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- Nuclear safety regulators said the operator of the San Onofre power plant in San Diego County, California, failed to develop procedures to monitor electronic devices related to security. – *U-T San Diego* (See item [8](#))
- The U.S. Coast Guard was working to clear the outbound shipping lane in the St. Marys River in Sault Ste Marie, Michigan, after a grounded 1,000-foot coal freighter blocked it for more than 26 hours. The issue delayed about 11 ships. – *Associated Press* (See item [16](#))
- An audit by the NASA Office of Inspector General found the agency's Security Operations Center does not currently monitor all of NASA's computer networks. – *Government Computer News* (See item [30](#))
- AT&T said that unknown attackers targeted the company's DNS infrastructure in two locations, causing a day of intermittent disruptions of Internet services for its business customers. – *SecurityWeek* (See item [43](#))
- Police and fire departments responded to hundreds of Carmike Cinemas locations across the country August 17 after a bomb threat was made to the company's corporate office. – *Raycom News Network* (See item [44](#))

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## Energy Sector

1. *August 17, WYMT 57 Hazard* – (Kentucky) **Mine foreman pleads guilty to putting miners at risk.** A foreman at a Harlan County, Kentucky coal mine pleaded guilty to charges that he put miners at risk, WYMT 57 Hazard reported August 17. The Lexington Herald Leader reported the man was a foreman at the Manalapan Mining Company’s P-1 mine. He admitted he failed to note and correct hazardous conditions. The alleged illegal acts happened in the weeks before a mine employee was killed. The company and two other men are charged in the case. The foreman will be sentenced in January 2013.  
Source: <http://www.wkyt.com/wytm/home/headlines/Mine-foreman-pleads-guilty-to-putting-miners-at-risk-166502906.html>
2. *August 17, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **3 injured in gas well fire during Marcellus shale drilling.** A spark from a natural gas drilling operation in north-central West Virginia ignited methane gas several hundred feet underground August 17, sending up a fireball and triggering a blaze that officials said burned for about an hour on the floor of the rig. Three workers were injured, two seriously enough to be airlifted to a hospital after the fire at the Antero Resources site near Sycamore in Harrison County. The fire was quickly extinguished and the well pad was in a rural area, so it posed no danger to the public. Workers were in the early stages of drilling a Marcellus shale gas well, a spokesman said. The accident happened at the Cottrill No. 3 well on Antero’s Southern pad, and he said the crew doing the work was with Hall Drilling LLC of Ellenboro. He said Antero voluntarily shut down the operation, and a department of environmental protection investigation was under way. The rig was damaged badly enough that a new one may need to be brought in “if and when they resume drilling,” according to the spokesman.  
Source: <http://www.pressconnects.com/article/20120817/NEWS01/308170021/3-injured-gas-well-fire-during-Marcellus-shale-drilling?odyssey=tab%7Ctopnews%7Ctext%7CFRONTPAGE>

3. *August 16, Houston Chronicle* – (International) **Pemex struggles to stop spike in petroleum theft.** The pilfering of Mexico’s petroleum wealth by criminal gangs and their cronies inside the energy industry continues to spike despite years of effort and many millions of dollars spent to curtail it, the Houston Chronicle reported August 16. Pemex, the Mexican government’s hydrocarbon monopoly, reports theft of crude oil and petroleum products jumped 18 percent in the first half of 2012 compared to the same period in 2011, totaling more than 1.8 million barrels. The rising theft also comes as Pemex presses for a jury trial in U.S. federal court against many Houston-linked companies for either knowingly or unknowingly trading in stolen petroleum products that found their way into the United States, and specifically Texas, since 2006. Much of the theft in recent years was coordinated by the Zetas, the criminal gang based along the South Texas border that is among Mexico’s largest and most violent. The Zetas are accused of stealing the condensate that ended up in Houston-area refineries from Mexico’s Burgos Basin natural gas field. Pemex alleges the stolen products pass through checkpoints via traffickers using forged export documents. Aided by a sophisticated measuring system that detects a drop in pipeline pressure, officials discovered nearly 800 illegal taps in the first 6 months of this year. In all of 2011, about 1,300 illegal taps were discovered, most in the states of Veracruz and Tamaulipas. Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/houston-texas/article/Pemex-struggles-to-stop-spike-in-petroleum-theft-3794552.php>
4. *August 16, Zanesville Times Recorder* – (Ohio) **Man hospitalized after pipeline explodes.** A man who sustained burns to his body following an August 16 pipeline explosion in Frazeytsburg, Ohio, remains hospitalized. The Frazeytsburg assistant fire chief said the man was repairing an oil line when it ignited. He said the man’s clothes ignited and he rolled to extinguish the fire. Another man who was also working on the well was not injured, but helped pull the burned man’s clothes off. Coshocton County EMS personnel treated him, and the Frazeytsburg Fire Department also assisted with a landing zone for MedFlight. A brush fire spanned an area of about 75 feet by 70 feet, but the assistant fire chief said it was quickly contained. Firefighters also discovered oil leaking, but were able to contain it. Officials are unsure of the source of the oil, or the company that owned it, but said the man was a private individual, not employed by any oil company. Officials cleared the scene about an hour after the initial call. Source: <http://www.zanesvilletimesrecorder.com/article/20120816/NEWS01/120816011/Man-hospitalized-after-pipeline-explodes?odyssey=nav|head>
5. *August 16, Alton Telegraph* – (Illinois) **Tanker ruptures after crash, spills fuel.** A tanker truck owned by Piasa Fuels of Hartford, Illinois, overturned and ruptured August 16 on Illinois Route 3 near the McKinley Bridge in Venice, spilling several thousand gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel, authorities said. The incident occurred as the semi-truck pulling a large tanker was heading south. The driver apparently was going too fast around a curve, said a report from the Illinois State Police, causing the truck to go off the road to the right, strike a utility pole, and roll onto its right side. The report said the tanker ruptured, spilling as much as 6,000 gallons of gas and diesel onto Route 3. The Venice Fire Department and the Madison County Hazardous Materials Team responded, as did many other fire departments from both sides of the river. The Wood

River Fire Department brought its portable foam pumper. More than 75 firefighters assisted at the scene.

