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- Firefighters put out a fire and plugged a leak in an overturned propane tank truck that prompted the evacuation of buildings in a 1-mile radius, and the closure of many streets in Bedminster, Pennsylvania. – *Philadelphia Inquirer* (See item [2](#))
- Federal prosecutors announced charges against nine more defendants in an ongoing mortgage fraud case involving more than \$100 million in loans and at least 80 homes in and around Union County, North Carolina. – *Charlotte Observer* (See item [13](#))
- Heavy rains and flooding in Alaska forced the evacuation of a town, washed out roads, and damaged 70 miles of train tracks. – *Associated Press* (See item [19](#))
- Grocery store chain Trader Joe's has recalled peanut butter linked to 29 Salmonella illnesses in 18 States. – *Associated Press* (See item [24](#))
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Energy Sector

1. *September 24, Dow Jones Newswires* – (California) **U.S. EPA conducting criminal investigation into Chevron Richmond, Calif. refinery.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is conducting a criminal investigation into alleged pollutant emissions at Chevron Corp.'s refinery in Richmond, California. The investigation into whether Chevron routed sulfur dioxide and other pollutants to bypass the refinery's air emissions monitoring system is the latest black eye against the company's 245,000 barrel-a-day refinery. The EPA investigation focuses on emissions during a 3-year period, said the enforcement manager at the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD). Chevron in 2011 paid a \$170,000 settlement to the BAAQMD stemming from the agency's civil complaint about the refinery routing pollutants past monitoring systems. Some of the refinery's pipes were not connected to monitoring systems put into place after the agency developed new emission rules. During the period investigated by the BAAQMD, the refinery sent an unknown amount of sulfur and waste oil to be burned at the plant's flare.
Source: <http://www.foxbusiness.com/news/2012/09/24/us-epa-conducting-criminal-investigation-into-chevron-richmond-calif-refinery/>
2. *September 24, Philadelphia Inquirer* – (Pennsylvania) **Propane tank truck fire under control in Bucks.** Firefighters put out a fire and plugged a leak in an overturned propane tank truck that prompted the evacuation of buildings in a 1-mile radius of the crash in a mostly rural stretch of Bedminster, Pennsylvania, the Philadelphia Inquirer reported September 24. It was not clear yet when evacuees would be allowed to return to their homes and businesses and roads remained closed in the area as crews prepared to transfer propane still in the tank to another vehicle. At least one person was reported injured in the crash between another vehicle and the tanker that sparked a stubborn fire on Easton Road (Route 611) near Creamery Road. Instead of attacking the fire directly, firefighters poured water on the propane tank to keep it cool and to prevent it from exploding. Some units were to remain at the scene while the remaining propane was transferred to another tank. During the operation, commanders brought in more units to relieve firefighters, and a diesel fuel truck to refuel fire vehicles. Buildings in the area include a Kimberton Whole Foods Store, medical offices, and the Ottisville Volunteer Fire Co.
Source: http://www.philly.com/philly/news/20120924_Flaming_propane_truck_shuts_road_puts_evacuations.html
3. *September 21, Federal Computer Week* – (National) **FERC creates new cybersecurity division in bid to secure critical infrastructure.** Officials at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) September 20 announced the creation of the agency's new Office of Energy Infrastructure Security (OEIS), which will work to reduce threats to the electric grid and other energy facilities, Federal Computer Week reported September 21. The goal is for the office to help FERC, as well as other agencies and private companies, better identify potential dangers and solutions. According to FERC, the OEIS will focus on developing recommendations for identifying, communicating

and mitigating cyber and physical threats and vulnerabilities; providing assistance and expertise to other government organizations; participating in collaborative, interagency efforts; and conducting outreach to the private sector.

Source: <http://fcw.com/articles/2012/09/21/ferc-new-critical-infrastructure-cybersecurity-office.aspx>

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Chemical Industry Sector

4. *September 24, Memphis Commercial Appeal* – (Tennessee) **2 critically injured in explosion at Memphis chemical plant.** Two people were hospitalized in critical condition September 24 after an explosion at a chemical plant in Memphis, Tennessee. The Memphis Fire Department and Memphis police responded to Penn A Kem after the explosion involving furfurylamine and methyl alcohol. Two employees were rushed to the hospital. The area around the facility was cordoned off by police. They cleared the scene after 4 hours. Both chemicals in the explosion are flammable, harmful if inhaled, and can burn skin.
Source: <http://www.commercialappeal.com/news/2012/sep/24/2-critically-injured-explosion-memphis-chemical-pl/>
5. *September 24, Chemical & Engineering News* – (National) **Environmental Protection Agency announces changes to chemical assessment program.** In a major change to its chemicals assessment program, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will seek early input about chemicals under review, Chemical & Engineering News reported September 24. Stakeholders from industry and others will be able to provide their views about a substance’s toxicity before EPA decides what data to rely on for the assessments, according to the agency. The director of the EPA’s National Center for Environmental Assessment announced the change the week of September 17 before a new National Research Council committee. The council is reviewing the agency’s chemical hazard assessment database — called the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) — for Congress. EPA’s IRIS assessments provide scientifically-based judgments on the safe dose of a chemical, which is the maximum exposure to the substance that will not cause health effects. EPA, other federal and State agencies, and some foreign countries, use IRIS to guide regulation.
Source: <http://cen.acs.org/articles/90/i39/Environmental-Protection-Agency-Announces-Changes.html>
6. *September 23, WXIN 59 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **Fire extinguished at west side chemical facility.** A chemical storage building in Indianapolis burst into flames September 23, sending up a huge plume of smoke that could be seen for miles. By the time firefighters arrived, workers at Heritage Environmental Services had isolated the situation, said a Wayne Township fire official. He said potentially dangerous chemicals housed in the facility prompted the department to call in extra fire crews, and HAZMAT and health department representatives. Officials asserted that no chemicals were involved in the fire, and all material burned was non-hazardous. “It appears that a hot oil boiler located at the facility failed,” a Heritage representative said in a

statement.

