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Energy Sector

1. *September 26, KGO 7 San Francisco* – (California) **Chevron issues warning to Bay Area refineries.** Chevron issued a big word of warning to other Bay Area, California refineries after the company found that routine safety inspections failed to uncover the corrosion that contributed to last month’s fiery accident at its Richmond, California refinery. September 26 Chevron sent an industry alert. It said, “We know a section of the pipe failed. We are pretty sure we know why it failed. While we inspected several sections of the 200-foot long pipe, we did not inspect all sections. This is what we are doing now, and this is what we think other refineries should do too.” A Chevron spokesman added, “What we have done is enhanced our inspection program to try and prevent something like this from happening again. And today we are sharing what we’ve learned, even though our investigation is ongoing, with other companies so that they can take any effective action they might need to try and prevent something similar from happening.” The section of the pipe that failed, contributing to the August fire, had a thinning pipe issue called sulfidation corrosion. Several things have to happen for this problem to occur — the temperature inside a pipe with sulfur compounds must exceed 450 degrees Fahrenheit and the pipe must be made of carbon steel with low silicon. The section of the pipe in question has been taken away to be analyzed and tested. According to Chevron, the complete results may not be known for some time. Source: http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/local/east_bay&id=8826440
2. *September 26, Associated Press* – (Tennessee) **Kentucky miner killed by fallen ceiling in Tennessee mine.** A coal miner from Kentucky was killed after part of the ceiling fell in on him inside a Kopper Glo Fuel mine in Claiborne County, Tennessee. A county emergency management agency spokeswoman said the accident happened September 26. Federal mine safety investigators and State officials with the Tennessee Occupational Safety and Health Administration were on the scene. The Tennessee Mining Association president said the accident occurred in the firm’s deep mine in the Clairfield community, about 75 miles north of Knoxville. He said this is the first time

the company has had a fatality.

Source: <http://www.newschannel5.com/story/19646097/claiborne-county-miner-killed-by-falling-rocks>

3. *September 26, WDSU 6 New Orleans* – (Louisiana) **Gulf platform evacuated when fire breaks out.** Three workers were evacuated September 26 after an oil platform in the Gulf of Mexico caught fire. The incident was reported at a platform north of the Mud Lake, Louisiana area, about 30 miles south of Terrebonne Parish. Crews were able to bring the situation under control and reported that two people suffered minor injuries. The fire produced a spill in an area 600 yards long by half-a-mile wide, officials said. They noted that the sheen started dissipating within several hours. The platform is owned by W&T Offshore, whose Web site describes the company as “an independent oil and natural gas acquisition, exploitation and exploration company, with a focus primarily in the Gulf of Mexico.” The U.S. Coast Guard is among those investigating the incident.

Source: <http://www.wdsu.com/news/local-news/new-orleans/Gulf-platform-evacuated-when-fire-breaks-out/-/9853400/16753342/-/o06bhoz/-/index.html>

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Chemical Industry Sector

4. *September 27, Associated Press* – (Mississippi) **DuPont plant pays \$117K pollution fine.** The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) fined DuPont Co.’s DeLisle plant \$117,000 after pollution control equipment broke down, allowing a smokestack to emit too much during a March 2011 test, the Associated Press reported September 27. DuPont Co., based in Delaware, makes titanium dioxide, a whitening agent used in paint, paper and plastics, at the Harrison County plant. More than 800 employees and contractors work there. A DuPont spokesman said equipment failed on a smokestack that vents a silo holding coal ash. MDEQ found the smoke coming from the stack was 60 percent opaque, when it was limited to 40 percent under the terms of DuPont’s environmental permits. The DuPont spokesman said the unit was shut down immediately, and a baghouse capturing dust and particulate pollution was replaced. DuPont was also fined for failing to submit paperwork regarding a construction project and another smokestack test in late 2011.

Source: <http://www.manufacturing.net/news/2012/09/duPont-plant-pays-117k-pollution-fine>

5. *September 27, Occupational Health & Safety* – (Texas) **Anhydrous ammonia exposures cited by OSHA.** The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) cited Commerce, California-based 99 Cents Only Stores Texas Inc. with 19 alleged serious safety and health violations for process safety management shortcomings at the company’s Houston distribution center, including exposing workers to anhydrous ammonia as they stored frozen products in refrigeration units. Proposed penalties are \$121,000. “Process safety management prevents the unexpected

release of toxic, reactive or flammable liquids and gases in processes involving highly hazardous chemicals,” said the director of OSHA’s Houston North Area Office. “Anhydrous ammonia is used in industrial refrigeration systems to keep things like food products cold, and a release of the chemical can expose workers to extreme lung, eye and skin irritation, and potential burns.” According to OSHA, 99 Cents Only Stores employs about 12,000 workers and has operations in Arizona, California, Nevada, and Texas.

