



## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report 05 September 2014

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- Ten workers safely shut off liquid fertilizer chemical tanks and evacuated the Kugler Company fertilizer plant in Sterling, Colorado, September 3 after a welding accident sparked a fire that consumed nearly 95 percent of the building. – *KCNC 4 Denver* (See item [12](#))
- A broken sewer line at the wastewater treatment plant in Storm Lake, Iowa, September 3 caused about 90,000 gallons of partially treated and raw sewage to leak, including the release of 10,000 gallons into Outlet Creek. – *KTIV 4 Sioux City* (See item [16](#))
- Thirteen people were injured September 3 after a chemical explosion during a routine science exhibition at the Terry Lee Wells Discovery Museum in Reno, Nevada. – *Associated Press* (See item [32](#))
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## Critical Manufacturing Sector

1. *September 4, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **AmTRAN Video recalls to repair 42-inch JVC flat panel televisions due to risk of tip over.** AmTRAN Video announced a recall for around 27,000 JVC 42-inch flat panel Emerald Series televisions due to the potential for the TVs' stands to crack and cause the TV to tip over unexpectedly. The TVs were sold at several retail stores and online nationwide between February and August.  
Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2014/AmTRAN-Video-Recalls-to-Repair-42-Inch-JVC-Flat-Panel-Televisions/>
2. *September 3, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **Great Innovations recalls humidifiers due to fire hazard; sold exclusively by QVC.** Great Innovations announced a recall for about 70,000 Ultrasonic Clean Mist Humidifiers due to the potential for water to enter the humidifier base and cause a short circuit, posing a fire hazard. The humidifiers were sold nationwide through QVC TV and online at QVC.com between December 2013 and February.  
Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/Recall-Alerts/2014/Great-Innovations-Recalls-Humidifiers/>
3. *September 3, WIFR 23 Freeport* – (Illinois) **Machine sparks fire in Rockford factory.** A steel shot blaster machine that caught fire at a Metals USA facility in Rockford September 3 caused workers to evacuate the facility and resulted in around \$10,000 in damage.  
Source: <http://www.wifr.com/home/headlines/Machine-Sparks-Fire-in-Rockford-Factory--273877031.html>

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## Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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## Financial Services Sector

4. *September 4, Softpedia* – (International) **Updated Vawtrak banking malware strain expands target list.** Researchers with PhishLabs identified a new variant of the Vawtrak financial malware (also known as Neverquest) that has added features in the last month enabling it to expand its targets to users in the U.S., Canada, and Europe. The malware targets financial institutions as well as social networks, online retailers, gaming portals, and analytics firms and can steal credentials and automate fraudulent transactions.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Updated-Vawtrak-Banking-Malware-Strain-Expands-Target-List-457656.shtml>
5. *September 3, Associated Press* – (International) **Immigration lawyer charged with investment fraud.** A Los Angeles immigration lawyer was indicted in federal court September 3 for allegedly defrauding 94 foreigners seeking green cards through an immigrant investor program of around \$47 million by claiming to recruit investors for an ethanol production project. The lawyer, his wife, and a law partner were also charged by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in the case and the lawyer was arrested by Korean authorities on similar charges.  
Source: <http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2014/sep/03/immigration-lawyer-charged-with-investment-fraud/>
6. *September 3, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **FBI: ‘Hooded Bandit’ serial robber hits bank in Elk Grove Village.** The FBI stated that the man who robbed a First Merit Bank branch in Elk Grove Village September 3 was believed to be a suspect known as the “Hooded Bandit” responsible for six other bank robberies in the northwest suburbs of Chicago.  
Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/chi-fbi-hooded-bandit-serial-robber-hits-bank-in-elk-grove-village-20140903-story.html>

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## Transportation Systems Sector

7. *September 4, KXAN 36 Austin* – (Texas) **I-35 closed for 7 hours after Round Rock crash.** Interstate 35 in Round Rock reopened after a 7-hour closure September 3, following a crash that left 9 cars damaged and caused 5 people to be transported to area hospitals with injuries after a semi-truck with a blown tire lost control and swerved causing a load of metal plates to spill onto southbound lanes.

