‘\$5K Bandit’ robs same Los Alamitos bank 3 times in 14 months.** A knife-wielding suspect robbed a US Bank branch in Los Alamitos, California, for the third time in 14 months September 11, police said. The suspect, dubbed the “\$5K Bandit” by the FBI, entered the bank branch, demanded money from tellers, and threatened them with a large butcher knife. The suspect jumped over the bank counter with the knife in his hand. The amount of money stolen was not disclosed.

Source:

[http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/local/orange\\_county&id=8808357](http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/local/orange_county&id=8808357)

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## **Transportation Sector**

15. *September 14, Dallas Morning News* – (Texas) **I-30 reopens in Mesquite after crash involving overturned 18-wheeler.** An overturned 18-wheeler made a mess of the Interstate 30/LBJ Freeway interchange in Mesquite, Texas, September 14. All eastbound lanes of I-30 were closed after the crash just west of LBJ, as has the westbound HOV lane and the ramp from northbound LBJ to eastbound I-30. The tractor-trailer's driver told police that he was merging from northbound LBJ onto the eastbound interstate when a car slowed and he swerved to avoid it. That threw his 30,000-pound load of engine blocks off balance, and the big rig rolled onto its side. Three hours later, the semi was uprighted, and a single eastbound lane was opened 4 hours later. All lanes were eventually reopened, along with the ramp from northbound LBJ to eastbound I-30.  
Source: <http://thescoopblog.dallasnews.com/2012/09/overturned-18-wheeler-shuts-down-eastbound-interstate-30-in-mesquite.html/>
16. *September 14, Associated Press* – (New Jersey; New York) **Bayonne Bridge reopened after head-on crash.** The Bayonne Bridge in the New York City metropolitan area reopened about 7 hours after a hit-and-run injured two people, the Associated Press reported September 14. A police spokesman said a sports utility vehicle (SUV) crossed the center line and hit a car on the bridge, causing serious lacerations to the occupants. The driver of the SUV jumped into a pickup that had stopped to help and drove off into New York City. The vehicle was found abandoned in Staten Island. There was no sign of the driver. The Bayonne Bridge connects Bayonne, New Jersey with Staten Island, New York.  
Source: <http://newyork.newsday.com/news/region-state/bayonne-bridge-reopened-after-head-on-crash-1.4002198>
17. *September 14, Associated Press* – (Nevada) **Vegas bus stop crash kills 4, injures 8.** A car went out of control near a Las Vegas intersection and rolled as it slammed into a bus stop, killing four pedestrians, and injuring several other people September 13. Police said the driver faces charges of driving under the influence resulting in death. Police said four were hospitalized with critical injuries, two with serious injuries, and one was treated for minor injuries and released. Roads were shut down as investigators worked to piece together the chain of events along the busy business corridor lined by fast-food restaurants, strip malls, and gas stations 2 miles west of the Las Vegas Strip.  
Source:  
[http://seattletimes.com/html/nationworld/2019144547\\_apusfatalbusstopcrash.html](http://seattletimes.com/html/nationworld/2019144547_apusfatalbusstopcrash.html)
18. *September 14, WWL 870 AM New Orleans* – (Louisiana) **Crash kills 2 in street sweeper, closes I-10.** Two people were dead after a street sweeper crashed into the back of an 18-wheeler on the I-10 in Louisiana between Kenner and LaPlace, WWL

870 AM New Orleans reported September 14. The crash closed the westbound I-10 for more than 6 hours. The driver and passenger were killed. “It was a vehicle that struck the left guard rail,” a Louisiana State trooper explained. “That vehicle spun out of control and came to rest in the left hand lane facing oncoming traffic.” The trooper says the driver of the 18-wheeler was trying to help. “The 18-wheeler stopped and put its hazard lights on in an effort to protect that car that was stalled in the left lane.”

Source:

<http://www.wvl.com/pages/14241638.php?contentType=4&contentId=11431157>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

19. *September 14, Food Safety News* – (National; International) **FDA adds mangoes tied to Salmonella outbreak to import alert list.** Mangoes from Mexico linked to a nationwide Salmonella outbreak have been added to the federal import alert list — meaning that districts can detain them without inspection, Food Safety News reported September 14. Mangoes produced by Sinaloa, Mexico-based Agricola Daniella and imported by Splendid Products of Burlingame, California, were recalled August 30 after they were named as the potential source of a Salmonella Braenderup outbreak that has sickened 104 people in 16 States, according to the latest update from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) added Daniella brand mangoes to its import alert listings September 12. According to FDA’s notice, “Districts may detain, without physical examination, those fresh and raw fresh refrigerated produce from manufacturers, shippers, and/or growers identified in the attachment for this import alert for the microbial contamination indicated.” Around 40 U.S. retailers who sold the fruits in stores have recalled the potentially contaminated product or withdrawn it from shelves, according to information compiled by Food Safety News and eFoodAlert.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/09/mangoes-linked-to-salmonella-outbreak-added-to-fda-import-alert-list/#.UFNFra66TIY>

20. *September 13, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (Michigan) **Spartan Stores voluntarily recalled deli products due to possible health risks.** Spartan Stores initiated a precautionary recall of certain deli products due to concerns of possible *Listeria monocytogenes* contact, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) reported September 12. No products have been identified as coming into contact with the *Listeria monocytogenes* organism. The deli products were distributed to Family Fare, D&W Fresh Markets, Glen’s, VG’s, and a limited number of independent supermarkets

in Michigan. This recall is the result of a routine surface swabbing conducted by the FDA that resulted in positive samples of *Listeria monocytogenes*.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm319274.htm>

