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Energy Sector

1. *July 30, Associated Press* – (Wisconsin) **Wis. utility to spend \$430M to reduce emissions.** Alliant Energy said it would spend as much as \$430 million to reduce emissions at its coal-fired plant in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. The utility said July 27 it would install a system to reduce emissions of sulfur dioxide from the largest of its three coal-fired generators. The Sheboygan Press reported the project must first be approved by the State Public Service Commission. Alliant officials also plan to retire the oldest of the Edgewater Generating Station's three coal generators by 2015. They will also decide by 2013 whether to switch the other to natural gas or to shut it down.
Source: <http://dailyreporter.com/2012/07/30/wis-utility-to-spend-430m-to-reduce-emissions/comment-page-1/>
2. *July 30, Platts* – (Pennsylvania) **Conveyor failure halts output at Consol steam coal mines in Pennsylvania.** Steam coal production at Consol Energy's Bailey and Enlow Fork mines in southwestern Pennsylvania could be shut for the next 2 weeks because of a "structural failure" of an above-ground conveyor system at the Bailey preparation plant that occurred the weekend of July 28, the Pittsburgh-based company said July 30. Consol said the belt system conveys coal from the Bailey and Enlow Fork mines to the preparation plant. The company said in a statement that while it is still conducting an assessment, "initial indications are that coal from the Bailey and Enlow Fork mines could be fully impacted for the next 2 weeks. If, at that time, one of the two collapsed belts is returned to service, the mines could operate at an estimated 60 [percent] of capacity." Consol said it does not expect to curtail any domestic sales because all of the company's other Northern Appalachian mines are operating normally but warned that overseas shipments in the spot market could be affected.
Source: <http://www.platts.com/RSSFeedDetailedNews/RSSFeed/Coal/6509746>

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Chemical Industry Sector

3. *July 30, Corpus Christi Caller-Times* – (Texas) **Flint Hills Resources: Leaked chemicals didn't exceed allowed levels.** Flint Hills Resources reported to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality that none of the chemicals released during an incident July 24 at the West Refinery in Corpus Christi exceeded allowed levels. A leak detected at the plant's alkylation unit released 246 pounds of propane, 27.5 pounds of hydrofluoric acid, and 26.1 pounds of a mixture of different volatile organic compounds, according to emissions estimates Flint Hills submitted to the environmental agency. The Environmental Protection Agency requires companies to report hydrofluoric acid releases of 100 pounds or more. The leak occurred in a 90-degree bend of a flare pipeline on the alkylation unit, according to the company's report. Employees wrapped the problem area with a special chemical tape, which stopped the leak about 2 hours later. Air monitoring in the area detected "trace levels" of hydrofluoric acid that the company reported were not of the concentration to cause health problems. The unit was restarted July 28, a Flint Hills spokeswoman said.

Source: <http://www.caller.com/news/2012/jul/30/flint-hills-resources-leaked-chemicals-didnt/>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

4. *July 31, Hartford Courant* – (Connecticut) **Fire mostly out at Rex Forge in Southington.** Part of a building at Rex Forge in Southington, Connecticut, collapsed after a fire broke out there July 31. Thick black smoke rose from the fire, leading to the closure of exit ramps from nearby I-84. A fire department captain said it appeared that oil used in the metal forging process caught fire, and by the time firefighters got to the scene, a large part of the building was heavily involved. Approximately 50 people were in the building when the fire broke out, and one of them suffered from smoke inhalation. Oil used at the forge was washing into the nearby Quinnipiac River, and Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection was on the scene to coordinate cleanup. A State official said the fire was in a 6,000 gallon oil tank. Water used to fight the fire caused some of that oil to overflow into a brook that runs into the Quinnipiac River.

Source: <http://www.courant.com/community/southington/hc-southington-fire-0801-20120731,0,7466412.story>

5. *July 30, Reuters* – (National) **Hyundai recalls Santa Fe, Sonata on air bag issues.** Hyundai Motor Co announced July 30 the recall of 199,118 Santa Fe sport utility vehicles (SUV) and 22,513 Sonata sedans in the U.S. for separate air bag issues. Santa Fe SUVs that were made from April 2006 through July 7, 2008, were recalled because the front passenger air bag may not deploy in a crash, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said. The airbag sensors may have difficulty detecting small adults seated in the front passenger seat. Separately, Hyundai is recalling Sonata sedans from the model years 2012-2013, made from January to June, because the side air bag may inflate unexpectedly, to the surprise of the driver.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/07/30/us-hyundai-recall-idUSBRE86T0PC20120730>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Banking and Finance Sector

