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- Federal transportation officials said two security breaches occurred at Newark Liberty International Airport in New Jersey, August 5. One led to a 3-hour shutdown of a terminal security checkpoint as authorities tried to find a passenger who was not fully screened before boarding a flight. – *WNYW 5 New York* (See item **13**)

- Tens of thousands of fish have died in the Midwest as the hot summer dries up rivers and causes water temperatures to spike to nearly 100 degrees. – *Associated Press* (See item **21**)

- Federal health officials reported an uptick in cases of a new strain of swine flu in humans. – *CNN* (See item **31**)

- A former U.S. Army veteran opened fire at a Sikh temple in Oak Creek, Wisconsin, killing six members, and critically wounding two other members and a police officer, before being killed by police. – *Associated Press* (See item **47**)

- Several wildfires raging throughout Oklahoma destroyed dozens of homes and other buildings, and forced hundreds of evacuations August 5. – *Associated Press* (See item **56**)

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Energy Sector

1. *August 6, Indianapolis Star* – (Indiana) **IPL working to restore power after Sunday storms.** Indianapolis Power and Light (IPL) reported that about 2,800 customers remained without power early the afternoon of August 6 after a thunderstorm left more than 35,000 without power at the height of the storm early August 5. An IPL spokesman said the company beefed up its manpower, adding 20 more crews from 6 different companies to restore power. He said most customers should have their power back on by the afternoon of August 7.
Source: http://www.indystar.com/article/20120805/LOCAL18/120805001/More-than-11-000-without-power-after-storms-multi-day-effort-needed-repairs

2. *August 5, KKCO 11 Grand Junction* – (Colorado) **Highway 6&50 back open after suicidal man prompts closure.** Highways 6 and 50 in Fruita, Colorado, were temporarily closed August 5 at the Fruita Industrial Center, oil refinery, gas transfer point after a man called the FBI claiming to be suicidal. The man was quickly detained by the Fruita Police Department. A spokesman said the highways were closed while the Mesa County Sheriff's Office and the FBI investigated the refinery and surrounding area. Members of the media were asked to stay outside a certain radius because of the potential for an explosion. Authorities said a westbound Amtrak train was stopped at Fruita, and passengers were unloaded. "The FBI Denver Division, Mesa County Sheriff's Office, along with other law enforcement partners are investigating an individual who allegedly made threatening remarks against local oil and gas industries in rural western Colorado. The individual is being detained; logical safety sweeps are being conducted. At this point, no public safety concerns have been detected. The investigation is ongoing," an FBI spokesman said.
Source: http://www.nbc11news.com/localnews/headlines/Suicidal-man-shuts-down-portion-of-Hwy-650-165083966.html

3. *August 5, WBBM 2 Chicago* – (Illinois) **About 31,000 without power after storms.** Since August 4 storms knocked out power to homes and businesses throughout the Chicago area, more than 200,000 ComEd customers have had power restored, but those in areas hardest hit by the storm may have to wait until August 7 before their lights come back on. As of August 5, approximately 30,700 customers remained without power after strong thunderstorms passed through the area, a utility spokesman said. More than 330 crews had been working to restore power to customers, most of whom had electricity again by August 6, a ComEd spokesman said.
Source: http://chicago.cbslocal.com/2012/08/05/roughly-50200-without-power-after-storms/

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Chemical Industry Sector

4. *August 4, Florida Today* – (Florida) **EPA crew starts cleanup in West Melbourne.** U.S. Environmental Protection (EPA) contractors weeded through flammable liquids and other caustic chemicals to secure thousands of containers of hazardous waste in West Melbourne, Florida, August 2. Almost 3,500 containers were unsecured in seven trailers and two box trucks for an unknown period. Authorities found the waste in the middle of July. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection said a Brevard County resident purchased chemicals from the military, then resold them. The chemicals at the site were what the man was not able to sell. He told the DEP he could not afford the removal cost. Initial tests found 827 of 3,496 containers had unknown contents. Officials said the cleanup could take months and exceed the $110,000 estimate. Some chemicals have seeped underneath trailers, near a drainage canal and within 100 yards of residential areas. EPA officials said there is no risk to human health or safety, as long as people stay clear of the site. U.S. Department of Defense officials are investigating whether some of the chemicals came from military facilities and who should pay for the cleanup. Labels on some chemicals trace them back to the Navy. One of the main chemicals found was potassium hydroxide, also called potash lye. The Navy has used the substance in submarines to clean resins in treatment systems that distill seawater through reverse osmosis. Also found was 20 drums of exo-tetrahydrocyclopentadiene — a chemical used as high-power fuel, and in pesticides, medicines, and photosensitive and IT materials. No landfill in Florida can accept such materials, so they must be shipped out of State. Officials were uncertain whether any chemicals seeped into groundwater.
Source: http://www.floridatoday.com/article/20120804/NEWS01/308040016/EPA-crew-starts-cleanup-West-Melbourne?nclick_check=1

5. *August 4, Associated Press* – (New York; Massachusetts) **Problems from N.Y. fire mostly minor.** Authorities were looking into what caused a large chemical fire at a transformer recycling company in Stottville, New York, which prompted warnings to residents on the New York-Massachusetts State line to stay indoors for much of August 2. Initial tests found no evidence of contamination. A drum of PCBs, mineral oil, and trucks caught fire at TCI of New York August 1 in a small industrial park. About 40 homes were evacuated, and Columbia County officials advised residents within a 15-mile radius to stay inside with windows closed and the air conditioning off through the morning of August 2. Massachusetts officials made the same recommendation. About 20,000 people live in the affected area. The fire was extinguished late the afternoon of August 2. Two firefighters suffered unspecified injuries. "Any time you have a fire in a chemical facility where chemicals are stored you have the potential for a very difficult situation," said the commissioner of the New York Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services. The stay-indoors advisory was lifted after tests of soot, which accumulated on cars and in swimming pools, showed no evidence of contamination from PCBs, a suspected carcinogen at use in the facility. Crews retreated before the fire set off a series of suspected propane-tank explosions that sent a fireball hundreds of feet into the sky.