21. *September 13, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **DFI Marketing Inc. voluntarily recalls cantaloupe because of the possibility of Salmonella.** DFI Marketing Inc. of Fresno, California, voluntarily recalled cantaloupe because it has the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella, the Food and Drug Administration reported September 12. Salmonella was found on a single sample of cantaloupe during routine testing conducted at a wholesale produce distribution center (terminal market) as part of a U.S. Department of Agriculture testing program. Through the company's recall and trace back systems, it was determined the suspected cantaloupes include approximately 28,000 cartons of bulk-packed product. The cantaloupes were packed August 26. They may have been distributed from August 27-September 10, primarily to retail customers in the following States and one country: Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, New York, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Mexico.  
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm319333.htm>
22. *September 13, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (Pennsylvania; National) **University Creamery recalling ice cream.** The University Creamery at Pennsylvania State University voluntarily recalled all ice cream and frozen yogurt made between May 16-August 11 because of isolated incidents involving reports of small plastic foreign objects in the product, the Food and Drug Administration reported September 13. The recalled ice cream was manufactured and sold from the Berkey Creamery on the University Park campus, and also was available for purchase on the Internet from the Creamery's Web site. In mid-August, University police began a criminal investigation into isolated incidents reports of small foreign objects in ice cream. The Creamery received three reports of consumers finding three small pieces of plastic in the ice cream. While the reports only related to half-gallon containers, the Creamery extended the recall to cover all ice cream and frozen yogurt in all container sizes made during the time period listed above. An independent investigation of reports of foreign objects conducted for the Creamery, while not conclusive, suggests the objects did not enter the ice cream during the manufacturing process. The Creamery put in place enhanced security measures to protect against the chances of undetected objects being placed in the ice cream. These measures include limiting access to production and packaging areas, increased surveillance systems, purchase of an X-ray device and metal detectors, and notification of ingredient suppliers. In the near future, the Creamery also will move to tamper-resistant packaging.  
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm319460.htm>
23. *September 13, Reuters* – (National) **Northeast, two other U.S. fishing areas declared disasters.** The U.S. Commerce Department September 13 declared a national fishery disaster for the northeast United States as a result of severely low stocks of key groundfish species such as cod and flounder. The declaration, which came after a 2-year campaign by members of the region's Congressional delegation, clears the way for

disaster aid to be allocated to coastal communities. Fishery disasters were also declared in Alaska, because of low returns of Chinook salmon in some key regions, and Mississippi, where flooding in the spring of 2011 damaged some of the State's oyster and blue crab fisheries. In a statement, the acting U.S. Secretary of Commerce said she was "deeply concerned" about the potential impact to the northeast fishing industry of lower catch limits.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/09/13/us-usa-fishing-disasters-idUSBRE88C17P20120913>

24. *September 13, Food Safety News* – (National) **Farm linked to cantaloupe outbreak is likely source of one, possibly two more outbreaks.** The Indiana farm whose cantaloupes were deemed the likely source of a nationwide Salmonella Typhimurium outbreak in August is now the suspected source of at least one other Salmonella outbreak linked to its cantaloupes and may be ground zero for a third Salmonella outbreak tied to watermelons, Food Safety News reported September 13. In its first update on the S. Typhimurium outbreak in 2 weeks, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported that 36 more illnesses were caused by this strain of the bacteria, bringing the case count in that outbreak up from 204 to 240 which is thought to have originated on cantaloupes grown by Chamberlain Farms of Owensville, Indiana. During its investigation at the farm, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) collected samples of cantaloupe, one of which tested positive for a different strain of Salmonella — Salmonella Newport. That strain has been linked to a separate cluster of 30 S. Newport infections that occurred between July 9-August 18. Together, 2 outbreaks linked to the farm have caused at least 270 illnesses in 26 States. Three people died. All deaths occurred in Kentucky. But the 270 cases may not be the only Salmonella infections linked to Chamberlain produce. September 10, the FDA announced the farm was recalling all of its watermelons from this growing season because a strain of Salmonella Newport was found in a sample of the fruit collected by the State of Indiana. Now genetic analysis of that sample has revealed it has a different pulsed-field gel electrophoresis pattern from the strain of Salmonella Newport isolated from the farm's cantaloupes, but that was indistinguishable from a strain of the bacteria that sickened 25 people in 8 States. Investigators are still working to figure out whether Chamberlain's watermelons were a common source of exposure among victims of this illness cluster, according to the CDC report.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/09/farm-linked-to-cantaloupe-outbreak-is-likely-source-of-1-and-maybe-2-more-outbreaks/#.UFNFsa66TIY>

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## Water Sector

25. *September 14, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (National) **EPA proposes adding groundwater plume in Salt Lake City to Superfund site list.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), with support from Utah Department of Environmental Quality, Salt Lake Valley Health Department, and Salt Lake City,

announced a proposal September 14 to add the PCE Plume, in Salt Lake City to the National Priorities List (NPL) of Superfund sites. The listing will make the site eligible for comprehensive assessment and cleanup through the Superfund process and mandate the availability of federal funds for cleanup. Sampling and investigations by the State and EPA indicate groundwater in the area is contaminated with tetrachloroethylene, commonly known as PCE. The groundwater plume, first discovered in 1990 during routine sampling of the Mount Olivet Cemetery irrigation well, contains levels of PCE above federal drinking water standards. In 2010, water samples taken by the city from natural springs fed by groundwater in the area also indicated the presence of PCE. Left unaddressed, the PCE plume is likely to grow in size, further endangering public water supplies. EPA proposed to add eight sites nationally to the NPL September 14.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/da97fdf3eab1310585257a7900516ff9?OpenDocument>