6. *July 30, Riverside Press-Enterprise* – (California) **Bank robber ‘Plain Jane Bandit’ strikes again.** The “Plain Jane Bandit,” suspected in the robbery of six banks in southern California, struck again in Downey, California, July 30. The unidentified woman robbed a Bank of America, according to the FBI. She is being sought for the robberies of two Moreno Valley banks and one robbery each in Wildomar, Santa Fe Springs, Whittier, and Buena Park.
Source: <http://www.pe.com/local-news/local-news-headlines/20120730-region-bank-robber-plain-jane-bandit-strikes-again.ece>

7. *July 30, U.S. Department of Justice* – (New York) **Two Queens attorneys convicted of mortgage fraud.** A federal jury in New York City returned a verdict July 30 convicting 2 attorneys on 10 felony counts for participating in a mortgage fraud scheme that resulted in over \$25 million in fraudulently-obtained loans from Countrywide Financial, Fremont Investment and Loan, IndyMac Bank, Sun Trust Mortgage, Inc., Wells Fargo & Company, and New Century Mortgage Corporation. From January 2006 to September 2008, the defendants, partners at a law firm, worked as attorneys at real estate closings for fraudulent home sales. The defendants worked with co-conspirator real estate agents and loan officers to falsify loan documents in order to induce banks to give mortgage loans for properties located in Queens, Brooklyn, and Long Island. Many of the properties were purchased by “straw buyers” who had been recruited by the co-conspirator real estate agents and loan officers to purchase the properties. In many instances the straw buyers subsequently failed to make mortgage payments to the lending institutions, and as a result millions of dollars of loans entered default. The defendants profited by paying themselves attorneys’ fees from the mortgage loan proceeds.
Source: <http://www.justice.gov/usao/nye/pr/2012/2012jul30.html>

8. *July 30, State Island Advance* – (New York) **No bail for suspect in spree of daily bank robberies, including Staten Island heist.** The alleged 1-a-day bank bandit, who authorities said started a 5-day robbery spree in New York City’s Staten Island the week of July 23, was held without bail July 30 after his arrest. The man was suspected in five robberies over the course of a week. He was suspected of robbing a Northfield Bank branch July 22 and then of robbing the same Chase branch in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, July 23 and July 24. He then allegedly robbed a Citibank branch in Ridgewood, Queens, July 25. And July 26 he was suspected in two incidents in Forest Hills, Queens. The first time, the teller turned him away, so he walked down the block and robbed a second bank instead.
Source: <http://www.silive.com/news/index.ssf/2012/07/once-a-day-bank-bandit-who-sta.html>

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Transportation Sector

9. *July 31, Colorado Springs Gazette* – (Colorado) **Highway 24 open in both directions after mudslides.** Rain saturated the Waldo Canyon burn scar in Colorado, July 30, meaning there was increased potential for flash flooding if thunderstorms hit the area July 31, according to the National Weather Service. U.S. 24 has reopened in both directions after it was closed for hours July 30 and 31 near Cascade and, for a while, near Cave of the Winds in Manitou Springs. Crews worked to clear mud that blanketed the highway after thunderstorms pelted the region. Colorado Springs Utilities was working to restore power to nearly 280 customers in Green Mountain Falls, a spokeswoman said. At one point, 1,800 Utilities customers were without electricity. Source: <http://www.gazette.com/articles/service-142447-storm-expected.html>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

10. *July 30, Hawaii News Now* – (Hawaii) **Chemical exposure sends USPS worker to hospital.** An employee of the United States Postal Service in Honolulu was taken to the hospital July 28 after he became ill while handling a parcel that contained a chemical substance. The Honolulu Fire Department was called to the post office after the employee reportedly fainted. The man was handling parcels when he discovered one that was wet and had a blue tinge, according to authorities. The man apparently went to wash his hands after coming into contact with the substance, but he reported feeling nauseous and out of breath a short time later and was transported to a local hospital. Tests came back showing the presence of a chemical from the amine family, commonly found in cleaning materials and perfumes. According to the Honolulu Fire Department, the post office was not evacuated during the incident but, the area where the specimen was found was cordoned off to prevent further incident. Source: <http://metrooahu.hawaiinewsnow.com/news/news/101525-chemical-exposure-sends-usps-worker-hospital>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

11. *July 31, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **150 sickened after eating at Holland area restaurant.** State health officials on the west side of Michigan said the number of people reporting illness after eating at a restaurant in Holland reached 150, the Associated Press reported July 31. The Health Department said Margarita's Mexican Restaurant voluntarily shut down after officials started investigating July 26. The department launched its probe after getting reports of 10 illnesses. Health officials hoped to get results from lab tests the week of July 30.