Source: <http://ohsonline.com/articles/2012/09/27/anhydrous-ammonia-exposures-cited-by-osha.aspx?admgarea=news>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

6. *September 27, Nuclear Street* – (Minnesota) **Reactor trips, water levels fluctuate following electrical maintenance at Monticello nuclear plant.** Maintenance work was believed to have cut power to two pumps at the Monticello nuclear plant in Monticello, Minnesota, September 25, leading to an automatic reactor shutdown from full power. According to a Nuclear Regulatory Commission event report, the shutdown happened when a 4160 V bus locked out, removing power from a reactor feed pump and a reactor recirculation pump. The water level in the reactor fell, then began to rise to +48 inches, the reactor-water-level-high setpoint. The main turbine and another feed pump tripped, as designed, and the reactor shut down automatically. In a release, plant owner Xcel Energy said: “All plant safety systems functioned as designed, and the situation posed no danger to the public or plant workers. Plant operators are investigating the cause of the shutdown, which is not expected to be lengthy.”

Source:

http://nuclearstreet.com/nuclear_power_industry_news/b/nuclear_power_news/archive/2012/09/27/reactor-trips_2c00_-water-levels-fluctuate-following-electrical-maintenance-at-monticello-nuclear-plant-092701.aspx

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

Nothing to report

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

7. *September 26, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **Jury convicts man for taking military tech info.** A former employee of a New Jersey-based defense contractor was found guilty September 26 of taking U.S. military technology trade secrets from his employer and exporting them to his native China. He worked for Space & Navigation, a New Jersey division of New York-based L3 Communications. The man, who lived until recently in Flanders, New Jersey, was arrested at his home in Deerfield, Illinois, in

March 2011 and accused of taking restricted military data and presenting them at two conferences in China during the fall of 2010. Prosecutors argued the technology was proprietary and could be used for target locators and other military applications. A federal jury in Newark, New Jersey, found the man guilty on nine counts, including exporting defense-related data without a license, possessing stolen trade secrets, and lying to federal agents. He was acquitted on two counts of lying to federal authorities about one of his visits to China.

Source: <http://www.militarytimes.com/news/2012/09/ap-jury-convicts-man-military-tech-information-092612/>

8. *September 25, Flightglobal.com* – (National) **USAF working on ‘non-minor fix’ for F-22 oxygen problem.** The U.S. Air Force (USAF) is working to modify the Lockheed Martin F-22 Raptor’s on-board oxygen generation system (OBOGS) with a new oxygen concentration schedule, Flightglobal.com reported September 25. “The program office is in the process of implementing a change to the OBOGS concentration control schedule,” the USAF said. The modified schedule is designed to reduce the concentration of oxygen reaching the pilot’s lungs at lower cockpit altitudes. The high concentration of oxygen was identified (along with high g-forces) as the cause of acceleration atelectasis, a condition where air sacs in the pilot’s lungs collapse. It is the formal medical term for the so-called “Raptor cough” that has afflicted F-22 pilots. Acceleration atelectasis was identified as a contributing factor to a series of physiological incidents that have plagued the USAF’s F-22 fleet from as far back as 2008. The main culprit, however, according to the the USAF, was a faulty valve in the Combat Edge upper-pressure garment. At present, the USAF is trying to figure out the best way to implement the modification to the digital OBOGS found on most of its F-22s. “The change is not minor,” the USAF said. “In addition to the concentration schedule change, the warning band needs to be modified to accommodate the new schedule. In order to change the warning band, other features need to be incorporated, such as an automatic back-up oxygen system.” The USAF is implementing the change now, after it rejected a similar modification proposed in 2005 due to cost reasons.
Source: <http://www.flightglobal.com/news/articles/usaf-working-on-non-minor-fix-for-f-22-oxygen-problem-376903/>
9. *September 25, Foreign Policy* – (National) **Keeping nukes safe from cyber attack.** In the wake of a 2010 incident in which the U.S. Air Force lost contact with 50 intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs), the service is figuring out how to protect its command-and-control systems from cyberattack, Foreign Policy reported September 25. Global Strike Command manages U.S. land-based nuclear ICBMs and air-launched nuclear cruise missiles and bombs. The need to protect these military assets from cyberattack and avoiding the scenario of an enemy feeding incorrect information into the nuclear command-and-control networks seized Air Force officials after they lost contact with a field of 50 Minuteman III ICBMs at FE Warren Air Force Base in Wyoming for an hour in late 2010. “There was an issue: we had a temporary interruption in our ability to monitor one of our missile squadrons back in the fall of 2010. That produced a need to take a comprehensive look at the entire system. It took a year to do that study, and we’re confident that the system is good, but as we upgrade it, modernize it, integrate it, we’ve got to really pay attention to” protecting nuclear

