



Department of Homeland Security Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 26 September 2008

Current Nationwide Threat Level is

ELEVATED
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF TERRORIST ATTACKS

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- According to USA Today, a new government program aims to make it more difficult for terrorists to steal radioactive material from the nation’s hospitals and medical research labs to make “dirty bombs.” About 1,300 machines will be fitted with new security measures by the end of next year. (See item [10](#))
- The Houston Chronicle reports that a quarter of a million people in the Houston, Texas, region were without running water Tuesday, according to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, which regulates more than 2,500 public water systems in the 10-county region hammered by Hurricane Ike. (See item [29](#))

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: **Physical:** ELEVATED, **Cyber:** ELEVATED
Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *September 25, Reuters* – (National) **U.S. gasoline inventories lowest since 1967.** U.S. gasoline inventories shrunk to the lowest level since 1967 after Hurricanes Gustav and Ike shut Gulf Coast oil refineries, but the Bush administration said there is still no need to ask for emergency fuel supplies from European allies. The drop in fuel stocks has caused long lines at service stations in southern cities. Retail outlets, including those in Atlanta and Memphis and as far away as Ohio, have run out of fuel. Nonetheless, the U.S. energy secretary said on Wednesday the Bush administration would not reconsider making a request to the International Energy Agency for emergency gasoline supplies.

He said last week the U.S. Energy Department (DOE) was “reasonably satisfied” with the recovery of the U.S. oil sector after the hurricanes. U.S. gasoline stocks fell 5.9 million barrels last week to just under 179 million barrels, down almost 19 million barrels from a year ago, according to DOE’s Energy Information Administration (EIA). That leaves the United States with the lowest fuel stocks since 1967, when America’s gasoline demand was just 5 million barrels a day, almost half its current daily consumption of 9 million, the EIA said.

Source:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/domesticNews/idUSTRE48N85320080925?pageNumber=1&virtualBrandChannel=0>

2. *September 24, Reuters* – (National) **Kinder to resume Colonial, Explorer flow in 2 days.** Kinder Morgan Energy Partners said on Wednesday it expects to resume supplying oil products to the Colonial and Explorer pipelines within the next two days, after a fire at its Pasadena, Texas, terminal. The company’s facility at Galena Park, which serves the Longhorn and Magellan pipelines, was not affected by the fire late Tuesday and was currently operating, Kinder Morgan said in a release. “The manifolds serving the Colonial and Explorer pipelines are on the opposite side of the facility and have been temporarily shut down, but the company currently expects to resume operations at those manifolds in the next 24 to 48 hours,” the company said. The Colonial pipeline flows an average of 2.3 million barrels per day of gasoline and distillate fuels from Pasadena, Texas, to the New York Harbor area. The Explorer pipeline, which runs from Lake Charles to Chicago, can pump as much as 700,000 barrels per day of distillates and gasoline.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssEnergyNews/idUSN2444566620080924>

See also:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssEnergyNews/idUSNN244366220080924?pageNumber=1&virtualBrandChannel=0>

3. *September 24, Reuters* – (Arkansas) **AEP mulls court appeal of Texas coal-plant order.** A unit of American Electric Power Co. may go to court to try to contest financial limits a Texas agency placed on its approval to build a coal-fired power plant, a utility spokesman said on Wednesday. The Texas Public Utility Commission (PUC) dismissed a request by AEP’s Southwestern Electric Power Co (SWEPCO) to delete two financial restrictions from the commission’s order approving construction of the 600-megawatt John W Turk Jr. coal-fired plant in Arkansas. The commission order said Texas customers should pay no more than their share of the current price tag of \$1.52 billion for the plant which has not yet obtained an air permit in Arkansas. The PUC also limited the amount of future carbon-mitigation costs than can be passed to Texas ratepayers at \$28 per ton through 2030. Rising construction costs and climate-change concern have led utilities to cancel dozens of proposed coal-fired units in the past two years in the U.S.