Source: <http://detroit.cbslocal.com/2012/07/31/150-sickened-after-eating-at-holland-area-restaurant/>

12. *July 31, Food Safety News* – (International) **Canada kicks off genome mapping of Listeria.** Canada kicked off a \$600,000 project to map the genome of Listeria bacteria so that more rapid tests can be developed, Food Safety News reported July 31. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), Genome Canada, and Alberta Innovates Bio Solutions are teaming up to help protect consumers from the food-borne illness. The 18-month research initiative is being funded with \$250,000 each from Genome Canada and CFIA, and \$100,000 from Alberta Innovates Bio Solutions. Currently, it takes at least 5 days to confirm the presence of Listeria. Genomic mapping could improve accuracy and cut the time it takes for both the government and industry to identify Listeria contamination.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/07/canada-kicks-off-genome-mapping-of-listeria/>

13. *July 30, Palm Beach Post* – (Florida) **Citrus quarantine violators sentenced.** Four Palm Beach County, Florida residents were sentenced in U.S. District Court on charges that they smuggled citrus trees out of Florida in violation of a quarantine to stop the spread of citrus canker and greening diseases, federal officials said July 30. The owner of Valrico Nurseries of Boynton Beach, his daughter, and the co-owners of Allied Growers of Fort Lauderdale, were sentenced July 27. The criminal conduct which violated the federal Plant Protection Act involved shipping more than 1,650 Calamondin plants, a type of ornamental citrus, according to the government. Calamondin has been under quarantine in Florida for many years as part of an effort to eradicate citrus canker. The U.S. District Court Judge who had earlier accepted guilty pleas from each of the defendants on the conspiracy charge, sentenced the owner of Valrico Nurseries to 1 year's probation including 6 months' home confinement with electronic monitoring and 100 hours of community service. He is also prohibited from being involved with the sale of plants without the court's permission. His daughter also received 1 year's probation, 50 hours of community service, and a similar employment restriction. The co-owners of Allied Growers were each ordered to serve 1 year's probation, but they were not placed under employment restrictions or ordered to perform community service because they cooperated in the case's investigation and resolution, the government said.

Source: <http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/business/citrus-quarantine-violators-sentenced/nP62Q/>

14. *July 30, Daily Astorian* – (Oregon) **Mussel harvest OK'd.** The Oregon Department of Agriculture and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife are reopening a portion of the central coast to recreational mussel harvesting, from Tillamook Head south to Heceta Head, about 13 miles north of Florence, the Daily Astorian reported July 30. Shellfish samples taken from the area indicate levels of paralytic shellfish toxins have dropped below the alert level. The area was closed to recreational mussel harvesting July 6. With the reopening, the entire Oregon Coast is now open to most recreational shellfish harvesting. A conservation closure remains in effect for razor clamming along

Clatsop beaches on the north Oregon Coast through August to protect young razor clams.

Source: http://www.dailyastorian.com/news/local/mussel-harvest-ok-d/article_1b9b5ddc-da6f-11e1-96b7-0019bb2963f4.html

15. *July 27, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (Colorado; Kansas) **Wimberger’s Old World Bakery & Delicatessen issues allergy alert on undeclared milk, soy and wheat in Kaiser Rolls, Seeded Rolls, Brat Buns, French Bread, Pretzel Rolls, Pretzels, Pizza Dough, Hoagie Rolls and Baguettes.** Wimberger’s Old World Bakery & Delicatessen conducted a voluntary recall of all Kaiser Rolls, Seeded Rolls, Brat Buns, French Bread, Pretzel Rolls, Pretzels, Pizza Dough, Hoagie Rolls, and French Baguettes because they contain undeclared milk, soy, and wheat, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported July 27. The baked products were distributed to grocery stores, delicatessens, and restaurants located in Colorado and Kansas. The recall was initiated after it was discovered that products containing undeclared amounts of milk, soy, and wheat were distributed in packaging that did not reveal the presence of the allergens. Subsequent investigation indicates the problem was caused by a labeling transcription omission from one of the sub-ingredient’s (margarine) used in the production of the recalled products.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm313568.htm>

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Water Sector

16. *July 31, Kennewick Tri-City Herald* – (Washington) **Cleanup proposed for central Hanford ground water pollution.** The Department of Energy (DOE) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are proposing a \$319 million plan to clean up much of the radioactive and hazardous chemical ground water contamination over 35 years in a portion of central Hanford, Washington, the Kennewick Tri-City Herald reported July 31. However, a lack of viable technology for certain contaminants will keep the ground water from being cleaned to drinking water standards for much longer than that. The goal of DOE, EPA, and the Washington State Department of Ecology is to clean ground water to potentially be used as a source of drinking water. Contaminated water would be pumped up at a rate of 430 gallons per minute. No matter how aggressively contaminants are pumped out of the ground and treated, all of the carbon tetrachloride cannot be removed by that method, said a senior technical adviser for DOE’s groundwater treatment program. About 5 percent of the carbon tetrachloride would remain and naturally disperse and diffuse to return ground water to drinking water standards over an estimated 125 years. The plume to the north associated with the Plutonium Finishing Plant, which also has carbon tetrachloride, also is expected to require 125 years to reach drinking water standards. No technology has been found by DOE to clean radioactive iodine 129 from ground water. Instead, it is proposed to be controlled with hydraulic containment.