Source: [http://www.thetelegraph.com/news/local/article\\_82ffd522-e805-11e1-9815-001a4bcf6878.html](http://www.thetelegraph.com/news/local/article_82ffd522-e805-11e1-9815-001a4bcf6878.html)

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

6. *August 17, KLKN 8 Lincoln* – (Nebraska) **Incident at Beatrice nitrogen plant injures two.** Beatrice Fire and Rescue crews responded to an explosion at Koch Nitrogen Plant in Beatrice, Nebraska, August 17. The company said it was not an explosion, but a release of pressure. Fire officials said two contractors working for the plant that produces anhydrous ammonia were injured. Both were taken to hospitals. Fire officials said plant administrators indicated there was neither a fire nor any hazardous materials involved in the incident. The plant has been shut down for maintenance. Fire officials described the explosion as a big over-pressurized blast. Damage to the building was minimal. Authorities reported no leaks or any other threat to the plant or people around it.

Source: <http://www.klkntv.com/story/19303258/explosion-at-koche-nitrogen-plant-leaves-two-injured>

7. *August 17, Baton Rouge Advocate* – (Louisiana) **Texas Brine offers residents checks.** Chloralkali firm Texas Brine Co. LLC suspended cleanup work at a large sinkhole in Assumption Parish, Louisiana, after the edge of the slurry area collapsed August 16. Two workers with a cleanup contractor were rescued by a co-worker shortly before their boat sank into the hole. The sinkhole was discovered August 3 200 feet from the well pad of a plugged and abandoned Texas Brine salt cavern between Bayou Corne and Grand Bayou. Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) scientists suspect the cavern failed, released its brine contents, and caused the sinkhole. A mandatory evacuation order for about 150 homes has been in place since August 3. Texas Brine said it would begin distributing weekly housing assistance checks of \$875 August 17. DNR officials ordered Texas Brine to drill a relief well to learn what is happening, a process that could take at least 40 days. DNR and Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality officials said a Crosstex Energy LP of Dallas salt cavern containing 940,000 barrels of liquid butane poses “little to no threat” to populations near the hole. A Texas Brine spokesman said they would re-evaluate the sinkhole August 20, and will deploy more oil retardant boom. He said workers would continue cleanup, and that drilling of a relief well could start August 18.

Source: <http://theadvocate.com/home/3651200-125/workers-rescued-in-sinkhole-incident>

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## Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

8. *August 16, U-T San Diego* – (California) **Security violation at San Onofre.** Nuclear safety regulators confirmed a security violation at the San Onofre power plant in San Diego County, California, after operator Southern California Edison declined to contest the finding, U-T San Diego reported August 16. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) said the company failed to develop procedures to monitor electronic devices related to security, but withheld further information because of security concerns. The commission is still determining the appropriate response to the violation. The NRC conducted an inspection at the plant in May to gather more information about the security lapse. The San Onofre plant in northern San Diego County normally supplies about 20 percent of the region's electricity but has been offline since January because of an equipment failure. Attempts to repair and restart the two reactors are ongoing. Source: <http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2012/aug/16/safety-regulators-confirm-security-lapse-san-onofre/>

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## Critical Manufacturing Sector

Nothing to report

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Nothing to report

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## Banking and Finance Sector

9. *August 17, Agence France-Presse* – (International) **Australia probes theft of 500,000 credit card numbers.** Australian police said August 17 they were investigating the theft of some 500,000 credit card numbers which resulted in \$26.2 million worth of fraudulent transactions. "The Australian Federal Police can confirm it is currently investigating a series of merchants whose individual computer systems have been compromised," a spokeswoman said. Reports said eastern European hackers were responsible, although police did not confirm this, only saying that international and private sector cooperation was critical to its ability to target this type of fraud. Source: <http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5gc39LF04AH6EDIp5QvcBNmS9LA?docId=CNG.b448ea5b6d75e7807182aac9eed6898.611>
10. *August 17, BankInfoSecurity* – (Michigan) **Takeover scheme targets Bank of America.** Seven people have been accused by Michigan authorities of pulling off a

unique account takeover scheme that targeted Bank of America (BofA) and involved nearly \$360,000 in fraudulent funds transfers. According to an indictment filed August 9 by the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, from June 2010 through April 2012, the suspects moved funds from legitimate BofA accounts to accounts opened under false pretenses. The indictment alleges the leader used new accounts opened by runners to transfer stolen funds from legitimate accounts. He allegedly opened joint accounts in the names of runners and existing customers by accessing personally identifiable information about those customers through BofA's telephone and online banking systems. A fraud analyst at Gartner says it was probably an easy task to pull off through the bank's call center. Once the joint accounts were opened, the suspects allegedly initiated funds transfers online or through the call center from legitimate customer accounts to the fraudulent joint accounts. After funds appeared in the joint accounts, prosecutors say they were transferred to the runners' accounts. Another suspect has been accused of driving runners to different BofA branches to open accounts and withdraw funds, as well as for taking runners to area businesses, where they could make fraudulent debit purchases.

Source: <http://www.bankinfosecurity.com/takeover-scheme-targets-bank-america-a-5042/p-1>

11. *August 16, Reuters* – (National) **Sharpie parties fuel rampage on foreclosed homes.** Five years into the U.S. foreclosure crisis, “Sharpie parties” are a new form of blight on the landscape of boarded-up homes and the latest iteration of collective home-trashing spurred by social media, Reuters reported August 16. Partygoers are handed Sharpie pens on arrival by their hosts and urged to graffiti the walls — a destructive binge that often prompts other acts of vandalism including smashing holes in walls and doors, flooding bathrooms, and ripping up floors. At least six Sharpie parties were reported in one California county in recent months, where invitations posted online drew scores to foreclosed homes. The California spree follows a similar outbreak earlier this year, when teenagers wrecked homes in states including Texas, Florida, and Utah. In a recent case of “extensive destruction” to a foreclosed property, the host of the Sharpie party posted an invitation on a Facebook page, and at least 100 people turned up, according to an investigator with the Merced, California district attorney's office. Three men were arrested on suspicion of felony vandalism, burglary, and conspiracy. One of them was the son of the evicted former owner. Banks that own the foreclosed homes are reluctant to pursue the perpetrators, a California realtor said, because they do not have the resources to hunt down the miscreants.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/08/16/us-usa-housing-vandals-idUSBRE87F0G220120816>

