



## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report 3 August 2012

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## Energy Sector

1. *August 2, Associated Press* – (Oklahoma) **Tulsa, Okla., refinery fire contained, no one hurt.** Officials said crews contained a large fire at a Tulsa, Oklahoma oil refinery that caused a loud explosion August 2 and that could be seen from miles away. Refinery owner HollyFrontier Corp. said all workers were accounted for and no one was injured in the blaze. The company said the fire started in the diesel hydrotreater unit at its Tulsa East refinery. It said its emergency response team contained the fire and the community was not at risk. HollyFrontier is based in Dallas and operates four other refineries in Kansas, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming. It said on its Web site that the Tulsa refinery has a daily crude oil capacity of 125,000 barrels.  
Source: <http://www.myfoxdfw.com/story/19175902/large-fire-reported-at-oklahoma-oil-refinery>
2. *August 2, Occupational Health & Safety Reporter* – (Texas) **Driller cited over flame-resistant clothing despite judge's rejection of OSHA Policy.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) cited a well drilling company for failing to provide employees with flame-resistant clothing, the agency announced July 25, despite a ruling by an administrative judge that its enforcement memo on the issue was invalid. The citations were issued June 11 against Horizontal Well Drillers of Fort Worth, Texas, 5 days after an administrative law judge struck down an enforcement memo requiring companies to provide the protective gear. Although it decided not to appeal the ruling, OSHA said it disagreed with the decision and would not view it as having "any precedential effect in future cases." The citation for the alleged repeat violation, issued under personal protective equipment standard carries a proposed penalty of \$5,500. In addition to the alleged repeat citation related to flame-resistant clothing, the agency issued two other repeat citations against the company, including for allegedly failing to provide an auxiliary escape line and failing to ensure proper guardrails are installed. Proposed penalties against Horizontal Well Drillers totaled \$55,500.  
Source: <http://www.bna.com/driller-cited-flameresistant-n12884910956/>
3. *August 1, Associated Press* – (International) **Chevron, Transocean must stop drilling after spill in Brazil.** A federal court gave Chevron and driller Transocean 30 days to suspend all petroleum drilling and transportation operations in Brazil until investigations are completed on two oil spills off the coast of Rio de Janeiro. The court said in a statement posted August 1 on its Web site that each company will be fined \$244 million for each day they fail to comply with the suspension. About 155,000 gallons of oil crude began seeping from cracks in the ocean floor at the site of a Chevron appraisal well in November 2011. Chevron placed the amount of oil that leaked at 110,000 gallons. Two weeks later, the National Petroleum Agency said the seepage was under control. However, in March, oil again started leaking and Chevron voluntarily suspended production in the field. The head of Brazil's petroleum agency said the November spill involved about 25 safety infractions for which Chevron will be fined up about \$25 million, the maximum under Brazilian law. Chevron said it underestimated the pressure in an underwater reservoir, causing crude to rush up a bore hole and escape into the surrounding seabed about 230 miles off Rio de Janeiro. The oil

seeped from at least seven narrow fissures on the ocean floor, all within 160 feet of the wellhead. No oil reached shore.

Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/money/industries/energy/story/2012-08-01/chevron-brazil-oil-spill-transocean/56657294/1>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

4. *August 2, Jersey Journal* – (New Jersey) **Bayonne officials say turbine malfunction at Co-Generating Plant to blame for blast and fire.** A one-alarm fire erupted following an explosion August 1 inside the Co-Generation Plant at the International Matex Tank Terminal in Bayonne, New Jersey, officials said. When firefighters responded to the plant, they were confronted with heavy smoke, said the fire chief. The plant manager reported that an explosion was heard and the control room gauges indicated a turbine caught fire. The fire was confined to the turbine load gear compartment and was extinguished by a built-in carbon dioxide compression system. Firefighters cooled down the turbine and put out some flames that were fueled by residual lubricating oil. The fire was declared under control in about an hour. A preliminary investigation indicated the fire was caused by a malfunction in the turbine, officials said.  
Source: [http://www.nj.com/jjournal-news/index.ssf/2012/08/bayonne\\_officials\\_say\\_turbine.html](http://www.nj.com/jjournal-news/index.ssf/2012/08/bayonne_officials_say_turbine.html)
5. *August 1, KIRO 7 Seattle* – (Washington) **Hazmat response causes I-5 shutdown in Seattle.** Northbound Interstate 5 near Interstate 90 in Seattle was completely shut down August 1 after a semi-truck spilled a several gallons of a toxic chemical onto the freeway. The Seattle Fire Department said a placard on the truck indicated the leaking liquid was a sodium borohydride and sodium hydroxide solution. “It’s a toxic substance, and it can be deadly in large amounts,” a fire department spokesman said. “It’s something we didn’t want people driving over in their cars. We didn’t want vapors to get into their air conditioning systems, so as soon as we learned what the substance was, we shut down all lanes of northbound I-5.” Emergency crews said the substance is used to bleach pulp and wood products. Crews spread sand on the spill, closing lanes for several hours.  
Source: <http://www.kirotv.com/news/news/northbound-i-5-closed-south-seattle/nP8TZ/>
6. *August 1, WYTV 33 Youngstown* – (Ohio) **Crews clean up small chemical spill in Girard.** A chemical spill the night of July 31 at Old Dominion Freight Line in Girard, Ohio, activated HAZMAT and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) crews. The Girard Fire Department said it received a call for help after a forklift punctured a hole into a container of sodium hydroxide. The Ohio EPA called the chemical an industrial-strength cleaner that is potent and has a very strong smell. Several workers ended up going to the hospital to be examined. Officials said the chemical managed to get into the parking lot and some nearby dirt, but none got into the waterways. Crews cleaned

up the affected areas, and the EPA does not expect any long-term environmental impact.