Source: <http://www.fox59.com/news/wxin-fire-extinguished-at-west-side-chemical-facility-20120923,0,1269262.column>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

7. *September 24, LiveScience* – (International) **23 nuclear plants in tsunami risk zones.** A recent study led by European researchers found 23 nuclear power plants around the world may be susceptible to destructive tsunami waves, with most of them in east and southeast regions of Asia, LiveScience reported September 24. The 23 facilities on the list (including the Fukushima plant) house a total of 74 nuclear reactors. Thirteen of the plants are active, while the others are either nearing completion or being expanded to house more reactors. The study, which appears in a recent issue of the journal *Natural Hazards*, urges energy officials in potentially affected countries to consider how they would deal with the potential consequences of a tsunami impacting a nuclear power plant.
Source: <http://news.discovery.com/earth/nuclear-plants-at-tsunami-risk-120924.html>
8. *September 21, Nuclear Regulatory Commission* – (Kansas) **NRC issues.** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff September 21 determined that an inspection finding at the Wolf Creek nuclear power plant related to a loss of off-site power event was “yellow,” meaning the issue had substantial safety significance and will result in additional NRC inspections and oversight. The plant, located near Burlington, Kansas, is operated by Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corp. January 13, operators at the plant declared an Unusual Event after the failure of a main generator electrical breaker, followed by an unexplained loss of power to a transformer. This caused the switchyard to lose power, which removed the plant’s connection to the electrical power grid. All safety systems responded as expected and emergency diesel generators automatically powered safety-related equipment. The NRC conducted an Augmented Inspection and determined that actions by the licensee set the stage for the incident because the company failed to provide adequate oversight of contractors while they performed work that could affect safety-related equipment in April 2011. As a result, the licensee failed to identify that electrical maintenance contractors had improperly connected wires on an electrical component. This allowed an electrical short to prevent transfer of power to a transformer.
Source:
http://www.pennenergy.com/index/power/display/6215807548/articles/pennenergy/power/nuclear/2012/september/nrc-issues__yellow.html
9. *September 21, Reuters* – (International) **Moldova says it detains uranium dealers from rebel region.** Moldovan police detained seven suspected members of a group that traded firearms and uranium-235, operating in the separatist Transdniestria region, the country’s interior ministry said September 21. “We have documented numerous cases

involving shipments of hand grenades, TNT blocks, Kalashnikov assault rifles, rocket-propelled grenade (RPG) launcher charges, and containers with radioactive uranium-235,” the head of the ministry’s investigations department told reporters.

Source: http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2012-09-21/news/sns-rt-us-moldova-uraniumbre88k0x1-20120921_1_uranium-detains-moldovan

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

10. *September 24, U.S. Department of Transportation* – (National) **NHTSA recall notice - Triumph Daytona 675 and Street Triple regulator/rectifier overheating.** Triumph announced September 24 the recall of 10,366 model year 2006-2009 Street Triple, Street Triple R, and Daytona 675 motorcycles. The regulator/rectifier can overheat and prevent the motorcycle from charging. Once the battery is fully discharged, the motorcycle may stall. If the motorcycle stalls, there is an increased risk of a crash leading to personal injury. Triumph will notify owners, and dealers will inspect and replace the regulator/rectifier.

Source: http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rel_ID=12V445000&summary=true&prod_id=396690&PrintVersion=YES

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Banking and Finance Sector

11. *September 24, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority* – (National) **FINRA fines Merrill Lynch \$500,000 for failing to file required reports.** The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) announced September 24 that it censured and fined Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc. \$500,000 for supervisory failures that allowed widespread deficiencies in filing hundreds of required reports, including customer complaints, arbitration claims, and related U4 and U5 filings, and for its failure to file the required reports. The violations, which went undetected for years, may have hampered investors’ ability to assess the background of certain brokers via BrokerCheck, FINRA’s public disclosure program. They also may have compromised firms’ ability to conduct background checks when making hiring decisions, reduced the ability of securities regulators to review brokers’ transfer applications, and hindered FINRA from promptly investigating certain disclosure items. Merrill Lynch failed to file or timely file required report, complains, and settlements, and failed to adequately train and supervise personnel responsible for complaint tracking and reporting.

Source:

[http://www.finra.org/Newsroom/NewsReleases/2012/P177007?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+FINRANews+\(FINRA+News\)&utm_content=Google+Reader](http://www.finra.org/Newsroom/NewsReleases/2012/P177007?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+FINRANews+(FINRA+News)&utm_content=Google+Reader)

12. *September 23, Associated Press* – (National) **Justice Dept to highlight investment fraud scams.** With investment fraud cases piling up in the weak economy, the U.S. Justice Department (DOJ) is holding summits around the country to warn investors about the scams, which are often carried out by people with personal ties to the victims, the Associated Press reported September 23. The first regional conference is set for October 1 in Connecticut, where federal prosecutors have announced several fraud cases in September, including that of a man who cheated clients from his church. Summits are also planned for later October in Cleveland, Nashville, Miami, Denver, and San Francisco. Nationwide, federal prosecutors looking at investment cases from the last 2 years identified 500 prosecutions that targeted 800 defendants and involved more than \$20 billion in fraud, a U.S. attorney said. The northeastern summit, hosted by the DOJ as well as the Securities and Exchange Commission, will bring together officials from agencies including the FBI as well as top federal prosecutors from neighboring States at the Stamford campus of the University of Connecticut. Topics to be addressed include case studies and the perspective of fraud victims.