12. *August 16, Associated Press* – (Georgia; West Virginia) **Ex-UGA coach charged in Ponzi scheme.** A former University of Georgia football coach used his influence to get high-profile college coaches and former players to invest \$80 million into a Ponzi scheme, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) said August 16. He and an Ohio business partner convinced investors to put money into a liquidation company that bought and resold appliances and furniture, the SEC said. The pair raised about \$80 million from nearly 100 investors, but only about \$12 million was used to buy merchandise while the remainder was used to pay false returns or was pocketed by the

two men, the SEC said. The company, West Virginia-based GLC Limited, promised returns ranging from 50 percent to nearly four times what investors put in. The individual losses ranged from a few thousand dollars to about \$4 million, said an associate director of the SEC's Atlanta office. The SEC said it sought to recover the ill-gotten gains as well as undetermined civil penalties against the former football coach and his partner.

Source:

[http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5g7L4wWn5VZf9xsf\\_zfJpKbzJSXTg?docId=283cdf3f28db48c58511ed5efedeb5f6](http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5g7L4wWn5VZf9xsf_zfJpKbzJSXTg?docId=283cdf3f28db48c58511ed5efedeb5f6)

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## **Transportation Sector**

13. *August 17, WBAL 11 Baltimore* – (Maryland) **Driver dies in fiery I-95 lumber truck crash.** Baltimore City fire officials closed northbound Interstate 95 late August 16 night and kept it closed until August 17 after a tractor-trailer driver died in a fiery crash. Fire crews said the crash happened on I-95 north at Interstate 395 just outside of the city's downtown. City fire officials said a tractor-trailer carrying lumber struck the barrier wall that separates northbound I-95 from I-395. Firefighters said the collision ruptured the saddle tanks of the tractor-trailer, causing diesel fuel in the tanks to ignite. Rescue crews said the driver was pronounced dead at the scene. Fire officials said lumber was strewn all over the roadway. Northbound I-95 was closed for nearly 8 hours as crews cleared debris and diesel fuel.  
Source: <http://www.wbaltv.com/news/maryland/baltimore-city/Driver-dies-in-fiery-I-95-lumber-truck-crash/-/10131532/16162686/-/euqjmuz/-/index.html>
14. *August 17, Softpedia* – (National) **TSA: Snakes, eels, firearms and grenade launchers discovered in airports.** A report recently released by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) shows that since January, 375,432,402 individuals passed through TSA checkpoints. In the first half of 2012, some of these passengers attempted to sneak by with a number of items that can be highly dangerous. "From January to July, there have been 821 firearms discovered in carry-on bags at checkpoints across the country. That's almost four firearms per day! Of those, 691 were loaded, and 210 were locked and loaded with a round chambered. The most popular caliber so far has been the compact .380 with 197 found this year," a representative of the TSA wrote. However, there were other, even more dangerous, items discovered by airport security. For instance, a bottle filled with flash powder, M-80 fireworks, a cannonball, a live high explosive grenade, and a live blasting cap. Some of the confiscated items looked like they presented a threat, but they turned out to be inert. These included detonators, claymore mines, warheads, mortar rounds, bazooka rounds, grenades, firing devices, and explosives.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/TSA-Snakes-Eels-Firearms-and-Grenade-Launchers-Discovered-in-Airports-286855.shtml>
15. *August 17, KOLO 8 Reno* – (California) **I-80 reopened completely at Donner 12 hours after accident.** Both eastbound lanes of Interstate 80 eastbound in Truckee,

California, were opened at Donner around August 16, more than 12 hours after a big rig crash there. The crash happened at the Donner eastbound onramp. Only the one truck with two trailers was involved, and nobody was seriously hurt. However, gas spilled onto the road, and there was nitric acid inside the truck, so hazardous materials crews wanted to make sure there were no safety issues before the truck was uprighted and moved.

Source: <http://www.kolotv.com/home/headlines/166450756.html>

16. *August 16, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Grounded coal freighter freed, channel still shut.** The U.S. Coast Guard was working to clear the outbound shipping lane in the St. Marys River in Sault Ste Marie, Michigan, after efforts to refloat a grounded 1,000-foot coal freighter created blockage. The Coast Guard said August 16 that crews were at work trying to remove a shoal that developed during the refloating of the ship, which became grounded August 15 and was freed more than 26 hours later. The Coast Guard said about 11 ships heading from lake Superior to Lake Huron were delayed by the blockage. The Paul R. Tregurtha is owned by Interlake Shipping Co. of Richfield, Ohio, and is carrying about 62,000 tons of coal. There was no effect on ships heading toward Lake Superior.  
Source: <http://www.vcstar.com/news/2012/aug/16/grounded-coal-freighter-freed-in-st-marys-river/>
17. *August 16, WETM 18 Elmira* – (New York) **Tank car leaks liquid propane.** A tank car leaking liquid propane gas was found August 16 in a Steuben County, New York rail yard. The car was hauling thousands of gallons of petroleum gas to the Norfolk Southern Gang Mills yard in Painted Post. Crews cleared employees from the area and stopped traffic on the main line after the leak was found. The Steuben County emergency services department secured the valve on the tank car and stopped the leak 5 hours after the leak was discovered. Norfolk Southern has reopened the main line.  
Source: <http://www.wetmtv.com/news/local/story/Tank-Car-Leaks-Liquid-Propane/vBvIHcaTTUCdyJ7r4ZVkkQ.cspX>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

18. *August 17, San Diego Union-Tribune* – (California) **Three sickened by chemical smell in Miramar.** Three people were taken to a hospital August 17 after becoming sickened by a chemical smell at a business in Miramar, California. The men were unloading a truck at a UPS freight facility when they were overcome by the odor, said the San Diego-Fire Rescue Department battalion chief. He said the trailer was loaded with several items including cleaners and fuel additives and that the men were inside the truck when they started to feel ill. It appeared that something may have broken in transport and it was possible some substances may have mixed. The building was evacuated and crews remained on site examining the truck's contents, trying to determine the exact source of the odor.