Source: <http://kxan.com/2014/09/03/interstate-35-closed-in-round-rock/>

8. *September 3, Lake County News* – (California) **Vehicle crash and fire causes wildland blaze near Upper Lake; Highway 20 temporarily closed.** Highway 20 in Upper Lake, California, remained closed while fire crews worked to contain the 90-acre Saratoga Fire that sparked September 3 when a vehicle caught fire following a crash.  
Source: [http://www.lakeconews.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=38236:vehicle-crash-and-fire-causes-wildland-blaze-near-upper-lake-highway-20-temporarily-closed](http://www.lakeconews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=38236:vehicle-crash-and-fire-causes-wildland-blaze-near-upper-lake-highway-20-temporarily-closed)
9. *September 3, Associated Press; Lihue Garden Island* – (Arizona) **Bus gets stuck in sinkhole in suburban Phoenix.** Eleven passengers and the driver of a city bus were forced to evacuate through the windows September 3 when the back right side of the bus fell into a sinkhole caused by a water main break in Tempe. Crews shut off the water flow while they worked to remove the bus and repair the break.  
Source: [http://thegardenisland.com/news/national/bus-gets-stuck-in-sinkhole-in-suburban-phoenix/article\\_3f63e309-6a71-581e-a871-cb2d1b9b5199.html](http://thegardenisland.com/news/national/bus-gets-stuck-in-sinkhole-in-suburban-phoenix/article_3f63e309-6a71-581e-a871-cb2d1b9b5199.html)
10. *September 3, Kalamazoo Gazette* – (Michigan) **Several injured after SUV strikes Metro Transit Bus in downtown Kalamazoo.** At least 5 people were injured when a vehicle struck a Metro Transit Bus in Kalamazoo September 3.  
Source: [http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2014/09/several\\_injured\\_after\\_suv\\_s\\_tri.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2014/09/several_injured_after_suv_s_tri.html)
11. *September 2, WESH 2 Orlando; NBC News* – (South Carolina) **Allegiant Airlines flight to Orlando makes emergency landing in South Carolina.** An Allegiant Air flight from Grand Rapids, Michigan, headed to Orlando, Florida, was forced to make an emergency landing in South Carolina August 31 after a pressurization issue caused oxygen masks to drop inside the cabin. The plane was able to land safely and the airline is investigating the incident.  
Source: <http://www.wptv.com/news/state/allegiant-airlines-flight-to-orlando-makes-emergency-landing-in-south-carolina>

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## **Food and Agriculture Sector**

12. *September 3, KCNC 4 Denver* – (Colorado) **Massive fire destroys fertilizer plant in sterling.** Ten workers safely shut off liquid fertilizer chemical tanks and evacuated the Kugler Company fertilizer plant in Sterling September 3 after a welding accident sparked a fire that consumed nearly 95 percent of the building. A reverse 9-1-1 call was transmitted to 200 households warning residents that a small amount of anhydrous ammonia leaked out of pipes during the blaze and could pose health risks to individuals with respiratory problems.

Source: <http://denver.cbslocal.com/2014/09/03/massive-fire-destroys-fertilizer-plant-in-sterling/>

13. *September 3, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Washington) **EPA settles with Washington Crab Producers, Inc., for “Community- Right-to-Know” violations at Westport, WA processing facility.** Washington Crab Producers, Inc. (WCP), entered into an agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency September 3 to settle allegations that anhydrous ammonia and nitrogen gas were stored in quantities above regulated thresholds at the company’s Westport seafood processing facility in 2012, and that the company missed deadlines for filing required emergency and hazardous chemical inventory forms. WCP will pay \$16,551 in penalties and will provide a high-tech thermal imaging camera to the Westport Fire Department as part of the settlement.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/596e17d7cac720848525781f0043629e/23b342f255581e5885257d48008155fb>

14. *September 2, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Nebraska) **Worker fatally injured after fall at Farmers Cooperative.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration announced September 2 that it cited Farmers Cooperative for 1 repeat and 2 serious safety violations at its McCool Junction fertilizer facility following the death of a worker who sustained fatal injuries when he fell while loading a tanker truck May 7. Proposed fines total \$84,000.

