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Top Stories

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- California officials re-adopted the low-carbon fuel standard September 25, requiring producers to cut transportation fuel emissions 10 percent by 2020. – *Associated Press* (See item **9**)

- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services released an audit September 24 on the Multidimensional Insurance Data Analytics System and found that it had issues with its security policy and 135 database vulnerabilities. – *Associated Press* (See item **20**)

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Energy Sector

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Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

1. *September 25, Columbia The State* – (South Carolina) **Exclusive: 3 Westinghouse workers burned in Columbia plant incident Friday.** Authorities reported September 25 that a mechanical issue at the Columbia Westinghouse nuclear fuel production plant in South Carolina prompted the closure of the final fuel rod assembly area and triggered an internal investigation following a steam eruption from a wash tank that injured three employees.
Source: http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article36637578.html

Critical Manufacturing Sector

2. *September 25, Associated Press* – (Minnesota) **US Steel to idle Keetac taconite plant in Keewatin, says 210 layoffs are possible.** U.S. Steel officials announced plans to idle the Keetac taconite plant in Keewatin, Minnesota, beginning on or after October 11, citing market conditions as a reason.
Source: http://www.startribune.com/us-steel-to-idle-keetac-taconite-plant-layoffs-possible/329574921/

Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

Financial Services Sector

3. *September 26, San Diego Union-Tribune* – (California) **Guilty plea in La Jolla bribery scheme.** A former head of La Jolla Bank's Small Business Administration (SBA) lending department pleaded guilty September 25 to a bribery scheme in which she conspired with senior executives to arrange over $55 million in loans to unqualified borrowers, for which she and other executives took cash bribes and kickbacks in exchange. Hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of conventional loans were reportedly part of the scheme, and the SBA-backed loans issued by the suspect resulted in almost $20 million worth of bank losses.
Source: http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/2015/sep/26/Amalia-Martinez-guilty-la-jolla-bank-bribery/

4. *September 25, Press of Atlantic City* – (New Jersey) **Suspects skimmed Margate bank customers' info, police say.** Margate Police and U.S. Secret Service officials were investigating reports of fraud September 25 after ATM skimming devices

installed on Bank of America ATMs in July reportedly resulted in losses of over $50,000 to 40 customers.
Source: http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/news/suspects-skimmed-margate-bank-customers-info-police-say/article_286e6f8a-63c5-11e5-a659-eb719a10e4d0.html

For another story, see item **27**

Transportation Systems Sector

5. *September 27, WNCT 9 Greenville* – (North Carolina) **Highway 12 reopened on Ocracoke Island, use caution.** Highway 12 between mile marker 77 and 73 in Ocracoke reopened September 27 after being shut down following heavy rains and flooding September 26. The Hatteras/Ocracoke Ferry also resumed operation.
Source: http://wnct.com/2015/09/26/part-of-highway-12-on-ocracoke-island-closed-due-to-flooding/

6. *September 26, KSL 102.7 FM Salt Lake City* – (Utah) **Zion-Mt. Carmel Highway reopens after rock fall.** The Zion-Mt. Carmel Highway in Utah reopened September 26 following a 3-day closure while crews cleared the roadway after large boulders fell onto the highway September 23.
Source: http://www.ksl.com/?sid=36704532&nid=148&title=zion-mt-carmel-highway-reopens-after-rock-fall

7. *September 26, KMGH 7 Denver* – (Colorado) **2 dead after crashing into semi on Highway 85 near Fort Lupton.** Highway 85 near Fort Lupton was shut down in both directions for several hours while crews investigated a crash between a motorcycle and a semi-truck that killed 2 people September 25.
Source: http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/front-range/fort-lupton/highway-85-closed-near-fort-lupton-due-to-accident

8. *September 26, WKYC 3 Cleveland* – (Ohio) **I-90 reopens, bomb squad detonates device.** Police reopened Interstate 90 in Cleveland after being shut down for approximately 6 hours while a bomb squad detonated a suspicious packaged that was discovered to be a pipe bomb September 26. No injuries were reported.
Source: http://www.wkyc.com/story/news/local/cleveland/2015/09/26/-90-shut-down-both-ways-near-mlk-exit/72894332/

9. *September 25, Associated Press* – (California) **California regulators restore emissions-cutting fuel rule.** California officials re-adopted its low-carbon fuel standard September 25, requiring producers to cut transportation fuel emissions 10 percent by 2020. The changes are also expected to increase the cost of gasoline and diesel fuel a few cents a gallon.
Source: http://lompocrecord.com/news/state-and-regional/california-regulators-restore-emissions-cutting-fuel-rule/article_6dd7fd91-4491-5272-8649-fce6b1d31eaa.html?comment_form=true

Food and Agriculture Sector

10. *September 28, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Truco Enterprises recalls 18oz Cafe Style Tortilla Chips due to possible presence of undeclared milk allergen.** Carrollton, Texas-based Truco Enterprises issued a recall of select packages of On The Border Cafe Style Tortilla Chips in 18 ounce packages September 26 after a supplier notified the company that the products may have been exposed to a milk-containing ingredient. The products were distributed in several States.
Source: http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm464437.htm