Source: <http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2012/aug/17/three-people-sickened-chemical-smell-miramar-busin/>

19. *August 16, Philadelphia Inquirer* – (New Jersey) **Bottle bomb goes off in Gloucester freeholder's mailbox.** Authorities tried to determine who was behind a potentially dangerous homemade bomb that exploded in the residential mailbox of a Gloucester County, New Jersey freeholder August 16. The first-term Republican said he and his family discovered their metal mailbox was destroyed overnight by a bomb in a soda bottle. "My thoughts immediately went to, 'It was probably some kid having a bad night.' But then the more I thought about it and I looked at the wreckage, I realized that it was a powerful bomb," he said. The Woolwich Township police chief said he believed the bomb may have been a prank. No similar explosions were reported in the township recently, the prosecutor's office said. Authorities found a piece of tinfoil in the bottle. The debris was collected by a prosecutor's office detective who is part of the regional bomb squad. The Woolwich department was investigating.

Source: [http://articles.philly.com/2012-08-16/news/33233672\\_1\\_bottle-bombs-soda-bottle-residential-mailbox](http://articles.philly.com/2012-08-16/news/33233672_1_bottle-bombs-soda-bottle-residential-mailbox)

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

20. *August 17, Ag Professional* – (National) **Drought worsens; 87 percent of corn crop affected.** The weekly Drought Monitor showed few notable improvements and some serious degradation as more than 60 percent of the nation copes with drought conditions, Ag Professional reported August 17. As of the week of August 6, 87 percent of the corn crop was impacted by the drought, with more than half in extreme to exceptional drought. "The primary corn and soybean agriculture belt has been especially hard-hit by drought the last four months," the Palmer index reported. "By the end of July 2012, about 86 percent of the primary corn and soybean belt was experiencing moderate to extreme drought, surpassing all previous droughts except those in 1988 and the 1930s." Even with the lower temperatures and scattered light rain showers for some areas, exceptional drought doubled in the High Plains, jumping from 8 to 16 percent. Exceptional drought in the Midwest jumped to 8 percent from 6 percent. Indiana saw improvement as areas in extreme to exceptional drought dropped from 69 percent to 46 percent. However, Kansas and Missouri reported significant jumps in exceptional drought conditions. Kansas was wrapped with exceptional drought, which now makes up 63 percent of the State.

Source: <http://www.agprofessional.com/news/El-Nino-lingers-on-the-horizon-as-drought-worsens-166432156.html>

21. *August 16, Food Safety News* – (California) **Caesar salad kits containing recalled cilantro withdrawn from market.** A California-based company recalled approximately 77,688 pounds of its Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad Kits because they include dressing made with cilantro that was recalled August 10 for potential Salmonella contamination. Real Mex Foods of Vernon, California, issued a voluntary recall of the salad kits August 16 after the company was informed by a supplier that the

cilantro used in its products was subject to a recall. The Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad Kits subject to recall were distributed to retail locations in California. Items subject to the recall were produced between July 23 and August 6.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/08/caesar-salad-kits-containing-recalled-cilantro-withdrawn-from-market/#.UC5B-qC6TIY>

22. *August 16, Southwest Farm Press* – (Texas) **Five mile quarantine issued in Hidalgo County.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) announced a regulated area for citrus greening will be established effective September 1, for a 5-mile area within Hidalgo County in the Texas Rio Grande Valley. Earlier in 2012, USDA and the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) created a temporary quarantine zone around a San Juan citrus grove after citrus greening disease was discovered on a single orange tree January 13. APHIS, TDA, and the local citrus industry initiated a comprehensive inspection schedule to survey and control the Asian citrus psyllid (ACP) responsible for the movement of the disease. Since 2009, APHIS has regulated the entire State of Texas for ASP. TDA officials report they are creating a permanent quarantine zone to reflect this latest APHIS action. As required by the temporary zone established in January, citrus nursery stock could not be shipped outside the area. Fruit could be shipped out, but only if it was free of leaf material and debris. But under terms of the permanent quarantine, APHIS will allow, under certain conditions, the intrastate movement of attached or detached leaves, stems, branches, and debris from regulated citrus greening and ACP host plants associated with fruit harvested from a citrus greening regulated area to a processing plant, packinghouse, or disposal facility located outside of the regulated area.

Source: <http://southwestfarmpress.com/orchard-crops/five-mile-quarantine-issued-hidalgo-county>

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## Water Sector

23. *August 17, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **Repairs again set for southern Arizona water main.** Officials in Tucson, Arizona, were preparing to dig up parts of a water line that failed in 1999 and appears ready to fail again, the Associated Press reported August 17. City officials said the 1999 break flooded a west-side neighborhood with 38 million gallons of water and cost the city \$2.5 million to buy 4 destroyed homes and repair dozens more. The 96-inch concrete line is wrapped with wire bands for strength. A fiber-optic monitoring cable installed in 2007 picked up signs the bands were snapping along a section of the pipe. A Tucson Water spokesman told the Arizona Daily Star the apparent failures were in a section of the pipe just upstream of the 1999 break near the Paseo Vista neighborhood. Crews were draining the pipe and were scheduled to begin repairs August 20.