26. *September 13, Monroe News Star* – (Louisiana) **3 NELA water systems issue boil orders.** Three water systems in northeastern Louisiana were under boil orders from the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH), the Monroe News Star reported September 13. According to the DHH Web site, the order affects customers of the St. Joseph Water System in Tensas Parish, the South Monroe Water System in Ouachita Parish, and the Wesley Chapel Water System in Lincoln Parish. All customers of the South Monroe System on Monroe Avenue, Lincoln Park Drive, Reddix Lane, and Weaver Circle were affected, and only customers on Mary West Road in Lincoln Parish. According to DHH, major storm events like Hurricane Isaac that cause power outages can result in pressure loss for a water system, or floodwater flowing into the system can cause natural contaminants to enter the drinking water supply.

Source: <http://www.thenewsstar.com/article/20120914/NEWS01/209140330>

27. *September 13, WCSH 6 Portland* – (Maine) **Water district investigating SoPo water main breaks.** The Portland Water District was trying to determine the cause of six water main breaks in south Portland, Maine, during a 2-week period, WCSH 6 Portland reported. Another water main break took place September 13. District officials said it was caused by a New England Utilities crew working on a construction project in the area. The district was trying to determine if the breaks were related. Another recent break sent thousands of gallons of water into J.P. Thornton's causing major damage to the deli, bar, and restaurant. A district spokeswoman said officials ruled out unusual water fluctuations in water use, which can create pressure that breaks pipes. She said fire hydrant usage near the breaks was also the focus of a recent meeting between the district and the South Portland Fire Department. The district planned to release the results of its investigation into the breaks the week of September 17.

Source: <http://www.wcsh6.com/news/article/214744/2/Water-District-investigating-SoPo-water-main-breaks>

28. *September 12, WRAL 5 Raleigh* – (North Carolina) **EPA finds contaminated well water in Wake Forest neighborhood.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was investigating several contaminated wells in Wake Forest, North Carolina, from which residents say they have been drinking for years. Well water at about 20 homes

tested positive for the carcinogen TCE, an EPA official said September 12. About a dozen homes have TCE levels that exceed the limit set by the Safe Drinking Water Act. At one home, EPA workers found TCE levels more than 65 times the safe drinking limit. The cancer-causing solvent is water soluble and travels underground. While the EPA continues its investigation, bottled water was distributed and crews were installing carbon filters to those who qualify. The agency is looking into a plan to extend water lines from a nearby community to affected homes so they would not have to use their wells.

Source: <http://www.wral.com/news/local/story/11539720/>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

29. *September 13, Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy* – (California; National) **Outbreak study details waning protection from pertussis vaccine.** The Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy reported September 13 that a detailed look at California children during the State’s large pertussis outbreak in 2010 revealed that protection from the diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (DTaP) vaccine wanes 5 years after children receive their last dose, which could be fueling outbreaks. The findings come on the heels of a warning earlier this summer from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The agency, along with State health department partners, found an unusual illness spike in 13- and 14-year-olds in Washington, which also raised the possibility of waning pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine protection. The United States was headed toward its worst pertussis year in decades, CDC officials said in July, and two States — Washington and Colorado — have declared epidemics.

Source: <http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/cidrap/content/other/news/sep1312pertussis.html>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

30. *September 14, Zanesville Times Recorder* – (Ohio) **John Glenn student arrested in bomb threat.** A student at John Glenn High School in New Concord, Ohio, was taken into custody by the Muskingum County Sheriff’s Office September 13 in connection with a bomb threat in late August. It will be recommended he be expelled, said the East Muskingum Local Schools superintendent. The Muskingum County sheriff said the teen could be charged with inducing panic and possession of a hoax device. Students were evacuated from the school 2 days in a row in connection with the threats. A threat August 30 on a wall of a boys’ bathroom stall said, “If you care about the students, they need to be outside by 12:30. Time is ticking.” Students were evacuated for about an hour. The next day, a student found a device in the stall of a different boys’ bathroom and students immediately were evacuated. A bomb squad from Franklin County was called in and blasted the box, confirming it was not explosive. That week, students were required to sign in and out of classes to use the restroom or go to the office and security cameras were planned to be installed in the hallways.

Source:

[http://www.zanesvilletimesrecorder.com/article/20120914/NEWS01/209140305?nclick\\_check=1](http://www.zanesvilletimesrecorder.com/article/20120914/NEWS01/209140305?nclick_check=1)

