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- North Carolina officials reached a \$6 million settlement with Duke Energy September 23 to resolve violations of the Clean Water Act related to the February 2014 coal ash spill at the Dan River plant in Eden, North Carolina. – *WNCN 17 Goldsboro* (See item [1](#))
- A Utah resident and owner of HK Parts was convicted September 23 for defrauding the U.S. Internal Revenue Service out of more than \$10 million between 2007 and 2012. – *U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Utah* (See item [2](#))
- An El Dorado Hills, California resident pleaded guilty September 23 to running a more than \$1.8 million tax refund scheme from June 2012 – March 2014. – *U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of California* (See item [3](#))
- A tax preparer operating in New York and New Jersey and his 4 associates were permanently enjoined from preparing Federal income tax returns September 23 after they allegedly ran a more than \$17 million tax fraud scheme from 2000 – 2008. – *U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York* (See item [4](#))

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## Energy Sector

1. *September 23, WNCN 17 Goldsboro* – (North Carolina) **NC reaches settlement with Duke Energy over Dan River spill.** North Carolina officials reached a \$6 million settlement with Duke Energy September 23 to resolve violations of the Clean Water Act related to the February 2014 coal ash spill at the Dan River plant in Eden, North Carolina. As part of the agreement, Duke Energy must excavate and close the Dan River coal ash ponds by August 2019 and close all of their coal ash ponds by 2029. Source: <http://www.wbtv.com/story/33179392/nc-reaches-settlement-with-duke-energy-over-dan-river-spill>

## Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

## Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

## Critical Manufacturing Sector

Nothing to report

## Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

## Financial Services Sector

2. *September 24, U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Utah* – (National) **Utah business owner convicted of dealing in firearms without a license and filing false tax returns.** A Salt Lake County, Utah resident and owner of HK Parts was convicted September 23 for defrauding the U.S. Internal Revenue Service out of more than \$10 million after he underreported his wages on personal income tax returns, underreported total receipts on corporate tax returns, and bought and sold roughly 2,000 firearms without a Federal license through hkparts.net and from the basement of his home under the auspices of another Utah-based business between 2007 and 2012. The charges state that the man used the illicit earnings for personal expenses. Source: <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ut/pr/utah-business-owner-convicted-dealing-firearms-without-license-and-filing-false-tax>
3. *September 23, U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of California* – (California) **El Dorado Hills woman pleads guilty in bogus tax refund scheme involving more than \$1.8 million in illegitimate refunds.** An El Dorado Hills, California resident pleaded guilty September 23 to running a more than \$1.8 million tax refund scheme where she and a co-conspirator allegedly prepared and filed hundreds of fraudulent claims with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service from June 2012 – March 2014, including

claims that reported false wages and listed unrelated minors as dependents for the clients. Officials stated that the duo attempted to receive over \$2.5 million in fraudulent tax refund claims during the scheme.

Source: <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edca/pr/el-dorado-hills-woman-pleads-guilty-bogus-tax-refund-scheme-involving-more-18-million>

4. *September 23, U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York* – (National) **Manhattan federal court permanently bars tax preparer who orchestrated tax fraud scheme and four of his associates from engaging in tax preparation business.** A tax preparer operating in New York and New Jersey and his 4 associates were permanently enjoined from engaging in Federal income tax return preparation or interfering with Federal tax law management and enforcement September 23 after he and the 4 co-conspirators ran a more than \$17 million tax fraud scheme where the group prepared thousands of illegal tax returns through a New York and Englewood, New Jersey-based tax preparation company, claimed dependent deductions with the stolen identities of deceased children, and claimed fraudulent company losses for non-existent companies, among other illicit practices, from 2000 – 2008.  
Source: <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/manhattan-federal-court-permanently-bars-tax-preparer-who-orchestrated-tax-fraud-scheme>