Source: <http://www.tri-cityherald.com/2012/07/31/2041624/cleanup-proposed-for-central-hanford.html>

17. *July 31, St. Louis Post-Dispatch* – (Missouri) **Crews busy with overnight water main breaks in St. Louis.** Hot and dry conditions were blamed for 3 water main breaks overnight across St. Louis. Early July 31, repair crews were just beginning to shut off a valve at a break on Maury Avenue. Once the water supply was cut off, about 50 customers were expected to be without water for several hours as the crews fixed the problem, said the assistant to the water commissioner. Elsewhere in the city, water was shut off to three people and the Clifton post office branch after a main broke. That fix was expected to be completed July 31, officials said. Additionally, crews were nearly finished repairing a water main break at Clarence and Carter avenues July 31. About 40 homes were without water at the beginning of the repair, but the service was restored to all but 4. Officials said the summer heat and drought conditions caused the ground around the pipes to stretch and contract, cracking the pipes.
Source: http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/crews-busy-with-overnight-water-main-breaks-in-st-louis/article_170a5408-db0f-11e1-98ce-001a4bcf6878.html
18. *July 31, Bloomfield Independent Press* – (New Jersey) **Water main break leads to low pressure in Warren, Watchung, Scotch Plains, Fanwood.** New Jersey American Water customers in Union County and Warren Township and Watchung Borough were asked to conserve water following a water main break in Scotch Plains July 31. The break occurred on a 48-inch transmission main, according to an email sent the water company to the borough. The break flooded homes and businesses in the area and caused residents to be evacuated. It also drained water from the elevated tanks serving the area, which is “causing low pressure in sections of Fanwood, Scotch Plains, Warren and Watchung,” the email stated. Crews were attempting to isolate the break by closing valves and, once isolated, pressure should recover in the tanks and crews will begin work on repairs. Repairs estimated to take a minimum of 24 hours to complete and customers in the area of the break would continue to experience low pressure.
Source: http://www.nj.com/independentpress/index.ssf/2012/07/water_main_break_leads_to_low_pressure.html
19. *July 30, Lexington Herald Leader* – (Kentucky) **Boil-water advisory in Berea.** Berea, Kentucky residents were advised to boil water before drinking or cooking until further notice because of a “critical valve failure” at the water plant, the Lexington Herald-Leader reported July 30. The broken valve caused low water pressure before it was repaired, prompting the utility company to issue the boil advisory, according to a news release.
Source: <http://www.kentucky.com/2012/07/30/2277781/boil-water-advisory-in-berea.html>
20. *July 30, Bloomington-Normal Pantagraph* – (Illinois) **Drought blamed for water main breaks.** The ongoing drought could be to blame for an uptick in water main breaks in July that required Bloomington, Illinois, to send Normal water to Towanda and Hudson the week of July 23. The city saw about nine water main breaks in July which the water director said was high compared to the one break in July 2011, two breaks in July 2010, and four breaks in July 2009. “We think some of the breaks we

have this month is because of too dry soil,” he said. The drying soil shrinks, compacting and causing the pipes to break. He said the city cannot positively attribute any water main breaks to the drought but in several cases there appears to be no other reason. Normal also repaired 6 broken water mains in July. That is only slightly above the four or five the department typically has in an average July. Bloomington’s water supply comes from two lakes, which are more vulnerable during a drought than Normal’s underground supply. The lakes — Evergreen and Lake Bloomington — were a combined 6.2 feet below average July 30. Voluntary water use restrictions are not triggered until lake levels are 8 feet below normal, which is not expected until September.

Source: http://www.pantagraph.com/news/local/dought-blamed-for-water-main-breaks/article_a5f7b1f6-daab-11e1-b12e-0019bb2963f4.html

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

21. *July 31, Associated Press* – (Connecticut) **Stolen computer contains patient information.** The Associated Press reported July 31 that a laptop computer stolen from a health care vendor that provides services in Connecticut contained the personal information of close to 10,000 patients of Hartford Hospital and VNA HealthCare, a home health care group. Hospital officials said they learned of the theft June 26, after it was reported in San Mateo, California, by an employee of Greenplum, a vendor that was performing some data analysis related to hospital readmissions. A hospital spokeswoman said the data on the laptop includes names, Social Security numbers, Medicaid and Medicare numbers, diagnosis and treatment records, and other information. She said the data was not encrypted, but there is no indication that any of the information has been misused. The hospital set up a call center and the patients involved are being offered free credit monitoring.
Source: http://www.thehour.com/news/state_regional/stolen-computer-contains-patient-information/article_22465703-ec18-55d8-a9b2-878e00f753b1.html