Source:

[https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=NEWS\\_RELEASES&p\\_id=26607](https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=26607)

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## **Water and Wastewater Systems Sector**

15. *September 4, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **2,000 barrels of water spill in North Dakota.** The North Dakota Department of Health reported September 3 that a leak in the Denbury Onshore-owned Paynter Source Well in Bismarck caused 2,000 barrels of water used for enhanced oil recovery to spill in Bowman County September 1.

Source: [http://www.wahpetondailynews.com/article\\_1f28165e-342f-11e4-b436-001a4bcf887a.html](http://www.wahpetondailynews.com/article_1f28165e-342f-11e4-b436-001a4bcf887a.html)

16. *September 4, KTIV 4 Sioux City* – (Iowa) **DNR officials are monitoring a creek in Storm Lake, IA after a sewage leak.** Contractors inadvertently hit and broke a sewer line at the wastewater treatment plant in Storm Lake September 3 and caused about 90,000 gallons of partially treated and raw sewage to leak. Crews contained the leak and built three temporary dams to prevent further leaking after 10,000 gallons of the sewage flowed into Outlet Creek.

Source: <http://www.ktiv.com/story/26448111/2014/09/04/dnr-officials-are-monitoring-a-creek-in-storm-lake-ia-after-a-sewage-leak>

17. *September 3, Grand Rapids Press* – (Michigan) **Sewage leak has health officials advising no contract with part of Cadillac’s Lake Mitchell.** Health officials in Cadillac issued a warning September 3 for residents to stay out of Lake Mitchell until further notice after 6,000 gallons of untreated sewage leaked into the wetlands along the east side of the lake. The pump was shut down and authorities are investigating to determine how much sewage flowed into the lake.  
Source: [http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2014/09/report\\_sewage\\_leak\\_has\\_health.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2014/09/report_sewage_leak_has_health.html)
18. *September 3, WJTV 12 Jackson* – (Mississippi) **Nearly 20,000 people in McComb under boil-water notice.** The Mississippi State Department of Health issued a 48-hour boil water order for 19,731 McComb residents September 3 following a computer malfunction September 2 that caused water tanks to dump water and caused a loss of pressure.  
Source: <http://www.wjtv.com/story/26438017/nearly-20000-people-in-mccomb-under-boil-water-notice>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

19. *September 3, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Northern California wildfire explodes in size; residents evacuate.** The Happy Camp Complex fire remained at 15 percent containment after burning over 71,700 acres in the Klamath National Forest September 2. Residents in Siskiyou County communities north of Highway 96 between Scott River Road and Seiad Creed Road were forced to evacuate.  
Source: <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-california-wildfire-evacuations-20140903-story.html>
20. *September 3, Columbus Dispatch* – (Ohio) **London High School evacuated after threat this morning.** Students and staff at London High School in Madison County were evacuated for at least 2 hours September 3 due to a phoned bomb threat. Police and emergency personnel responded and searched for any suspicious items.  
Source: [http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2014/09/03/London\\_High\\_School\\_evacuated\\_after\\_threat.html](http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2014/09/03/London_High_School_evacuated_after_threat.html)
21. *September 3, WIBW 13 Topeka; Associated Press* – (Kansas) **Shawnee Co. Courthouse reopening Thursday after closure.** The Shawnee County Courthouse in Topeka will reopen September 4 after workers were evacuated and the courthouse was closed September 3 due to a loss of power throughout the building and water damage

caused by flooding in recent storms.