Source: <http://www.claimsjournal.com/news/west/2012/08/17/212112.htm>

## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

24. *August 17, Fremont News-Messenger* – (Ohio) **West Nile Virus found throughout Ohio.** The Ohio Department of Health was reported high infection rates across the State and reminded residents to take steps to prevent West Nile virus (WNV) infections, the Fremont News-Messenger reported August 17. One WNV positive asymptomatic blood donor and seven new WNV cases were reported in Ohio during the week of August 13. In addition, there were 163 WNV infected mosquito samples detected. To date, WNV infected mosquitoes were detected in 13 of the 17 counties conducting surveillance.  
Source: <http://www.thenews-messenger.com/article/20120817/NEWS01/208170302/West-Nile-Virus-found-throughout-Ohio>
25. *August 17, KTVT 11 Fort Worth* – (Texas) **Dallas County launches air assault on West Nile.** Dallas County launched two planes filled with mosquito-killing chemicals August 16 in an air assault on the West Nile virus. The county declared a public health emergency over West Nile with 10 recorded deaths this season, more than all other North Texas counties combined. More than 500 people contracted the West Nile virus throughout all of North Texas. Nearly half of those cases were in Dallas County, and officials opted for aerial spraying to control the mosquito population. The planes sprayed areas north of Interstate-30 including various parts of Dallas, University Park, Highland Park, Richardson, Garland, and parts of Mesquite. Another round of aerial spraying was scheduled for August 17. Some parts of Dallas County were considered exclusion zones and did not get sprayed. According to officials, about 60 people opposed the aerial spraying for every 1 that appreciates the effort.  
Source: <http://dfw.cbslocal.com/2012/08/17/dallas-county-launches-air-assault-on-west-nile/>
26. *August 16, Associated Press* – (National) **FDA advises scans for some St. Jude patients.** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) August 16 advised patients who have heart devices that include several types of wires made by St. Jude Medical Inc. to have an X-ray or another type of scan to detect potential problems with the wire's insulation. The FDA recommended the scans for patients who have implantable heart devices with Riata or Riata ST wires. The wires, which are called leads, attach a defibrillator to a patient's heart. The defibrillators are lifesaving devices implanted in the chest to correct dangerous heart rhythms that can be fatal. They monitor the heart for irregular beats, occasionally triggering electrical shocks that correct the problem. However if the insulation is eroded, there is a greater chance the device could malfunction and either deliver a shock when none is needed, or fail to shock the patient's heart when it is not beating properly. The FDA said the scans could reveal abnormalities with the insulation, but it is not recommending that all patients have the wires removed. It said that decision should be made after careful consideration of the risks and benefits for each patient. St. Jude stopped selling the Riata wires in late 2010 because of concerns about the insulation, and it recalled the devices in late 2011.

Around 79,000 Riata leads are implanted in U.S. patients, and the FDA ordered St. Jude to conduct a 3-year study to learn more about the risk of insulation failure. The FDA said most of the devices were functioning normally, but that more information was needed.

Source: <http://www.tucsonnewsnow.com/story/19298018/fda-advises-scans-for-some-st-jude-patients>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

27. *August 17, KMPH 26 Visalia* – (California) **Bottle bombs explode at Clovis school stadium.** Authorities in Clovis, California, say two bottle bombs exploded August 16 at Buchanan High School’s Veterans Memorial Stadium. The Clovis Police Bomb Squad was called to the stadium around 3 p.m. after school district employees found several suspicious plastic bottles in the bleachers. The bomb squad said it located six bottles, two of which had already exploded. Police deactivated the other four. An officer at the scene said an explosive chemical mixture and something that looked like aluminum foil was in the bottles. The Buchanan football team was about to start practice when the first bottle blew up. Players were forced to wait outside the stadium gates while officers collected the bottles and cleared the area.

Source: <http://www.kmph.com/story/19299837/bottle-bombs-explode-at-clovis-school-stadium>

28. *August 17, Associated Press* – (Arkansas) **Guardsmen arrested after school shooting threat.** Prosecutors have charged an Arkansas National Guard soldier with threatening to shoot students at a high school in Fulton County. The Fulton County sheriff said the suspect is charged with falsely communicating a terroristic threat for a statement he made to two soldiers August 4. The soldiers took the threat seriously and notified authorities. State police conducted an investigation, which led to the man’s arrest. The arrest affidavit says he was training at the armory in Mountain Home. He allegedly said he wanted the teachers to carry the guilt. The affidavit says he admitted making the statement, but claimed he was just trying to provoke a reaction.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/Guardsman-arrested-after-school-shooting-threat-3795023.php>

29. *August 16, KWQC 6 Davenport* – (Iowa) **Clinton County Courthouse ups security measures.** The Clinton County, Iowa Courthouse was built in 1897 and has not had a secure entrance since. For years, anyone could walk through the doors with just about anything until now, KWQC 6 Davenport reported August 16. The county has been working for over a year and a half to get a new security system installed, and they are finally seeing some results, with crews installing a \$31,000 metal detector and X-ray machine. But it might be a while before these machines will be put to use. “There isn’t a date certain right now, we’re going through a process of developing policies and procedures,” said the county justice commission coordinator. A clerk who has worked

in the courthouse for almost 40 years said there have been some security measures, but mostly anyone is allowed to come into the courthouse without being screened for dangerous items or weapons. There is only a sign posted to warn people of what they cannot bring in. “We were warned one time that a gentleman had a gun with him, and he came into the office, and I knew that so I cleared that office,” she said. She said incidents like that are rare, but they do happen. Other staff said criminals who have bonded out of jail and return for a court date come right up to their desk, and they could have anything with them.

Source: <http://www.kwqc.com/story/19299418/clinton-county-courthouse-ups-security-measures>

30. *August 16, Government Computer News* – (National) **Audit finds some holes in NASA’s cybersecurity center.** NASA’s Office of Inspector General (OIG) conducted an audit to evaluate the cybersecurity effectiveness of the agency’s consolidated Security Operations Center (SOC), *Government Computer News* reported August 16. The audit found the SOC improved NASA’s computer security incident handling by providing continuous incident detection coverage for all NASA centers, said a summary of the report released by NASA. However, it also found the SOC does not currently monitor all of NASA’s computer networks. “Even though networks we reviewed had their own incident management program that included network monitoring, dedicated staff to respond to incidents and documented processes, the networks’ management programs do not provide the centralized continuous monitoring coverage afforded by the SOC,” it said. The OIG said NASA “needs to increase its readiness to combat sophisticated but increasingly common forms of cyber attacks known as Advanced Persistent Threats.” The audit warned that “even after the target organization addresses the vulnerability that permitted the attack to succeed, the attacker may covertly maintain a foothold inside the target’s system for future exploits.”

Source: <http://gcn.com/articles/2012/08/16/nasa-ig-cybersecurity-report.aspx>

31. *August 16, Tampa Bay Online* – (Florida) **Deputies: Woman threatened to blow up Tampa child care.** A woman was charged August 16 with threatening to blow up a child care center in Tampa, Florida, after deputies said she texted the threat to a news reporter. She was charged with threatening to discharge a destructive device. She sent a text August 15 to a Tampa Bay area news reporter complaining about the way her children had been treated by Eckerd Community Alternative, which she referred to by its former name H.K.I East Care Center, said a spokeswoman for the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office. The reporter alerted authorities, who searched the center and found no explosives, she said. Deputies tracked the cellphone number to the suspect’s address and went to her home, where she was arrested.