22. *July 31, WSPA 7 Spartanburg* – (South Carolina) **GHS: Some patients potentially exposed to rare brain disease.** Greenville Hospital System (GHS) in Greenville, South Carolina, was investigating whether 11 patients were potentially exposed to Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease (CJD), a rare brain disease, during neurological surgeries, WSPA 7 Spartanburg reported July 31. The statement from the hospital said the patients may have been exposed to CJD due to the surgical instruments being used on a patient later diagnosed with the neurodegenerative disorder. The surgeries took place at Greenville Memorial Hospital in February. GHS officials said there has never been a case of CJD transmission through surgical instruments. The CJD patient’s diagnosis was not known at the time of the surgery according to GHS, which said all instruments were sterilized according to rigorous U.S. protocols. The Centers for Disease Control recommended that instruments that have come into contact with CJD undergo

additional sterilization.

Source: <http://www2.wspa.com/news/2012/jul/31/2/ghs-surgery-patients-potentially-exposed-rare-brai-ar-4243337/>

23. *July 30, WWJ 62 Southfield; Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Michigan hospitals linked to hepatitis-C investigation.** Michigan State health officials said July 30, a traveling medical technician accused of causing a hepatitis C outbreak in New Hampshire worked in at least six Michigan facilities from 2003 to 2007. Officials said patients who underwent procedures between 2005 and 2007 at the four remaining hospitals — Harper, Sinai Grace, University of Michigan Hospital, or Oakwood Annapolis — should probably be tested for possible exposure. The Michigan Department of Community Health said its “investigation has not uncovered evidence that the individual was infected with hepatitis C while employed at any Michigan facility,” and a negative test result at one Michigan hospital allowed them to exclude two hospitals from further examination.
Source: <http://detroit.cbslocal.com/2012/07/30/michigan-hospitals-linked-to-hepatitis-c-investigation/>
24. *July 30, Salt Lake Tribune* – (Utah) **Fire forces evacuation of senior rehab center.** At least 80 senior patients at Legacy Village, a memory care and rehabilitation facility, were displaced in Taylorsville, Utah, July 30 after a fire broke out and caused about \$200,000 in damage. All patients were cared for and transported by bus and housed at various care facilities around the Salt Lake Valley, said an administrator. A medical assistant saw small flames above the rain gutter and called 9-1-1. After the call, the flames flared up onto the roof with billowing smoke. The medical assistant went back inside to help evacuate patients, calling the process “organized” and calm. Firefighters responded and found smoke and flames pouring out of the roof, said a spokesman for Unified Fire Authority. He said it took firefighters about 30 minutes to beat back flames. Crews then cut through the roof with chain saws to track down hot spots.
Source: <http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/54592694-78/fire-facility-flames-patients.html.csp>

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Government Facilities Sector

25. *July 31, Associated Press* – (International) **Bomb scare closes US Embassy in Norway.** The U.S. Embassy and an area of central Oslo, Norway, were evacuated July 31 when a fake explosive device was mistakenly left beneath a vehicle trying to enter the compound, police said. The discovery of the device by security guards also led to the evacuation of the royal palace, the halting of subway traffic in the area, and the cancellation of an international children’s soccer game at nearby Voldslokka Stadium so police could use the field for helicopters. The bomb scare and police search closed the entire area for several hours. “The Oslo police bomb squad has removed the object and can confirm that it was a dummy bomb,” police said in a statement. “The car has

been used for an internal drill at the embassy, and the find can be connected to this.”
Source: <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=157637141>

26. *July 30, KOIN 6 Portland* – (Oregon) **Pesticide leak prompts hazmat callout at Ore. Water Science Center.** A chemical leak at a Portland, Oregon building led to a HAZMAT response July 30. Portland Fire & Rescue (PF&R) reported that the spill occurred at the U.S. Geological Water Science Center. According to PF&R, a person was combining 30 pesticide chemicals together in a “mixing vessel” when an unknown amount leaked onto the person’s hand and into the air. The area around the spill was evacuated as a precaution. It was determined that only one person was exposed to the chemicals. That person was decontaminated by a PF&R HAZMAT crew before being transported to a local hospital for evaluation.
Source: <http://www.koinlocal6.com/news/local/story/Pesticide-leak-prompts-hazmat-callout-at-Ore/3p7WKu7WgUavmhfL-SWNUw.csp>
27. *July 30, KRNv 4 Reno* – (Nevada) **Evacuation in Elko County due to suspicious symbol.** Employees of the Elko County, Nevada Courthouse, the Annex building, and County Administration building were evacuated July 30 due to suspicious graffiti. The graffiti is described as a stencil of a bomb with the word “freedom” stenciled inside of it. The graffiti was discovered on the back outside wall of the Elko County Library. It was also found on the front steps of the Elko County Police Station. Police responded with a bomb sniffing canine, and the courthouse and county offices were closed for the day. It took longer than expected to search all the buildings, and no devices were found.
Source: <http://www.mynews4.com/news/story/Evacuation-in-Elko-County-due-to-suspicious-symbol/5Pe6ib4Gp0K4freL6JA7Bw.csp>