command-and-control information, according to the head of Air Force Global Strike Command's nuclear deterrence division. He said they are working to harden their networks against intrusion and the manipulation of nuclear command-and-control information and to increase backup communications abilities. "We are continuing to study the cyber assurance aspect of the supply chain that supports our nuclear weapons systems," he also said.

Source:

http://killerapps.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2012/09/25/keeping_nukes_safe_from_cyber_attack

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Banking and Finance Sector

10. *September 27, Tampa Bay Times* – (Florida) **Identity thieves redirecting Social Security checks.** A Social Security Administration (SSA) Inspector General (IG) told members of Congress in September of a "recent rash" of fraudulent activity which he described as a "serious issue facing SSA." Fifty times a day, Social Security's Office of the Inspector General got a report of an unauthorized change or attempted change to a direct deposit routing number, often resulting in a missed payment. The agency began tracking potential fraud reports in October 2011 and has logged 19,000, the IG said in a written statement to a House subcommittee on Social Security. Most victims had given out, or lost personal data to identity scammers. The payments then had their routing numbers altered. The IG's statement described a need for better identity verification procedures in field offices, call centers, and at financial institutions. He focused on institutions that issue prepaid debit cards. People who receive Social Security benefits sometimes choose to have the money deposited on reloadable cards, purchased at retailers or online. The IG called the cards "particularly tempting tools for benefit thieves." Using reloadable cards was a lesson already learned by the Internal Revenue Service. Thieves often use prepaid debit cards to collect fraudulent tax refunds. The special agent in charge of the Secret Service's Tampa office said Social Security check diversion could be the next wave of government fraud.

Source: <http://www.tampabay.com/news/publicsafety/crime/identity-thieves-redirecting-social-security-checks/1253598>

11. *September 27, CSO Online* – (International) **Hactivists strike U.S. Bank with volunteer-powered DDoS.** U.S. Bank's Web site was disrupted September 26 in a people-powered distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack, launched by a group of hactivists who have claimed responsibility for similar cyberattacks against four other banks in the United States, CSO Online reported September 27. The attack involved hundreds of thousands of computers sending an overwhelming number of requests that downed the site for roughly an hour, according to a security researcher at FireEye. The disruption of U.S. Bank's Web site came 1 day after a similar attack against Wells Fargo & Co. The group has taken credit for other attacks that occurred the week of September 17, against Bank of America, JPMorgan Chase, and Citigroup. A

representative of U.S. Bancorp, which operates as U.S. Bank, confirmed it was under attack and experiencing disruptions. Rather than launch the attack from a network of compromised machines, called a botnet, the attackers are apparently using volunteers, the FireEye researcher said. Participants go to either one of two file-sharing sites and download a program written in a scripting language. Once the program is running, a person only has to click on a “start attack” button to send continuous requests to the target’s Web site. This method makes it more difficult for authorities to stop the attack, because there are no control servers. The group had said on a Pastebin post that it would attack Wells Fargo September 25, U.S. Bank September 26, and PNC Financial Services Group September 27.

Source: <http://www.pcadvisor.co.uk/news/security/3400907/hacktivists-strike-us-bank-with-volunteer-powered-ddos/>

12. *September 26, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (Ohio) **Former Fifth Third Bank employee indicted in \$12 million fraud scheme.** A 44-count indictment was filed September 26 against a loan officer/vice president related to a scheme that resulted in the loss of \$12 million while she was employed at a Fifth Third Bank in Toledo, Ohio. The loan officer and vice president falsified documents and submitted them to bank officials to obtain credit approval for large commercial loans that would have otherwise been declined, according to the indictment. In conjunction with these loans, she solicited and accepted a gratuity payment from the borrowers. She then attempted to conceal these funds by creating a fake consulting business under which she invoiced borrowers for services not performed and accepted the gratuities, according to the indictment. As a result of defaults upon these loans, the Fifth Third Bank of Toledo, Ohio, suffered a loss of approximately \$12 million.