Source: <http://www2.tbo.com/news/news/2012/aug/16/deputies-woman-threatened-to-blow-up-tampa-child-c-ar-466203/>

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## Emergency Services Sector

32. *August 17, Associated Press* – (National) **Fire departments using remote-control ‘lifeguards’**. EMILY, a remote-controlled lifeguard, is a small watercraft fitted with a flotation device. It can go up to 22 mph and can get to people more quickly, and in some cases more safely, than any human, the Associated Press reported August 17. It is being used by a handful of communities. In July, it was used in its first rescue. EMILY stands for Emergency Integrated Lifesaving Lanyard. It is a little over 4 feet long, weighs 25 pounds and costs about \$10,000. If a swimmer is struggling, a lifeguard or anyone else can put battery-powered EMILY in the water and, with a remote control, send it through even rough waves to help. Some locations attach an emergency radio so they can instruct panicked swimmers on what to do.  
Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/news/10760710/fire-departments-using-remote-control-lifeguards>
33. *August 17, Associated Press* – (Idaho) **N. Idaho inmates dig through jail wall to escape**. Authorities said two inmates escaped from a northern Idaho county jail by digging through the wall of their cell and using their bed sheets to scale down the building. Officers located the inmates early August 16, several hours after their escape from the Benewah County Jail. KREM 2 Spokane reported that before their escape, they were being housed in the same cell as an inmate who had escaped twice from the jail in 2011. The St. Maries jail was built in 1920 and its walls, though 16 inches thick, are rotting.  
Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2012/08/17/4734131/n-idaho-inmates-dig-through-jail.html>
34. *August 17, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Police: 6 charged in killings of 2 La. deputies**. Authorities have charged six people in the shootings that left two Louisiana sheriff’s deputies dead and two others wounded. Louisiana State Police said August 17 that police had charged them with charges ranging from principle to attempted first-degree murder for the shootings in LaPlace. One individual was charged with attempted first-degree murder, while another was charged with being an accessory after the fact. Two St. John Parish deputies were killed August 16. Two other deputies were wounded. And two of the five people who were taken into custody also were injured.  
Source: <http://www.seattlepi.com/news/article/Police-6-charged-in-killings-of-2-La-deputies-3796153.php>
35. *August 16, Fierce Healthcare* – (Tennessee) **Variety of factors lead to ‘chronic’ ED overcrowding at VA, report finds**. The Memphis, Tennessee VA Medical Center’s emergency department (ED) length of stay is “far below the VHA standard,” and suffers from “chronic” overcrowding, according to a report released by the VA’s Office of Inspector General (OIG). The OIG found that 27 percent of patients had ED lengths of stay of more than 6 hours; some were in the ED as long as 14 hours waiting for admission or a transfer, Fierce Healthcare reported August 16. The most significant factor affecting wait times was the lack of medical/surgical beds. The OIG recommended the facility director reduce ED length of stay, provide ultrasound services at all times, and ensure the accuracy of ED data. The VA concurred with the

recommendations and noted that the facility had already opened six new medical/surgical beds and nine mental health beds. The facility has also added staff to perform ultrasounds.

Source: <http://www.fiercehealthcare.com/story/variety-factors-lead-tochronic-ed-overcrowding-report-finds/2012-08-16>

36. *August 16, Montgomery Advertiser* – (Alabama) **Ex-city jail officer accused of trying to aid escape.** Court documents say a former correctional officer charged in a Montgomery, Alabama city jail investigation was charged with providing an inmate a tool to facilitate escape, the Montgomery Advertiser reported August 16. The incident happened July 28 in the federal annex of the jail, said the affidavit. The officer was charged July 31 with first-degree promoting prison contraband. A former fellow correctional officer was charged with third-degree promoting prison contraband July 31. August 14, Montgomery police charged two inmates with similar contraband charges. One inmate was charged with a first-degree count, and the second was charged with a third-degree count. The Montgomery Police Department has said the city jail investigation was ongoing and that they have temporarily reassigned the warden.

Source:

<http://www.montgomeryadvertiser.com/article/20120817/NEWS01/308170003/Ex-city-jail-officer-accused-trying-aid-escape?odyssey=mod%7Cnewswell%7Ctext%7Cfrontpage%7Cs>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

37. *August 17, Softpedia* – (International) **Symantec’s Road Runner Safe Storage hacked, SwapDrive flaw possibly leveraged.** Symantec sent out notification emails to Road Runner Safe Storage customers alerting them to a security incident involving WhaleMail and SwapDrive accounts. “Recently, an unauthorized third party accessed one of our databases. As soon as we learned of the attack, we limited all access to the database and thus the vulnerability was eliminated. However, as a result of this incident, your account credentials may have been exposed,” the emails read. While the company reassured users their credit card numbers and Social Security numbers are safe, the attackers may have stolen names, email addresses, usernames, passwords, secret questions and answers, and, in some cases, billing addresses. To prevent any incidents, all passwords were disabled.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Symantec-s-Road-Runner-Safe-Storage-Hacked-SwapDrive-Flaw-Possibly-Leveraged-286786.shtml>

38. *August 17, The H* – (International) **PostgreSQL patches XML flaws.** A flaw in the built-in XML functionality of PostgreSQL (CVE-2012-3488) and another in its optional XSLT handling (CVE-2012-3489) were patched, and the developers released updated versions of the open source database with relevant fixes. The patched holes were related to insecure use of the widely used libxml2 and libxslt open source libraries

and the PostgreSQL developers advise anyone using those libraries to check their systems for similar problems. Both problems in PostgreSQL allow authenticated users of the database to read arbitrary files on the system, and the XSLT flaw allows writing of files. Details are limited, but the release notes for 9.1.5 note how `xml_parse()` and `xslt_process()` could be used to access information about files or parts of those files. To fix the problem, the PostgreSQL developers released versions 9.1.5, 9.0.9, 8.4.13, and 8.3.20.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/PostgreSQL-patches-XML-flaws-1669853.html>