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Emergency Services Sector

28. *July 30, Jackson Clarion-Ledger* – (Mississippi) **Soggy Hinds jail standoff.** The latest incident at the Hinds County Detention Center in Raymond, Mississippi, left one section of inmate housing decimated. A disturbance in Pod C, that officials said started the afternoon of July 30 occurred when an inmate escaped from his cell, led to a 12-hour standoff. The inmate, who was joined by other inmates, held guards at bay with a fire hose, officials said. “The entire pod was flooded and fixtures were torn down,” said the sheriff. The 183 inmates housed there are being divided up between other units in Hinds County, as well as the Rankin and Madison County jails.
Source: <http://www.clarionledger.com/article/20120731/NEWS/207310324/Soggy-Hinds-jail-standoff>
29. *July 30, Gazette-Virginian* – (Virginia) **Lightning strikes Halifax County 911 center.** Lightning struck the Halifax County, Virginia 9-1-1 Center during a storm July 27. According to the emergency services coordinator the storm hit the center and caused a surge in electricity damaging several computers and the phone system. The lightning strike at the center is the second in 3 weeks. The coordinator said damage

occurred to the radio control system operated by computers, but personnel were able to use backup radios until repairs were made. The computer aided dispatch system also was damaged and was under repair, he said. Contractors responded to help make the repairs, and most of the repairs have been made, but it will still be a lengthy repair process, he said.

Source: <http://www.yourgv.com/index.php/news/local-news/5918-lightning-strikes-halifax-county-911-center>

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Information Technology Sector

30. *July 31, Dark Reading* – (International) **Hiding SAP attacks in plain sight.** As some of the biggest processors of regulated data in any large organization, business-critical applications like enterprise resource planning (ERP) applications from SAP are well within the purview of compliance auditors and malicious attackers. Many organizations believe that if these systems are set behind firewalls, they are safely segmented enough to not require further hardening. However, as one researcher demonstrated at Black Hat the week of July 23, business-critical application servers never process data as an island, and in those connections there are opportunities for attack by hiding malicious packets within admissible ones. Called server-side request forgery (SSRF), the attack technique highlighted by the head of Russian firm ERPScan makes it possible to execute a multi-chained attack on SAP applications that can be executed from the Internet while bypassing firewalls, IDS systems, and internal SAP security configurations.

Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/database-security/167901020/security/news/240004610/>

31. *July 30, Agence France-Presse* – (International) **Hackers topple Huawei routers.** Hackers at the Def Con conference were shown how to easily gain access to computer networks through some routers made by Chinese electronics manufacturer Huawei Technologies. The chief of Recurity Labs and his teammate were troubled that Huawei did not issue any security advisories about its routers to warn users to take precautions. The chief referred to the routers studied by Recurity as having technology reminiscent of the 1990s and said once attackers gain access, they could potentially run amok in networks. Recurity did not examine “big boxes,” large routers Huawei makes for businesses and telecom networks.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5jVXDPSv7MVxlJGRfmLa6XnyQK3xQ>

32. *July 30, The Verge* – (International) **New zero-day exploits in industrial software channel the ghost of Microsoft Bob.** A security researcher at the Def Con conference revealed several new zero-day exploits in the supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) systems used to interface with industrial machinery. For these latest vulnerabilities, the researcher presented the 17-year-old software, Microsoft Bob. Bob

may be long gone, but the researcher showed the captive kiosk interface shares similarities with Human Machine Interfaces (HMIs) — the software “control panels” for SCADA systems — and demonstrated how they can be manipulated to allow unauthorized access.