Source: http://www.berkshireeagle.com/ci_21233405/problems-from-n-y-fire-mostly-minor

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

6. *August 6, Portsmouth Herald* – (Maine) **Portsmouth Naval Shipyard ups security.** By 2013, a new, state-of-the-art entrance at Gate 2 of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine, will be complete, the Portsmouth Herald reported August 6. The new gate will include anti-terrorism and other protection measures intended to improve security at the shipyard. Gate 1, the primary gate at the yard, already incorporates many of these measures. Work on Gate 2 began earlier during the summer of 2012, according to the shipyard's public affairs officer, and is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2013, she said. The new gate will replace the current, outmoded one, which has two lanes with a small guard house in between. It is simply built with a small canopy over the top of the lanes and guard house. The new structure will have three inbound lanes, including one for trucks, two outbound lanes, and a significantly larger guard booth.
Source: http://www.seacoastonline.com/articles/20120806-NEWS-208060318

7. *August 6, Global Security Newswire* – (Tennessee) **Y-12 break-in prompts overhaul of protective staff.** The Presidential administration responded to a late July break-in and other protection shortfalls at the Y-12 National Security Complex in Tennessee by shifting critical site supervisors and temporarily relieving from duty certain defensive personnel, the Energy Secretary said August 3. A reported July 28 infiltration by three peace activists of the Y-12 section that houses atomic arms activities and bomb-grade uranium storage "was an unacceptable and deeply troubling breach," he said in remarks reported by the Knoxville News Sentinel. "Earlier this week we decided to halt nuclear operations at the site, the guards involved in this incident were suspended, the general manager of the contractor protective force and two members of his leadership team were removed from their positions, and all employees at the site are undergoing additional security training," he stated. Another "relevant federal official at the site has

been temporarily reassigned, pending the outcome of the investigation," the Energy Secretary said. In an effort to harden the facility against potential intruders, the secretary said his department is consulting with a one-time Y-12 protection chief now serving as deputy leader of the Pantex Plant in Texas. An autonomous Energy probe is also set to take place under the Energy Department's chief health, safety, and security officer.
Source: http://www.nti.org/gsn/article/y-12-break-prompts-overhaul-defensive-force/

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Banking and Finance Sector

8. *August 6, Reuters* – (International) **Standard Chartered left U.S. vulnerable to terrorists.** A rogue Standard Chartered Plc banking unit violated U.S. anti-money laundering laws by scheming with Iran to hide more than $250 billion of transactions, and may lose its license to operate in New York State, a State banking regulator said August 6. The superintendent of the State's department of financial services said Standard Chartered Bank reaped hundreds of millions of dollars of fees by scheming with Iran's government despite U.S. economic sanctions to hide roughly 60,000 transactions from 2001 to 2010. The superintendent said the unit of the London-based bank was "apparently aided" by its consultant Deloitte & Touche LLP, which hid details from regulators, despite being under supervision by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and other regulators for other compliance failures. He also said that he was investigating "apparently similar" schemes to conduct business with other countries subject to U.S. sanctions, including Libya, Myanmar, and Sudan.
Source: http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/08/06/us-standardchartered-iran-idUSBRE8750VM20120806?feedType=RSS&feedName=topNews&rpc=71

9. *August 6, Minneapolis Star Tribune* – (Minnesota) **Serial robber strikes Mpls. bank — this time wearing rubber nose, sunglasses.** Sporting a fake rubber nose and sunglasses, a nattily dressed gunman robbed a Minneapolis Guaranty Bank branch inside a Rainbow Foods store August 3 in what authorities said was at least his fifth bank holdup in recent months. He pointed a semiautomatic handgun at the teller, fled on foot with an undisclosed amount of cash, and remained at large. July 20, also around lunchtime on a Friday, the same man robbed a TCF Bank branch in a Cub Foods grocery store in Fridley. The FBI also suspects the man in bank robberies at banks in grocery stores in Plymouth, St. Louis Park, and Maple Grove. Four of the five have come on Fridays. The suspect's clothing selection has varied from bank to bank but has been consistently dapper, said an FBI spokesman.
Source: http://www.startribune.com/local/minneapolis/165125666.html

10. *August 6, Detroit Free Press* – (Michigan) **Police: Five men have stolen $500K in Detroit area by skimming ATMs.** Authorities said five men have stolen about $500,000 from banks and credit unions in metro Detroit by skimming ATMs. The Oakland County Sheriff's Office released photos of the men August 6 and asked for public assistance to identify them. The first case was reported June 28, police said. The U.S. Secret Service is involved in the investigation, and officials said financial

institutions in Commerce Township, West Bloomfield, Livonia, Ferndale, Westland, Novi, and Wixom suffered losses.
Source: http://www.freep.com/article/20120806/NEWS05/120806044/Police-500K-stolen-Detroit-area-via-ATM-skimming

11. *August 4, Associated Press* – (Oregon; National) **U.S. Bank ATMs back online after 2-hour power outage.** U.S. Bancorp said service was restored at its 8,000 automatic teller machines across the Nation following a 2-hour outage August 4. The bank's owner said a power failure in Oregon led to the ATM outages. A bank spokesman said the problems were sporadic and power was restored in geographic blocks over time. Not all of the bank's 8,000 machines were down for the entire 2 hours.
Source: http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jtdfloAMqwQPOZ4uubmYZsYvzSIQ?docId=fa86c68d64cc4aaba9b506fb344df5bc

12. *August 3, Los Alamitos-Seal Beach Patch* – (California) **FBI: 'Plain Jane' bandit arrested.** The so-called "Plain Jane Bandit" was arrested in Downey, California, August 2 in connection with eight bank heists in the Southland area over the span of 3 weeks, including a holdup at Chase bank in Cerritos. The suspect was taken into custody at her residence. In July, the FBI began releasing numerous bank surveillance images to the media in an effort to identify and locate the suspect. An FBI official said authorities were ultimately able to arrest the woman after receiving multiple tips from the public.
Source: http://losalamitos.patch.com/articles/fbi-bank-robber-dubbed-plain-jane-bandit-arrested

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Transportation Sector

13. *August 6, WNYW 5 New York* – (New Jersey) **Security breaches at Newark Airport.** Transportation Security Administration (TSA) officials said United Airlines checkpoint operations at Terminal C at Newark Liberty International Airport in New Jersey were shut down August 5 after the TSA and local authorities tried to find a passenger that was not fully screened. The Terminal C shutdown threw vacation plans and flight connections into chaos. Law enforcement sources told WNYW 5 New York there was not just one close call — there were two, and both involved potential bomb making materials. The TSA said a woman who set off an alarm managed to get past a screening point and onto a flight to Cleveland without being checked for what caused the alarm. The TSA said it notified the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey police (Port Authority) after the incident. The Port Authority said every passenger had to be re-screened. United Airlines said after the 3-hour shutdown, flights resumed and they were able to accommodate most passengers.
Source: http://www.myfoxny.com/story/19199785/security-breach-at-newark-airport