Source: <http://www.wytv.com/content/news/local/story/Crews-Clean-Up-Small-Chemical-Spill-in-Girard/tN2yft1zX0G-uDM1YBTskA.csp>

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## **Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector**

7. *August 1, Barnegat-Manahawkin Patch* – (New Jersey) **Electrical fault that put Oyster Creek offline repaired.** The electrical fault that caused Oyster Creek Generating Station to go offline and 22,000 Ocean County, New Jersey residents to be powerless during the week of July 23 was identified and repaired, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) stated in a report August 1. The loss of power was the result of an electrical ground caused by a tree contacting one transmission line, the report said. There also was an unrelated electrical circuit breaker coordinator problem that affected another transmission line running between the power plant and its connection to the electrical grid. The transmission system operator repaired the problems. Following the electrical fault, Oyster Creek declared an “Unusual Event” for approximately 2 hours and went offline for 6 days.

Source: <http://barnegat-manahawkin.patch.com/articles/electrical-fault-that-put-oyster-creek-offline-repaired>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

8. *August 1, CNN* – (National; International) **Toyota recalling 760,000 RAV4’s due to crash risk.** Toyota announced the recall August 1 of some 778,000 vehicles in the United States due to a suspension problem that could cause crashes. The recall comprises roughly 760,000 Toyota RAV4’s from model years 2006 to 2011, as well as about 18,000 Lexus HS 250h’s from 2010. Toyota said if the nuts on the rear suspension arms of these vehicles are not tightened properly during a wheel alignment service, the arms may come loose or separate. A Toyota spokesman said that so far in the United States, there have been “nine crashes and three minor injuries alleged to be related to this condition.” About 100,000 vehicles in Canada were also part of the recall.

Source: [http://money.cnn.com/2012/08/01/autos/toyota-rav4-recall/index.htm?hpt=hp\\_t3](http://money.cnn.com/2012/08/01/autos/toyota-rav4-recall/index.htm?hpt=hp_t3)

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## Defense Industrial Base Sector

9. *August 1, Associated Press* – (Tennessee) **Nuke ops halted after protesters enter TN complex.** Nuclear operations were temporarily halted August 1 at a Tennessee complex that stores and processes uranium after three protesters were able to intrude into a high-security area the weekend of July 28. The Y-12 National Security Complex said all nuclear material is safe. The temporary stand-down was expected to end by the week of August 6. Special nuclear material will be moved to vaults on site, and contractor security personnel will undergo training and refresher instruction.  
Source: <http://www.seattlepi.com/news/article/Nuke-ops-halted-after-protesters-enter-TN-complex-3755281.php>
  
10. *August 1, Defense News* – (Louisiana) **New problems found on Avondale ships.** A new issue involving improperly installed bolts emerged in the latest ships built by the Avondale shipyard near New Orleans, delaying the delivery of one ship and affecting another, Defense News reported August 1. Similar problems were discovered in 2010 among most of the ships of the LPD 17 San Antonio-class, 26,000-ton amphibious ships of an advanced design under construction by Huntington Ingalls Industries for the U.S. Navy. The LPD 17s have a long history of problems, beginning with multiple issues on the San Antonio, delivered to the Navy in 2005. The shipbuilder and the Navy have been struggling ever since to fix problems on each ship in the class and improvements have been seen on all subsequent ships. The latest problems were discovered in mid-July on the Somerset, a ship launched in April and christened July 28. When an inspector noticed the bolts that hold the main engine frames to foundations on the ship's hull appeared to be improperly installed, further inspections were ordered on the Anchorage, a ship that was on the verge of being delivered to the Navy. More bad bolts were discovered on the Anchorage, causing the Navy to delay accepting the ship from the shipbuilder and the movement of the crew on board.  
Source: <http://www.defensenews.com/article/20120801/DEFREG02/308010007>

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## Banking and Finance Sector

11. *August 1, Reuters* – (International) **Error by Knight Capital rips through stock market.** A technology breakdown at a major trading firm roiled the prices of 140 stocks listed on the New York Stock Exchange August 1. The problems at Knight Capital Group Inc, one of the largest firms that buys and sells stocks to provide liquidity to the markets, emerged at the beginning of trading. Heavy computer-based trading caused a rush of orders for dozens of stocks, whose shares soared far beyond their previous day closing prices. The trading glitches were the latest in a series of market snafus that have hurt retail investors' confidence, including the botched Facebook initial public offering, the 2010 "flash crash" in which nearly \$1 trillion in market value disappeared in minutes, and the failed public offering of BATS Global Markets. The exact nature of the technology issues was unclear.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/08/01/us-usa-nyse-tradinghalts-idUSBRE8701BN20120801>

12. *August 1, Cerritos-Artesia Patch* – (California) **Elusive ‘Plain Jane Bandit’ strikes Chase Bank in Cerritos.** A serial bank robber dubbed the “Plain Jane Bandit” held up a Chase bank in Cerritos, California, July 31, bringing the number of robberies she is associated with to eight. The incident was similar to previous bank robberies in which the “Plain Jane Bandit” either slipped a teller a note or verbally commanded the employee to give her money, claiming she had an accomplice waiting for her. After the suspect demand money in the July 31 holdup, the teller handed her an undisclosed amount of cash, and the woman then fled.