Source: <http://www.theverge.com/2012/7/30/3200342/zero-day-scada-bugs-microsoft-bob-defcon>

33. *July 30, The H* – (International) **EFI rootkit for Macs demonstrated.** At the Black Hat conference, an Australian security expert demonstrated a rootkit which is able to insert itself into a Macbook Air’s EFI firmware and bypass the FileVault hard drive encryption system. Although the concept of an EFI rootkit is not new, this was the first time it was demonstrated live and the hacker used a previously unknown method based on a modified Thunderbolt to Ethernet adapter.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/EFI-rootkit-for-Macs-demonstrated-1655108.html>
34. *July 30, BBC News* – (International) **Ubisoft rush to fix security hole exposed by plug-in.** Games maker Ubisoft was forced to release an emergency patch to fix a security hole discovered in its Uplay application. A Web browser add-on reportedly left users open to outside attackers gaining control of their computer. The Uplay software is bundled with major titles like Assassin’s Creed. The flaw was discovered by a Google employee. It was discovered that any Web site could force users with the plug-in to open any program on their PC. To demonstrate this, one security researcher created a Web site proving the exploits’ existence. When a person visited the Web site, the calculator program would launch. While the calculator is harmless, experts warned the technique could be used to launch a potentially malicious program.
Source: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-19053453>
35. *July 30, Infosecurity* – (International) **New Morto worm variant emerges with file infection capability.** A new variant of the Morto worm added a file infection capability to the malware’s arsenal of weapons, warned a Microsoft researcher. The original Morto worm was able to compromise remote desktop protocol (RDP) connections by exploiting weak administrator passwords, but the new strain has added file infection capability to its repertoire, noted the researcher with the Microsoft Malware Protection Center. He explained that the new Morto variant “infects .EXE files found on fixed and removable drives as well as on default RDP and Administrative shares, but avoids infecting files that contain strings like ‘windows’, ‘winnt’, ‘qq’, ‘Outlook’, ‘System Volume Information’ or ‘RECYCLER’ in their path. Morto also leaves an infection marker, ‘PPIF’ in infected files.”
Source: <http://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/view/27277/>
36. *July 28, CNET* – (International) **Tools boast easy cracking of Microsoft crypto for businesses.** A cryptography specialist released tools at the Def Con conference July 28 for easily cracking passwords in wireless and virtual private networks that use a popular encryption protocol based on an algorithm from Microsoft called MS-CHAPv2. The tools crack WPA2 (Wi-Fi Protected Access) and VPN passwords used

by corporations and organizations running networks protected by the PPTP (Point-to-Point Tunneling Protocol), which uses MS-CHAPv2 for authentication. ChapCrack captures the MS-CHAPv2 handshakes, or SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) negotiation communications, and converts them to a token that can be submitted to CloudCracker. It takes less than a day for the service to return results in the form of another token that is plugged back into ChapCrack where the DES (Data Encryption Standard) keys are cracked. With that data, someone can see all of the information traveling across the Wi-Fi network, including sensitive corporate emails and passwords, and use passwords that were revealed to log in to corporate networks. The tools are designed for penetration testers and network auditors to use to check the security of their WPA2 protected networks and VPNs, but they could also be used by people who want to steal data and get unauthorized access to networks.

Source: http://news.cnet.com/8301-1009_3-57481855-83/tools-boast-easy-cracking-of-microsoft-crypto-for-businesses/

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Communications Sector

Nothing to report

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Commercial Facilities Sector

37. *July 31, KCOY 12 Santa Maria* – (California) **Evacuation from Arroyo Grande Wal-Mart, bomb sniffing dogs on site.** Arroyo Grande Police confirmed to Central Coast News that the Wal-Mart store in Arroyo Grande, California, received what they believed was a ‘credible’ bomb threat near closing July 30. Officials then evacuated the store and police did an initial search. Just after midnight July 31, bomb sniffing dogs from the California State Parks department arrived on scene to go through the building. Customers were asked to evacuate the store, as Wal-Mart employees told customers there was a power outage and they needed to leave the store immediately.

Source: <http://www.kcoy.com/story/19152722/customers-evacuated-from-arroyo-grande-wal-mart>

38. *July 31, Jersey Journal* – (New Jersey; Missouri; Kansas) **700 people evacuated from Mill Creek Mall Walmart in latest of 12 bomb threats plaguing its chain**

stores. Some 700 people were evacuated from the Walmart at the Mill Creek Mall in Secaucus, New Jersey, July 30 after a bomb threat was phoned in, authorities said. The building was cordoned off to the public as police used bomb-sniffing dogs to conduct an extensive search of the 100,000-square-foot facility. No explosive devices were found. The threat was one of 12 that has been recently phoned in to Walmarts across the nation. The Hudson County sheriff said someone called the manager's office in the Walmart that afternoon and said an explosive device was going to go off. The store notified Secaucus police who called the sheriff's office. Trailers in the vicinity of the store were also searched, police said. The Secaucus scare came after 11 bomb threats, 8 in Missouri and 3 in Kansas that were phoned in over the July 28 weekend. Police in Missouri said July 30 they had a telephone number they believed all the threats in the Midwest originated from and their investigation was very active.