Source: <http://www.wibw.com/home/headlines/Shawnee-County-Courthouse-Evacuating-Because-Of-Power-Transformer-273762291.html>

22. *September 3, Elon Local News* – (North Carolina) **Students evacuate Oaks apartment building after lightning strike.** Students from Elon University’s Brown Hall-Oaks E apartments in North Carolina were evacuated and temporarily displaced September 3 after a lightning strike caused damage to the building when it traveled through a dryer vent and blew a hole in the ceiling.

Source: <http://elonlocalnews.com/2014/09/students-evacuate-oaks-apartment-building-after-lightning-strikes/>

23. *September 3, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Hacker may have sent bomb threat at O.C. schools; no explosives found.** Fountain Valley High School and Valley Vista High in California were both evacuated and classes were cancelled September 3 after school administrators received an emailed threat of a potential attack. Police continue to investigate and found no explosive devices on campus, after determining that a student’s account was hacked prompting the threatening email.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-fountain-valley-high-bomb-threat-20140903-story.html>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

24. *September 4, WTVF 5 Nashville* – (Tennessee) **Riot breaks out at Nashville youth detention center.** About 21 teenagers were transported to other facilities while several others were taken back into custody after a riot and second escape attempt September 3 at the Woodland Hills Youth Development Center in Nashville. At least one guard was injured while officers worked to contain the juveniles.

Source: <http://www.local8now.com/home/headlines/Riot-breaks-out-at-Nashville-youth-detention-center-273901961.html>

25. *September 4, Tulsa World* – (Oklahoma) **Officials: Sand Springs man escaped from minimum-security prison Tuesday night.** Authorities are searching for an inmate who escaped from the Jim E. Hamilton Correctional Center in LeFlore County September 2. Correction officers discovered the inmate was missing after an inmate count.

Source: [http://www.tulsaworld.com/communities/sandsprings/news/officials-sand-springs-man-escaped-from-minimum-security-prison-tuesday/article\\_87d8f07e-b92e-5273-a4f3-a48d59f98014.html](http://www.tulsaworld.com/communities/sandsprings/news/officials-sand-springs-man-escaped-from-minimum-security-prison-tuesday/article_87d8f07e-b92e-5273-a4f3-a48d59f98014.html)

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## Information Technology Sector

26. *September 4, Softpedia* – (International) **Old Slider Revolution vulnerability massively exploited.** Researchers at Sucuri found that attackers began heavily exploiting an old vulnerability in unpatched versions of the Slider Revolution Premium plugin for WordPress during August, which could allow a Local File Inclusion (LFI) attack. The vulnerability was fixed in February and all users were advised to update to the latest version as soon as possible.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Old-Slider-Revolution-Vulnerability-Massively-Exploited-457607.shtml>
27. *September 4, Securityweek* – (International) **CERT warns of Android apps vulnerable to MitM attacks.** The Computer Emergency Response Team Coordination Center at Carnegie Mellon University (CERT/CC) published a list of popular Android apps that expose users to man-in-the-middle (MitM) attacks due to the apps not properly validating SSL certificates. CERT/CC released its findings in a spreadsheet detailing their results and is attempting to contact the authors of every app that failed the organization's tests.  
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/cert-warns-android-apps-vulnerable-mitm-attacks>
28. *September 4, Softpedia* – (International) **Home router DNS settings changed via Web-based attack.** Kaspersky Lab researchers identified a Web-based attack that uses Web pages with malicious scripts to attempt to change users' home router Domain Name System (DNS) settings in order to redirect users to phishing pages of financial institutions. The attack was mostly observed in Brazil but also targeted some users in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and other countries.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Home-Router-DNS-Settings-Changed-Via-Web-Based-Attack-457668.shtml>
29. *September 4, The Register* – (International) **VirusTotal mess means YOU TOO can track Comment Crew!** A researcher released findings on how he was able to use structured data and analysis to identify a subgroup of the Comment Crew group and an unnamed Iranian group using Google's VirusTotal service to test new versions of malware against security software and check for detection rates.  
Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/09/04/virustotal\\_blue\\_means\\_you\\_too\\_can\\_track\\_comment\\_crew/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/09/04/virustotal_blue_means_you_too_can_track_comment_crew/)
30. *September 3, Help Net Security* – (International) **Semalt botnet hijacked nearly 300k computers.** Incapsula researchers reported that the Semalt botnet is spreading quickly and is currently made up of around 290,000 infected machines. The botnet is linked to a Ukrainian search engine optimization (SEO) service and spams millions of Web sites in a referrer spam campaign designed to fraudulently boost a site's search engine ranking.  
Source: [http://www.net-security.org/malware\\_news.php?id=2857](http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2857)