Source: <http://www.loansafe.org/former-fifth-third-bank-employee-indicted-in-12-million-fraud-scheme>

13. *September 26, Colorado Springs Gazette* – (Colorado) **Springs businessman indicted on fraud, racketeering charges.** A Colorado Springs man was indicted by a Denver grand jury on 20 counts of securities fraud, conspiracy to commit securities fraud, and racketeering for allegedly using \$8.5 million raised from 19 investors for his personal expenses and other businesses, the Colorado Springs Gazette reported September 26. An arrest warrant was issued for the man, who remains at large. The indictment alleges the man promoted vacation home investments between 2006 and 2011 through his company, called Continental Resort Homes, but instead of buying vacation homes he spent the money. He also allegedly overstated the assets, capital contributions, and number of investors in Continental Resort Homes and understated the company’s debts on its balance sheet, and allegedly lied to investors about the company owning two properties in which it had no ownership stake. The 19 investors are unlikely to recover their money since the company had no assets as of September 26, the date the indictment was handed down.

Source: <http://www.gazette.com/articles/wellens-145132-securities-fraud.html>

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Transportation Sector

14. *September 27, KXAN 36 Austin* – (Texas) **I-35 reopens following large fuel spill.** Interstate 35 heading north in South Austin, Texas, reopened following a September 27 wreck where a tanker truck flipped near Slaughter Lane, spilling 700 gallons of fuel. Frontage roads in that area remained closed. Austin Fire Department (AFD) crews drilled into the overturned 18-wheeler in the 9000 block of South I-35 and were pumping the fuel into another trailer. It could carry up to 9,600 gallons of diesel, gasoline and ethanol. A hazardous materials team with AFD worked quickly to stop the fuel from flowing. They then safely got the wrecked truck off the highway. The northbound access road was closed south of Slaughter Lane, forcing morning rush hour traffic to find an alternate route. Meanwhile, the truck driver was injured in the accident and taken to a hospital.
Source: <http://www.kxan.com/dpp/news/local/austin/flipped-tanker-shuts-down-i-35>
15. *September 27, Associated Press* – (Illinois) **FAA says changes cut risk of O’Hare collisions.** New air traffic control procedures have been put in place at Chicago’s O’Hare International Airport to try to eliminate the risk of midair collisions over a pair of runways, after two near misses last year raised serious concerns, federal officials said September 26, the Associated Press reported September 27. The planes involved in the incidents, which occurred 3 months apart in 2011, came within a few hundred feet of each other, according to a preliminary report released the week of September 24 by the National Transportation Safety Board. No one was hurt, but the crew of one of the planes had to delay their takeoff and stay low to avoid a collision even though they were rapidly approaching the end of the runway. Revised procedures put in place since 2011 include the extension of a warning system to automatically alert controllers if a plane is approaching to land on one of the runways as an aircraft is taking off on the other, the Federal Aviation Administration said September 26. The runways fall short of physically intersecting, but are close enough that air traffic can cross paths in takeoffs and landings.
Source: <http://www.nwherald.com/2012/09/26/faa-says-changes-cut-risk-of-ohare-collisions/a7eqzau/>
16. *September 26, Orlando Sentinel* – (Florida) **10 people taken to hospital after crash involving Lynx bus.** Troopers are working to identify all 10 people hospitalized after a major crash on south Rio Grande Avenue involving a Lynx bus and two other vehicles in Orlando, Florida, the Orlando Sentinel reported September 26. According to Florida Highway Patrol, the driver was headed west on 42nd Avenue and sped out from a stop sign. The Lynx bus driver crashed into the vehicle and pushed it into another car. An 11th victim was treated on scene but did not need more extensive medical attention. The 10 victims who did were dispersed among three Central Florida hospitals. The roadway was shut down near 42nd Avenue for about 2 hours.
Source: http://articles.orlandosentinel.com/2012-09-26/news/os-lynx-bus-crash-rio-grande-20120926_1_lynx-bus-crash-rio-grande-ave-major-crash
17. *September 26, Reuters* – (Texas; International) **Texas-Mexico border bridge reopens after safety scare.** Authorities in Eagle Pass, Texas, reopened one of the city’s two

border crossings to Mexico which had been closed for several hours due to safety concerns, according to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency, Reuters reported September 26. The agency said local authorities reopened Bridge II, which handles commercial traffic to and from the city of Piedras Negras, Mexico. The commercial crossing was shut down nearly 6 hours earlier over safety concerns which local news media said were prompted by the discovery of a “suspicious device.” The agency said that while the temporary closure “caused an interruption in the trade process,” a special agreement with Mexican authorities allowed for trucks to be processed “after normal business hours.” Operations and traffic across Bridge I continued to flow as normal throughout the day. News reports on KSAT 12 San Antonio identified the threat as a “suspicious device”, possibly a grenade, although the border protection agency declined to comment.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/09/26/us-usa-mexico-crossing-idUSBRE88P1U720120926>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

