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Chemical Industry Sector

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

1. *August 27, Car Connection* – (National) **2011-2012 Chevrolet Cruze recalled for brake issue.** General Motors announced a recall of 292,879 model year 2011 and 2012 Chevrolet Cruze compact sedans due to an issue where a supplemental braking pump may not activate, resulting in the reduction or loss of brake assist.
Source: http://www.thecarconnection.com/news/1086541_2011-2012-chevrolet-cruze-recalled-for-brake-issue

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Financial Services Sector

2. *August 27, Reuters* – (International) **JPMorgan's former 'London Whale' supervisor arrested in Spain.** A former JP Morgan Chase trader was arrested in Spain and faces extradition to the U.S. for allegedly trying to inflate the value of trading positions during a \$6.2 billion financial scandal.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/08/27/us-jpmorgan-whale-idUSBRE97Q0D620130827>
3. *August 27, IDG News Service* – (International) **Cybercrime service automates creation of fake scanned IDs, other identity verification documents.** Researchers at

Group-IB identified a new Web-based cybercrime service that automates the creation of various forms of fake identification including passports, banking statements, and utility bills.

Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2013/082713-cybercrime-service-automates-creation-of-273262.html>

4. *August 27, CNN* (Nevada) **Las Vegas Sands resolves laundering cases with \$47 million deal.** The U.S. Department of Justice and casino operator Las Vegas Sands agreed to a \$47 million settlement in a non-prosecution agreement for the casino to avoid charges over its failure to report suspicious money wiring transactions by an alleged drug kingpin.
Source: <http://money.cnn.com/2013/08/27/news/companies/las-vegas-sands/index.html>
5. *August 26, Bloomberg News* – (New York) **Three charged with stealing Flow Traders trading software.** Two former Flow Traders employees and one other individual were charged with allegedly stealing the firm's electronic trading software and using it to create their own trading company.
Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-08-26/three-charged-with-stealing-flow-traders-trading-software.html>

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Transportation Systems Sector

6. *August 28, Roanoke Times* – (Virginia) **Unstable slope could close I-81 south in Montgomery Co. for several days.** A section of southbound Interstate 81 in Montgomery County, Virginia, was closed August 27 and could be closed for up to 10 days after a scheduled blast caused a crack in an unstable slope near the highway to grow to about 120 feet in length.
Source: <http://www.roanoke.com/news/nrv/2183185-12/unstable-slope-could-close-i-81-south-in-montgomery.html>
7. *August 28, WIAT 42 Birmingham* – (Alabama) **Overtaken log truck causes 280 East to close down at Klein Road.** An accident involving a log truck that overturned near Childersburg August 28 closed all eastbound lanes of U.S. Highway 280 and partially blocked westbound lanes for several hours.
Source: <http://www.cbs42.com/2013/08/28/overtaken-log-truck-causes-280-east-to-close-down-at-klein-road/>
8. *August 27, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **All lanes of 91 Freeway reopened after downed cables are cleared.** The westbound lanes of the 91 Freeway in Anaheim were closed August 27 for around 2 and one half hours after communication cables fell onto the roadway following a support beam collapse.
Source: <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-91-freeway-reopened-downed-cables-20130827,0,3193925.story>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

9. *August 28, Fremont News-Messenger* – (Ohio) **Heinz plant spills thousands of gallons of vinegar.** Defective plastic piping at the Heinz Plant in Fremont, Ohio, caused between 1,500 to 2,500 gallons of vinegar to spill out of the pump, some of which entered the Sandusky River August 25. Officials are investigating the cause of the spill.
Source: <http://www.thenews-messenger.com/article/20130827/NEWS01/308270026/Heinz-plant-spills-thousands-gallons-vinegar>

10. *August 27, Associated Press* – (International) **Salad plant linked to Cyclospora outbreak resumes operations.** After conducting a thorough inspection of Taylor Farms de Mexico, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the Mexican government determined the farm could resume operations. California-based Taylor Farms took over 1,000 samples from water, soil, greens, and other areas of the farm, and all the samples tested negative for Cyclospora.
Source: http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-204_162-57600342/salad-plant-linked-to-cyclospora-outbreak-resumes-operations/

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

11. *August 27, Buffalo News* – (New York) **Repair costs rising past initial \$2 million estimate at Falls treatment plant.** A Niagara Falls sewage treatment plant was brought back online August 27 after a July rainstorm flooded the facility and caused between 125-150 million gallons of untreated sewage to be released into the Niagara River. The Niagara Falls Water Board estimated that a previously estimated \$2 million to repair the facility is insufficient as the reliability of several systems was questioned and the actual damage was higher than initially assessed.
Source: <http://www.buffalonews.com/city-region/niagara-falls/repair-costs-rising-past-initial-2-million-estimate-at-niagara-falls-treatment-plant-20130827>