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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>

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### Communications Sector

31. *September 4, Peninsula Daily News* – (Washington, Oregon, California) **Internet outage hits north Olympic Peninsula and beyond.** CenturyLink and Wave Broadband customers in Washington, Oregon, and California reported either Internet, phone, or television service outages that lasted several hours September 3 and affected many businesses. Officials reported that the Wave Broadband outage was caused by a boat that cut through a major fiber-optic cable while the cause of the CenturyLink outage remained under investigation.

Source:

<http://www.peninsuladailynews.com/article/20140904/NEWS/309049991/internet-outage-hits-north-olympic-peninsula-and-beyond>

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### Commercial Facilities Sector

32. *September 4, Associated Press* – (Nevada) **13 hurt, mostly kids, in chemical blast at museum.** Seven children and 2 adults were transported to an area hospital while 4 others were treated at the scene September 3 after a chemical explosion during a routine science exhibition at the Terry Lee Wells Discovery Museum in Reno. The museum was evacuated and a HAZMAT team responded to the scene to test the air quality.  
Source: <http://news.msn.com/us/13-hurt-mostly-kids-in-chemical-blast-at-museum>
33. *September 4, Boston Herald* – (Massachusetts) **Allston fire injures 7, leaves 54 homeless.** Seven individuals, including 5 firefighters, were injured and 54 residents were displaced in a 9-alarm fire that caused a roof collapse at the 12 Harvard Terrace apartment building in the Allston area of Boston September 3. The cause of the fire that officials believe caused millions of dollars in damage is under investigation.  
Source: [http://bostonherald.com/news\\_opinion/local\\_coverage/2014/09/allston\\_fire\\_injures\\_7\\_1\\_eaves\\_54\\_homeless](http://bostonherald.com/news_opinion/local_coverage/2014/09/allston_fire_injures_7_1_eaves_54_homeless)
34. *September 3, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (National) **United States settles with Costco to cut ozone-depleting and greenhouse gas refrigerant emissions nationwide.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Justice announced September 3 that Costco Wholesale Corporation agreed to pay

\$335,000 in penalties and will spend about \$2 million through 2017 to fix refrigerant leaks and make other improvements at 274 stores nationwide in an effort to reduce the company's emissions of ozone-depleting and greenhouse gases. The settlement resolves allegations that the company violated the Clean Air Act by failing to repair refrigeration equipment leaks of R-22 refrigerant between 2004 and 2007 and lacked adequate record keeping practices.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/596e17d7cac720848525781f0043629e/46b711f34b94328985257d480058e7ce>

35. *September 3, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **20 residents forced from apartments after chemical incident.** Twenty residents of the Burwood Gardens Apartments complex in Glen Burnie were evacuated for about 17 hours September 2 – September 3 after first responders found a note warning that chemicals were used inside a man's apartment unit to commit suicide. HAZMAT crews detected dangerous levels of hydrogen cyanide and hydrogen sulfide in parts of the building, and two residents were transported to an area hospital for treatment.

Source: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/anne-arundel/glen-burnie/bs-md-ar-glenburnie-hazmat-20140903,0,2035718.story>

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