18. *September 27, Norwich Bulletin* – (Connecticut) **Hazmat scare closes Plainfield Post Office.** A check by federal and State officials found no contamination at the Plainfield Post Office in Plainfield, Connecticut, after it was shut down September 26 when four employees reported symptoms of ill health, including itching and a rash. Police said one person was taken by ambulance to a hospital and was treated and released. “The tests taken by the Department of Economic and Environmental Protection, in conjunction with the FBI and U.S. Postal Police, indicated there was no biological, chemical or environmental hazard found in the building,” police said. The post office resumed operations September 27.

Source: <http://www.norwichbulletin.com/newsnow/x670728244/Hazmat-scare-closes-Plainfield-Post-Office#axzz27gOVpNmM>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

19. *September 27, Food Safety News* – (National) **Recall of ricotta linked to Listeria outbreak expands.** Forever Cheese of Long Island City, New York, expanded its recall to include all lots of the cheese distributed between September 1, 2011 and August 31, 2012, Food Safety News reported September 27. The company’s Marte brand Ricotta Salata Frescolina was implicated as the source of a Listeria outbreak that has so far sickened 15 people in 12 States. The product was sold to distributors, who then sold the product to retailers and restaurants, in 29 States and Washington, D.C. between September 1, 2011 and August 31, 2012. The company warns that the cheese may have been cut or repacked before being sold and may not have been relabeled. If the product was relabeled, consumers may not be able to identify it. Because of this the company

said, “Each and every distributor and retailer are being contacted in an effort to recall any and all remaining product in the marketplace.”

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/09/recall-of-ricotta-linked-to-listeria-outbreak-expands/#.UGR9cZH2q70>

20. *September 26, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Whole Foods Market voluntarily recalls variety of peanut butter cookies in four States due to possible health risk.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced September 26, that Whole Foods Market recalled its 3-ounce peanut butter cookies and 3-ounce peanut butter chocolate chunk cookies sold in its self-serve pastry case, and mini peanut butter cookies sold in 12-pack paper bags due to possible Salmonella contamination. The recalled cookies were sold before September 29 in all Whole Foods Market stores in Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas. No illnesses have been reported related to the cookies. This cookie recall is in response to a recall by Sunland, Inc., whose recalled peanut butter has been connected to 29 illnesses in 18 States.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm321213.htm>

21. *September 25, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (Washington) **Gretchen’s Shoebox Express voluntarily recalls Evolution brand Cinnamon Apple & Almond Butter Sandwiches and Almond Butter because of possible health risk.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported September 25 that Gretchen’s Shoebox Express in Seattle, initiated a voluntary recall of Evolution Fresh Brand Cinnamon Apple & Almond Butter Sandwiches and Almond Butter that contain almond butter associated with the Sunland, Inc., recall. The Almond Butter has the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella. There have been no reported illnesses attributed to these two recalled items. The two recalled products were distributed solely to two Evolution Fresh stores in Seattle and Bellevue, Washington, from July 24 to September 23. The sandwich product is hand wrapped in clear cellophane, with prominent label identification. The almond butter is packaged in a clear plastic oval-shaped container with prominent label identification.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm321095.htm>

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Water Sector

22. *September 26, Salisbury Daily Times* – (Maryland) **Sewage spill mars river.** A pump station malfunction that spewed about 100,000 gallons of sewage into the Wicomico River September 25 could cost the city of Salisbury, Maryland, thousands of dollars in State fines unless officials can prove it was beyond its control. The fine could range up to \$32,500 for the one day of overflow. The pump station on Ridge Road became clogged with rags and other debris likely churned up through sewer lines by recent heavy rains, said the public works director. The two main pumps failed when blades that push the water seized. When an auxiliary pump went down, sewage backed up into nearby manholes and clean-outs. The waste triggered swimming and fishing advisories for a portion of the river and swamped the well-kept neighborhood around the station with a small regiment of workers and tanker trucks. To date, the city met State

notification requirements and complied with all of the agency's recommendations. The city plans to install a mechanism that will grind trash and debris before it enters the station.

Source: <http://www.delmarvanow.com/article/20120927/WIC/309270034>

23. *September 26, KPHO 5 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **Fire damages Parker sewage plant; conservation urged.** The Buckskin Sanitary District asked customers in the area of Parker, Arizona, to conserve water, possibly for up to 2 months, after a part of its sewer treatment facility was badly damaged by fire September 13, KPHO 5 Phoenix reported September 26. The district's Web site asked customers for their cooperation in conserving water for the next 30 to 60 days. The district said the fire caused "extensive damage" to areas that need to be reconstructed. Parker Live, a city Web site, said 12 trucks per day were carrying sewage to the Joint Venture near Parker.