Source:

http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5iQyVrPqzBZyH7yA_CrUc_FT Xcg5A?docId=33e7e50f1f8145d5aba40fcc17d43880

13. *September 21, Charlotte Observer* – (North Carolina) **Nine more charged in mortgage scheme.** Federal prosecutors announced charges September 21 against nine more defendants in an ongoing mortgage fraud case involving more than \$100 million in loans and at least 80 homes in and around Union County, North Carolina. The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of North Carolina charged six people with mortgage fraud, bank bribery, money laundering, and wire fraud. Three more defendants agreed to plead guilty. Prosecutors have charged 50 defendants to date. The charges were part of a long-running investigation known as Operation Wax House that targeted a mortgage fraud cell operating from 2006-2007 in Union and Mecklenburg counties. Defendants involved included promoters, mortgage brokers, lawyers, real estate agents, builders, and homebuyers. There was also a bank bribery conspiracy, involving a bank insider who provided false verifications of deposits. Those involved in the alleged fraud agreed with sellers that they would buy a new house at its true price. They then worked with buyers, who would pretend to have the assets to buy the homes, to take out a loan to buy the house from them at an inflated value, generally \$200,000 to \$500,000 over its actual value. At closing, the participants in the scheme would split the difference.

Source: <http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2012/09/21/3547589/nine-more-charged-in-mortgage.html>

14. *September 21, U.S Attorneys Office; Federal Bureau of Investigation; Internal Revenue Service* – (Massachusetts) **Former Needham real estate attorney convicted of mortgage fraud.** An attorney formerly operating a real estate practice in Needham, Massachusetts, was convicted September 20 in federal court on 38 counts of wire fraud

and money laundering in connection with \$4.9 million in fraudulent mortgage loans. Evidence presented at trial showed that in December 2006 and January 2007, the attorney participated in a scheme to defraud 6 mortgage lenders in connection for the purchases of 24 condominium units in the Dorchester community in Boston. The evidence showed that when he and an associate acting under his direction closed the loans, documents sent to the mortgage lenders falsely represented that funds had been collected at the closings from borrowers when in fact borrowers made no down payments and paid no funds. The attorney entered into an undisclosed agreement with the seller to subtract from the seller's proceeds all the funds reported to the lenders as coming from the borrowers, and he used various other means to conceal from the lenders that the borrowers had provided no funds for the purchases.

Source: <http://www.wickedlocal.com/needham/news/x670725293/Former-Needham-real-estate-attorney-convicted-of-mortgage-fraud#axzz27PFKqD3v>

15. *September 20, Wall Street Journal* – (Nevada; International) **U.S. regulators concerned about Vegas bets on Chinese VIPs.** U.S. regulators are worried about a Macau-based foreign tour industry they say exposes Las Vegas to money laundering, the Wall Street Journal reported September 20. The paper reported how some Chinese high-roller gamblers use “junkets,” as foreign-tour operators are known, to get around a requirement that Chinese residents only take \$50,000 in currency abroad a year. U.S. casinos are increasing their bets on the business, much to the concern of regulators worried that junket operators are bringing new money laundering methods to Las Vegas. The U.S. Treasury Department's Financial Crime Enforcement Network (FinCEN) issued a Web alert in August to casinos advising them to monitor junket operations and junket patrons and report “all available information” on any suspicious activity. Some junket industry activity on FinCEN's radar includes obscuring the source of their funding, the method for transferring it to high rollers, and the identities of the gamblers themselves.

Source: <http://blogs.wsj.com/corruption-currents/2012/09/20/u-s-regulators-concerned-about-vegas-bets-on-chinese-vips/>

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Transportation Sector

16. *September 24, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **Cattle escape after crash on Highway 151 near Monticello.** A Monticello, Iowa police chief said an accident September 24 shut down all lanes of U.S. Highway 151 just north of mile marker 63 in Monticello. He said a semitrailer hauling cattle crashed in the northbound lanes, allowing some of the animals to escape. He said the cattle owner and law enforcement officers helped round up the cattle. Both lanes were open about 6 hours later.

Source: <http://www.kcrg.com/news/local/Cattle-Escape-After-Crash-on-Highway-151-Near-Monticello-170953051.html>

17. *September 24, Softpedia* – (California; New Jersey) **Researchers use NFC-based exploit to ride the subway for free.** An Android app that relies on near-field communications (NFC) to reset the public transit access cards utilized in San Francisco

(MUNI) and New Jersey (PATH) was presented at the 2012 EUSecWest security conference, Softpedia reported September 24. Researchers demonstrated that an NFC-enabled Android phone, fitted with a clever app they designed, could be used to reset and reuse the cards for free, engadget.com reported. This is possible because of a vulnerable chip access card called Mifare Ultralight, which both PATH and MUNI utilize. The transit companies have been warned of this issue since 2011, but they have not done anything about it yet.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Researchers-Use-NFC-Based-Exploit-to-Ride-the-Subway-for-Free-Video-294357.shtml>

18. *September 23, Philadelphia Inquirer* – (Pennsylvania) **Police: Revolver accidentally discharges at airport terminal.** A Philadelphia police officer accidentally discharged a revolver found in a flight attendant's handbag at Philadelphia International Airport September 23, police said. A police spokesman said the flight attendant was stopped while going through security at Terminal C when Transportation Security Administration agents spotted what appeared to be a gun in her purse. Upon a search, they found a revolver in the bag. Per protocol, police were called, and when a responding officer was attempting to render the firearm safe, she accidentally fired it once. The bullet struck the floor. The officer was placed on desk duty pending an investigation into the matter, and the flight attendant was issued a summary citation for bringing the gun to the airport.