14. *August 6, Newark Star-Ledger* – (New Jersey) **Gas tanker catches fire, shuts part of Route 18 for hours in Marlboro.** A gas tanker truck caught fire on Route 18 in

Marlboro, New Jersey, August 6, closing the highway in both directions and prompting some evacuations from nearby homes, police said. The northbound side of Route 18 was reopened, but the southbound direction remained closed 10 hours after the incident while crews decided how best to remove the extinguished truck and its gasoline, said a Marlboro Police Department captain. The fire began at the rear tires of the tanker. The blaze quickly spread and fire crews hurriedly fought it. Some homes from The Enclosure development nearby were evacuated as a precautionary measure — though the residents later returned, the captain said. The northbound side of Route 18 was open within an hour. One firefighter was treated for heat exhaustion, the captain said. The Old Bridge Police Department assisted the Marlboro department, he added.
Source: http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2012/08/gas_tanker_catches_fire_shuts.html

15. *August 6, Allentown Morning Call* – (Pennsylvania) **Fiery crash on I-78 east, one lane open.** A fiery collision involving two tractor-trailers had Interstate 78 east in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, shut down August 6 between the Route 100 and New Smithville exits, according to the Lehigh County Communications Center. One lane on the eastbound side of the highway was opened about 3 hours after the crash, according to a witness at the scene. One of the tractor-trailers was reportedly hauling steel and the other general merchandise, according to emergency radio broadcasts.
Source: http://www.mcall.com/news/breaking/mc-truck-crash-closes-interstate-78-20120806,0,1141651.story

16. *August 5, KING 5 Seattle* – (Washington) **Police searching for suspect after Ferndale freeway threat.** After a lengthy manhunt and the closure of Interstate 5 for several hours, police in Ferndale, Washington, were asking for the public's help in tracking down a man believed to have been aiming a rifle at drivers, KING 5 Seattle reported August 5. Someone called 9-1-1, saying they saw a male on the Smith Road Overpass wearing a dark hoodie and holding what appeared to be a rifle. Ferndale units were dispatched and arrived within minutes. The first officer saw what he believed to be a flash muzzle of a rifle, pointed in the northerly direction from an overpass. The Whatcom County Sheriff's Office responded, in addition to Bellingham police, Ferndale police, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection. They closed down I-5 from the Slader Road exit, just south of the overpass, to the Main Street Exit, which is north of the overpass.
Source: http://www.king5.com/news/local/Police-searching-for-suspect-after-Ferndale-freeway-closure-165078696.html

17. *August 5, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin* – (California) **Propane tanker overturns, shuts down Highway 38.** County firefighters worked to carefully off-load nearly 10,000 gallons of propane from an overturned tanker truck August 5 on Highway 38 in Angelus Oaks, California, San Bernardino County fire officials said. Highway 38 was shut down in both directions near Jen Lake Road and was expected to remain closed throughout the night. The tanker was traveling north on Highway 38 near Jen Lake Road when for unknown reasons, the driver lost control causing the large vehicle to roll onto its side, according to a release. The driver was able to get out safely. County hazardous materials team members helped clean up a small fuel spill, but were more concerned of the potential fire danger the propane the tanker was hauling could pose to

the surrounding forest, officials said.
Source: http://www.dailybulletin.com/breakingnews/ci_21241467/propane-tanker-overturns-shuts-down-highway-38

18. *August 5, Billings Gazzette* – (Montana) **BNSF train derails, catches fire near Plevna.** A train hauling chemicals west of Plevna, Montana, derailed and eight cars carrying alcohol caught fire, August 5. Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) reported 15 rail cars went off track, and 14 were carrying denatured alcohol, which is used as a fuel additive. Highway 12, near the derailment, was blocked off at both ends for a time to secure the accident scene. One car caught fire starting a chain reaction with the other rail cars, said a BNSF spokesman. Firefighters rushed in to extinguish grass set on fire by the derailment, then retreated to a safe spot a half mile away as the rail cars exploded. The spokesman said there were no air quality issues, so emergency crews let the fire burn. One after another, four of the cars exploded, then fire crews rushed back in to put out new grass fires, which they were still mopping up 7 hours after the derailment. The 106-car train from Aberdeen, South Dakota, was on a single lane of track that does not get a lot of use, the BNSF spokesman said. BNSF planned to have the track operational again by August 6. Roughly 8 to 10 trains pass through the area daily.
Source: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/bnsf-train-derails-catches-fire-near-plevna/article_51d33b36-a21b-5ead-b7bb-a875344aa3c0.html

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Postal and Shipping Sector

19. *August 6, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **Carbon monoxide leak at Baltimore post office.** A Baltimore, Maryland fire department spokesman said exhaust fumes from generators outside a post office building were blamed for sickening employees August 6. He said two people were taken to hospitals from the main post office complex and 58 others were evaluated at the scene. Elevated carbon monoxide levels were detected after firefighters responded to a report of a fall at the building, and other employees began reporting symptoms. Generators outside the building that activated following a power outage a few hours earlier were believed to be responsible for the carbon monoxide exposure. The building was evacuated and ventilated.
Source:
http://www.foxbaltimore.com/template/inews_wire/wires.regional.md/3c480e06-www.foxbaltimore.com.shtml

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Agriculture and Food Sector

20. *August 6, Food Safety News* – (National) **Burch Farms cantaloupe recall affects 'Caribbean Gold,' not 'Athena'.** Burch Farms corrected the variety of cantaloupe

subject to its recent recall due to possible Listeria monocytogenes contamination: Instead of the "Athena" variety identified in the original recall and its subsequent update, the variety actually under recall is named "Caribbean Gold." According to the company, Athena cantaloupes are not subject to recall, Food Safety News reported August 6. The correction is not an expansion of the recall. The company recalled 13,888 cases and 581 crates containing 188,902 melons in all. Burch Farms expanded its recall from an original 580 cases after a U.S. Food and Drug Administration inspection discovered "unsanitary conditions" at the company's packing shed. The original recall of 580 cases came July 28. With this correction issued August 3, consumers went 6 days with incorrect information about the variety of cantaloupe posing a Listeria risk. "They don't look anything alike and the whole Athena connection certainly delayed accurate consumer advisories," said an extension research specialist for the University of California Davis Center for Produce Safety. In an email to Food Safety News, the research specialist said the Caribbean Gold variety's long shelf-life could easily mean some cantaloupes are still sitting in home refrigerators. The whole Caribbean Gold cantaloupes shipped between July 15-27 to Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, Minnesota, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Virginia.
Source: http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/08/burch-farms-cantaloupe-recall-actually-affects-caribbean-gold-not-athena/#.UB_ah6D6fEV