Source: http://www.nj.com/jjournal-news/index.ssf/2012/07/700_people_evacuated_from_mill.html

39. *July 31, WCMH 4 Columbus* – (Ohio) **Fire devastates decades old Circleville roller rink, U.S. 22 closed.** The Circle 'D' Recreation roller rink and bowling alley in Circleville, Ohio, was destroyed in a fire July 30. Upon arrival, the structure had already partially collapsed, said firefighters. Fire officials said they were concerned about the fire spreading to a neighboring tire shop, but firefighters were able to contain the fire. Firefighters remained on scene as a backhoe was called in to knock down portions of the structure, so the fire in the basement could be extinguished. The structure was a complete loss.
Source: <http://www2.nbc4i.com/news/2012/jul/31/crews-battling-fire-circleville-ar-1121607/>
40. *July 30, Virginian-Pilot* – (Virginia) **Newport News Pavilion fire likely caused by lightning.** The cause of a fire that destroyed a structure known as the Pavilion in Newport News, Virginia, was still undetermined, but the fire marshal's office stated it believed it was a result of a lightning strike. Firefighters were called to the fires July 29 and found the pavilion, a banquet and meeting facility next to the golf course, fully engulfed in flames, a fire department news release said. The fire had burned for some time prior to being reported because the structure was in a remote area. The structure was deemed a total loss. It was valued at more than \$500,000.
Source: <http://hamptonroads.com/2012/07/newport-news-pavilion-fire-likely-caused-lightning>
41. *July 30, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **Gas leak near Under Armour headquarters repaired.** A gas leak in Baltimore forced the evacuation July 30 of occupants of several blocks of rowhouses as well as workers at the Under Armour headquarters. The broken pipe was repaired within a few hours. A crew of contractors told fire officials they inadvertently struck a gas line while working on road repairs, the fire spokesman said. Baltimore Gas and Electric Co. crews repaired the gas line later that afternoon. In all, hundreds were evacuated. All Under Armour employees were evacuated from the company's headquarters buildings, the company said. About 1,200 people work for Under Armour at the complex, Pelkey said. Other tenants include AOL, Mercy Medical

Center, and a child care center.

Source: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/breaking/bs-md-gas-leak-20120730,0,4748411.story>

42. *July 30, WSOC 9 Charlotte* – (North Carolina) **Deputies: Ashe Co. church destroyed in fire that was intentionally set.** The North Beaver Baptist Church in Ashe County, North Carolina, was destroyed after sheriff's deputies said someone broke in and set fire to it over the July 28 weekend. Shortly after firefighters responded, much of the roof collapsed at the church and the fellowship hall next door. Officials said that the damage was estimated at \$750,000.

Source: <http://www.wsoc.com/news/news/local/deputies-ashe-co-church-destroyed-fire-was-intenti/nP6hj/>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

43. *July 31, Modesto Bee* – (California) **Plumas wildfires burn 1,300 acres, close trail.** Two wildfires burning in the Plumas National Forest have together consumed more than 1,300 acres in steep rugged country in Plumas County, California, the Modesto Bee reported July 31. The 1,000-acre Peak fire started July 28 near Squaw Peak 7 miles northeast of Lake Davis. The blaze, which was 30 percent contained, forced the closure of a U.S. Forest Service tent and trailer campground, said a Plumas forest spokeswoman. Full containment of the fire was expected by August 3. In the Feather River Canyon 30 miles west of Quincy, the Chips fire grew to more than 300 acres and caused forest officials to close the Pacific Crest Trail between Belden and State Highway 36. It was burning between Chips and Indian creeks north of state Highway 70, said a public affairs officer for the Plumas forest. The Chips fire, which was human-caused, started July 29. Four residences at Maggies Maple Leaf Resort were threatened, the officer said. She estimated that the Chips fire would be contained by August 7.

Source: <http://www.modbee.com/2012/07/31/2305289/plumas-wildfires-burn-1300-acres.html>

44. *July 30, Associated Press* – (Missouri) **Hundreds of acres burn in Missouri forest.** Firefighters said it could be several days before they could fully contain a wildfire in the Mark Twain National Forest in south-central Missouri, the Associated Press reported July 30. The U.S. Forest Service said about 400 acres were burning as of July 30, about 9 miles southeast of the Ozark County town of Dora. Officials believed it was caused by lightning. The fire was burning on National Forest land but officials said parts of some private lands may be affected.

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2012/07/30/4675515/hundreds-of-acres-burn-in-missouri.html>

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Dams Sector

45. *July 30, Lawrence-Journal World* – (Kansas) **Statehouse Live: Navigation-related water releases from Perry, Tuttle Creek, Milford will stop next week, officials say.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said July 30 that it will stop water releases for downstream navigation purposes from Perry, Tuttle Creek, and Milford lakes beginning August 7 or 8 to help battle the drought. The governor of Kansas and a senator also said that the Corps pledged not to release water in October. The releases were being made to support navigation needs on the Missouri River.

Source: <http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2012/jul/30/statehouse-live-navigation-related-water-releases-/>

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