Source: <http://www.philly.com/philly/blogs/dncrime/Police-Revolver-accidentally-discharges-at-airport-terminal.html>

19. *September 22, Associated Press* – (Alaska) **Floods bring evacuation in Alaska town.** Residents of Talkeetna, Alaska, were asked to leave because of the threat of flooding from the rain-swollen Talkeetna River after it breached a levee west of town in two or three places, the Associated Press reported September 22. Flooding from heavy rains caused problems over a wide part of Alaska, from Talkeetna, near the base of Mount McKinley, to the port town of Seward, about 150 miles to the south. Many roads were closed or washed out, and landslides were reported. The governor toured the area by helicopter and declared a State disaster for the areas hit by the flooding. The flooding and high winds have interrupted passenger and freight train traffic since September 18, said a spokeswoman for Alaska Railroad. Trains scheduled to travel north of the Anchorage suburb of Wasilla were canceled at least until September 24. Crews were dealing with washouts and bridge damage in several areas along a 70-mile stretch of railway. Overnight rain totals ranged from 0.5 inches to 1.5 inches north of Anchorage in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, a National Weather Service hydrologist said September 21. The Talkeetna River was 4 feet above flood level and within a foot of its record stage of 17.4 feet. Water covered 35 percent of Talkeetna September 21, said the borough spokeswoman.

Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2012/09/23/us/talkeetna-alaska-faces-flooding.html?_r=1

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Postal and Shipping Sector

20. *September 20, Inyo Register* – (California) **Bomb scare at Lone Pine Post Office.** There was a bomb scare in Lone Pine, California, September 14 at the town’s post office, the Inyo Register reported September 20. The incident ended with the discovery of what was described as “bizarre writing and ramblings” stuffed inside two “cylindrical containers,” a sheriff’s department public information officer said. The containers themselves were covered with writings and swastikas, and were left on the sidewalk outside of the Lone Pine Post Office at an unknown time. Employees found the containers, and after 45 minutes reported the packages as suspicious. Fearing the containers could contain explosives, law enforcement implemented evacuation procedures and requested the response of the sheriff’s department’s explosives expert. The sheriff’s department evacuated businesses within a 1-mile radius of the post office. The containers were ultimately removed from the scene and taken to a remote, undisclosed location and detonated. Inside the containers were more “bizarre writings and ramblings,” officials said. The incident was under investigation.
Source: <http://www.inyoregister.com/node/3581>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

21. *September 24, U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Service* – (Illinois) **Illinois firm recalls bratwurst products due to misbranding and undeclared allergen.** Makowski’s Real Sausage Co. of Chicago recalled approximately 1,305 pounds of cooked bratwurst sausage products because of misbranding and the undeclared allergen, milk, not declared on the label. The recalled products include: 10-pound packages of “Real Sausage Co. COOKED WHITE BRATWURST 4-1” and “Real Sausage Co. COOKED WHITE BRATWURST 3-1.” The products also bear the establishment number “EST. 6844” inside the U.S. Department of Agriculture mark of inspection and the Julian dates of: 17812, 18812, 25112, 25712, or 26512. The products were produced June 25, July 5, September 6, 12, and 20. They were shipped to food service distributors for hotel, restaurant, and other institutional use throughout Illinois.
Source:
http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_062_2012_Release/index.asp
22. *September 24, WFMZ 69 Allentown* – (Pennsylvania) **Carbon monoxide leak sends 18 to hospital in East Allen Twp.** A carbon monoxide leak in a warehouse sent close to 20 workers to the hospital September 23 in East Allen Township, Pennsylvania. Emergency workers discovered the carbon monoxide leak while responding to a fire alarm at a Trader Joe’s warehouse. Levels for the colorless and odorless gas were high through the entire 800,000-square-foot building. All 197 employees were evacuated for safety. “We determined the source of that carbon monoxide was coming from an area where they charged the batteries for their forklifts,” the assistant fire chief said. In all, 21 people were evaluated by EMS on scene, and 18 others were taken to nearby

hospitals.

Source: <http://www.wfmz.com/news/news-regional-lehighvalley/Carbon-monoxide-leak-sends-18-to-hospital-in-East-Allen-Twp/-/132502/16707804/-/ugrqsyz/-/index.html>