31. *September 14, Reuters* – (North Dakota; Texas; Indiana) **Texas, North Dakota universities re-opened after bomb scares.** The University of Texas at Austin allowed students back into the school's buildings September 14 after officials earlier evacuated them due to a bomb threat called in by a man who said he was linked to al Qaeda. Minutes after the University of Texas ordered an evacuation, North Dakota State University in Fargo issued its own warning about a bomb threat and told everyone to leave its buildings. North Dakota State was also eventually re-opened after an investigation. A third school, Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana, also issued a security warning September 14. "An unspecified threat to campus was made through a graffiti message alluding to dangerous and criminal activity alleged to be carried out during the chapel break period on Friday," said a posting on its Web site. The university said it had added additional security.  
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/09/14/us-usa-texas-evacuation-idUSBRE88D10R20120914>
32. *September 14, NBC News* – (International) **At least six killed in regional protests over anti-Islamic video.** At least six people were reported to have been killed September 14 across the Middle East and Africa in protests over the anti-Islamic video that led to a deadly attack on a U.S. consulate in Libya. The unrest was centered mainly on U.S. embassies, but other targets also came under attack, including embassies and other outposts of Britain, Germany, and the United Nations. Three people were reported to have been killed in a violent protest near the U.S. Embassy in Khartoum, the capital of Sudan, the Arabic news service al-Arabiya reported, citing witnesses and journalists on the scene. Two people have been killed and 29 others have been injured in protests outside the U.S. Embassy in Tunis, the health ministry said. Demonstrators also set fire to the American School in Tunis, which was closed. And in Lebanon, at least one person was killed and 25 others were wounded in protests in Tripoli timed to coincide with the arrival of Pope Benedict XVI on a 3-day visit, Lebanese officials said. About 50 U.S. Marines have been sent to Yemen to provide additional security in the aftermath of the attack on the U.S. Embassy in Sanaa September 13, Defense Department officials told NBC News. The Marines, part of a Fleet Anti-Terror Security Team, were an identical unit to the one sent to Libya September 12.  
Source: [http://worldnews.nbcnews.com/\\_news/2012/09/14/13856452-protests-rage-worldwide-two-reported-killed-outside-us-embassy-in-tunisia?lite](http://worldnews.nbcnews.com/_news/2012/09/14/13856452-protests-rage-worldwide-two-reported-killed-outside-us-embassy-in-tunisia?lite)
33. *September 14, KOTV 6 Tulsa* – (Oklahoma) **Tulsa school fire started in lab, ruled accidental by ATF investigators.** The fire that destroyed the Tulsa School of Arts and Sciences has been ruled accidental, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosions, along with the Tulsa, Oklahoma Fire Department, announced September 14. The historic Barnard School Building went up in flames September 5. When firefighters arrived, the building exploded, sending eight firefighters to the hospital. After a week-long investigation, officials said the fire and explosion resulted because of "construction related to the installation of an exhaust vent in the lab area," said a news

release. The explosion occurred because the fire had been smoldering in the void between the chemistry lab ceiling and the floor of the room and hallway above. Investigators said the fire migrated north under the floor into the classroom, and the crawl space below where it vented from the classroom window. The resulting smoke explosion or “backdraft” occurred when oxygen was introduced by firefighters entering the room to extinguish the fire.

Source: <http://www.newson6.com/story/19545414/tulsa-school-fire-started-in-lab-ruled-accidental-by-atf-investigators>

34. *September 12, WJW 8 Cleveland* – (Ohio) **Chardon gets shooting threat; tip line launched.** Police said a student at Chardon, Ohio High School was arrested September 10 for threatening to carry out an attack similar to the deadly shooting at the school in February, WJW 8 Cleveland reported September 12. “He had checked out the gun, practiced with it. He said he was going to come to the school and shoot some people in the cafeteria that didn’t treat him right,” said the Chardon police chief. Police said the student told a group of boys at his bus stop the morning of September 10. The boys then told a parent and school officials who alerted police. The student is being held in the Portage County Detention Center, where he will stay until a September 20 court hearing. Police said the teen has a prior juvenile court record. Since February’s shooting, the school district has implemented safety features for students and parents. The district recently launched an anonymous tip line on the district’s Web site where students can report threats of any nature.

Source: <http://fox8.com/2012/09/12/chardon-student-accused-of-making/>

35. *September 11, Advocate-Messenger* – (Kentucky) **Arrest made in connection with bomb threat at Boyle County Courthouse.** Law enforcement officers arrested a suspect in connection with a bomb threat that caused the Boyle County, Kentucky Courthouse to be evacuated September 11. The sheriff said deputies arrested a man from Danville for his involvement in what turned out to be a false bomb threat called into a 9-1-1 dispatcher. He will initially be charged with first degree terroristic threatening. Police have a second person of interest in the case, the sheriff said. The courthouse was evacuated shortly after the threat, which the sheriff said had to be considered credible in part because a government building was the potential target. Following the threat, workers spilled out of the courthouse and the surrounding parking lots as police and fire personnel set up a perimeter around the building. Officers conducted a manual search of the building while waiting for a Kentucky State Police bomb squad to arrive. The building was cleared about 2 hours later and was scheduled to open to the public about 4 hours later.

Source: [http://articles.centrankynews.com/2012-09-11/amnews/33770274\\_1\\_bomb-threat-law-enforcement-officers-danville-firefighters](http://articles.centrankynews.com/2012-09-11/amnews/33770274_1_bomb-threat-law-enforcement-officers-danville-firefighters)

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## Emergency Services Sector