## **Transportation Systems Sector**

5. *September 26, Athens Banner-Herald* – (Atlanta) **Fatality reported on Athens Perimeter late Sunday.** A single-vehicle crash prompted the closure of the inner lanes of the Athens Perimeter near the Atlanta Highway interchange in Atlanta, Georgia, for 2 hours September 25 – September 26 while officials investigated the scene of the crash. One person was killed.  
Source: <http://onlineathens.com/breaking-news/2016-09-25/inner-lanes-athens-perimeter-near-atlanta-highway-closed-accident#>
6. *September 26, East Hampton Press* – (New York) **Police identify man who died in RV accident of East Moriches.** Westbound lanes of Sunrise Highway in New York were closed for more than 3 hours September 25 while officials investigated the scene after a recreational vehicle (RV) left the roadway, killing 1 person.  
Source: <http://www.27east.com/news/article.cfm/Hampton-Bays/496298/BREAKING-New-York-State-Troopers-Respond-To-RV-Accident-On-Sunrise-Highway-By-Hampton-Bays>
7. *September 26, Eugene Register-Guard* – (Oregon) **13-car train derailment prompts hazmat precautions in west Eugene.** Thirteen railcars of a Union Pacific train, one of which carrying hazardous and flammable liquid, derailed in west Eugene, Oregon, September 25, prompting officials to divert traffic at Highway 99, Roosevelt Boulevard, and Park Avenue and delaying Amtrak passenger rail's Coast Starlight train. The cause of the derailment remains under investigation.  
Source: <http://registerguard.com/rg/news/local/34835321-75/13-car-train-derailment-prompts-hazmat-precautions-in-west-eugene.html.csp>

8. *September 25, WTVT 13 Tampa* – (Florida) **I-75 shut down in North Port after deadly tanker crash.** Both lanes of Interstate 75 in North Port, Florida, were closed for several hours September 23 – September 24 after a tanker truck crashed, spilling fuel on the roadway and killing the driver. Crews were working to contain the gas spill.  
Source: <http://www.fox13news.com/news/local-news/207516629-story>
9. *September 24, KFSN 30 Fresno* – (California) **1 dead, 11 hospitalized after charter bus crashes near Oakhurst.** A charter bus crash killed 1 person, injured 11 others, and prompted the closure of Highway 41 north of Oakhurst, California for several hours September 24 after the bus veered off the road, struck a tree, and went down an embankment.  
Source: <http://abc30.com/news/1-dead-11-hospitalized-after-charter-bus-crashes-near-oakhurst/1525573/>
10. *September 24, Lower Hudson Valley Journal News* – (New York) **Tanker rollover snarls I-87 traffic for hours.** Northbound lanes of Interstate 87 in Woodbury, New York, were closed for 4 hours September 24, while southbound lanes remained closed for nearly 5 hours as HAZMAT crews worked to clear the wreckage from an overturned semi-truck that spilled a flammable liquid onto the roadway.  
Source: <http://www.lohud.com/story/news/traffic/2016/09/24/thruway-truck-accident/91020060/>
11. *September 22, KGO 7 San Francisco* – (California) **WB lanes of Hwy 92 closed after stolen Hayward police car involved in crash.** All westbound lanes of Highway 92 in Hayward, California, were closed for more than 2 hours September 22 following a 3-vehicle crash involving a stolen police car that crashed into 2 other vehicles. Three people were injured.  
Source: <http://abc7news.com/traffic/wb-lanes-of-hwy-92-closed-after-stolen-hayward-police-car-involved-in-crash/1523362/>

## **Food and Agriculture Sector**

12. *September 25, WITF 89.5 FM Harrisburg* – (Pennsylvania) **Quarantine area expands for Spotted Lanternfly.** Pennsylvania officials announced September 25 that 6 municipalities in Berks, Lehigh, and Montgomery counties were added to the Spotted Lanternfly quarantine. Officials advised residents in those counties to be aware of signs of the insects and their eggs.  
Source: <http://www.witf.org/news/2016/09/quarantine-area-expands-for-spotted-lanternfly.php>
13. *September 25, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Limited number of canned vegetable products, primarily non-retail, recalled for possible allergen risk.** Sager Creek Foods, Inc., issued a recall September 23 for approximately 15,000 cases of its Field Peas with Snaps and green beans products sold in 106-ounce cans due to potential shellfish contamination. No illnesses have been reported and the products were distributed to foodservice customers in 22 States.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm522341.htm>