23. *September 24, Associated Press* – (Georgia) **Audit suggests Ga. food manufacturers not testing.** Food manufacturers in Georgia may be dodging a 2010 law requiring that they inform State food inspectors when their products test positive for contamination, according to an audit of the State’s food inspection service, the Associated Press reported September 24. According to the study, 6 of the 11 toured facilities said they were not following the red flag law because they did not know about it, did not understand the rules, or were waiting for State officials to review their food safety plans. Due to the law’s reporting requirements, it cannot be determined exactly how many tests manufacturers perform each year. However, during a period from July 2010 to December 2011 where manufacturers should have performed 7,503 tests, there were only 7 positive tests for food contamination. State inspector tests during the same period, performed on 458 final food products, had 11 samples test positive for contamination.
Source: http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-505245_162-57518821/audit-suggests-ga-food-manufacturers-not-testing/
24. *September 24, Associated Press* – (National) **Trader Joe’s recalls peanut butter linked to Salmonella cases.** Grocery store chain Trader Joe’s recalled peanut butter linked to 29 Salmonella illnesses in 18 States, the Associated Press reported September 24. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) said the store’s Creamy Salted Valencia Peanut Butter, which is sold nationwide, is the likely source of the outbreak. The agencies are investigating whether any other items sold at the store could be contaminated. The FDA issued a statement saying the FDA, the CDC, and the State of California briefed Trader Joe’s on its investigation showing the link between the peanut butter and the illnesses September 20; Trader Joe’s then agreed to remove the product from store shelves. According to the individual States’ health departments, three cases were in Massachusetts, one was in Rhode Island, and one was in North Carolina. The CDC said people became sick June 11 to as recent as September 2.
Source: <http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-peanut-butter-recall-20120924,0,5228064.story>
25. *September 22, Food Safety News* – (National) **Fresh Express recalls expired romaine after positive test.** Fresh Express recalled its 9 ounce Leafy Green Romaine Salad product because a test of one package came back positive for *Listeria monocytogenes*, Food Safety News reported September 22. The product carried the expired use by date of September 16 with the product code I246A5BMG. The recalled product is no longer available in stores, but consumers might have the expired romaine in their home refrigerators. The product was distributed primarily to midwest and eastern States.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/09/fresh-express-recalls-expired-romaine-after-positive-test/#.UGCubZH2q70>

26. *September 21, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Kasel Associated Industries recalls Boots & Barkley American Beef Bully Sticks because of possible Salmonella health risk.** Kasel Associated Industries of Denver voluntarily recalled its BOOTS & BARKLEY 6 COUNT 5 INCH AMERICAN BEEF BULLY STICKS product because it may be contaminated with Salmonella. Salmonella can sicken animals that eat these products and humans are at risk for salmonella poisoning from handling contaminated pet products. The recalled product was distributed nationwide through Target retail stores from April through September. The product comes in a clear plastic bag containing 6 bully sticks marked with bar code number 647263899189. Kasel Industries is recalling all lot numbers. The recall was the result of a routine sampling by the State of Colorado Department of Agriculture which revealed that the finished products contained the Salmonella bacteria.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm320569.htm>

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Water Sector

27. *September 23, Maui Now* – (Hawaii) **West Maui water conservation request lifted.** Water customers in West Maui, Hawaii, were asked to conserve water until September 24 due to a broken waterline at the Mahinahina Water Treatment Facility. Personnel from the Maui Department of Water Supply (DWS) worked to fix the break and restarted the plant September 23, and lifted the conservation request ahead of schedule. The Mahinahina facility normally produces approximately 1.8 million gallons of water per day. Some water was still available in the storage tanks September 22; however, the tanks could not be refilled until the facility is back in service. DWS advised customers to turn off irrigation systems and other unnecessary uses of water.
Source: <http://mauinow.com/2012/09/23/west-maui-water-conservation-request/>
28. *September 23, KTUU 2 Anchorage* – (Alaska) **Kenai Peninsula residents advised to boil water.** The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation advised Kenai Peninsula property owners near flooding streams and rivers to boil their water used for drinking, cooking, hand washing, or dish washing, KTUU 2 Anchorage reported September 23. Wells near the flooded water systems may be contaminated with bacteria or other microorganisms that can cause illness. After the flooding subsides, the well and water systems should be disinfected with chlorine and thoroughly flushed, then tested for drinking safety, stated a release by the Kenai Peninsula Borough. City of Seward officials reported the city water system was working, and that two potable water stations were available for personal container use at the RV dump stations.
Source: <http://www.ktuu.com/news/ktuu-kenai-peninsula-residents-advised-to-boil-water-20120923,0,2459278.story>
29. *September 22, Associated Press; Winston-Salem Journal* – (North Carolina) **Camp Lejeune shuts down water treatment plant after mercury found.** Camp Lejeune in North Carolina, the coastal Marine base with a history of problems with its drinking

water, shut down Hadnot Point Water Treatment Plant after about 8 pounds of the type of mercury found in thermometers was discovered September 15 in a pipe in the facility. Elemental mercury was found during maintenance, a base spokesman said September 21. Tests conducted after the discovery showed none of the elemental mercury in the water. The plant would stay offline during repairs that included inspecting the entire plant for mercury. Areas that normally get their water from Hadnot Point will instead be serviced by the Holcomb Boulevard plant. A likely source was water pressure meters containing elemental mercury removed from the plant in the 1980s and replaced with digital meters.

Source: <http://www2.journalnow.com/news/2012/sep/22/wsmet07-camp-lejeune-shuts-down-water-treatment-pl-ar-2628869/>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

30. *September 24, Fairfax News* – (District of Columbia) **Alexandria woman sentenced for selling patient information.** A former medical technician at Howard University Hospital in Washington D.C. was sentenced September 21 to 6 months in a halfway house and ordered to perform 100 hours of community service on a federal charge stemming from the sale of personal data about patients and blank prescription forms, said a U.S. attorney and Assistant Director in Charge of the FBI's Washington Field Office. The former technician pled guilty in June in court to the wrongful disclosure of individually identifiable health information. The judge placed her on 3 years of probation. She also was fined \$2,100. She worked as a medical technician in Howard University Hospital's general surgery department. From August 2010 through December 2011, on at least three occasions, she obtained records of multiple hospital patients and then sold the names, addresses, dates of birth, and Medicare numbers to another person, along with blank hospital prescription forms. She received about \$500 to \$800 in cash for each of the transactions. In total, she sold about 40 Howard University Hospital patient names and information to the person, and she received approximately \$2,100 in cash in return.