21. *August 5, Associated Press* – (National) **Thousands of fish die as Midwest streams heat up.** Thousands of fish have died in the Midwest as the hot, dry summer dries up rivers and causes water temperatures to climb in some spots to nearly 100 degrees, the Associated Press reported August 5. About 40,000 shovelnose sturgeon were killed in Iowa the week of July 30 as water temperatures reached 97 degrees. Nebraska fishery officials said they have seen thousands of dead sturgeon, catfish, carp, and other species in the Lower Platte River, including the endangered pallid sturgeon. And biologists in Illinois said the hot weather has killed tens of thousands of large- and smallmouth bass and channel catfish, and is threatening the population of the greater redhorse fish, a State-endangered species. So many fish died in one Illinois lake that the carcasses clogged an intake screen near a power plant, lowering water levels to the point that the station had to shut down one of its generators. The fish are victims of one of the driest and warmest summers in history. The federal U.S. Drought Monitor shows nearly two-thirds of the lower 48 States are experiencing some form of drought, and the Department of Agriculture has declared more than half of the nation's counties — nearly 1,600 in 32 States — as natural disaster areas. Iowa Department of Natural Resource officials said the sturgeon found dead in the Des Moines River were worth nearly $10 million, a high value based in part on their highly sought eggs, which are used for caviar.
Source: http://www.pekintimes.com/newsnow/x1253627187/Thousands-of-fish-die-as-Midwest-streams-heat-up

22. *August 5, U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Service* – (National) **Minnesota firm recalls ready-to-eat meat and poultry products due to potential Listeria monocytogenes contamination.** Reichel Foods, a Rochester, Minnesota establishment, recalled approximately 15,880 pounds of ready-to-eat meat

and poultry products due to possible contamination with Listeria monocytogenes, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service announced August 5. The products were shipped to distribution centers in Indiana, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, and Texas. The problem was discovered by the establishment, through microbiological testing by a third party.
Source:
http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_053_2012_Release/index.asp

23. *August 5, Associated Press* – (Alaska) **Fire damages Anchorage sushi restaurant.** An August 5 fire caused an estimated $235,000 damage to the Sushi Cuisine Restaurant in Anchorage, Alaska. A passer-by spotted smoke pouring from the rear of the restaurant. The Anchorage Fire Department initially dispatched 13 units to the fire, and when firefighters called for more, 5 additional units responded. Crews found the source of the fire in the kitchen. The department said smoke damaged much of the rest of the building.
Source: http://www.sacbee.com/2012/08/05/4695611/fire-damages-anchorage-sushi-restaurant.html

24. *August 5, KNDU 25 Kennewick; KNDO 23 Yakima* – (Washington) **UG responds quickly to ammonia leak.** The City of Union Gap, Washington, quickly responded to a hazardous materials incident August 4. A call came in that a strange odor was coming from Colombia Valley Fruits. The city administrator said a pressurized pipeline was allowing ammonia to escape. They immediately shut down surrounding roads and asked two homeowners to evacuate. The city called in a regional team to help secure the leak, which was fixed about 4 hours after the call was received. Contractors were evaluating the system to determine what happened and how to prevent it from happening again.
Source: http://www.kndo.com/story/19201085/ug-responds-quickly-to-ammonia-leak

25. *August 3, Reuters* – (International) **Dioxin found in eggs on another German farm.** The poisonous chemical dioxin has been found above permitted levels in eggs from another German farm following discoveries at eight other farms in the country since April, authorities said August 3. The poultry farm is near Aurich in the state of Lower Saxony, the Lower Saxony state agriculture ministry said. The discovery was made during routine checks at a collection center. The farm, which has 1,000 free-range hens, was sealed off and its eggs cannot be sold during the investigation. The ministry said there is no immediate danger to public health. Dioxin is dangerous only if consumed over long periods and small doses are not harmful. The previous dioxin discoveries were in eggs at farms in Lower Saxony and the neighboring state of North Rhine Westphalia. The cause of some outbreaks in Lower Saxony is suspected to be free range chickens living on earth contaminated by construction materials.
Source: http://www.foxnews.com/health/2012/08/03/dioxin-found-in-eggs-on-another-german-farm/

26. *August 3, Associated Press* – (California) **Mad cow disease in California was an isolated case, report claims.** A California Holstein discovered to have mad cow disease in April was an isolated case and did not pose a threat to the food supply, a

report issued August 3 by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) said. A 3-month investigation looked into the movements of the infected dairy cow, her offspring, and the food eaten by the herd. The investigation turned up no other cases of bovine spongiform encephalopathy. The dairy cow, only the fourth with the sickness ever discovered in the United States, was found as part of a program that tests for the fatal brain disease in about 40,000 of the 35 million cows slaughtered each year. It was unable to stand before it was killed and sent April 18 to a rendering plant at a Hanford, California transfer station. It was one of dozens that underwent random testing at the site. USDA investigators tracked the cow from the ranch where she was born to a heifer operation where she was raised and bred, and to the Tulare County dairy where she spent her life. Investigators found 282 cattle that were birth "cohorts" and attempted to trace the 210 that might have made it into the food chain. Investigators slaughtered one dairy cow that was the Holstein's offspring, but she was not infected.
Source: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/08/03/mad-cow-disease-in-california_n_1740056.html

Water Sector

27. *August 6, South Walton Regional Utilities* – (Florida) **Boil water notice issued for South Walton County.** Due to an August 5 compromise in the South Walton Regional Utilities distribution system in South Walton County, Florida, residents were advised to boil all water utilized for drinking or cooking purposes. Residents were also advised to take precautions when bathing, especially immuno-compromised individuals, infants, or the elderly. The system was taking action to correct the problem, but said the notice would stay in effect until it was determined the water was safe to drink.
Source: http://www.wmbb.com/story/19204382/boil-water-notice-issued-for-south-walton-county