Source: <http://cerritos.patch.com/articles/plain-jane-robs-cerritos-chase-july-31-cerritos-chase-bank-latest-target-for-elusive-plain-janet-bandit>

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## Transportation Sector

13. *August 1, Associated Press* – (Texas) **San Antonio airport terminals reopen after threat.** Passengers were allowed back inside San Antonio International Airport terminals after being herded onto the tarmac when a bomb threat was called into the airport alleging three packages were left inside a parking garage. An airport spokesman said flights were allowed to land again at the airport August 1 after no device was found. A San Antonio Fire Department spokeswoman said about 2,000 passengers were cleared from 2 terminals, and roads leading to and from the airport remained closed while bomb-sniffing dogs continued to search the parking garage.

Source: [http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/national\\_world&id=8758092](http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/national_world&id=8758092)

14. *August 1, Washington Post* – (Virginia) **Two planes taking off from National put on collision course with plane trying to land.** Three commuter jets came within seconds of a midair collision July 31 at Reagan National Airport after confused air traffic controllers launched two outbound flights directly at another plane coming in to land, according to federal officials, the Washington Post reported August 1. The three planes, all operated by US Airways, carried 192 passengers and crew members, the airline said. A number of inbound planes were queued up to turn above Mount Vernon, fly north over the Potomac River, and land on National’s main runway. However, an approaching storm caused a significant wind shift, and the air traffic control center in Warrenton wanted to reverse the flow of planes into the airport, turning them north of Rosslyn and routing them south along the river to land from the opposite direction. The Warrenton controllers communicated the plan to the controller tower at Reagan National. However, an incoming flight cleared to land was flying head-on at two planes that just took off. The inbound plane and the first of the outbound planes were closing the 1.4 miles between them at a combined speed of 436 mph, a rate that meant they were about 12 seconds from impact when the tower controller recognized her mistake. The Federal Aviation Administration’s public affairs office issued a statement August 1 saying it was investigating the matter and would take appropriate action to address the miscommunication.

Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/trafficandcommuting/two-planes-taking-off-from-national-put-on-collision-course-with-plane-trying-to-land/2012/08/01/gJQAxxPSQX\\_story.html?wpisrc=al\\_excl](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/trafficandcommuting/two-planes-taking-off-from-national-put-on-collision-course-with-plane-trying-to-land/2012/08/01/gJQAxxPSQX_story.html?wpisrc=al_excl)

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

15. *August 1, Des Moines Register* – (Iowa) **Mailbox destroyed by bottle bomb.** No one was injured after someone reportedly blew up a mailbox with an unknown substance July 30 in Urbandale, Iowa. An Urbandale police officer said residents reported hearing a noise but did not see the damage until the next day. Pieces of the mailbox were scattered across the street and in a neighbor’s yard. A soda bottle with an unknown chemical inside was determined to be the cause of the explosion. An Urbandale Fire Chief speculated it might have been a dry-ice bomb, but said a mixture of chemicals would create the same effect.

Source:

<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20120802/COMM/308020028/1002/NEWS01/Mailbox-destroyed-by-bottle-bomb>

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

16. *August 1, Food Safety News* – (Alaska) **Smoked salmon recalled for botulism potential.** An Alaskan company recalled its smoked salmon products because they were labeled with improper instructions that could, if followed, lead to the product’s contamination with Clostridium botulinum bacteria, Food Safety News reported August 1. Interior Alaska Fish Processors Inc., based in Fairbanks, issued a voluntary recall of its “Santa’s Smokehouse” brand hot-smoked vacuum packed salmon products July 31 because they bore a label indicating they can be kept under refrigeration, when in fact they cannot, according to KTUU 2 Anchorage. This misleading label implied that consumers may keep the fish in conditions that could, in actuality, allow for the growth of Clostridium botulinum. Packaging on this smoked salmon — which has been produced since December of 2011 — instructed consumers to “Keep refrigerated below 38 degrees F,” while the label is supposed to read that the product should remain frozen until right before consumption. Products subject to this recall were distributed in the Fairbanks area both as custom orders and commercial items.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/08/smoked-salmon-recalled-for-botulism-potential/>

17. *August 1, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **San Miguel Produce, Inc. recalls Comfort Greens Kit because of Gills Onions expanded recall.** San Miguel Produce, Inc. of Oxnard, California, recalled 48 cases of Cut ‘N Clean, Comfort (Cooking) Greens Kits, because products contain onions from Gills Onions, which has

the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported August 1. This recall comes as a result of an expanded recall issued by Gills Onions. The product was distributed July 13-17 to retail stores in the following States: Arizona, California, Iowa, and Nevada.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm314113.htm>

18. *August 1, U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Service – (National) Wisconsin firm recalls meat and poultry salad products due to potential Listeria monocytogenes contamination.* Garden Fresh Foods, a Milwaukee establishment, recalled approximately 13,600 pounds of meat and poultry salad products. The salads contain diced onions that are the subject of a Food and Drug Administration recall by Gill Onions, due to possible contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes*, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety and Inspection Service announced August 1. All the products were produced between July 10-16. The products were distributed to retailers and institutions nationwide.