Source: <http://fairfaxnews.com/2012/09/alexandria-woman-sentenced-for-selling-patient-information/>

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31. *September 24, Associated Press* – (Massachusetts) **Vandals hit Fairhaven High School.** Students at Fairhaven High School in Fairhaven, Massachusetts, had school canceled September 24 after two out-of-town teenagers sprayed fire extinguishers in the school September 23. The school was closed because the chemical powder from the extinguishers that coated the floor, lockers and desks is an irritant and must be professionally cleaned. Police said the teens entered the school September 23 while

there was a youth football game going on outside. They discharged fire extinguishers and set off alarms that alerted the fire department. The teens were identified through video surveillance and arrested outside. They were charged with breaking and entering, vandalism, and trespassing.

Source: <http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/2012/09/24/vandals-hit-fairhaven-high-school/ZaLLAoHxIFV07BJGQCCLqK/story.html>

32. *September 24, KMGH 7 Denver* – (Colorado) **Boulder Police investigating Facebook posting threatening Boulder High School.** Police were investigating a Facebook posting threatening Boulder High School in Boulder, Colorado, September 24. The school principal said the post threatened the safety of Boulder High School’s students and staff during the upcoming school week. “Based upon the results of the initial investigation, I intend to proceed with our normal school day with additional precautions,” the principal wrote on the school’s Web site. He said there would be additional police officers in the school’s building and near the school this week. Teachers and administrators will also be in the school’s courtyard, cafeteria, and hallways during passing periods and lunch. The principal said parents may keep their students home, but will be expected to call in and excuse their child for the day.
- Source: <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/front-range/boulder/boulder-police-investigating-facebook-posting-threatening-boulder-high-school>

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Emergency Services Sector

33. *September 24, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **1 staffer killed, another injured in Colo. prison.** A female kitchen employee was killed and another seriously injured September 24 in a disturbance involving an inmate while breakfast was being prepared at Arkansas Valley Correctional Facility in Crowley, Colorado, a spokeswoman said. State investigators were called to the prison to try to determine what happened. Meals were being delivered from other facilities after the kitchen was shut down, and the prison was placed on lockdown.
- Source: <http://www.wect.com/story/19622431/2-staffers-injured-in-sw-colo-prison-disturbance>
34. *September 23, WSPA 7 Spartanburg* – (North Carolina) **Double murderer escapes from North Carolina prison.** A man serving three life sentences for murder and robbery escaped from a work farm at a North Carolina prison. The North Carolina Department of Public Safety said he escaped September 23 while working outside Tillery Correctional Center in Halifax County. They said he had been operating a tractor on the farm and it was found abandoned.
- Source: <http://www2.wspa.com/news/2012/sep/23/double-murderer-escapes-north-carolina-prison-ar-4609870/>

35. *September 23, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Six offenders escape from Echo Glen Children’s Center after knocking out guard.** September 22, six teenage boys planned their escape from a juvenile detention center in Snoqualmie, Washington, when they were supposed to be locked in their rooms at Echo Glen Children’s Center. Some had packed bags with them, and one boy even stuffed his bed to make it look like he was there, authorities said. They knocked a staff member unconscious, locked her in a room, and fled. They were captured a few hours later after a helicopter crew using thermal-imaging equipment spotted them in nearby woods September 23, according to the King County Sheriff’s Office. Witnesses told detectives the staff member was beaten with a chunk of ice frozen in a water bottle, the Seattle Times reported. Once the teens were spotted by the helicopter, they split up and ran in different directions, the sergeant said. Deputies in the helicopter were able to direct deputies on the ground, including K-9 units, to where the teens were running or hiding. One was bitten by a police dog and was taken to a hospital. The others were arrested and booked on charges of assault, unlawful imprisonment, and escape, she said.
Source: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/09/23/echo-glen-childrens-center-inmate-escape_n_1907074.html
36. *September 22, WSFA 12 Montgomery* – (Alabama) **MPD HQ, jail, evacuated due to strange odor.** The Montgomery, Alabama Police Department Headquarters (MPD) and City Jail were evacuated September 22 due to a strange odor caused by a battery leak. The odor was noticed coming from a battery charging room and a HAZMAT team was called in. They evacuated MPD Headquarters and the jail and shut down a 2-block radius around the building. It was determined that a battery leak was the cause of the odor. Ten people were treated on the scene for possible inhalation of the odorous substance. The source of the leak was removed. All prisoners were returned to the jail, but MPD HQ was still evacuated. Police service was not affected.
Source: <http://www.waff.com/story/19612526/mpd-hq-jail-evacuated-due-to-strange-odor>
37. *September 21, WNYW 5 New York* – (New York) **Cops: Drugged woman injures several officers.** A woman who Long Island, New York police said was huffing cleaning chemicals was involved in several crashes that left several police officers hurt, September 20. Nassau County police said things began when a woman in Hicksville called 9-1-1 to report her Mercedes had been struck while parked and the car left the scene. Police found a woman in the car, behind the wheel, with the engine running and doors locked but seemingly unresponsive. Officers banged on the windows several times and she stirred. But she reached for an aerosol can and sprayed its contents into her mouth several times. As officers tried to get into the car, she put it in reverse, hitting the car behind her, jumped the curb and drove off, almost striking the officers. Police said she kept driving and refused to pull over. As officers approached, they said she put her car in reverse, hitting a marked police vehicle pushing it into a second police vehicle. One officer sustained injuries to his arm, neck, and shoulder. She took off and hit a marked police vehicle several blocks away. The officer in that car sustained neck and back injuries. She then drove her vehicle directly into another police vehicle. That officer sustained a back injury. She sped off again, sideswiping another police car. She lost control of her vehicle and hit a utility pole, an officer approached

and saw her attempting to put the vehicle in reverse. The officer broke the vehicle's window and was able to get her out of the car. She faces several charges including assault, reckless endangerment, and resisting arrest.