36. *September 14, Government Security News* – (National) **Law enforcement can become go-to targets for terrorists, bulletin warns.** Violent homegrown extremists see U.S. law enforcement officers as targets in the face of tougher security at more fortified locations and have access to publicly available information to help them circumvent counter-terror tactics protecting officers, according to an unclassified bulletin by the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC), Government Security News reported September 14. The bulletin was disseminated August 2, and said law enforcement entities are being identified by “homegrown violent extremists (HVEs)” as strategic targets and targets of opportunity. The bulletin was posted on the Public Intelligence information site September 12, and stated the tactics used by undercover operations and other law enforcement to track domestic terror groups has created a feeling among a “core element” of HVEs that sees such operations as persecution, reflecting an “inherent aggression towards Islam”. Law enforcement has used information and undercover operations to disrupt a “a number of high-profile plots since 2009,” it said. It warned that public disclosure of law-enforcement operations in the media and in publicly available court documents can lead to officers being targets of plots.  
Source:  
[http://www.gsnmagazine.com/node/27277?c=law\\_enforcement\\_first\\_responders](http://www.gsnmagazine.com/node/27277?c=law_enforcement_first_responders)
37. *September 14, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **Feds tell Ariz. sheriff to retrieve military goods.** Federal officials ordered the Pinal County Sheriff’s Office in Arizona to retrieve military surplus goods it loaned to non-police organizations in violation of distribution rules, the Associated Press reported September 14. The Arizona Republic reported the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) told the sheriff’s office to recover trucks and other loaned equipment after the newspaper’s May report detailed the practice. The sheriff’s office got a brief reprieve but is now collecting trucks and other equipment from fire and ambulance stations. A DLA spokeswoman said volunteer fire departments and private ambulance companies should not have received the equipment. The sheriff’s office requisitioned more than \$7 million worth of free merchandise through the Defense Department program since August 2010. Police organizations can obtain excess military goods only for immediate law-enforcement purposes.  
Source:  
[http://www.abc6onyourside.com/template/inews\\_wire/wires.national/2a49dece-www.abc6onyourside.com.shtml](http://www.abc6onyourside.com/template/inews_wire/wires.national/2a49dece-www.abc6onyourside.com.shtml)
38. *September 13, Associated Press* – (South Carolina) **Officer taken hostage at SC prison is freed.** South Carolina corrections officials said an officer who was taken hostage by inmates at a maximum-security prison was freed. A Corrections department spokesman said the officer was freed September 13 by armed officers who rushed a dorm at the Lee Correctional Institution in Bishopville, where he was held since being overpowered several hours earlier. The spokesman said the officer had cuts to his head and arm but walked out on his own before being airlifted to a hospital for treatment and observation. The incident was contained to one dorm. The prison remained on lockdown late September 13.

Source: [http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-201\\_162-57512736/officer-taken-hostage-at-sc-prison-is-freed/](http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-201_162-57512736/officer-taken-hostage-at-sc-prison-is-freed/)

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## **Information Technology Sector**

39. *September 14, The Register* – (International) **Smartmobe Wi-Fi blabs far too much about us, warn experts.** Smartphones leak far more personal information about their users than previously imagined, according to new research. Security researchers at Sensepost were able to track and profile users and their devices by observing the phones’ attempts to join Wi-Fi networks. The researchers created their own distributed data interception framework that profiled mobile devices, laptops, and their users in real-time. Smartphones tend to keep a record of Wi-Fi base stations their users previously connected to, and often poll the airwaves to see if a recognized network is within reach. Although this is supposed to make joining wireless networks seamless for users, it also makes it easy for the researchers to link home addresses and other information to individually identifiable devices.  
Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/09/14/smartphone\\_tracking\\_research/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/09/14/smartphone_tracking_research/)
40. *September 14, The H* – (International) **Manipulated data causes BIND DNS servers to crash.** An advisory from the Austrian national Computer Emergency Readiness Team (CERT) warns that the free DNS server BIND, which is maintained by the Internet Systems Consortium, contains a security vulnerability that allows attackers to crash it using specially crafted data records. The Austrian national CERT explains that sealing off a server from the outside is not sufficient to protect it against an attack. Apparently, a name server query could, for example, be triggered by an email, causing the server to load the specially crafted record. That the query appears to come “from the inside” offers no protection.  
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Manipulated-data-causes-BIND-DNS-servers-to-crash-1708087.html>
41. *September 14, Softpedia* – (International) **874 systems from 33 countries infected with Enfal malware, researchers find.** The Enfal malware — best known for its involvement in the LURID targeted attacks — is still causing a lot of damage. Researchers said 874 computers from 33 different countries were infected with a new version of the malicious trojan. An analysis of the command and control (C&C) servers shows that most of the current victims reside in countries such as Vietnam, Russia, and Mongolia. Other affected countries appear to be China (29 infections), Philippines (11 infections), the United States (19 infections), India, and some Middle Eastern States. The main targets seem to be government organizations, military and defense contractors, nuclear and energy sectors, Tibetan communities, and the space and aviation industry, researchers from Trend Micro noted. According to experts, the attacks start with a cleverly designed email that carries malicious attachments. The attachment, a document named Special General Meeting.doc, carries a trojan that

exploits a vulnerability in Microsoft Office to drop a backdoor onto the infected computer. Once the trojan is on a system, the malware communicates with its designated C&C server, allowing the cyber criminals to take complete control of the machine. The modifications made to the traditional variant indicate the campaign designers are trying to bypass security mechanisms such as network monitoring and intrusion detection systems.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/874-Systems-from-33-Countries-Infected-with-Enfal-Malware-Researchers-Find-292206.shtml>