28. *August 5, WKMG 6 Orlando* – (Florida) **Boil water alert issued in Osceola County.** The Toho Water Authority in Kissimmee, Florida, issued a precautionary boil water alert for Buenaventura Lake (BVL) residents due to equipment failure at the BVL water treatment plant August 5. The failure caused a loss in pressure in parts of the distribution system. Approximately 8,000 homes were affected.
Source: http://www.clickorlando.com/news/Boil-water-alert-issued-in-Osceola-County/-/1637132/15974746/-/3aph68/-/index.html

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

29. *August 6, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Ohio hospital gun victim was in disabled state.** A prosecutor said a northeast Ohio woman whose husband is accused of shooting her in a possible mercy killing had been in a hospital's intensive care unit in an

extremely disabled state, the Associated Press reported August 6. The Akron, Ohio assistant city prosecutor said the woman was incapacitated in the intensive care unit of Akron General Medical Center before her husband entered the room and shot her in the head August 4 with a handgun. She was declared dead August 5. A police captain said police are waiting on an autopsy to decide what charges would be appropriate for the husband.
Source: http://newsok.com/ohio-man-faces-court-in-wifes-hospital-shooting/article/feed/415147

30. *August 5, New England Cable News* – (California; National) **West Nile deaths put officials on edge.** An elderly woman became California's first casualty of the West Nile Virus August 3. Across the nation, there have already been 241 cases of the virus reported this year, the most at this point since 2004. A spokesman for Kern Mosquito and Vector Control District said a mild winter caused an explosion of mosquitoes earlier than usual. As a result, mosquito control units have had a hard time eliminating mosquito breeding grounds, which can pop up almost anywhere. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control said the number of West Nile cases usually peaks around mid-August.
Source: http://www.necn.com/08/05/12/West-Nile-deaths-put-officials-on-edge/landing_nation.html?blockID=751667&feedID=4207

31. *August 4, CNN* – (National) **CDC: Increase seen in new swine flu strain.** Health officials reported an uptick in cases of a new strain of swine flu in humans. The latest flu report published August 3 by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) stated 16 people have been infected with a new strain of an influenza A (H3N2) swine flu virus in the past 3 weeks, including 12 the week of July 23. Among those 12 newest cases, the CDC said 10 people were infected in Ohio; Indiana and Hawaii have reported one case each as well. So far 29 people have been infected with this new H3N2 strain. Nobody was hospitalized this year, and only three of the 12 cases in 2011 required hospitalization. Nobody has died from this new flu. Everyone diagnosed with the new strain in 2012 reported having contact with pigs. Most of the cases from 2011 also reported contact with pigs — often at county or State fairs. H3N2 flu viruses are common among pigs. They are a subgroup of influenza A viruses and are known to adapt in humans. What makes this new version of the H3N2 flu virus different is that it has picked up a gene from the novel H1N1 flu virus that became a pandemic 3 years ago.
Source: http://edition.cnn.com/2012/08/03/health/swine-flu-cases/index.html

32. *August 3, WFMY 2 Greensboro* – (South Carolina) **Man accused of tainting dialysis machines water.** A man was accused August 1 of pouring chlorine bleach into a water holding tank to contaminate the water supply for dialysis machines at Fresenius Medical Services in West Columbia, South Carolina, July 7. According to authorities, the medical services clinic suspended the man without pay from his employment as a patient care and equipment technician July 2, and he was directed not to enter the clinic or trespass on property. Arrest warrants alleged that he knowingly and willfully used chlorine bleach to contaminate water in a water holding tank that is used to supply water for dialysis machines that the service operates. Furthermore, he also knew from the training that he received at the clinic that the contaminated water would kill any

patients whose bodies received the contaminated water while they underwent dialysis. Employees at the medical services clinic performed a regular test of water in the holding tank July 9 and found very high levels of chlorine. The suspect faces charges of attempted murder and second-degree burglary.
Source: http://www.digtriad.com/news/watercooler/article/239073/176/Warrant-Man-Put-Chlorine-in-Water-For-Dialysis-Machines

33. *August 3, Half Moon Bay Patch* – (California) **Computer with patient information stolen from Standford Hospital.** The Half Moon Bay Patch reported August 3 that officials at Stanford Hospital in Stanford, California, said a password-protected computer containing patient medical information was stolen from a doctor's locked office between July 15 and 16. The hospital notified 2,500 patients by mail of the theft. The computer contained software that should indicate whether it was connected to the Internet and show its location, but so far it has not been detected. The data contained on the computer included patient names, location of service, and medical record numbers. Some records may also include details such as treatment histories, birth dates or ages, and Social Security numbers. The theft was being investigated by campus security and police, and security measures were being reviewed and tightened, according to a university spokeswoman.
Source: http://halfmoonbay.patch.com/articles/computer-with-patient-information-stolen-from-stanford-hospital-3133f635

34. *August 2, Elmira Star-Gazette* – (New York) **Man fires gun, fleeing scene of Southport pharmacy robbery.** The Chemung County Sheriff's Office was searching for a man who fired a gun August 2 in a robbery at a Southport, New York pharmacy. The sheriff's department reported the man entered Steed's Pharmacy and showed his gun to two clerks behind the counter at the rear of the pharmacy. The suspect went behind the counter and removed an unknown quantity of narcotic medications. Witnesses said the store's owner came out of the rear door and chased the suspect, who then turned and fired shots at his pursuer. The owner gave up the chase and the suspect continued running, hopped over a fence behind the plaza, got into a parked vehicle and fled the area.
Source: http://www.stargazette.com/article/20120802/NEWS01/308020103/Man-fires-gun-fleeing-scene-Southport-pharmacy-robbery?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|FRONTPAGE

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Government Facilities Sector

35. *August 3, Federal Computer Week* – (National) **Virus led to EPA security breach of 8,000 users' personal data.** More details are emerging from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) March security breach that affected nearly 8,000 users — including the conclusion that it was caused by a virus in an email attachment, possibly on a contractor's computer, Federal Computer Week reported August 3. The compromised servers contained data related to the Superfund program, which is almost entirely managed by contractors, said the Washington Business Journal, which

originally reported the breach. The data, including Social Security numbers and bank account information, was exposed after an email attachment with a virus was opened on a computer with access privileges to the breached servers, according to reports. The CEO of IT security firm Route 1 said if a contractor was remotely accessing the servers, the EPA may have been exposed to malware and/or viruses on the contractor's computer.
Source: http://fcw.com/articles/2012/08/03/epa-security-breach-contractors-virus.aspx