11. *September 25, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **TF Supplements issues voluntary nationwide recall of dietary supplements with undeclared active pharmaceutical ingredients.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) reported September 25 that Houston-based TF Supplements issued a voluntary recall of its RHINO 7 products packaged in a bottle containing 6 capsules and a 1 count of capsule hang card after an FDA analysis found misbranding and two unapproved drugs, desmethyl carbondenafil and dapoxetine, in the products.
Source: http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm464440.htm

12. *September 25, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Mr. Goodcents Franchise Systems, Inc. voluntarily issues allergy alert on undeclared peanuts in a Chocolate Chip Cookie.** De Soto, Kansas-based Mr. Goodcents Franchise Systems, Inc., issued a voluntary recall of its Chocolate Chip Cookies packaged as 1.0 – 2.5 ounce cookies per bag September 23 after a restaurant employee found two small pieces of peanut fragments in a cookie. The products were distributed from August 31 – September 22 in several States.
Source: http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm464304.htm

Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

13. *September 28, Associated Press* – (Hawaii) **Million gallons of wastewater closes beach in Hawaii.** Sandy Beach in Honolulu was shut down September 24 after a million gallons of treated, but not yet disinfected wastewater discharged from the East Honolulu Wastewater Treatment plant for about 5 hours September 23. The incident was a result of recent heavy rainfalls that shorted an underground electrical cable which feeds power to the chlorination system.
Source: http://www.fox5ny.com/web/wnyw/news/12979324-story

Healthcare and Public Health Sector

14. *September 28, WDAF 4 Kansas City* – (Missouri) **Shigella on the rise, 150 cases confirmed in KC.** The Kansas City Health Department along with other medical professionals urged residents to use recommended prevention methods including washing hands with soap and water and using paper towels to dry them, September 28 after the number of reported Shigella cases in the city rose to 150.
Source: http://fox4kc.com/2015/09/25/shigella-on-the-rise-150-cases-confirmed-in-kc/

15. *September 25, WRTV 6 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **Police: men stole 600+ pills from nursing home.** Police arrested two men September 24 in connection to an armed robbery at Bunker Hill Assisted Living Facility in Miami County, Indiana, where over 600 narcotic pills were taken.
Source: http://www.theindychannel.com/news/local-news/police-men-stole-600-pills-from-nursing-home

For additional stories, see items **20** and **21**

Government Facilities Sector

16. *September 28, WSLS 10 Roanoke* – (Virginia) **Power outage shuts down 2 schools in Smyth County.** Rich Valley Elementary School and Northwood Middle School in Saltville, Virginia, were closed September 28 due to a power outage in a remote area of the county.
Source: http://wsls.com/2015/09/28/power-outage-shuts-down-2-schools-in-smyth-county/

17. *September 28, Dallas Morning News* – (Texas) **Water leak closes Cedar Valley College; power outage displaces classes at TCU.** Classes at the main campus of Cedar Valley College in Lancaster, Texas, were cancelled September 28 due to a water leak. Crews worked to repair the leak and classes were scheduled to resume September 29.
Source: http://thescoopblog.dallasnews.com/2015/09/water-leak-closes-cedar-valley-college-in-lancaster-for-a-day.html/

18. *September 25, Wicked Local Norton* – (Massachusetts) **Easton school evacuated, college classes cancelled after Stonehill College bomb threat.** Officials evacuated and closed Moreau Hall Elementary School in Easton September 25 after a letter containing a bomb threat was found at the nearby Stonehill College, prompting a police response.
Source: http://norton.wickedlocal.com/article/20150925/NEWS/150927103

19. *September 25, Lake County News* – (California) **Valley fire containment at 92 percent, new damage numbers released.** Crews reached 92-percent containment September 25 of the 76,067-acre Valley Fire which has destroyed about 1,958 structures and displaced an estimated 3,600 residents around the Lake County area.
Source: http://www.lakeconews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=43542:valley-fire-containment-at-92-percent-new-damage-numbers-released&catid=1:latest&Itemid=197

20. *September 24, Associated Press* – (National) **Audit finds holes in government computer system that stores data on HealthCare.gov customers.** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Inspector General's Office released an audit September 24 on the Federal Government's Multidimensional Insurance Data Analytics System (MIDAS), and found that the internal computer system, which is used to store sensitive personal information on millions of health insurance customers, had issues of

security policy and 135 database vulnerabilities. Officials reported that it fixed all the problems identified in the audit, including the nearly two dozen that were categorized as potentially catastrophic or severe.
Source: http://www.startribune.com/audit-finds-slipshod-cyber-security-at-healthcare-gov/329204921/

21. *September 24, WGRZ 2 Buffalo* – (New York; Pennsylvania) **Phone lines restored after major outage in WNY.** Phone service was restored to all Niagara County government buildings and some medical facilities after a 7-hour outage September 24 following the electrical malfunction of a card located at a facility in Philadelphia that provides services to upstate New York.
Source: http://www.wgrz.com/story/news/local/2015/09/24/phone-lines-restored-after-major-outage-in-wny/72734048/