12. *August 27, Lafayette Journal and Courier* – (Indiana) **Failed blower triggers sewage spill, fish kill on Indian Creek.** The Indiana Department of Environmental Management urged residents to avoid contact with water downstream of its Carriage Estates wastewater treatment plant in Indian Creek after a malfunctioning oxygen blower at the plant August 25 caused a partial wastewater spill and fish kill.
Source: <http://www.jconline.com/article/20130827/NEWS/308270019/Caution-urged-after-sewage-treatment-facility-leak-update->

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

13. *August 27, Times of Northwest Indiana* – (Indiana) **Valpo ambulance patients warned of fraud scam.** Valparaiso, Indiana, notified 860 patients who used the city ambulance service from January 2012 to June 2012 that they may be victims of identity theft after a former employee of Advanced Data Processing, which handles billing for the ambulance service, illegally accessed patient records. The individual was arrested and pleaded guilty to the charges.
Source: http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/porter/valpo-ambulance-patients-warned-of-fraud-scam/article_e1516914-91a4-5bc3-b97e-4c9a238b75b0.html
14. *August 27, Charlotte Observer* – (South Carolina) **Water damage closes Rock Hill VA clinic.** Water damage prompted the closure of the Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic in Rock Hill after a fire sprinkler head accidentally discharged August 23. Officials did not know when the clinic will reopen.
Source: <http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2013/08/27/4267002/water-damage-closes-rock-hill.html>

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Government Facilities Sector

15. *August 28, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Containment of Yosemite fire now 23% as blaze climbs record books.** Firefighters reached 23 percent containment of California's Rim Fire as it burned 187,466 acres August 28. More evacuations orders were announced for residents in the fire's path after the blaze destroyed 111 buildings, including 31 homes.
Source: <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-rim-fire-wednesday-20130828,0,248400.story>
16. *August 27, Salem Statesman Journal; Oregon Department of Forestry* – (Oregon) **Government Flats Complex Fire update.** Crews reached 55 percent containment August 27 of Oregon's Government Flats Complex Fire after it burned through 11,516 acres and destroyed 4 homes and 9 buildings.
Source: <http://www.statesmanjournal.com/article/20130827/UPDATE/130827003/Government-Flats-Complex-fire-update>
17. *August 27, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **ComEd: Power fully restored following blown transformer at Bronzeville school.** Irvin C Mollison Elementary School in Chicago was evacuated August 27 after a transformer blew and temperatures rose to near record-highs. ComEd crews restored power after 11 hours and the school was reopened August 28.
Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/chi-a-blown-transformer-evacuates-bronzeville-school-on-2nd-day-20130827,0,7732842.story>
18. *August 27, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **Three leaking mustard gas shells isolated at**

Pueblo Chemical Depot. The U.S. Army Pueblo Chemical Depot announced August 26 that a July 3 mustard gas leak at the storage facility was cleaned up the week of August 19. Crews transferred 3 leaking 155 mm steel shells into containers and moved them to a storage facility.

Source: http://www.denverpost.com/breakingnews/ci_23949548/three-leaking-mustard-gas-shells-isolated-at-pueblo

19. *August 27, Associated Press* – (Connecticut) **Conn. man arrested after alleged email threat to poison water at state park.** A man was arrested after allegedly sending threatening emails to several employees of the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection August 27, including one warning that he would poison the waters at Chatfield Hollow State Park near Killingworth. Authorities closed the swimming area and the park to test the waters and expect results by August 28.
Source: <http://www.tribtown.com/view/story/ec4be1da98f14c9f80fdaced7efcc2e4/CT--Park-Threat>

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Emergency Services Sector

20. *August 27, WCSC 5 Charleston; Associated Press* – (South Carolina) **Former St. George police chief charged with embezzlement, misconduct.** The former St. George police chief, who resigned the week of August 19, turned himself in August 27 on charges of misconduct in office and embezzlement. He was charged with embezzling \$14,161 from the Town of St. George from November 2009 to May 2013.
Source: http://www.live5news.com/story/23255520/st-george-police-chief-resigns-amid-sled-investigation?hpt=ju_bn4
21. *August 27, Washington Post* – (Virginia) **Remington, Va., ex-volunteer fire official pleads guilty to stealing from department.** The former president of the Remington Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department in Fauquier County pleaded guilty August 27 to stealing over \$40,000 of the organization's funds from September 2008 to April 2009. The former president submitted invoices requesting reimbursement for goods he falsely claimed to have bought for the department, and wrote checks to himself from the organization's account.
Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/remington-va-volunteer-fire-official-pleads-guilty-to-stealing-from-department/2013/08/27/a755291c-0f47-11e3-bdf6-e4fc677d94a1_story.html