39. *August 16, Infosecurity* – (International) **Adobe's patches for Windows and OS/X expose Linux.** During June, Google researchers seeking to strengthen the security posture of the embedded PDF reader for Chrome discovered numerous vulnerabilities in Adobe Reader. Most of these were patched in Adobe's security update the week of August 13 — but not for Linux. It is the patched vulnerabilities rather than the unpatched vulnerabilities that are the cause of most concern. The problem is that attackers can now compare the old versions of Windows or OS/X Reader with the new ones and discover the bugs.  
Source: <http://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/view/27644/adobes-patches-for-windows-and-osx-expose-linux/>
40. *August 16, The H* – (International) **The alleged flood of Android trojans.** According to Kaspersky Lab, the amount of Android malware tripled in the second quarter of 2012 and now stands at 15,000. However, competitor F-Secure saw only a moderate increase of about 40 new pieces of Android malware. Kaspersky's number is one that — like most anti-virus companies — counts so-called unique samples. F-Secure bases its numbers for malware distribution on malware families or variants, and therefore provides a much different measurement of the real threat compared to the unique samples values. Both antivirus vendors agree Android is the preferred mobile platform for malware.  
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/The-alleged-flood-of-Android-trojans-1668760.html>
41. *August 16, The Register* – (International) **Experts argue over whether shallow DNS gene pool hurts web infrastructure.** Four in five (80 percent) of the world's Internet-facing Domain Name System (DNS) servers rely on the same DNS code base, according to DNS vendor Secure64. Secure64 was unable to cite a clear example of a critical security bug in BIND that might create the potential for a global Internet wobble in the event of a sophisticated attack or virus. The firm nonetheless maintains the risk from a lack of diversity in DNS systems is real. However, other DNS experts, while agreeing that diversity is important on the wider scale, said Secure64 was overstating the case for businesses to switch to a two-supplier approach while ignoring some of the practical problems involved in maintaining a relationship with two or more suppliers.  
Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/08/16/shallow\\_dns\\_gene\\_poll/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/08/16/shallow_dns_gene_poll/)

42. *August 16, Network World* – (International) **Symantec says it has plugged hole in Norton Online Backup.** August 16, Symantec said it plugged a hole in its Norton Online Backup service that inadvertently allowed some users to view and access data of other Norton Online Backup customers. “On July 30, as part of our ongoing server maintenance, Symantec made a change in the way that they cached certain HTML files and other static assets that, through a temporary misconfiguration, may have resulted in certain users incorrectly receiving other users’ session cookies,” said Symantec in a statement. “These cookies impact the data that is displayed when a user logs into their Norton Online Backup account.”

Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2012/081612-norton-breach-261701.html>

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## Communications Sector

43. *August 17, SecurityWeek* – (National) **AT&T's DNS outage on Wednesday resulted from DDoS attack targeted at two locations.** AT&T said August 16, that unknown attackers were responsible for intermittent disruptions that affected Internet services for its business customers August 15. In a statement, an AT&T spokesperson said a DDoS attack targeted the company’s DNS infrastructure in two locations, and that engineers and SOC (Security Operations Center) staff worked to mitigate the situation. “Due to a distributed denial of service attack attempting to flood our Domain Name System servers in two locations, some AT&T business customers experienced intermittent disruptions in service on Wednesday. Our network and security teams quickly worked to mitigate the impact and service is currently running normally,” the statement said.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/ddos-attack-caused-att-dns-outage-wednesday>

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

44. *August 17, Raycom News Network* – (National) **Bomb threats made to movie theaters nationwide.** Police and fire departments responded to Carmike Cinemas locations across the country August 17 after a bomb threat was made to the company’s corporate office, the Raycom News Network reported. Hundreds of movie theaters in multiple states, including Alabama, Georgia, Illinois, North Carolina, Texas, and Virginia, had

activity from emergency responders starting around 11:30 a.m. ET. There have been no reports of explosive devices found, and multiple Raycom stations announced local sites had been cleared by law enforcement. According to WSFA 12 Montgomery, Auburn, Alabama police said the threat originated at the corporate office, which is located in Columbus, Georgia. Carmike has not released a statement on the matter. Carmike said it operates 236 theaters in 35 states. It is the fourth largest movie theater chain in the country.

Source: <http://www.kpho.com/story/19304904/bomb-threats-to-movie-theaters-across-country>

45. *August 17, KSAT 12 San Antonio* – (Texas) **San Antonio firefighters battle massive warehouse fire.** San Antonio, Texas, fire crews battled a warehouse fire August 17. Nearly 40 units and more than 100 firefighters responded to the three-alarm fire. The flames were so intense firefighters took a defensive position and the roof of the facility collapsed. Fire officials said the warehouse was full of plastic palettes and the fire spread to several 18-wheelers in the parking lot. Diesel tanks in the rigs began to explode and firefighters were forced cordon off the area. It took firefighters more than 7 hours to extinguish the blaze and fire officials expect the warehouse to be a total loss. Guests and staff at a nearby hotel were evacuated and placed in a VIA bus while crews checked the air quality in the area, but officials later determined the air was not toxic. Source: <http://www.ksat.com/news/San-Antonio-firefighters-battle-massive-warehouse-fire/-/478452/16164086/-/4e30b1/-/index.html>
46. *August 16, Yakima Herald-Republic* – (Washington) **Fire destroys church, home Wapato.** Fire destroyed a church and a home in a residential neighborhood not far from downtown Wapato, Washington, August 16. No injuries were reported, and the cause of the blaze remains under investigation, according to the Wapato fire chief. He did not yet have a damage estimate, however, he said, “both buildings are a total loss. I can tell you that without even going in.” The church was empty when the fire started, but a teenage boy was asleep in the house. The church’s pastor said he was thankful firefighters were able to save some of his church’s musical equipment, including drums, guitars, speakers, and amplifiers, all of which he said was worth \$15,000. Source: <http://www.yakima-herald.com/stories/2012/08/16/church-home-burn-in-wapato>
47. *August 16, Three Village Patch* – (New York) **Elevated bacteria levels close West Meadow Beach to bathing.** The Suffolk County Department of Health Services announced August 16 it closed West Meadow Beach in Long Island, New York to bathing due to elevated levels of bacteria found in the water. The department stated enterococci, which is an indicator of fecal bacteria, was found in higher-than-acceptable levels on August 13 and 15. The department announced multiple beach closures over the past few weeks following heavy rains. Source: <http://threevillage.patch.com/articles/elevated-bacteria-levels-close-west-meadow-beach-to-bathing>