Source: <http://www.kpho.com/story/19646918/fire-damages-parker-sewage-plant-conservation-urged>

24. *September 26, Montclair Times* – (New Jersey) **Some Montclair resident must boil water due to water main break.** Some residents in a Montclair, New Jersey neighborhood were advised to boil their water due to a water main break that occurred September 25, according to a release from the Montclair communications director. Police blocked off Elm street while workers burrowed into Washington Street to find and repair the damaged main. The pipe was repaired and water service was restored to area residents and businesses September 26, said a spokesman from the Montclair Police Department. "This may affect the quality of water being provided to customers in this area — these customers have been notified by the Water Bureau," the director stated in the release.

Source:

http://www.northjersey.com/news/171369231_Some_Montclair_residents_must_boil_water_due_to_water_main_break.html

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

25. *September 26, Orlando Sentinel* – (Florida) **FBI: Man paid hospital employee for patient data.** The Orlando Sentinel reported September 26 that federal authorities said a central Florida man who acted as an agent for chiropractic clinics and a injury hotline paid a Florida hospital employee to illegally access patient data; he was recently arrested on a federal count of disclosure of prohibited information. Agents earlier arrested a suspected co-defendant in the case who used to work in the emergency department at Florida Hospital's Celebration branch. The co-defendant was fired in July 2011 after officials learned he accessed the medical records of a Florida Hospital doctor fatally shot in a hospital parking garage in 2011. Officials then discovered he inappropriately reviewed 12,000 patient records in detail. After the co-defendant reviewed a patient's data, he called the central Florida agent for chiropractic clinics, who would then call someone else who eventually called patients. Some patients began receiving phone calls within a week of their hospital visit from someone who offered

them a lawyer or chiropractor referral. Investigators linked the two through telephone records and money payments.

Source: http://articles.orlandosentinel.com/2012-09-26/news/os-florida-hospital-records-arrest-20120926_1_patient-records-hospital-employee-medical-records

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Government Facilities Sector

26. *September 27, Shoals Insider* – (Alabama) **Man indicted for tweeting threat against President.** A federal grand jury recently indicted a Birmingham, Alabama man for threatening the life of the U.S. President on the social network Twitter, announced a U.S. attorney and a U.S. Secret Service Special Agent in Charge. A one-count indictment charged the suspect with knowingly threatening to kill, kidnap, or inflict bodily harm on the President by tweeting the message, “Let’s kill the president. F.E.A.R.,” September 14. The suspect was arrested September 21 and charged by criminal complaint for threatening the President. In a detention hearing September 27, the judge took testimony from two individuals willing to supervise the defendant on bond, if granted.
Source: <http://shoalsinsider.com/man-indicted-for-tweeting-threat-against-president-p4373-1.htm>

27. *September 27, Central Florida News 13 Orlando* – (Florida) **Man pleads guilty in copper theft from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station.** A man faces a decade in federal prison after pleading guilty to stealing copper wires from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Cape Canaveral, Florida. The suspect pleaded guilty September 26 to theft of government property. He faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in federal prison. According to the plea hearing, between November 1, 2010, and April 30, 2011, the suspect and a co-defendant repeatedly entered the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station with a temporary contractor access badge sponsored by the suspect’s employer. Once on the base, the men removed large amounts of copper wire from reels in a storage area. The reels of copper wire belonged to the U.S. Air Force (USAF). The suspects then sold the stolen copper wire for more than \$100,000 to recycling centers in Brevard County. After being confronted by investigators, the suspect confessed to his role in the thefts. The other suspect is currently in State custody on unrelated charges. This case was investigated by both the USAF’s and NASA’s Office of the Inspector General.
Source:
http://www.cfnews13.com/content/news/cfnews13/news/article.html/content/news/articles/cfn/2012/9/27/man_pleads_guilty_in.html

28. *September 26, WDBJ 7 Roanoke* – (Virginia) **Fraternity house destroyed by fire at Randolph-Macon College.** Members of a fraternity at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Virginia, are recovering after a fire destroyed their chapter house. The fire started at the Theta Chi house about 1 a.m. September 26. One person had to be treated for smoke inhalation. The fire left several students without a place to live.
Source: <http://www.wdbj7.com/news/wdbj7-fraternity-house-destroyed-by-fire-at-randolphmacon-college-20120926,0,6718602.story>