Source:

[http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News\\_&\\_Events/Recall\\_051\\_2012\\_Release/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_051_2012_Release/index.asp)

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## **Water Sector**

19. *August 2, Wichita Falls Times Record News – (Texas) Water workers crew toil through night to repair pipe.* A water main on the north side of Wichita Falls, Texas, broke July 31, leaving some residents without water for almost 24 hours. The public works director said the concrete and steel, a 90 degree bend that blew, required an emergency response crew from Fort Worth to bring materials to repair the break. A release from the city’s public information indicated the line was repaired and being charged and flushed to clear out any particulates that may have entered the line during repair. Water customers of the Friberg-Cooper Corp. were under a boil order for several days after service was restored. The corporation’s office manager said about 1,000 customers were affected. She said the corporation’s tanks were quickly exhausted when the pipe broke, and water through the lines will have to be tested when it flows again. Dry ground conditions caused the break in the main that affected roughly 300 households in the city limits. The estimate for repair costs was not complete.  
Source: <http://www.timesrecordnews.com/news/2012/aug/02/water-workers/>
20. *August 2, WJW 8 Cleveland – (Ohio) Water main breaks affecting service in 2 cities.* Water main breaks in two different Ohio cities left some residents and businesses without service, WJW 8 Cleveland reported August 2. In Strongsville, Drake Road was closed due to a 12-inch break, flooding parts of the area. More than 20 homes lost water service, a spokesperson for the Cleveland Water Department said. Repairs took several hours. Further east in Maple Heights, officials were concerned the street could buckle due to the water in the roadway. The water department said that at least two nearby businesses were without water. Buses were being rerouted while crews worked on the 6-inch break.

Source: <http://fox8.com/2012/08/02/traffic-water-main-breaks-in-strongsville-maple-hts/>

21. *August 1, CNN* – (Oregon) **Researchers find caffeine in waters off Oregon.** A study from researchers at Portland State University and Washington State University, Vancouver, found elevated levels of caffeine in the Pacific waters off the Oregon coast, but it does not appear the region's many cafes and coffeehouses are to blame. Researchers examined caffeine pollution off the coast as part of a broader study of contaminants in the water. The findings, published in the July 2012 Marine Pollution Bulletin, showed high caffeine levels near Carl Washburne State Park and Cape Lookout, two areas not near the potential pollution sources, and low levels of caffeine near large population centers such as Astoria, Warrenton, and Coos Bay. After taking samples from 21 spots along the coast, researchers expected to find the most caffeine pollution in areas near wastewater treatment plants, large population centers, or rivers and streams emptying into the ocean, said the assistant professor of Environmental Science and Management at Portland State. They also found high levels of caffeine after a late-season storm that triggered sewer overflows. The findings indicate wastewater treatment plants are effective at removing caffeine from the water, but high rainfall and combined sewer overflows flush the caffeine out to sea. The findings also suggest septic tanks, which are used at state parks, might not be effective enough at containing pollutants like caffeine.

Source: [http://www.cnn.com/2012/08/01/us/oregon-ocean-caffeine/index.html?hpt=hp\\_t3](http://www.cnn.com/2012/08/01/us/oregon-ocean-caffeine/index.html?hpt=hp_t3)

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

22. *August 1, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Minor explosion at VA Medical Center in Brockton injures one.** A minor explosion August 1 inside a VA Medical Center building in Brockton, Massachusetts, sent one person to the hospital, according to a spokeswoman for the center. It was not immediately clear what caused the explosion. About 100 people were evacuated from the building. The VA Medical Center is an outpatient-only facility. The person injured in the blast was in good condition, said a spokeswoman. Brockton fire officials were investigating. Employees and patients were allowed back inside the building by the end of the day.  
Source:  
[http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2012/08/01/minor\\_explosion\\_at\\_va\\_medical\\_center\\_in\\_brockton\\_injures\\_one/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2012/08/01/minor_explosion_at_va_medical_center_in_brockton_injures_one/)
23. *August 1, Becker's Hospital Review* – (New York) **8,400 patient records are vulnerable following theft at NYU Langone Medical Center.** A desktop computer storing personal health information for approximately 8,400 patients was stolen from NYU Langone Medical Center in New York City, according to a July 31 report by SC Magazine. The computer was stolen from the faculty group practice office of the

chairman of the department of neurosurgery. According to the report, the patient information includes names, addresses, dates of birth, telephone numbers, insurance, and clinical information. About 5,000 of the lost records contained Social Security numbers. According to the report, the computer was password protected but unencrypted. The computer has not been recovered.

Source: <http://www.beckershospitalreview.com/healthcare-information-technology/8400-patient-records-are-vulnerable-following-theft-at-nyu-langone-medical-center.html>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

24. *August 2, Tulsa World* – (Oklahoma) **Alleged threat on U.S. Rep. lands man in jail.** A man remains in custody after police said he entered the Skiatook, Oklahoma police station and threatened to kill a U.S. Representative from Oklahoma, *Tulsa World* reported August 2. The suspect entered the police station July 22, the Tulsa County Sheriff’s Office said. The suspect complained the congressman was “doing some far-fetched thing and said he was going to harm the congressman,” an FBI special agent said. A police officer arrested the suspect with the belief he posed an immediate danger, and he was taken to the Tulsa jail, authorities said. In an affidavit, an officer wrote he believes the suspect is “mentally unstable and is in possession of a firearm or firearms and would be capable of carrying out the threat of death or serious bodily harm to [the congressman] or someone believed to be [the congressman] if he had the means.” Upon serving a search warrant at the suspect’s home, police found weapons that include a shotgun, several rifles, fighting knives, and an AK 47-type bayonet, as well as more than 1,000 rounds of ammunition, a body armor vest, and a Ku Klux Klan pamphlet, court documents show. The suspect posted bond and was released from State custody but was later arrested on federal complaints by the FBI, the special agent said. Source:  
[http://www.tulsaworld.com/specialprojects/news/crimewatch/article.aspx?subjectid=450&articleid=20120802\\_11\\_A1\\_CUTLIN588297](http://www.tulsaworld.com/specialprojects/news/crimewatch/article.aspx?subjectid=450&articleid=20120802_11_A1_CUTLIN588297)
25. *August 2, Washington Business Journal* – (National) **EPA security breach exposes personal information of 8,000 people.** A computer security breach at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) exposed the Social Security numbers and banking information of nearly 8,000 people, most of them current employees, the EPA confirmed August 1. The EPA told the *Washington Business Journal* in a statement that it notified 5,100 current employees and some 2,700 “other individuals” about a March security incident that exposed personal information on an EPA database. Those impacted were informed about the breach July 31, 4 months after it occurred. The EPA is offering free credit-monitoring services for 1 year to people affected by the breach. “EPA conducted a risk analysis, [which] indicates it is unlikely the personal financial information has been used,” according to the EPA statement. “Vigilantly keeping data secure from increasingly sophisticated cyber threats is a top priority at EPA. The agency already added new safeguards in response to the incident.” The agency’s Office of the Inspector General confirmed an investigation is underway.

Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/washington/news/2012/08/02/epa-security-breach-exposes-personal.html>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

26. *August 1, KCRG 9 Cedar Rapids* – (Iowa) **Black Hawk County Jail changes security measures following jailbreak.** A jailbreak at the Black Hawk County Jail in Waterloo, Iowa, in July resulted in both changed security policies and staff discipline. The Black Hawk County sheriff issued a report August 1 detailing what happened in the escape from the jail July 12. The inmate made it out of the jail by using an emergency escape tower door left open during a jail construction project. The sheriff's report said a housing unit worker at the jail was aware construction workers had an internal fire door propped open but allowed prisoners out of their cells into a dayroom anyway. The sheriff said one change is to ensure prisoners are not allowed out of individual cells when any substantial security or maintenance work is going on in the common jail areas. The sheriff said the inmate who escaped apparently convinced a master control technician, via intercom, that he was connected with building maintenance. That technician then released the lock on the ground floor exit door from the fire tower letting the prisoner outside. The sheriff said those jail staffers found at fault for violating procedures were given discipline ranging from unpaid suspensions to termination.

Source: <http://www.kcrg.com/news/local/164595186.html>

27. *August 1, KFMB 8 San Diego* – (California) **4S Ranch man accused of shining laser at sheriff's helicopter.** A man faces possible felony charges for allegedly endangering a law enforcement helicopter crew by shining a laser at the aircraft as it flew above his home late July 31, a sheriff's official reported August 1. The two deputies were patrolling over the neighborhood near Rancho Bernardo in San Diego when the intense light began flashing on and around the chopper late July 31, a lieutenant said. The deputies notified the Poway Sheriff's Station, which sent patrol cars to the location from which the laser emanated. The sheriff's flight crew directed the ground units to the home of the man who matched the description the airborne deputies saw shining the light into the air. The District Attorney's Office will likely file criminal charges in the case, the lieutenant said.

Source: <http://www.cbs8.com/story/19173321/4s-ranch-man-accused-of-shining-laser-at-sheriffs-helicopter>

28. *August 1, WSLN 10 Roanoke* – (Virginia) **Rockbridge County working to fix 911 communication complications.** In Rockbridge County, Virginia, first responders have recently battled wildfires, the derecho storm, and snow storms, all while fighting communication issues. WSLN 10 Roanoke reported August 1 that according to the Rockbridge Regional 9-1-1 Center director, a federal mandate they have to comply with by the end of 2012 means a five percent reduction in where first responders can

communicate from, and \$26,000 worth of new equipment. When emergency crews respond, sometimes they cannot communicate because of dead spots. The director said about 30 percent of the coverage area is affected, or when multiple emergencies happen at once like the recent derecho. Currently, if emergency responders get to a spot where they cannot talk back to dispatch, they have to use their cell phones. However, much of the coverage area does not have cell phone coverage either, so responders have to deploy a mobile repeater which can take 10-20 minutes or more to get to the site. Source: <http://www2.wsls.com/news/2012/aug/01/rockbridge-county-working-fix-911-communication-co-ar-2101851/>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

29. *August 1, ZDNet* – (International) **Privilege escalation security hole found in Nvidia Linux driver.** An anonymous hacker found a security hole in the NVIDIA binary. He or she allegedly reported it to NVIDIA “over a month ago” and did not receive a reply, nor was the flaw ever patched. The exploit has now been made public. A software engineer was sent details of the vulnerability. After testing it and discovering that it works, he publicly posted the exploit. The flaw allows an attacker to write to any part of memory on the system by shifting the VGA window after attaining superuser privileges. Source: <http://www.zdnet.com/privilege-escalation-security-hole-found-in-nvidia-linux-driver-7000001986/>
30. *August 2, Help Net Security* – (National) **Vulnerability disclosure framework for industrial control systems.** The Industrial Control Systems Joint Working Group published “The Industrial Control Systems Common Vulnerability Disclosure Framework,” which is a significant step towards standardization of vulnerability disclosure policies for industrial control systems vendors and system integrators. The newly published framework is to be used as a consensus-based foundation for all involved parties in developing standardized vulnerability disclosure policies. As the framework is aimed towards a diverse set of systems, its content is not mandatory but should be used as a valuable starting point toward responsible disclosure. Source: <http://www.net-security.org/article.php?id=1748&utm>
31. *August 2, The H* – (International) **LibreOffice vulnerable to multiple buffer overflows.** Three weeks after releasing LibreOffice 3.5.5, The Document Foundation confirmed security holes in earlier versions of the open source LibreOffice productivity suite can be exploited by attackers to compromise a victim’s system. According to the project’s security advisory, these include multiple heap-based buffer overflow vulnerabilities in the XML manifest encryption tag parsing code. Successful exploitation of the vulnerabilities could lead to the execution of arbitrary code on a system with the privileges of a local user. For an attack to be successful, a victim must first open a specially crafted Open Document Format (ODF) file. Versions up to and including LibreOffice 3.5.4 are affected; upgrading to version 3.5.5 or later fixes these problems.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/LibreOffice-vulnerable-to-multiple-buffer-overflows-1658328.html>