42. *September 13, Threatpost* – (International) **Research shows half of all Androids contain known vulnerabilities.** About half of all Android phones contain at least one vulnerability that could be used to take control of the device, according to new research. Duo Security, which launched a free vulnerability scanning application for Android in the summer of 2012, said their preliminary data from users shows a huge number of the devices are vulnerable to at least one of all known Android flaws. The X-Ray app from Duo scans Android devices for a set of known vulnerabilities in a variety of the Android releases. Many of them are flaws attackers have used in the last few months. The main issue with Android security and patches is that each carrier is responsible for pushing out new versions of the operating system to its users, and they all do it on random timelines. Also, users do not have to upgrade, so there is a good chance many users are running older, vulnerable versions of Android at any given time. Source: [http://threatpost.com/en\\_us/blogs/research-shows-half-all-androids-contain-known-vulnerabilities-091312](http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/research-shows-half-all-androids-contain-known-vulnerabilities-091312)
43. *September 13, Threatpost* – (International) **Google updates Chrome for Android, fixes several vulnerabilities.** Google issued a security update for its Chrome operating system on Android devices, resolving seven medium-risk vulnerabilities. On the Google Chrome Blog, a software engineer wrote that the update strengthens Chrome for Android's sandbox technology as well as resolving seven other moderate bugs. The fix is available for users of Android 4.0 (Ice Cream Sandwich) and 4.1 (Jelly Bean). Source: [http://threatpost.com/en\\_us/blogs/google-updates-chrome-android-fixes-several-vulnerabilities-091312](http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/google-updates-chrome-android-fixes-several-vulnerabilities-091312)
44. *September 13, IDG News Service* – (International) **'CRIME' attack abuses SSL/TLS data compression feature to hijack HTTPS sessions.** The "CRIME" attack announced the week of September 3 exploits the data compression scheme used by the Transport Layer Security (TLS) and SPDY protocols to decrypt user authentication cookies from HTTPS traffic, one of the attack's creators confirmed September 13. The "CRIME" attack was developed by two security researchers who plan to present it the week of September 17 at the Ekoparty security conference in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The week of September 3, the researchers revealed that CRIME abuses an optional feature present in all versions of TLS and Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) — the cryptographic protocols used by HTTPS. However, they declined to name the feature at that time. Source: [http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9231281/CRIME\\_attack\\_abuses\\_SSL\\_TLS\\_data\\_compression\\_feature\\_to\\_hijack\\_HTTPS\\_sessions](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9231281/CRIME_attack_abuses_SSL_TLS_data_compression_feature_to_hijack_HTTPS_sessions)

45. *September 12, Threatpost* – (International) **Scammers exploit Apple iPhone release with accessory offers.** With the release for Apple’s new iPhone 5 coming soon, scammers are exploiting the vast anticipation for the device. The interest in the unreleased product is so wide that among the first iPhone 5 mass spam campaigns is one attempting to push accessories for the device rather than the more ambitious route of offering the recipients a chance at acquiring the device itself.  
Source: [http://threatpost.com/en\\_us/blogs/scammers-exploit-apple-iphone-release-accessory-offers-091212](http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/scammers-exploit-apple-iphone-release-accessory-offers-091212)

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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

46. *September 13, Green County Record* – (Virginia) **Greene County customers lose CenturyLink service.** About 6,000 CenturyLink customers in Greene County, Virginia, lost phone and Internet service for several hours September 13, after a utility crew accidentally cut a fiber-optic line at U.S. 33 Business and the Stanardsville Bypass. Homes, businesses, and the Greene County 9-1-1 dispatch center were knocked offline. The CenturyLink’s vice president for Virginia confirmed the incident and said the cut involved workers not affiliated with the company. The Greene County sheriff said emergency calls were rerouted to Charlottesville and county staff used cell phones and other unaffected land lines to field non-emergency calls during the service interruption. The CenturyLink vice president said all service was expected to be restored September 13.  
Source: <http://www2.dailyprogress.com/news/2012/sep/13/greene-county-customers-lose-centurylink-service-ar-2204166/>
47. *September 13, KPCC 89.3 FM Pasadena* – (California) **Sprint, Verizon, AT&T sign \$12 million settlement over 2007 Malibu Canyon fire.** California utility regulators settled a dispute with three telecommunication companies over responsibility for a wildfire in Malibu in 2007, KPCC 89.3 FM Pasadena reported September 13. When Santa Ana winds swept through Malibu Canyon in October 2007, they knocked over three utility poles. Those poles sparked a fire that burned nearly 4,000 square acres. It destroyed 14 structures and three dozen cars. Cell phone firms had antennas on the poles, or shared pole ownership with other telecommunication companies. The California Public Utilities Commission investigated whether these five companies contributed to the fire by unsafely mounting equipment there. The settlement resolves liability for three companies: Sprint, Verizon, and AT&T. Together, those companies

will pay \$12 million in equal shares. About \$7 million will go to the State's general fund. The rest will go into a new utility pole inspection fund. The commission is still investigating two more companies, Southern California Edison and NextG. Regulators said the settlement can help deter other utilities that maintain electronic equipment in wildland or fire-prone areas.

Source: <http://www.scpr.org/blogs/environment/2012/09/13/9969/sprint-verizon-t-sign-12-million-settlement-over-2/>

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## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