29. *September 26, Saratoga Springs Saratogian* – (New York) **Fort Edward woman charged in bomb threat.** A woman faces two felony charges after she allegedly threatened to blow up the Washington County, New York Department of Social Services building September 24. The suspect was charged with making a terroristic threat and falsely reporting an incident, both felonies. According to the Washington County Sheriff's Office, the suspect called a State hotline and threatened to blow up the building. State officials then contacted Washington County officials.
Source: <http://saratogian.com/articles/2012/09/26/news/doc5063c429737ef889754575.txt>
30. *September 26, KLRT 16 Little Rock* – (Arkansas) **Students face felony charges for making bomb threats at school.** Two students were arrested the week of September 24 and Maumelle, Arkansas police were looking to charge a third in connection with bomb threats at school, KLRT 16 Little Rock reported September 26. The Maumelle police chief said it started 3 weeks ago when a student was taken to a hospital in a helicopter after passing out from heat exhaustion during an evacuation due to a bomb threat. In the past month, there have been three bomb threats made by students at Maumelle schools — two at the middle school, and one at the high school. Police said the threats were all made on hand-written notes. The police report said one note found September 24 at the middle school reads, “There are 3 bombs 2 here and one at the high school. if you call The Police I will set them off.” The two students arrested face expulsion and Class D felonies. Police also plan to ask for restitution. The chief said each student could be required to pay all expenses from each of the searches resulting from their notes, including the cost of bringing in the helicopter for the injured student.
Source: <http://m.fox16.com/display/574/story/9780774a93e81dcf59789defa9736733>
31. *September 26, WDSU 6 New Orleans* – (Louisiana) **No injuries in Northshore seminary fire.** State fire marshal deputies investigated a fire at the St. Joseph Abbey Catholic Seminary near Covington, Louisiana. The fire started September 26 and damaged one of the school's dormitories. Investigators said more than 60 men were in the building when fire alarms went off and all escaped safely. St. Tammany fire officials said they believe the fire started in a computer server room full of electrical equipment. It was mostly contained to that room but smoke spread through the building. Investigators said about 25 percent of the building suffered damage. Repairs were estimated at \$300,000.
Source: <http://www.wdsu.com/news/local-news/new-orleans/No-injuries-in-Northshore-seminary-fire/-/9853400/16745674/-/item/0/-/akxnirz/-/index.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

32. *September 27, Associated Press* – (Florida) **Southwest Fla. county grounds medical helicopters.** Lee County, Florida, grounded two county-owned medical helicopters and fired the pilots because the emergency medical service used to airlift patients failed to

meet federal safety requirements, the Associated Press reported September 27. The Sarasota Herald-Tribune reported that the Bayflite helicopter and crew based in Sarasota County is now temporarily, and indefinitely, available to handle medical emergencies in Lee County. Earlier in September, Lee County officials said they violated federal rules by billing patients for \$2.9 million they should not have for medical flights. The Lee County Public Safety chief, in an email to county commissioners, said the county failed to meet federal safety standards required to bill patients.

Source: http://www.cbs12.com/template/inews_wire/wires.regional.fl/224a7209-www.cbs12.com.shtml

33. *September 26, ABC News* – (Arizona) **Phoenix filmmaker arrested after allegedly staging terrorist hoax to test police response time.** A Phoenix filmmaker was arrested for allegedly videotaping his nephew dressed in a sheet while pointing a fake grenade launcher at passing cars in an apparent terrorist hoax to test police-response time after the Aurora, Colorado, movie theater massacre, authorities said September 26. Police arrested the man September 24 after a nearly 2-month investigation. The filmmaker faces charges of knowingly giving a false impression of a terrorist act, endangerment, and contributing to the delinquency of his minor nephew, 16. Police said they responded 1 minute after they first received calls, but the video, which the man allegedly filmed July 28 and then posted on YouTube, apparently shows the fake terrorist roaming around a busy intersection for 15 minutes. “They told us they were just making a movie,” said a Phoenix Police Department spokesman, adding that there was no arrest that day. The man apparently posted the video on YouTube 2 days after filming. He called it “Dark Knight Shooting Response, Rocket Launcher Police Test.” The police spokesman said authorities became aware of the video a few weeks after they were called to the scene.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/phoenix-filmmaker-arrested-allegedly-staging-terrorist-hoax-test/story?id=17328758#.UGRiIJg81CY>

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Information Technology Sector

34. *September 25, IDG News Service* – (International) **Symantec: Leaked Norton Utilities 2006 source code already published months ago.** Hackers associated with the Anonymous hacktivist collective published the source code files for Symantec’s Norton Utilities 2006 product on The Pirate Bay BitTorrent Web site September 24, but according to the security vendor the same files were released in January. The Pirate Bay torrent was accompanied by a message in which the hackers referred to Symantec as “the worst security vendor on planet Earth” and hinted that the release is not the result of a new security breach.