14. *September 24, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (National) **Adams Farm Slaughterhouse recalls beef, veal, and bison products due to possible E. coli O157:H7 adulteration.** Adams Farm Slaughterhouse, LLC issued a recall September 24 for its beef, veal, and bison products due to potential E. coli O157:H7 contamination after an investigation revealed the products were linked to an E. coli O157:H7 outbreak that has sickened 7 people in 4 States since June. The products were shipped to farmer’s markets, retail locations, and restaurants in Massachusetts, Connecticut, and eastern New York.  
Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2016/recall-087-2016-release>
15. *September 24, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (National) **Kiwi Care Package Company recalls Wattie’s canned spaghetti with sausage products distributed without benefit of import inspection.** Kiwi Care Package Company issued a recall September 24 for approximately 90 pounds of “Wattie’s Spaghetti with Sausages ‘100% Lamb & Beef’” products after Federal personnel discovered the products were not presented at the U.S. point of entry for inspection during routine monitoring of import shipments. There have been no confirmed reports of adverse reactions and the products were sold via the Internet.  
Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2016/recall-088-2016-release>
16. *September 23, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Waymouth Farms, Inc. issues an allergy alert on undeclared pecans, walnuts, milk and soy in Good Sense Cranberries ‘N More.** Waymouth Farms, Inc. issued a voluntary recall September 23 for 2,640 packages of its Good Sense Cranberries ‘N More products sold in 6-ounce packages after it was discovered pecans, walnuts, wheat, milk, and soy were inadvertently included in the products.  
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm522275.htm>
17. *September 22, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (Maryland; New York; Pennsylvania) **RFG Canada Inc. recalls meat and poultry pizza products distributed without benefit of import inspection.** RFG Canada, Inc. issued a recall September 22 for 1,250 pounds of its “Weis Self-Rising Pizza; Chicken Bacon Ranch” and “Weis Thin Crust Pepperoni Pizza 3 Pack” products after Federal personnel discovered the products were not presented at the U.S. point of entry for inspection during routine monitoring activities. There have been no confirmed reports of adverse reactions and the products were shipped to retail locations in Maryland, New York, and Pennsylvania.  
Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2016/recall-086-2016-release>

## **Water and Wastewater Systems Sector**

18. *September 24, WTAP 15 Parkersburg* – (West Virginia) **Boil water advisory issued after water line break.** The Parkersburg Utility Board issued a precautionary boil

water advisory for residents in Parkersburg, West Virginia, September 23 after a water line in the Marrtown Tank broke, causing the storage tank to drain. Officials detected the leak and service has been restored.

Source: <http://www.thenewscenter.tv/content/news/Bursted-water-line-floods-Fourth-Avenue-394649381.html>

## **Healthcare and Public Health Sector**

Nothing to report

## **Government Facilities Sector**

19. *September 24, Knoxville News Sentinel* – (Tennessee) **Park: Smokies fire mostly contained.** Crews reached 70 percent containment September 24 of the 120-acre Happy Valley Ridge Fire burning along the northwest portion of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in Tennessee.

Source: <http://www.knoxnews.com/news/state/park-smokies-fire-mostly-contained-3d495563-1f7f-4aef-e053-0100007f2e05-394696761.html>

20. *September 23, Associated Press* – (California) **2nd wildfire breaks out on California military base.** Crews worked September 23 to contain a 100-acre wildfire burning at the Vandenberg Air Force Base near Lompoc, California, which prompted officials to evacuate the administrative buildings on the base. Officials stated a downed power line reportedly sparked the fire.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/2nd-wildfire-breaks-california-military-base-42295074>