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

48. *August 17, Associated Press* – (National) **Crews make progress on wildfires across West but officials keep wary eye on weather forecasts.** Crews in central Washington, Idaho, and Southern California made gains on several wildfires, allowing some evacuees to return home, and protecting two vacation towns from a massive encroaching blaze. Firefighters stopped a fire about 75 miles east of Seattle from destroying more buildings in the past 2 days, a fire spokesman said August 16. The blaze near the town of Cle Elum burned at least 70 homes, more than 200 outbuildings and about 35 square miles of wild land since it started August 13. In Idaho, crews at 12 big fires worked to protect homes and build lines. The blaze started in the Boise National Forest and scorched more than 108 square miles. In the eastern part of the State, a group of fires that burned more than 114 square miles finally slowed. The Oregon governor August 16 declared a state of emergency that authorized use of National Guard helicopters to fight wildland blazes. The Idaho governor already issued a disaster declaration, allowing the Idaho National Guard to help out. In Northern California, crews made progress along the northern edge of a fire that burned 67 square miles in the Plumas National Forest. The blaze threatened more than 900 homes and led to voluntary evacuations. In northern San Diego County, a cluster of lightning-sparked fires kept residents from more than 100 homes in Ranchita and San Felipe. About 30 miles to the northwest, a blaze in Riverside County neared containment. It has destroyed four structures, injured six people, and burned more than 4 square miles east of Temecula.

Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/wash-residents-worry-and-wait-to-return-home-idaho-crews-take-advantage-of-break-in-heat/2012/08/16/38e4b2dc-e800-11e1-9739-eef99c5fb285\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/wash-residents-worry-and-wait-to-return-home-idaho-crews-take-advantage-of-break-in-heat/2012/08/16/38e4b2dc-e800-11e1-9739-eef99c5fb285_story.html)

49. *August 16, Associated Press* – (California) **Feds to allow night aerial firefighting in S Cal.** The U.S. Forest Service said August 16 it would permit agency helicopters to attack wildfires at night in Southern California, a significant policy shift that follows complaints about a 2009 blaze that became the largest in Los Angeles County history. The night-flying program will begin modestly by 2013 with the use of a single helicopter, stationed in Angeles National Forest, where the 2009 Station Fire killed two firefighters, destroyed 89 homes, and blackened 250 square miles. The agency has long been reluctant to fly in darkness in rugged national forests for safety reasons. The helicopter will be operated by a contractor.

Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/article/USFS-to-allow-night-aerial-firefighting-in-S-Cal-3793256.php>

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## **Dams Sector**

50. *August 17, Island Park News* – (Idaho) **Reservoir drawdown being considered.** Repairs to the Ashton Dam in Ashton, Idaho, are almost complete except

for the bottom 15 feet of the dam. But workers reached a snag, the Island Park News reported August 17. The coffer dam — a temporary structure built to hold back the river while the nearly century old dam’s upstream face is being repaired — is leaking, said a PacifiCorp spokesman. PacifiCorp operates the hydro plant at the dam. Contractors were discussing ways to dry up the work site so the last 15 feet of materials could be removed and the dam face repaired. PacifiCorp and the contractors working on the dam said they would consider a reservoir drawdown if they cannot find a way to stop the leak. They indicated they would probably make a decision on how to handle the problem soon. The PacifiCorp spokesman said it would take several weeks for PacifiCorp to obtain the necessary permissions to initiate a drawdown from regulatory agencies, and every precaution would be taken to minimize releasing sediment into the river. He said PacifiCorp is “very sensitive” to the importance of the fishery below the dam that could be impacted by sedimentation.

Source: <http://www.islandparknews.com/m/atf.php?sid=11898>

51. *August 16, KRCR 7 Redding* – (California) **Workers scramble to contain oil spill at Shasta Dam.** The Bureau of Reclamation said an oil spill at the Shasta Dam in Shasta County, California, happened August 15 and several government agencies were scrambling to keep it from disturbing wildlife. The oil spread from the dam about 8 miles to the Keswick Dam Boat Launch. The Bureau said August 16 the oil was no longer coming out of the dam, but it was too early to tell how much spilled. The State Department of Fish and Game set up an absorbent boom at the boat launch. A spokesperson with the Bureau of Reclamation said engineers were investigating where the spill originated but believed it might have started at the hydraulic operating system, or the spill valves that let water out of the dam. The department also said it is too early to know how this will affect wildlife in the area in the long term.  
Source: <http://www.krcrtv.com/news/local/Workers-Scramble-to-Contain-Oil-Spill-at-Shasta-Dam/-/14322302/16161696/-/s4jyq/-/index.html>
52. *August 16, KGET 17 Bakersfield* – (California) **Repair plan for the vulnerable Lake Isabella Dam released.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers released a tentative plan August 16 on how to repair the vulnerable Lake Isabella Dam in Kern County, California. They plan to reinforce the existing dam, not build a new one. Construction on the dam will not start until 2016. The plan is to raise the dam 16 feet, create a spillway for overflows, patch areas susceptible to seeping, and earthquake-proof the dam. The agency’s Sacramento District said this will make the dam 10,000 times safer. Problems with the dam were discovered years ago and the dam has since been dubbed one of the most “at-risk” dams the Corps takes care of nationwide. If the dam broke, officials predict catastrophic results, with water rushing into the Kern Valley eventually overwhelming hundreds of thousands of residents in Bakersfield. Estimated costs are between \$400 and \$600 million. The most controversial part of the plan is, at some point during construction for about 9 to 10 months, the lake water will be lowered 7 feet from its average level. The Corps said it will try to avoid lowering the lake level during the tourism season. The lake may not be lowered until 2019 or later.  
Source: <http://www.kget.com/news/local/story/Repair-plan-for-the-vulnerable-Lake-Isabella-Dam/Kbyh8EV-1k6bjawqnbZK5Q.csp>

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