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Emergency Services Sector

36. *August 6, Associated Press* – (Arkansas) **260 inmates isolated because of illness at Arkansas maximum-security prison; virus suspected.** The Arkansas Department of Correction said about 260 inmates at the Tucker Unit were placed in isolation because of illness. A spokeswoman said the inmates were isolated in the prison's gym August 5 because of symptoms that point to either a stomach virus or food poisoning. She told the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette that visitation was closed August 5 in case the illness is contagious. The Arkansas Department of Health will test for food poisoning on three meals served over the weekend of August 4. The spokeswoman said officials suspected a highly contagious virus was the culprit because some of the inmates who fell ill did not eat the food. The prison expects visitation to be open again the weekend of August 11 at the maximum-security unit.
Source: http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/c5df2998d49f4031a0b8e3d548582602/AR--Prison-Illness

37. *August 3, Pottstown Mercury* – (Pennsylvania) **Berks County 911 back up after outage.** The Berks County, Pennsylvania 9-1-1 system went down for almost 2 hours August 2, when a piece of equipment failed along with all of the redundancies put into place for such an instance. The equipment that failed was a Verizon controller, said the chief operating officer of Berks County. The manager of media relations in Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Jersey for Verizon said the issue stemmed from software for call routing. The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency was notified and the county put out messages on its Web site and to the media urging residents to dial the non-emergency, 10-digit number for 9-1-1 services. A 9-1-1 senior watch officer said some staffers were sent to a different, back-up location to take calls and he said some remained at the center for the rest of the day to "ride it out" in case a new outage occurred. During the down-time, 155 calls were missed, the chief operating officer of Berks County said.
Source: http://www.pottsmerc.com/article/20120803/NEWS01/120809854/berks-county-911-back-up-after-outage&pager=full_story

38. *August 3, San Francisco Chronicle* – (California) **Oakland police targeted by vandals.** Vandals damaged two Oakland, California police cars near city hall and

attempted to break a window at a police station early August 2 in a coordinated attack to protest a federal investigation into anarchist activity. A group calling itself the East Bay Uncontrollables said in an online post it was responsible for pouring glass etching fluid on the windshields of two unmarked police cars outside a police recruitment center in Frank Ogawa Plaza, slashing the tires on one vehicle, and splashing the acid-based fluid across the center's windows. In a separate pre-dawn incident, another vandal claimed to have damaged a window at a law enforcement station near Lake Merritt. An Oakland police officer at the recruitment center confirmed the attack August 3 and said no suspects were detained. The East Bay Uncontrollables said the attacks were designed to protest a Seattle grand jury's investigation into vandalism during May Day protests, "and to continue our struggle against the forces of the State and Capital at home."
Source: http://www.sfgate.com/crime/article/Oakland-police-targeted-by-vandals-3761360.php

39. *August 3, Huntsville Item* – (Texas) **Inmate seriously injured in riot.** An inmate suffered a serious injury during a riot at the Estelle Unit in northeast Walker County, Texas July 31. The inmate was taken to a hospital in Houston where he was in critical condition with a head injury, according to a Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman. Late July 31, correctional officers responded to a fight involving approximately 73 medium-custody inmates in the K1 housing area at the Estelle Unit. The officers were able to get the situation under control by using chemical agents.
Source: http://itemonline.com/local/x328563339/Inmate-seriously-injured-in-riot

40. *August 3, KXLY 4 Spokane* – (Washington) **911 service out in northern Spokane County, Stevens County.** Century Link Cable reported that 9-1-1 service was out for Deer Park and Springdale. Someone accidentally cut through their fiber wire 12 miles north of Spokane, Washington, disrupting the service, KXLY 4 Spokane reported August 3. The Spokane Combined Communications Center said the problem was more widespread impacting northern Spokane County as well as Stevens County. Emergency officials worked with phone providers to identify the magnitude of the problem and resolve it. Stevens County Fire District 1 and Spokane County Fire District 4 stations from Deer Park to the north staffed their stations to assist citizens.
Source: http://colvillestevenscounty.kxly.com/news/news/84249-911-service-out-northern-spokane-county-stevens-county

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Information Technology Sector

41. *August 6, H Security* – (International) **NVIDIA closes hole in proprietary Unix driver.** NVIDIA fixed the vulnerability in its proprietary graphics driver for Unix systems that was publicly disclosed by a Linux kernel and X.org developer several days ago, H Security reported August 6. It noted that NVIDIA apparently knew about the hole for a month. To close it, the company, released driver version 304.32, along with other drivers, which was deployed via NVIDIA's knowledge base.

Source: http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/NVIDIA-closes-hole-in-proprietary-Unix-driver-1660471.html

42. *August 6, Softpedia* – (International) **Experts demonstrate security holes in Android with exploitation framework.** XYSEC Labs security experts developed the Android Framework for Exploitation (AFE), an open source project meant to demonstrate the existence of security holes in the popular mobile operating system. According to the researchers, the framework can be easily used to create malware and botnets, find vulnerabilities, use exploits, gain access to apps, steal sensitive data, and execute arbitrary commands on infected devices. Recently, a wave of spam messages received by Android users caused commotion in the security community, with many professionals believing it was the first-ever Android botnet. That assumption proved false, but with AFE the experts want to demonstrate an Android botnet is possible. AFE's botnet module includes options that allow the malicious element to remain hidden, the capability of re-launching itself in case of a crash, and an automatic startup feature on device boot.
Source: http://news.softpedia.com/news/Experts-Demonstrate-Security-Holes-in-Android-with-Exploitation-Framework-285047.shtml