32. *August 2, Nextgov* – (National) **Cybersecurity bill fails to advance in Senate.** August 2, after months of wrangling, the U.S. Senate rejected calls by the Presidential Administration and failed to advance sweeping legislation aimed at protecting American computer networks from cyberattacks. The cloture vote to end debate on the bill was 52-46, with 60 votes needed to advance the measure. The White House and top national security and defense leaders pressed the Senate to pass the Cybersecurity Act of 2012, but negotiations between Democratic supporters and Republican critics failed to yield an agreement. Republicans in the Senate echoed industry concerns that the bill could lead to government regulation, but debate over the legislation devolved into assigning blame.

Source: <http://www.nextgov.com/cybersecurity/2012/08/cybersecurity-bill-fails-advance-senate/57185/>

33. *August 1, Government Computer News* – (International) **BIOS’ ‘privileged position’ in servers makes it a target for sophisticated attacks.** The Basic Input/Output System (BIOS) facilitates the hardware initialization process of a computer and hands off control to the operating system, giving it a trusted status that also could present opportunities for attackers. “Unauthorized modification of BIOS firmware by malicious software constitutes a significant threat because of the BIOS’s unique and privileged position within modern computer system architectures,” say the authors of new BIOS security guidelines for government from the National Institute of Standards and Technology. “Malicious BIOS modification could be part of a sophisticated, targeted attack on an organization — either a permanent denial of service or a persistent malware presence.”

Source: <http://gcn.com/articles/2012/08/01/nist-bios-security-target-for-sophisticated-attacks.aspx>

34. *August 1, ZDNet* – (International) **Skype spamming tool costs \$10.** Skype Flooder by Revi was updated to version 2.0. The do-it-yourself tool is used by cyber criminals who want to trick as many Microsoft Skype users as possible into interacting with their malicious scam and spam campaigns. Anyone can buy Skype Flooder; it is only \$10. Furthermore, if a person buys it now, they will automatically receive 5,000 already-harvested Skype user names. The spamming tool can be used to harvest Skype user names by country or by gender. It can also check whether the user is online or not. The latest version also supports parsing of log files.

Source: <http://www.zdnet.com/skype-spamming-tool-costs-10-7000001975/>

35. *August 1, The H* – (International) **Avira now affected by Oracle’s file converter hole.** Avira AntiVir for Exchange, and the Avira Small Business Security Suite, and Avira Business Security Suite that contain it, are all vulnerable to the Oracle file conversion holes that were revealed 2 weeks ago in Oracle’s monthly patch day. The holes in Oracle’s Outside In library have made a range of third party applications vulnerable to attackers with crafted files in particular formats. A product update for the Exchange package is now available; for the suites, this updated package just needs to

be reinstalled.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Avira-now-affected-by-Oracle-s-file-converter-hole-1657943.html>

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## Communications Sector

Nothing to report

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

36. *August 2, WEWS 5 Cleveland* – (Ohio) **Walmart on Brookpark Road in Brooklyn evacuated after threat.** Customers evacuated from a Walmart store in Brooklyn, Ohio, August 1 after a bomb threat, police said. Police searched the store and gave the all clear. The store opened back up to the public later that afternoon. This incident comes after bomb threats resulted in evacuations at 11 Walmart stores across the Midwest, ABC News reported July 30. Eight stores in Missouri received threats, while three more in Kansas were also called. Each time the caller said there were explosives on the property, subsequent police searches uncovered nothing. Police did not say if there is a connection between August 1's incident and other Walmart evacuations.

Source: [http://www.newsnet5.com/dpp/news/local\\_news/oh\\_cuyahoga/police-say-brooklyn-walmart-store-evacuated](http://www.newsnet5.com/dpp/news/local_news/oh_cuyahoga/police-say-brooklyn-walmart-store-evacuated)

37. *August 2, KRDO 13 Colorado Springs* – (Colorado) **Rainbow Falls Recreation Area closes due to storm damage.** El Paso County Parks closed the Rainbow Falls Recreation Area outside Colorado Springs, Colorado, due to trail damage from recent storms, KRDO 13 Colorado Springs reported August 2. "This temporary closure is due to the safety concerns of the current conditions and potential for flash flooding," said the park commissioner. Due to significant storm water run-off and related erosion issues, the Rainbow Falls Recreation Area experienced significant damage including the wash-out of the primary trail back to the falls. The new safety concerns caused the park's closure until further notice. The park will be reopened once the monsoon rains subside and repairs can be made at the site.