Source:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssIndustryMaterialsUtilitiesNews/idUSN2447446920080924?pageNumber=1&virtualBrandChannel=0>

4. *September 24, Reuters* – (New York) **LIPA/Con Edison to study offshore wind power in NY.** The Long Island Power Authority (LIPA) and Consolidated Edison Inc. will study the potential for an offshore wind project to be located at least 10 miles off the Rockaway Peninsula in New York, the state's governor said in a release Wednesday. There are plenty of wind projects in upstate New York, but transmission bottlenecks make it difficult to move that renewable energy to New York City and Long Island, the president and chief executive officer of LIPA said in the release, noting that offshore wind makes sense downstate. Economies of scale now dictate that an offshore wind project would have to be larger and farther out to sea than the one previously considered by LIPA, the governor said. New offshore wind turbine technologies allow for the siting of facilities much farther into the ocean than was possible just a few years ago.
Source:
<http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssIndustryMaterialsUtilitiesNews/idUSN2428706220080924>

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Chemical Industry Sector

5. *September 25, MSNBC* – (Kentucky) **Chemical spills at Clark Co. business.** Hazmat crews were on the scene at a Clark County bioscience business after 20-30 gallons of ammonia hydroxide leaked from a stainless steel container when the valve came off. The incident happened at about 1:30 p.m. at Martek Biosciences Corporation. The container was on a truck that was in a loading dock at the back of the Martek building. Officials say previous reports of a leak of 250 gallons were erroneous. There are no reports of any injuries related to the leak. Coincidentally, fire officials were at Martek at the time doing a training exercise when a firefighter noticed the leak.
Source: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/26875465/>
6. *September 24, Platts* – (Texas) **OxyVinyls declares system-wide force majeure on PVC, VCM.** OxyVinyls has declared a system-wide force majeure on PVC and vinyl chloride monomer. The declaration was said to be driven by a shortage of feedstocks, in particular ethylene. Following the landfall of Hurricane Ike, Oxy lost roughly 60% of its PVC capacity and, as a result, was unable to fulfill its contractual obligations. In addition, it was noted that the company was also on a 50% allocation for ethylene, which was prohibiting VCM production. PVC production appeared to be the more serious issue as the company was able to maintain some of its VCM deliveries through inventories.
Source:
<http://www.platts.com/Petrochemicals/News/6963540.xml?sub=Petrochemicals&p=Petrochemicals/News&?undefined&undefined>
7. *September 23, SDCExec* – (Georgia) **Dow Chemical Company deploys software to monitor, secure chemical tank rail cars.** The Dow Chemical Company is now utilizing Savi's SmartChain Asset Management for its Toxic Inhalation Hazard rail tank car fleet to automatically monitor the location and security status of the hazardous materials they transport. The software solution, developed by Savi, a Lockheed Martin

Company, was announced at the opening of the LogiChem Conference. The Dow Railcar Shipment Visibility solution incorporates GPS, satellite communication systems and sensors affixed to tank cars, enabling Dow to “ping” on demand or receive automated alerts of possible security breaches, unsafe temperatures and high impacts to tank cars. Geo-fencing capabilities that leverage satellite images enable identification of the nearest first responder in the case of an emergency or security threat. The integrated solution encompasses a number of components. First, a variety of sensors can be affixed to the railcars to detect unauthorized opening of the dome, unsafe temperatures inside the tanks, impacts and chemical odors. Second, GPS devices placed on the tank cars communicate the sensor data and their location to satellite or cellular communication systems. Third, all wireless data is transmitted to the Savi SmartChain Asset Management Application, which is software that transforms the data into useful information to better manage the operations and security of the rail tank cars. Dow has designated Savi Technology’s software as a “Most Effective Technology” for multiple business units to track a wide range of mobile assets, or “shipping vessels,” including totes, cylinders, containers, trucks, and rail cars.

Source: [http://www.sdexec.com/web/online/IntegrationERP-News/Dow-Chemical-Company-Deploys-Software-to-Monitor--Secure-Chemical-Tank-Rail-Cars/35\\$10720](http://www.sdexec.com/web/online/IntegrationERP-News/Dow-Chemical-Company-Deploys-Software-to-Monitor--Secure-Chemical-Tank-Rail-Cars/35$10720)