48. *September 14, KDKA 2 Pittsburgh* – (Pennsylvania) **Man facing charges after bomb scare at Armstrong county motel.** A suspect will face serious charges after Pennsylvania State police said they found an alleged explosive device in an Armstrong county motel room. The incident happened September 13 at Staley's Motel in Rayburn Township. State police said the suspect was charged with weapons of mass destruction, possessing instruments of crime, prohibited offensive weapons, recklessly endangering another person, and harassment in connection with the incident. Investigators said it all started when the suspect's girlfriend showed up at the State police barracks in Kittanning to report he had a homemade explosive device. State police responded to the motel, which was evacuated. The suspect was taken into custody when he came out of his room. State police said they then found the device, a coffee container reportedly filled with consumer fireworks and pieces of metal, inside the motel room. Authorities said it was "designed to be detonated by a fuse."  
Source: <http://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2012/09/14/armstrong-county-motel-evacuated-after-bomb-scare/>
49. *September 14, KDKA 2 Pittsburgh* – (Pennsylvania) **Residents escape building fire in Ambridge.** Residents of a business and apartment building in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, were forced to flee early September 14 when flames ripped through the building. The blaze began in the bottom-floor clothing shop, with smoke then filling the 10 apartments on the top 2 floors in the 3-story building. A dozen fire companies were called in, but the building was a total loss, officials indicated. Two firefighters suffered minor injuries while battling the fire.  
Source: <http://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2012/09/14/residents-escape-building-fire-in-ambridge/>
50. *September 14, KBTX 3 Bryan* – (Texas) **Firefighters find three bodies in burned out apartment.** Firefighters confirmed September 14 they found three bodies inside an apartment after a fire raced through a Killeen, Texas, apartment complex and destroyed it. The fire chief said firefighters began a search of a downstairs apartment at Casa Tejas Apartments where they believe the fast-moving blaze started that then leveled the entire 24-unit, 2-story complex. Initial-responding firefighters reported the entire complex was ablaze and some residents were trapped. A Killeen police spokeswoman

said at least two people were taken by ambulance from the scene to a local hospital. She added 34 people were taken by bus from the scene to another shelter. Police had all roadways in the area closed to traffic.

Source: <http://www.kbtv.com/home/headlines/Firefighters-Find-Three-Bodies-In-Burned-Out-Apartment-169771506.html>

51. *September 14, Associated Press* – (Nevada) **Two-alarm fire at resort hurts one, Costs \$100K.** Officials said a smoky fire at a Las Vegas resort hotel was caused by sparks from workers using a grinding tool, and turned out worse than they originally reported. A Clark County spokesman said September 13 that a hotel employee was hospitalized with unspecified injuries, and the two-alarm fire at the Planet Hollywood resort caused \$100,000 worth of damage. He said that about 90 firefighters evacuated 3 floors of the 40-story north tower after the fire was reported September 13. He said fire sprinklers activated and firefighters spent more than an hour dousing smoldering areas along the trash chute from the second to ninth floors.  
Source: <http://www.kolotv.com/news/southernnevadanews/headlines/Woman-treated-after-Vegas-resort-trash-chute-fire-169664506.html>
52. *September 13, Orlando Sentinel* – (Florida) **Volusia authorities bust 3 meth labs, arrest 9.** Authorities dismantled meth labs at three east Volusia, Florida, motels September 13 and arrested nine people on drug charges, they said. An anonymous tip led New Smyrna Beach police to Scottish Inns. The suspect left a room and carried a portable methamphetamine lab, said a police spokesman. Two additional suspects were arrested on charges of manufacturing methamphetamines. Daytona Beach police evacuated the Flamingo Motel while they cleaned up what they said was a meth lab in a room. While the team was removing the chemicals, the suspects renting the room arrived and were arrested, officers said. Also in Daytona Beach, police found a meth lab at an Extended Stay Deluxe. The lab was in two rooms. Thirty-two guests were evacuated from the second and third floors. Five guests were arrested to include one suspect who was taken into custody on warrants charging her with failing to appear in court to face retail-theft and drug charges. Another was arrested on a charge of being a principal to manufacturing methamphetamine. Two others were arrested on charges of manufacturing methamphetamine.  
Source: [http://articles.orlandosentinel.com/2012-09-13/news/os-meth-lab-arrests-daytona-20120913\\_1\\_meth-lab-arrest-four-daytona-beach-police](http://articles.orlandosentinel.com/2012-09-13/news/os-meth-lab-arrests-daytona-20120913_1_meth-lab-arrest-four-daytona-beach-police)
53. *September 13, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Angry over denial for disaster aid, man pulls gun.** A man who allegedly got a fully loaded AR-15 assault rifle from his pickup truck after being turned down for disaster food stamps was jailed in St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana, the Associated Press reported September 13. A claims processor in LaPlace told officers that a man became irate after being denied September 11, said a State police spokeswoman. After officers providing security at the location saw him standing next to his truck and handling the weapon, four state troopers, two sheriff's deputies, and six Louisiana National Guard soldiers sneaked up and surrounded him. Investigators also found a handgun and many loaded magazines of ammunition in the truck. The State police spokeswoman said the suspect was booked with terrorizing and aggravated assault.

Source: <http://www.fox8live.com/story/19529774/man-with-assault-rifle-arrested-at-laplace-dsnap-site>

54. *September 13, KTUU 2 Anchorage* – (Alaska) **Suspect surrenders in Merrill Field Inn officer-involved shooting.** Police in Anchorage, Alaska, said a male suspect was wounded and an officer was grazed by a bullet during a September 13 shootout at a hotel near Merrill Field, prompting a standoff that closed area streets. An Anchorage Police Department spokesman said the man, who surrendered to police on the second floor of the Merrill Field Inn, was arrested and taken to a hospital under police escort. The roads were reopened afterwards. Police said the incident began when officers were in the area for a follow-up investigation of a string of burglaries. Multiple officers were questioning a man and a woman in a room at the inn when a third person, the suspect, fired from the bathroom. The officers returned fire and evacuated the man and the woman. One officer was hit with a graze wound and taken to the hospital, and the suspect's right arm was hit in the exchange. Police evacuated the area and set up snipers on the inn's roof, with a tactical vehicle in the vicinity. Occupants of the inn were initially told to stay in their rooms, not go anywhere and keep their heads down. A SWAT officer subsequently came to their door and then had them crawl through a hole in a fence as they evacuated the building.