Source: <http://www.krdo.com/news/Rainbow-Falls-Recreation-Area-closes-due-to-storm-damage/-/417220/15938854/-/64xsqr/-/index.html>

38. *August 2, WDRB 41 Louisville* – (Kentucky) **Massive fire in Shepherdsville ravages downtown building.** Fire crews in Shepherdsville, Kentucky, remained on the scene of a major fire at a local furniture showroom August 2. A storage building behind the furniture store was on fire by the time firefighters arrived. The fire caused several roads to be blocked in downtown Shepherdsville and drivers were advised to prepare for detours. Officials said the roads could be closed until later that day.  
Source: <http://www.wdrb.com/story/19175639/major-fire-in-shepherdsville-ravages-downtown-building>
39. *August 2, WJLA 7 Washington, D.C.* – (Maryland) **Man arrested, accused of threatening, cursing at movie patrons.** A man who began shouting, cursing, and simulating the firing of a gun inside an Annapolis, Maryland movie theater August 1 was arrested and faced multiple charges, Anne Arundel County police officials said. Authorities said officers responded to a Bow Tie Cinemas on reports of disorderly conduct. Upon arrival, witnesses described a scene in which a man entered a screening room, sat down in the front row, and began yelling obscenities toward the screen and people in the theater. Witnesses said the man then left the theater twice, and when he returned for a final time, he began pointing at people in the theater as if he had a gun. Many patrons inside the theater then fled. A short time later, the suspect was taken into custody. The suspect faced charges of disorderly conduct, reckless endangerment, and second-degree assault.  
Source: <http://www.wjla.com/articles/2012/08/kyle-tanner-arrested-accused-of-threatening-cursing-at-movie-patrons-78397.html>
40. *August 1, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **3 treated when lightning strikes at central Pa. fair.** Three people were treated and released for electric shock symptoms after lightning struck a tree at a county fair in Coudersport, Pennsylvania. The Bradford Era reported August 1 that paramedics treated as many as eight people who complained of symptoms at the Potter County Fair July 31, but that only three needed to be taken to a hospital. Potter County was one of the hardest-hit areas by severe storms that produced a tornado and microbursts in northwestern and north-central Pennsylvania the week of July 23, killing two people. Coudersport remained under a state of emergency as crews cleaned up from the storms.  
Source: <http://www.whptv.com/news/local/story/3-treated-when-lightning-strikes-at-central-Pa/U1qT9NBqqUu2VemBdFTdlw.csp?rss=50>
41. *August 1, Tulsa World* – (Oklahoma) **Tulsa Walmart evacuated after employee receives bomb threat.** Police in Tulsa, Oklahoma, said someone called a Walmart August 1 and issued a bomb threat to an employee in the deli department, police said. Managers evacuated the store and police searched it, but found nothing suspicious. The store reopened later that afternoon. The bomb threat was the second made at a Walmart in the area in the last 7 days. July 25, police evacuated and reopened the Walmart in Claremore about an hour later after a bomb threat was reported there. It was not immediately clear if the two incidents were related. Also the week of July 23, authorities responded to a rash of bomb threats at Walmart stores in Missouri and Kansas.  
Source:

[http://www.tulsaworld.com/specialprojects/news/crimewatch/article.aspx?subjectid=450&articleid=20120801\\_450\\_0\\_ATIaWl65738](http://www.tulsaworld.com/specialprojects/news/crimewatch/article.aspx?subjectid=450&articleid=20120801_450_0_ATIaWl65738)

42. *August 1, Orange County Register* – (California) **Acid leak causes evacuation at Anaheim church.** Fire officials and a hazardous-materials team evacuated nearly 100 people from a church in Anaheim, California, after reports of an acid leak, fire officials said. The incident was first reported August 1 when faculty and children at a Salvation Army Church reported smelling an odd gas, said a spokeswoman for Anaheim Fire and Rescue. The fumes reportedly came from below a junior Olympic-size swimming pool. About 70 children and 20 faculty members were evacuated because of the unknown fumes. About 16 Anaheim firefighters, including a HAZMAT team, responded to the church. Firefighters located a pump for the pool in the basement that became loose and splashed acid into dry chlorine pellets and caused a chemical reaction.  
Source: <http://www.ocregister.com/news/church-366709-acid-sabot.html>
43. *August 1, St. George Spectrum & Daily News* – (Utah) **Fire forces evacuation of motel, Care and Share.** A structure fire at the Cliff Inn Motel caused evacuations and St. George Boulevard to close August 1 in downtown St. George, Utah. A fire started in a back storage or laundry room of the motel and poured smoke across St. George Boulevard. Residents of the neighboring Dixie Care and Share and an estimated 15 to 20 people in the motel evacuated the buildings while firefighters extinguished the fire, the St. George fire chief said. People living at Dixie Care and Share were able to return later that evening, but those in the motel were refunded their money. Damages are estimated to be approximately \$200,000.  
Source: <http://www.thespectrum.com/viewart/20120801/NEWS01/120801002/Fire-forces-evacuation-motel-Care-Share>
44. *August 1, Associated Press* – (Alaska) **Police say fire at Kodiak ice rink was arson.** Police in Kodiak, Alaska, said a fire at a Baranof Park building that houses an ice rink was intentionally set. KMXT 100.1 FM Kodiak reported the August 1 fire damaged a large portion of the building's south wall, along with dasher boards, a penalty box, and the corrugated plastic facade. The Police Chief said it appeared an accelerant was used, but the fire department would make a final determination.  
Source: <http://www.adn.com/2012/08/01/2567671/police-say-fire-at-kodiak-ice.html>

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

45. *August 2, Associated Press* – (California) **Northern Calif. wildfire threatening 100 homes.** A wildfire burned Interstate 5 in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest in northern California, and forced the evacuation of 100 homes. The fire near the community of O'Brien, about 16 miles north of Redding, consumed 500 acres and was 20 percent contained as of August 2, a day after it began. A U.S. Forest Service representative said crews aided by lighter winds made progress against the blaze overnight. Still, another

20 homes were added to the evacuation list. The fire was also threatening 20 commercial buildings and 100 other structures. One outbuilding was destroyed. The blaze began in the median of I-5 August 1 and was believed to have been sparked by human activity. It forced the closure of I-5 for several hours, and eventually the highway was reopened in both directions.