Source: <http://www.myfoxny.com/story/19605354/cops-drugged-woman-injures-several-officers>

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Information Technology Sector

38. *September 24, SC Magazine Australia* – (International) **Hactivism skews security trend analysis.** The re-emergence of the hacktivist movement appears to have caused complications for those in the information security industry charged with data breach trend analysis. There has been a series of massive data breaches over the last 16 months — each of which compromised more than 1 million identities. During the same time, much smaller incidents occurred in which only a handful of records were stolen. CQR Consulting's chief technology officer said in July that the Anonymous hacking collective “tend[ed] to find the vulnerable sites first, and justify their actions afterwards.” The Symantec's August Intelligence Report reflected the skewed results in a comparison of the first 8 months of 2012 against the last 8 months of 2011, covering what the company said was the revival of the hacktivist AntiSec (anti-security) campaign.
Source: <http://www.scmagazine.com.au/News/316698,hactivism-skews-security-trend-analysis.aspx>
39. *September 24, The Register* – (International) **Google Go language gets used: For file-scrambling trojan, though.** Virus writers are experimenting with Google's Go as a programming language for malware. The Encrityoko trojan uses components written in Go, a compiled language developed by the search company. Go was originally developed by Google in 2009. Once installed on a Microsoft Windows PC, the trojan attempts to use the Blowfish algorithm to encrypt all files matching various criteria including particular document types and a range of file sizes. The key used to encrypt the data is either pulled from a particular file on the D: drive or is randomly generated. This renders the data useless to its owner if the cipher cannot be recovered. The malware is circulating in the wild, and disguises itself as a tool to “root” Samsung Galaxy smartphones.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/09/24/google_go_trojan/
40. *September 23, Computerworld* – (International) **Clues, experts say Microsoft knew of IE zero-day for weeks before patching.** Microsoft may have known about the recent zero-day bug in Internet Explorer (IE) from for some time, according to its security advisory. The vulnerability, which was patched September 21 in an emergency, or “out-of-band,” update, first became public September 15 when a researcher found an exploit on a known hacker server. The news prompted Microsoft to create a blocking tool within 3 days, then a fix for the flaw 3 days later. However, the company's security

team likely knew of the bug long before that.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9231620/Clues_experts_say_Microsoft_knew_of_IE_zero_day_for_weeks_before_patching

41. *September 22, The Register* – (International) **Microsoft issues IE 10 Flash flaw fix for Windows 8.** Soon after an update that fixed the recent zero-day flaw discovered in Internet Explorer (IE) versions 7, 8, and 9, Microsoft released a separate patch that solves issues related to the Adobe Flash Player component of IE 10. The current Flash vulnerabilities only affect IE 10 running on Windows 8 and Windows 2012 server, meaning most Windows users are not vulnerable. However, although Microsoft’s latest operating systems have yet to ship to retail customers, they are already available to volume licensees and subscribers to Microsoft’s MSDN and TechNet programs.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/09/22/win8_ie10_flash_fix/

42. *September 21, The H* – (International) **Brute-force attack on Oracle passwords feasible.** A security researcher provided details on vulnerabilities in the authentication protocol of Oracle’s database that he originally discovered in 2010. The researcher, from security specialist AppSec, presented his findings and the methods by which they can be exploited at the ekoparty Security Conference in Buenos Aires, Brazil. Although Oracle closed the hole with the 11.2.0.3 patch set, which introduced the new version 12 of the protocol in mid-2011, the researcher said there has been no fix for versions 11.1 and 11.2 of the database because the update was never included in any of Oracle’s regular “critical patch updates.”
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Brute-force-attack-on-Oracle-passwords-feasible-1714357.html>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