Source: <http://www.pcworld.com/article/2010584/symantec-leaked-norton-utilities-2006-source-code-already-published-months-ago.html>

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Internet Alert Dashboard

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Communications Sector

Nothing to report

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Commercial Facilities Sector

35. *September 27, Tampa Bay Times* – (Florida) **Roaring fire destroys Tampa furniture warehouse, threatens nearby buildings.** An unknown number of people at TJ's Custom Furniture warehouse in Tampa, Florida, were forced to evacuate September 25 after a fire burned through the structure and destroyed the building and its contents, officials said. Fire crews concentrated on protecting surrounding buildings and containing the blaze, which appeared poised to burn other structures nearby, according to Hillsborough County Fire Rescue. It took 18 units and 60 firefighters nearly 2 hours to bring the fire under control. TJ's Custom Furniture was destroyed, however, firefighters managed to salvage another business in the building next door. The building was considered a total loss and has been declared structurally unsound.

Source: <http://www.tampabay.com/news/publicsafety/fire/roaring-fire-destroys-tampa-furniture-warehouse-threatens-nearby-buildings/1253477>

36. *September 26, KCCI 8 Des Moines* – (Iowa) **30 students, leaders inside church when fire started.** A suspect has been arrested and charged in a church fire September 25. Firefighters responded to the fire at the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Ames, Iowa, and they said they could see flames through the window on the second story. Firefighters quickly extinguished the fire and began to ventilate the building. Police said the cause of the fire was considered arson. The suspect was charged with first-degree arson and taken to the Story County Jail. About 30 students and church leaders were inside the building when the fire started. The walls of the building were covered with fire damage.

Source: <http://www.kcci.com/news/central-iowa/30-students-leaders-inside-church-when-fire-started/-/9357080/16744748/-/item/0/-/qef3kl/-/index.html>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

37. *September 25, Associated Press* – (California) **4 arrested with \$500K worth of marijuana.** Deputies arrested four men and seized \$550,000 worth of marijuana in California's Giant Sequoia National Monument. The Fresno Bee reported that Tulare County sheriff's deputies got a tip September 23 that marijuana was being moved out of a remote area of the refuge. A suspicious vehicle was stopped a short time later and deputies found 135 pounds of pot in 1-pound packages. Investigators said September 24 that four men from Simi Valley and Victorville were arrested and booked for investigation of cultivation and transportation of marijuana for sale. The 328,000-acre Giant Sequoia National Monument is in the southern Sierra Nevada near Porterville. Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2012/09/25/4852504/4-arrested-with-500k-worth-of.html>
38. *September 25, Glenwood Springs Post Independent* – (Colorado) **Fire near Buford Road grows to 224 acres.** A wildfire was burning in the Flat Tops west of the Buford Road about 30 miles northwest of New Castle, Colorado, the Glenwood Springs Post Independent reported September 25. It was caused by a campfire left unattended September 20, according to White River National Forest officials. The public was asked to avoid the Hiner Spring area in order for firefighters and equipment to move safely. There were temporary closures and roadblocks, including on Buford Road, which was closed for a period of time September 23. Several side roads east of the main road, as well as the Meadow Lake Campground, remained closed September 24. Source: <http://www.postindependent.com/article/20120925/VALLEYNEWS/120929933/1083&ParentProfile=1074>

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Dams Sector

39. *September 27, Brick Patch* – (New Jersey) **Dam upgrade to be strengthened.** The ongoing replacement of the Rainbow Lake and Lake Riviera dams in New Jersey will now include the addition of a tieback system for the Lake Riviera bulkhead as well as the removal of material at the Lake Riviera outlet structure. The change order for the project was approved unanimously by the Brick, New Jersey Township Council September 25. The additional aspects of the project will cost \$85,190. The changes were recommended by the township engineer because the Lake Riviera dam was considered a "class one" dam, said the business administrator. In the event of a dam break, "property damage could be sustained down Kettle Creek" that could also include life or death injuries to residents. The additional reinforcement of the dam was not included in an initial engineer's report because the dam, under the law, does not legally require it. The State ordered the dam replaced following a review of all of the dams in New Jersey. The State has picked up half the cost of the dam's replacement. Source: <http://brick.patch.com/articles/dam-upgrade-to-be-strengthened>

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