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2012/08/02/4685655/northern-calif-wildfire-threatening.html>

46. *August 1, Associated Press* – (Montana) **Fire evacuations ordered in Lewis and Clark forest.** Authorities concerned over a spreading wildfire ordered evacuations in a remote part of Montana's Lewis and Clark National Forest where there are dozens of recreational cabins and other structures, the Associated Press reported August 1. The decision to evacuate was made as a precautionary measure because there is only one way in and out of the area, a Lewis and Clark County Deputy Disaster and Emergency Services coordinator said August 1. There were 55 structures, mostly non-primary residences such as cabins, plus 20 outbuildings in the evacuation zone. The Rapid Creek Fire spread east earlier the week of July 30 from the Flathead National Forest and over the Continental Divide, where it joined with the Elbow Creek Fire to create a wildfire complex of at least 7.8 square miles, a U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman said. The Elbow Pass complex was one of more than a dozen notable wildfires burning across Montana in tinder-dry conditions of high temperatures and low humidity. Several fires were caused by lightning and were burning in remote areas where structures were not threatened. The largest active fire, the Wolf Creek fire in central Montana, was contained as of July 31 after burning 18 1/2 square miles.

Source: [http://missoulian.com/news/state-and-regional/wildfires/fire-evacuations-ordered-in-lewis-and-clark-forest/article\\_69d894c4-dc1d-11e1-bdd1-0019bb2963f4.html](http://missoulian.com/news/state-and-regional/wildfires/fire-evacuations-ordered-in-lewis-and-clark-forest/article_69d894c4-dc1d-11e1-bdd1-0019bb2963f4.html)

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## **Dams Sector**

47. *August 2, Escondido North County Times* – (California) **Escondido: Rebuilt Wohlford Dam slated to open in 2017.** City council members of Escondido, California, took steps to keep the city safe from severe flooding August 1 and agreed to pay consultants \$3.5 million to design a roughly \$26 million rebuild of the Lake Wohlford Dam. The 116-year-old dam was declared seismically unsafe during a 2007 federal analysis. Since then, city officials were forced to sharply reduce how much water is in the adjacent reservoir because the federal analysis determined a large earthquake could liquefy the dam's earthen portions. The replacement dam would save Escondido's 26,000 water customers money by allowing the city to store more water during droughts, the utilities director said. Since the dam was deemed unsafe, the amount of water in the reservoir was reduced from 6,500 acre-feet, about 2.1 billion gallons, to 2,800 acre-feet, or 900 million gallons. Officials also said the new dam would improve water quality, expand recreational opportunities on the lake, and give the city another possible place to purified sewer water. A State grant from October 2011 will cover half the cost of the dam.

Source: [http://www.nctimes.com/news/local/escondido/escondido-rebuilt-wohlford-dam-slated-to-open-in/article\\_d1d356a3-9ae0-5b90-9aef-228f5ec3f23a.html](http://www.nctimes.com/news/local/escondido/escondido-rebuilt-wohlford-dam-slated-to-open-in/article_d1d356a3-9ae0-5b90-9aef-228f5ec3f23a.html)

48. *August 2, Meadville Tribune* – (Pennsylvania) **Tamarack water level headed down after more dam problems found.** More deficiencies in Tamarack Lake’s northern dam forced the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission to draw down the lake’s water level to a total of 10 feet, the Meadville Tribune reported August 2. It is expected that thousands of fish will die there in coming weeks due to environmental impacts of the drawdown. The commission’s deputy director forecasts a 4 to 5-year timeline to complete necessary upgrades to both the lake’s southern and northern dams — a project that could be in the millions or tens of millions of dollars. The drawdown, to be completed by the week of August 6, will put Tamarack Lake’s remaining water level between 3 and 5 feet in the basin’s pooled areas, resulting in parts of the lake’s 562-acre basin being dry or muddy. The additional deficiencies in the northern earthen dam were discovered August 1 during an engineering inspection, officials said. “There was a 2-foot vertical void next to the conduit pipe of the dam,” a spokesman for the commission said. “There also was more seepage on the dam.” The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers built the dam in the 1960s as a flood control project and the lake is used for fire protection and recreation as well as a wildlife habitat.

Source: <http://meadvilletribune.com/local/x44822841/Tamarack-water-level-headed-down-after-more-dam-problems-found>

49. *August 2, Millburn-Short Hills Patch* – (New Jersey) **County helps prevent flooding in Milburn.** The 277-foot dam at Diamond Hill Pond will get an overhaul in an effort to control water flow and prevent flooding in Millburn, New Jersey, both township and Essex county officials said August 1. The dam, creating the pond, overflowed in 2011 during Hurricane Irene flooding downtown Millburn. The county took out a loan with the State to pay for the improvements while waiting on a grant from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. The \$756,134 project, which started in June, will improve water flow along West Branch of the Rahway River when completed in September. The improvements include a new spillway, a sluice gate to control water level, an abutment, concrete cap, and headwall to control the levels of the pond. A new important addition to the dam is a 12,000-square foot articulate concrete block reinforcement, said an official.

Source: <http://millburn.patch.com/articles/county-helps-prevent-flooding-in-millburn>

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