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Information Technology Sector

22. *August 28, Softpedia* – (International) **Syrian Electronic Army hacks Australian internet company, NYT and Twitter disrupted.** Members of the Syrian Electronic

Army hacktivist group caused disruptions and redirects on Web sites belonging to the New York Times, the Huffington Post, and Twitter August 27 after they breached Australian domain registration and hosting company Melbourne IT and modified the sites' DNS records.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Syrian-Electronic-Army-Hacks-Australian-Internet-Company-NYT-and-Twitter-Disrupted-378637.shtml>

23. *August 28, Softpedia* – (International) **Hacker admits to selling access to U.S. Energy Department computers.** A Pennsylvania man pleaded guilty to installing backdoors on several government, university, telecoms, and commercial systems and offering access to them in exchange for payment. Among others, the man offered undercover agents access to U.S. Department of Energy supercomputers that he had compromised via universities that had access to them.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Hacker-Admits-Selling-Access-to-US-Energy-Department-Computers-378659.shtml>

24. *August 28, Softpedia* – (International) **Cloud hosting company DigitalOcean hit by DDoS attack.** Cloud hosting service provider DigitalOcean announced that it was the target of a distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack August 28 that disrupted the company's Web site and control panel.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Cloud-Hosting-Company-DigitalOcean-Hit-by-DDOS-Attack-378713.shtml>

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: <https://www.it-isac.org>

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Communications Sector

25. *August 28, The Register* – (International) **Eggheads turn Motorola feature phone into CITYWIDE GSM jammer.** Research presenting at the 22nd USENIX Security Symposium showed how an attacker could take advantage of a vulnerability in the GSM communications protocol to deny service to a network or individual user by using a phone to masquerade as another handset and prevent the original from establishing an authenticated connection.

Source:

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2013/08/28/german_boffins_mod_moto_into_citywide_gsm_jammer/

26. *August 27, WRAL 5 Raleigh* – (North Carolina) **Severed cable affecting Robbins 911 service repaired.** A CenturyLink fiber-optic cable along North Carolina highway

24/27 was cut August 27, causing a telephone service outage which affected phone and 9-1-1 services for several hours before being repaired.

Source: <http://www.wral.com/severed-cable-affecting-robbins-911-service-repaired/12822445/>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

27. *August 28, WTOP 103.5 FM Washington D.C.* – (Maryland) **10 hurt, 100 displaced after Silver Spring apartment fire.** A fire at the four-story Forest Park Apartment in Silver Spring August 27 resulted in 7 tenants and 3 firefighters being injured and 100 people being displaced in a blaze that caused \$1.5 million in estimated damages.
Source: <http://www.wtop.com/52/3434326/10-injured-in-Silver-Spring-apartment-building-fire>
28. *August 27, Associated Press* – (Kansas) **Five injured in Tuesday apartment fire.** Wichita Fire officials reported that estimated damages from an August 27 fire at a Wichita apartment complex that displaced 70 and injured 5 were \$1.75 million, which included \$1.5 million in structural damages and \$500,000 in content damages.
Source: <http://www.hayspost.com/2013/08/27/five-injured-in-tuesday-apartment-fire/>
29. *August 27, WTMJ 620 Milwaukee*– (Wisconsin) **Two gas leaks caused by construction crews force evacuations Tuesday.** WeEnergies reported two gas leaks in the Milwaukee area, prompting evacuations of multiple buildings and businesses after a construction crew hit a gas line.
Source: <http://www.620wtmj.com/news/local/Evacuations-after-gas-main-struck-221319671.html>
30. *August 27, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (North Carolina) **Family Dollar, Inc., pays \$602,438 penalty for distribution of misbranded pesticides.** The Environmental Protection Agency enforced a \$602,438 penalty against Family Dollar, Inc. after it sold or distributed misbranded or mislabeled products on numerous occasions.
Source: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/6080CE710BCD79EA85257BD4005094ED>
31. *August 26, Oklahoma City News* – (Oklahoma) **Gunfire after Oklahoma City liquor store robbery injures two.** Two people, including a store clerk, were critically injured following an August 26 robbery at an Oklahoma City liquor store. A police investigation is underway to determine whether the two men were shot by police officers or during the robbery.
Source: <http://newsok.com/article/3876336>

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Dams Sector

32. *August 27, Dredging Today* – (Idaho) **Corps begins repairs on Riverdale Levee.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers commenced a \$250,000 repair project to the Riverdale Levee August 27 to fix damage sustained during April/May 2012 when the St. Joe River exceeded flood stage and damaged the Riverdale pump station's outfall pipe. Source: <http://www.dredgingtoday.com/2013/08/27/corps-begins-repairs-on-riverdale-levee-usa/>

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