43. *September 24, WBND 57 South Bend* – (Indiana) **3 in critical condition after fire ravages apartment complex, two businesses.** Three people had to be flown by helicopter to a hospital burn unit September 22 after police said a fire broke out at the Tony's Shoe Shop in Elkhart, Indiana. An apartment complex and two businesses were engulfed in flames. The head nurse at the hospital's burn unit said all three victims were in critical condition. The fire destroyed the building as it ripped through the old shoe repair shop, spread to the Youth Christian Center, and the apartment complex next door. One firefighter was also injured and taken to a nearby hospital.
Source: <http://www.abc57.com/home/top-stories/Three-people-in-critical-condition-after-fire-ravages-an-apartment-complex-and-two-businesses-170921901.html>
44. *September 24, WGCL 19 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **Mableton fire burns church, 3 businesses.** A suspicious fire in Cobb County, Georgia, almost took out a whole strip mall September 23 at the Clay Plaza Shopping Center in Mableton. Three businesses and a church were badly damaged and fire officials said it might not be an accident. Firefighters said it started in the Western Union. Two other businesses and the church next door to the Western Union were affected, but firefighters were able to limit the damage. The Western Union was a total loss. The church and other businesses suffered significant damage, but owners hope to get things repaired.
Source: <http://www.cbsatlanta.com/story/19617909/fire-burns-church-3-businesses>
45. *September 23, Arizona Daily Star* – (Arizona) **1 injured when fire races through Tucson apartments.** One person was hospitalized in a fire September 23 that burned through several units of an apartment complex in Tucson, Arizona, officials said. Crews went to Highland Apartments and found six apartment units on fire, a captain with the Rural/Metro Fire Department said in a news release. Several other units at the sprawling complex were damaged in the two-alarm blaze. Thick smoke and flames spreading along the roof led to the evacuation of many residents. One resident was hospitalized with burns and smoke inhalation. It took crews about 50 minutes to get the fire under control. About 23 families lost their homes or were evacuated because of the fire, said a spokeswoman for the American Red Cross Southern Arizona Chapter. The agency was at the complex providing food, shelter, clothing, medications and mental health services. About 23 of the 40 apartment units affected by the fire were occupied.
Source: http://azstarnet.com/news/local/injured-when-fire-races-through-tucson-apartment-complex/article_8e8aad32-059b-11e2-8ca0-001a4bcf887a.html
46. *September 22, WTVJ 6 Miami* – (Florida) **Police: Shoplifter kills Wal-Mart security employee, then self.** A suspect who tried to steal undershirts valued at \$16 from a Wal-Mart in Margate, Florida, shot and killed a loss prevention employee there September 21, police said. The victim was pronounced dead at a local hospital after the shooting, a Margate police spokesman said. The suspect fled on foot, and police said they later found what they believed to be the suspect's body, which appeared to have a self-inflicted gunshot wound. A woman was also taken into custody but her involvement in the incident was unknown. After the shooting, police from Sunrise, Margate, Coconut Creek, and Plantation converged on the scene, and a helicopter flew in the area

searching for the suspect.

Source: <http://usnews.nbcnews.com/news/2012/09/22/14033160-police-shoplifter-kills-wal-mart-security-employee-then-self?lite>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

47. *September 24, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Firefighters see progress tackling Wash. wildfires.** Firefighters were making progress keeping several major wildfires in Washington State at bay, as a lull in the weather helped temper new fire growth, authorities said September 23. Fire officials confirmed that two cabins run by the U.S. Forest Service were destroyed by wildfires. They include Riders Cabin and the Table Mountain A-frame rental cabin. A spokesman for the Wenatchee Complex fire, which includes multiple blazes in Chelan County, said firefighters made good progress September 22. That fire was about 30 percent contained and had burned about 66 square miles as of September 23. He said just under 200 homes near Mission Ridge were under mandatory evacuation. In southwest Washington, a fire burning nearly 14,000 acres on the south slope of Mount Adams closed the Mount Adams Wilderness and nearby forest areas. Fire officials said they were working to keep the fire from moving east onto the Yakama Nation, State, and private lands.
Source: http://seattletimes.com/html/localnews/2019244249_apwawashwildfires3rdldwritethru.html
48. *September 23, Dickinson Press* – (North Dakota) **Three wildfires scorch parts of western North Dakota.** While North Dakota has, for the most part, escaped the large-scale wildfires garnering national headlines and burning the landscapes of neighboring South Dakota and Montana, three fires have caused havoc in the western part of the State. The Bureau of Indian Affairs reported September 21 that the Little Swallow fire had grown to consume 6,000 acres and was just 40 percent contained. Northwest of Dickinson, visitors to Bennett Campground on the Dakota Prairie Grasslands were evacuated after the Trail Side fire broke out. The blaze was about 10 miles northwest of Grassy Butte. Stage I fire restrictions remained in place for the Little Missouri National Grasslands, according to the U.S. Forest Service.
Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/news/10783626/three-wildfires-scorch-parts-of-western-north-dakota>
49. *September 22, Associated Press* – (Nevada) **Carter Springs Fire grows to 3 square miles.** A wildfire burning in northern Nevada's Pine Nut Mountains has grown in size to 3-square miles, but officials said the threat to about 30 homes eased September 22 as winds pushed the fire away from residences. Officials said the Carter Spring fire had burned more than 2,000 acres and started September 21 south of Gardnerville, closing U.S. 395 for several hours. The highway reopened the next morning but traffic was being escorted through the burn area. No structures were lost. Officials hoped to have

the fire contained by September 24.

Source: http://www.mynews4.com/mostpopular/story/Carter-Springs-Fire-grows-to-3-square-miles/GfyglQ-olEKzVXPKpp_TFw.csp

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Dams Sector

50. *September 23, Thanh Nien News* – (International) **Tremors near Vietnam dam cause more damage to buildings.** Seven earthquakes struck near the giant Song Tranh 2 dam in the central province of Quang Nam, Vietnam, September 23, after earlier ones caused an estimated damage of more than \$48,000 to local buildings. Six smaller quakes occurred before a large one that lasted 10 seconds caused locals to flee. The large one was recorded at 4.1 magnitude. There have been almost 30 quakes since September 3, one of them being just 5 kilometers beneath the surface. The problem began in November 2011 after the \$197.53 million dam was built, and hundreds of tremors have been reported since. Experts blamed them on the increased pressure caused by absorption of water into fault lines, which was triggering seismic activity. They warn that the dam itself was being damaged and can be destroyed even if there were no further quakes. The dam began to leak water in March, and many cracks were fixed by August 30.

Source: [http://www.thanhniennews.com/index/pages/20120923-tremors-near-vietnam-dam-cause-\\$48,000-damage-to-buildings.aspx](http://www.thanhniennews.com/index/pages/20120923-tremors-near-vietnam-dam-cause-$48,000-damage-to-buildings.aspx)

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