Source: <http://www.ktuu.com/news/anchorage-police-officer-down-in-east-anchorage-near-merrill-field-inn-ktuu-20120913,0,5775235.story>

55. *September 12, Reuters* – (New York) **New York police add security in wake of Libya protests.** New York City police added security at Coptic Christian churches around the city in case a film denouncing Islam sparks violent protests like those in Egypt and Libya, Reuters reported September 12. The police department said it had “no evidence of any attacks planned against targets in the city,” but had added security based on “reports that Coptic Christians were linked in some fashion to the video.” Church officials and police in other areas where there are Egyptian-American Coptic communities said they saw no need for extra precautions. There are more than 150 Coptic churches in the United States, with strongholds in New Jersey, California, Florida, and New York, according to the Web site of the Coptic Orthodox Church Network. At a number of churches September 12, priests were quick to condemn the killings in Libya and distance Coptic Christians from the controversial video.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/09/12/us-usa-libya-copts-idUSBRE88B1KI20120912>

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

56. *September 13, Associated Press* – (Washington) **WA gov. pledges more firefighting resources.** The Washington governor visited a firefighting camp and pledged more State resources to help battle several large wildfires burning across Eastern Washington. Across the region, nearly 3,000 firefighters dug lines and burned dry grass

and brush in the path of the fires. Crews worked to better control the blazes before the weather changes. September 13, the governor signed an emergency declaration for all the State's counties east of the Cascade Mountains. National Guard helicopters were among the resources authorized by that proclamation. The availability of firefighting resources in Washington and nearby States was extremely limited due to existing firefighting efforts. Nearly 3,000 firefighters were assigned to the seven large fire complexes September 13, said the State Department of Natural Resources. Near Lake Chelan, residents of 28 homes were warned to be ready to evacuate if a 20-acre wildfire grows. Several fires near Wenatchee together have burned across 44 square miles. About 300 homes threatened by major fires in the Wenatchee area were under mandatory evacuation orders, a spokesman said. A fire near Entiat was 35 percent contained. Near Grand Coulee Dam, two fires grew to a combined 91,883 acres. Fire officials confirmed September 12 that three homes and nine outbuildings had burned there. The fire was 63 percent contained by September 13. Another fire burning 17 miles southwest of Creston was 40 percent contained. That fire has blackened 24,500 acres, or about 38 square miles.

Source:

[http://seattletimes.com/html/localnews/2019150562\\_apwawashwildfires3rdldwritethru.html](http://seattletimes.com/html/localnews/2019150562_apwawashwildfires3rdldwritethru.html)

57. *September 13, Associated Press* – (California; National) **Official: Yosemite visitor recovered from virus.** A visitor to Yosemite National Park has recovered after becoming the ninth person diagnosed with a deadly rodent-borne illness blamed for three deaths among those who spent time at the park this summer, officials said September 13. The California resident was stricken with the hantavirus after visiting Yosemite in early July, a National Park Service spokesman said. The majority of the cases involved guests at the Signature cabins in Curry Village. One person stayed at multiple High Sierra camps in wilderness areas. September 12, officials sent thousands more notifications to reservation holders who booked stays at other locations in the park, locations not associated with any exposures or infections. Officials said there was no evidence to indicate that people who stayed elsewhere in the park were at increased risk of exposure to hantavirus. The notifications were meant to provide information about the disease and raise awareness, the spokesman said. More than 230,000 overnight guests have stayed in the park since early June.

Source: <http://www.newsobserver.com/2012/09/13/2339516/9th-yosemite-park-hantavirus-case.html>

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## **Dams Sector**

58. *September 14, Newark Advocate Reporter* – (Ohio) **New structure planned to replace decaying Buckeye Lake dam.** The Buckeye Lake dam running under about 400 homes along the north shore in Ohio is in need of repairs, the Newark Advocate Reporter said September 14. While no timetable was announced, the Ohio Department of Natural

Resources (ODNR) intends to build a new dam in front of the current one, possibly about 20 feet out into the lake. The area in between would then be filled in and added to the State park system, ODNR officials told about 30 leaders from Licking and Fairfield counties. Testing will begin in October on a new technology for the project. If any of the large trees rooted into the earth and rock of the existing dam fall, it could cause catastrophic damage, resulting in loss of structures and possibly lives, officials learned. The new dam would be a wall constructed from concrete, 4 feet wide.

Source: [http://www.newarkadvocate.com/article/20120914/NEWS01/209140301/New-structure-planned-replace-decaying-Buckeye-Lake-dam?nclick\\_check=1](http://www.newarkadvocate.com/article/20120914/NEWS01/209140301/New-structure-planned-replace-decaying-Buckeye-Lake-dam?nclick_check=1)

59. *September 13, White Plains Journal-News* – (New York) **FEMA awards Bronxville \$4.4 million for drainage system to fix flood problems around school.** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) awarded a \$4.4 million grant to Bronxville, New York, to fix repeated flooding problems that caused nearly \$30 million in damage to school buildings and homes in the past decade. The plan is to construct a new drainage system with an underground storage tank beneath the athletic fields on the east side of the school campus. Water will collect in the tank and pipes, and be pumped into the Bronx River through a new pumping station. School was delayed after a 2011 flood, which caused about \$5 million in damage on top of \$22 million in repairs after a 2007 flood. The total cost of the drainage project will be about \$5.8 million. The project will also mitigate flooding in an area of about 50 homes.

Source: <http://www.lohud.com/article/20120914/NEWS02/309140067/FEMA-awards-Bronxville-4-4-million-drainage-system-fix-flood-problems-around-school>

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