## **Emergency Services Sector**

Nothing to report

## **Information Technology Sector**

21. *September 23, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Locky ransomware fuels surge in .RAR JavaScript attachments.** Trend Micro security researchers reported the Locky ransomware was responsible for an increase in certain methods of malware delivery after finding that during the first half of 2016, 58 percent of ransomware threats were delivered via email attachments including JavaScript, VBScript, and Microsoft Office files with macros. The researchers also reported that the malicious emails used to deliver the ransomware contained similar subject lines involving invoices, banking transactions, and parcel delivery, among other subjects, and stated the emails used social engineering to determine which victims to target.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/locky-ransomware-fuels-surge-rar-javascript-attachments>

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## Internet Alert Dashboard

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Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <http://www.it-isac.org>

### Communications Sector

22. *September 23, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Xiny Android trojans can infect system processes.** Doctor Web security researchers discovered the Android.Xiny trojans, which are distributed through popular Websites and official app stores, received updates which enable the trojans to inject themselves into system applications, thereby allowing the trojans to launch malicious plug-ins. Doctor Web researchers also found the malware was updated to include an immutable Android application package (APK) file to ensure the trojan cannot be deleted.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/xiny-android-trojans-can-infect-system-processes>

### Commercial Facilities Sector

23. *September 25, KZTV 10 Corpus Christi* – (Texas) **Local shooting range evacuated, man inside threatens suicide.** The Sharp Shooter shooting range in Corpus Christi, Texas, was evacuated for roughly 4 hours September 24 after a man inside threatened to harm himself. Officials stated the man surrendered himself to police and no injuries were reported.  
Source: <http://www.kztv10.com/story/33183506/local-shooting-range-evacuated-man-inside-threatening-suicide>
24. *September 25, Effingham Daily News*– (Illinois) **Fuel spill at Effingham station.** Gas pumps at the Pilot Travel Center in Effingham, Illinois, were closed indefinitely September 25 after a driver pulled away from the pump with the hose still in the fuel tank, causing up to 30 gallons of fuel to spill.  
Source: [http://www.effinghamdailynews.com/news/local\\_news/fuel-spill-at-effingham-station/article\\_3e2a3279-73a9-563b-9047-f6a4b3d5eae1.html](http://www.effinghamdailynews.com/news/local_news/fuel-spill-at-effingham-station/article_3e2a3279-73a9-563b-9047-f6a4b3d5eae1.html)
25. *September 24, Lincoln Journal Star* – (Nebraska) **Vehicle left running causes apartment evacuation; one dead.** Over 24 people were evacuated from the Northbrook Apartments in Lincoln, Nebraska, for 2 hours September 23 after a vehicle that was left running in a garage caused elevated carbon monoxide levels. One person was found dead and HAZMAT crews were working to filter the carbon monoxide from the apartments.  
Source: [http://journalstar.com/news/local/911/running-vehicle-in-garage-causes-apartment-evacuation-one-dead/article\\_b23bcbf7-fda0-5f4d-9842-d3ae9d42a2b7.html](http://journalstar.com/news/local/911/running-vehicle-in-garage-causes-apartment-evacuation-one-dead/article_b23bcbf7-fda0-5f4d-9842-d3ae9d42a2b7.html)
26. *September 23, Las Vegas Review-Journal* – (Nevada) **Fire damages 6 businesses early Friday at Las Vegas shopping center.** A 3-alarm fire at the Twin Lakes Plaza in

Las Vegas, Nevada, September 23 caused an estimated \$500,000 in damages to 6 businesses. No injuries were reported and the cause of the fire remains under investigation.

Source: <http://www.reviewjournal.com/news/las-vegas/fire-damages-6-businesses-early-friday-las-vegas-shopping-center>

## **Dams Sector**

27. *September 23, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers* – (Washington) **Ice Harbor navigation lock repairs to temporarily slow lockage times.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) announced September 23 that work on a tainter valve in Ice Harbor Dam's navigation lock near Burbank, Washington, will temporarily cause increased lockage times from September 26 – December 12 in order to prepare for a December 2016 – March 2017 closure, which will allow for significant repairs, routine maintenance, and improvements on navigation locks on the Columbia and Snake rivers.

Source: <http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/Media/News-Releases/Article/954201/16-069-ice-harbor-navigation-lock-repairs-to-temporarily-slow-lockage-times/>



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