Emergency Services Sector

22. *September 25, Middletown Times Herald-Record* – (New York) **Former Wallkill fire commissioner pleads guilty in $240,000 theft.** The former chairman of the Wallkill Fire District's Board of Commissioners and a former corrections officer pleaded guilty September 25 to tricking a board member into signing blank checks which he cashed for himself, stealing nearly $240,000 from the district. The former chairman admitted to stealing the funds and laundering them through his wife's bank account.
Source: http://www.recordonline.com/article/20150925/NEWS/150929533/3330/FRONTPAGE

Information Technology Sector

23. *September 28, Securityweek* – (International) **Mobile ad network abused in DDoS attack: CloudFlare.** CloudFlare reported that a customer was recently targeted by a Layer 7 JavaScript-based distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attack leveraging a mobile ad network in an attack that involved over 1 billion Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) requests per hour. Security researchers warned that the attack could be signaling a new trend in DDoS attacks that are more difficult to mitigate.
Source: http://www.securityweek.com/mobile-ad-network-abused-ddos-attack-cloudflare

24. *September 26, Securityweek* – (International) **Cookies render HTTPS sessions vulnerable to data leaks.** The Computer Emergency Readiness Team (CERT) published an advisory warning that cookies established via regular Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) requests are a security flaw for HTTP Secure (HTTPS) sessions, and that an attacker could set a cookie to be later used via an HTTPS connection instead of the original Web site, potentially gaining access to private information.
Source: http://www.securityweek.com/cookies-render-https-sessions-vulnerable-data-leaks

25. *September 26, Softpedia* – (International) **Operation Pony Express delivers malware via Microsoft Word files.** Security researchers from Sophos reported that a spear-phishing campaign active from April – May, dubbed Operation Pony Express, utilized a documented Microsoft Word vulnerability delivered via an intermediary malware downloader. The campaign targeted specific individuals and organizations with emails containing fake rich text format (RTF) invoice files purporting to be from RingCentral. Source: http://news.softpedia.com/news/operation-pony-express-delivers-malware-via-microsoft-word-files-492836.shtml

26. *September 25, Softpedia* – (International) **Over 2,000 WordPress sites are infecting users with spyware.** Security researchers from Zscaler discovered a covert spyware distribution campaign active since August that has been targeting the latest WordPress content management system (CMS) with malicious JavaScript code that uses iframes to collect user information and redirects users to pages containing spyware masked as an Adobe Flash Player update. The campaign has affected over 2,000 sites and infected over 20,000 users. Source: http://news.softpedia.com/news/over-2-000-wordpress-sites-are-infecting-users-with-spyware-492825.shtml

27. *September 25, Softpedia* – (International) **Kasidet DDOSing bot adds credit card scraping capabilities.** Security researchers from TrendMicro discovered a new version of the Kasidet/Neutrino distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) bot, which as of March added support for scraping a device's point-of-sale (PoS) random access memory (RAM). The bot's command-and-control (C&C) server also attempts to evade mitigation by sending "404 not found" errors to make it appear that it is not working properly. Source: http://news.softpedia.com/news/kasidet-ddosing-bot-adds-credit-card-scraping-capabilities-492802.shtml

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Communications Sector

Nothing to report

Commercial Facilities Sector

28. *September 27, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **Concert-goers injured after dozens rush music festival stage in Arizona.** Arizona fire officials reported September 27 that up to 40 people were injured at the Summer Ends music festival in Tempe Beach Park September 26 after concert-goers rushed the stage when a reggae band came on, prompting authorities to cancel a musical set due to a medical emergency. Fans were

moved back from the stage while medical professionals tended to the injured.
Source: http://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2015/sep/27/arizona-music-festival-concert-goers-rush-stage

29. *September 26, KUSA 9 Denver* – (Colorado) **Dozens sickened by unknown drug at Red Rocks concert.** West Metro Fire Rescue authorities reported September 26 that 20 concert-goers from the Big Gigantic concert at Red Rocks in Denver were treated on site while 13 others were transported to an area hospital after they were sickened by an unknown drug at the concert September 25.
Source: http://www.9news.com/story/news/local/2015/09/26/dozens-sickened-by-unknown-drug-at-red-rocks-concert/72883172/

30. *September 26, Reuters* – (National) **Hilton says checking claims of hacking at hotels.** Hilton Worldwide Holdings reported September 26 that it is investigating following allegations that hackers compromised registers in gift shops and restaurants at Hilton Hotel and franchise properties nationwide, after receiving reports of potential fraudulent activity from several banking institutions.
Source: http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/09/26/us-hilton-wrldwide-cybersecurity-idUSKCN0RQ0NQ20150926

Dams Sector

31. *September 25, Salt Lake City Deseret News* – (Utah) **Utah County reservoir and dam get seismic makeover.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service is leading a $5.5 million dam restoration project for the Silver Lake Flat Dam in Utah County that will extend the life of the dam and improve irrigation, recreation, and wildlife use. The reservoir has been drained to begin work and an estimated deadline was set for October 31.
Source: http://www.deseretnews.com/article/865637623/Utah-County-reservoir-and-dam-get-seismic-makeover.html?pg=all

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