43. *August 4, Softpedia* – (International) **Filter bypass vulnerability found in Kaspersky Password Manager.** Vulnerability Lab security researchers identified a medium severity software filter and validation vulnerability that affects Kaspersky's Password Manager 5.0.0.164 and older variants. According to the experts, the flaw allows a local attacker to inject malicious code during the exportation process of a database. If exploited successfully, the vulnerability can be leveraged for: persistently manipulating the application, phishing, the execution of malware, and stealing the victim's passwords in clear text. All these operations require only medium interaction on the user's side. The researchers also provide an example of an exploitation scenario where the attacker sends the victim a fake login page with a specific code in the URL's parameters. This code calls an HTML or a JavaScript that responds to an URL with a chmod 777 command to exchange the file when processing local requests. The unsuspecting Kaspersky Password Manager customer saves the malicious login page to the application via the AutoFill plugin. Later, when the victim attempts to export the file in HTML format using the standard template, the malicious script is executed and the content of the file is sent back to the server owned by the attacker. For the time being, the issue remains unaddressed. As a solution that should be implemented by the vendor, the researchers recommend the use of XML special characters in item names in the exportation of content as an HTML file.
Source: http://news.softpedia.com/news/Filter-Bypass-Vulnerability-Found-in-Kaspersky-Password-Manager-284969.shtml

44. *August 3, Threatpost* – (International) **Volume of malware targeting Java CVE-2012-1723 flaw spikes.** It has been nearly 2 months since Oracle patched the CVE-2012-1723 Java vulnerability, a serious remote pre-authentication flaw present in the Java Runtime Environment, Threatpost reported August 3. The first malware samples xploiting this vulnerability started appearing at the start of July, but they were intermittent. However, by the second week of July, the number of attacks on CVE-

2012-1723 began to increase dramatically. Microsoft researchers compiled statistics that show the volume of malware targeting the Java flaw increased around July 10, and, surged and decreased in the interim, and it was still very high in early August. The vulnerability itself is in a JRE sub-component called Hotspot. Attackers who are able to exploit it will have the ability to execute arbitrary code on the target machine.
Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/volume-malware-targeting-java-cve-2012-1723-flaw-spikes-080312

45. *August 3, V3.co.uk* – (International) **Microsoft releases Attack Surface Analyzer anti-malware tool.** Microsoft's Trustworthy Computing unit released the full version of its Attack Surface Analyzer, a service that explains how new applications impact Windows' ability to repel malicious software. The tool is available as a free download and works by analyzing any new application installed on users' PCs. Microsoft explained the checks the tool can perform include the analysis of changed or newly added files, registry keys, services, Microsoft ActiveX controls, listening ports, and other parameters that affect a computer's attack surface. As well as helping IT departments, the tool is also designed to help application developers ensure their products do not affect computers' cyber defenses.
Source: http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2196589/microsoft-releases-attack-surface-analyzer-antimalware-tool

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Communications Sector

46. *August 3, Infosecurity* – (National) **Text spam bombards US cell phone users.** More than two-thirds of cell phone owners that use text messaging have received text spam, with 25 percent receiving spam at least once a week, according to a survey by the Pew Research Center, Infosecurity reported August 3. In addition, 68 percent of cell phone users have received unwanted sales and marketing calls, with one-quarter receiving calls a few times a week or more frequently, according to the survey of 1,954 cell phone owners in the United States. Smartphone users reported higher incidents of text spam and unwanted sales calls.
Source: http://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/view/27390/text-spam-bombards-us-cell-phone-users/

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Commercial Facilities Sector

47. *August 6, Associated Press* – (Wisconsin) **Officials: Suspect in Sikh temple shooting led white supremacist bands.** The man accused of opening fire at a Sikh temple in Oak Creek, Wisconsin, was a less-than-honorably discharged U.S. Army veteran who may have been a white supremacist, said officials August 6. The suspect was shot and killed by police August 5 after police said he killed six members of the temple's congregation and seriously injured two others, as well as a police officer. During his 6 years in the Army, he was stationed in Texas and North Carolina in the psychological operations unit. Witnesses said the gunman fired at people in the parking lot, then moved into the temple. The suspect shot the first officer to respond eight or nine times at close range with a handgun. A second officer exchanged fire with the gunman, ultimately bringing him down. The injured congregants and police officer were in critical condition August 6.
Source: http://www.kktv.com/home/headlines/Police-dispatcher-Shooting-at-Sikh-temple-in--165064206.html

48. *August 6, KIMA 29 Yakima* – (Washington) **Four-alarm fire rips through Yakima storage facility.** Smoke was visible for miles August 5 as a four-alarm fire burned through a Yakima, Washington storage facility and caused an estimated $1.5 million in damages. Roughly 100 firefighters worked to extinguish the fire that engulfed the Bernd Moving Systems complex. Yakima Fire Department (YFD) initially responded to an automatic alarm from the storage facility. The fire quickly spread, melted sidewalls, and destroyed most of the building. Firefighters from across the Yakima Valley were called in to help. It took them several hours to contain the fire. City-owned back-hoes were used to tear down walls and gave firefighters critical access to the fire. A firefighter suffered slight burns battling the blaze.
Source: http://www.kimatv.com/home/video/Four-alarm-fire-rips-through-Yakima-storage-facility--165086516.html

49. *August 6, Detroit News* – (Michigan) **Warren police discover meth lab at motel, arrest two.** A tip combined with an overwhelming smell led to the busting of a temporary meth lab at a motel as well as the arrest of two men. Police raided a room at a Americas Best Value Inn & Suites in Warren, Michigan, early August 5, according to the Warren Police Department. A hazardous material team was called to the scene because of the danger of an explosion. As officials combed the scene nearby hotel guests were moved to rooms away from the area in case of overpowering fumes, police said. "There's the risk of an explosion any time you have these chemicals mixed together in an area with little or no ventilation," a police spokesperson said.
Source: http://www.detroitnews.com/article/20120806/METRO03/208060373/1409/metro/Warren-police-discover-meth-lab-motel-arrest-two

50. *August 6, KOVR 13 Sacramento* – (California) **5-Alarm fire destroys downtown warehouse.** More than 100 firefighters from across Sacramento, California, battled a

five-alarm fire at a warehouse August 6. The fire started at a party supplies store. Crews said there were explosions inside the building and something being stored inside was what probably caused the fire to spread. Fire crews shot water on the roof of the warehouse and an adjacent limousine business. One firefighter was taken to the hospital to be treated for heat exhaustion.
Source: http://sacramento.cbslocal.com/2012/08/06/5-alarm-fire-destroys-downtown-warehouse/

51. *August 5, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Lightning strike leaves one dead, nine injured at Pocono Raceway.** A lightning strike in the parking lot at the Pocono Raceway in the Long Pond section of Monroe County, Pennsylvania, after a NASCAR race August 5 killed one person and injured nine others, racetrack officials said. It was not immediately clear if all 10 people were struck by lightning in the parking lot behind the grandstand, nor was it known whether one or multiple strikes occurred. Two people were taken to the hospital in critical condition after the strike, racetrack officials said. An official said one of them later died at the hospital, but provided no further details. One person remained hospitalized in critical condition at a different hospital, said the track spokesman. The other five people were taken to various hospitals with minor to moderate injuries, he said. The race was called because of rain, with 98 of the 160 scheduled laps completed. The track posted warnings on its Twitter page near the end of the race encouraging fans to "seek shelter as severe lightning and heavy winds are in our area."
Source: http://www.midlandsconnect.com/sports/story.aspx?id=784718#.UB--SqAbamh

52. *August 5, The Register* – (International) **Reuters suffers double hack.** Reuters suffered two platform infiltrations and was used to spread propaganda messages supporting the Syrian regime August 3. Attackers gained access to its blogging platform and posted false stories claiming attributed to Reuters journalists. After Reuters took the blogging platform offline the attackers directed their attention to a Twitter account operated by the agency, changing @ReutersTECH to @ReutersME and slotting in propagandistic and absurd posts.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/08/05/reuters_hacked/

53. *August 4, Chicago Daily-Herald; Associated Press* – (Illinois) **Cool temps, sun follow storm that delayed Lolapalooza, suburban events.** The high winds, rain, thunder, and lightning that rolled through Illinois suburbs outside Chicago August 4, delayed many outdoor events a few hours, displaced residents of two Aurora buildings that were damaged, and caused power outages. Wind gusts from the storm blew the rubber membrane on the roof of the Constitution House apartments, a retirement community on the west side of Aurora. About 94 apartments were affected by water damage, which displaced 80 to 100 people who lived on the fourth through seventh floors. The Red Cross has been notified to find housing for about 20 people, city officials said. Elsewhere in Aurora, lightning sparked a small fire after striking the roof of a multiple unit building and displaced 17 people as the power had to be shut off to put out the fire. It caused roughly $20,000 in damage. One firefighter became overheated and was taken to Provena Mercy Medical Center in Aurora while controlling fires started by the

storm. In Chicago, Lollapalooza organizers suspended the giant music festival for several hours. Tour of Elk Grove race officials pushed back the start of the second stage of the Men's Pro 3-day race from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The race was reduced from 10 laps to 7 laps. Races at Arlington Park also were delayed while jockeys, horses, and spectators waited out the storm. Everyone was brought into the building when the storm hit. The McHenry County Fair was also shut down for 90 minutes.
Source: http://www.dailyherald.com/article/20120804/news/708049789/

54. *August 4, Fort Worth Star-Telegram; Associated Press* – (Texas; National) **Benbrook Wal-Mart evacuated.** Police in Benbrook, Texas, confirmed August 4 that the Wal-Mart there had been evacuated. Police would not give further details but Facebook posts said the evacuation was because of a bomb threat. Wal-Mart stores across the country recently have had similar threats. The Associated Press reported earlier the week of July 30 that authorities said a northern New Jersey Wal-Mart store that received a bomb threat July 30 was evacuated again August 2. About 700 people were evacuated from the store July 30. A search found no explosives or other incendiary devices. Authorities investigated whether the New Jersey incidents were related to at least a dozen similar threats that have been received at Wal-Marts in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Missouri in recent days. No explosives were found in those incidents.
Source: http://www.star-telegram.com/2012/08/04/4154046/benbrook-wal-mart-evacuated.html

55. *August 3, Reuters* – (Missouri; Kansas) **Three more bomb threats phoned to Missouri Walmart stores.** Telephone bomb threats were received at three Walmart stores in the Kansas City area August 3, the latest in a spate of such threats in Missouri and Kansas, said an FBI spokeswoman. Threats were made to stores in Kansas City, Missouri, the suburb of Raytown, Missouri, and in Kansas City, Kansas, she said. Local television reports showed the stores were evacuated, but no dangerous items were found. July 27 and July 29, there were 11 reported bomb threats to Walmart stores in Missouri and Kansas. The FBI is looking into whether the threats are connected.
Source: http://wsau.com/news/articles/2012/aug/03/three-more-bomb-threats-phoned-to-missouri-walmart-stores/

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

56. *August 6, Associated Press* – (Oklahoma) **Oklahoma fires burn dozens of homes.** Several wildfires raging throughout parched Oklahoma prompted more evacuations August 5 as emergency workers sought to shelter those forced out by flames that destroyed dozens of homes and threatened others in the drought-stricken region. One fire near Luther, about 25 miles northeast of Oklahoma City, destroyed nearly five dozen homes and other buildings before firefighters gained some control August 4. Authorities said several State roads remained closed August 5 because of drifting smoke or nearby fires. A communications supervisor with the Oklahoma State

Highway Patrol said evacuations continued through August 6. The Luther fire was one of at least 10 burning August 4 in Oklahoma. The fires include a large one in Creek County that officials said claimed about 78 square miles, and another about 35 miles to the west in Payne County. Emergency management officials ordered residents of Mannford, in Creek County; Glencoe, in Payne County; Drumright, in Lincoln County; Oak Grove, in Pawnee County; and Quinton, in Pittsburg County, to leave their homes, according to an Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management spokeswoman. Authorities suspect the fire near Luther may have been intentionally set. The Oklahoma County sheriff's department said it was looking for someone in a black pickup truck seen throwing newspapers out a window after setting them ablaze. A spokeswoman for the Red Cross reported about 50 people sought refuge at a shelter.
Source: http://www.claimsjournal.com/news/southcentral/2012/08/06/211406.htm

57. *August 5, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Fire crews battling wildfires in Sequoia National Forest.** Dozens of firefighters were battling two separate wildfires August 5 that broke out in Kern County, California, after a series of lightning strikes that accompanied a weekend storm. The Clear fire, burning 12 miles south of Lake Isabella, consumed 514 acres since it was reported August 4, said an engineer and spokesman for the Kern County Fire Department. Eight miles away, the Heald fire spread through 313 acres in steep and rocky terrain. Lightning from a August 3 storm is believed to have caused the two blazes, both of which are in the Sequoia National Forest, as well as six others that were already contained.
Source: http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2012/08/fire-crews-battling-wildfires-in-sequoia-national-forest.html

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