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

8. *September 25, Associated Press* – (National) **Reid, Ensign say nuclear waste rail plan unsafe.** Federal officials insisted Wednesday that transporting thousands of tons of radioactive waste by rail to Nevada can be done safely. The Nevada senators strongly disagreed. Testifying at a hearing of the Senate Commerce Committee, a Nevada senator called the U.S. Energy Department’s (DOE) plans for shipping spent nuclear fuel to Yucca Mountain “grossly incomplete.” In Nevada, DOE is planning a rail line along the “Caliente Corridor,” a 300-plus mile east-west route from Caliente near the Utah line to the nuclear dump site 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas. The director of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission’s Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards acknowledged under questioning from a Nevada senator that the casks planned to transport the waste had not been subjected to physical testing to show whether they could survive a severe accident, such as a terrorist attack or plane crash. Computer modeling has been used, and the casks have been shown to be safe, the director said. The Nevada senators said the government should require older, cooler spent fuel to be shipped first. The DOE official in charge of the Yucca Mountain project said all shipments would be accompanied by armed guards and monitored via satellite, and most would be done on dedicated trains. He said the department needs about 150 “transportation, aging and deposit” canisters, each weighing about 180 tons.

Source: <http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2008/09/25/ap5469914.html>

9. *September 24, WSJM 1400 St. Joseph* – (Michigan) **NRC says Cook is safe.** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is investigating Saturday’s fire at the Cook Nuclear plant. A spokeswoman says that the Region Three division is involved in the process along with Cook personnel. She says that so far, there has been no indication

that a lack of proper oversight or maintenance on the part of Cook is to blame for the fire, which was apparently started when some rotor blades in a generator became damaged, causing a hydrogen leak that ignited. The NRC says that Cook remains safe, and the public was never in danger during the incident.

Source: <http://wsjm.com/NRC-Says-Cook-is-Safe/3025294>

10. *September 23, USA Today* – (National) **Feds work to secure potential ‘dirty bomb’ source.** A new government program aims to make it more difficult for terrorists to steal dangerous radioactive material from the nation’s hospitals and medical research labs to make “dirty bombs.” About 1,300 machines in medical facilities will be fitted with new security measures by the end of next year that will make it much harder for anyone to steal the cesium chloride inside, officials at the U.S. Homeland Security and Energy departments said. Concerns about hospital security took on new urgency last year when government “red teams” were able to break into irradiation machines in as little as two minutes, said the head of Homeland Security’s Domestic Nuclear Detection Office. The retrofitted machines “will help keep potentially dangerous material safe and secure from theft or misuse,” said a spokesman of the Energy Department’s National Nuclear Security Administration. That agency is splitting the cost — up to \$3,000 per machine — with Homeland Security. The work began this month at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. The New York Police Department counterterrorism chief called the retrofits “very basic and relatively cheap” and said they are “long overdue.”

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/2008-09-23-mednukes_N.htm

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

11. *September 25, Defense News* – (National) **U.S. Army focuses on updating information warfare.** Where earlier U.S. Army information operations (IO) doctrine focused on bringing technologies to bear against a single adversary, an updated version due out next year talks about the need to engage and defeat decentralized small groups of enemies who might, for example, travel between countries. To be submitted on November 10 for vetting, FM 3-13 is meant to provide a road map for information warfare: crafting messages aimed at local populations, creating make-believe radio chatter to confuse an enemy, and more.

Source: <http://www.defensenews.com/story.php?i=3741959&c=LAN&s=TOP>

12. *September 24, Defense News* – (National) **U.S. Army to deploy more capable Hellfire from UAV.** The U.S. Army is preparing to deploy a new Hellfire missile variant designed to launch from UAVs and be able to find targets in a much broader range of airspace. Earlier Hellfires are programmed to fly to a point in space and are given a direct, high, or low trajectory. They are also programmed to then begin looking for the energy from a laser-designated target within a fairly narrow 40-degree arc of airspace. The P model has a seeker that can find the laser reflections in a 180-degree arc, a senior Army civilian said.

Source: <http://www.defensenews.com/story.php?i=3740305&c=LAN&s=TOP>

13. *September 24, Associated Press* – (Oklahoma) **Air Force gives green light to GM plant lease.** Oklahoma County commissioners meet today to vote on a contract to lease the old General Motors plant to the U.S. Air Force for \$1 a year. The plant is adjacent to Tinker Air Force Base and was bought by the county for \$54 million after voters approved a bond issue. The Air Force has agreed to a contract to lease the base and is expected to take possession of the property after commissioners give their approval. The Air Force is expected to spend \$50 million to \$100 million in improvements to the plant and is expected to eventually buy it.

Source: <http://www.kten.com/Global/story.asp?S=9064942>

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Banking and Finance Sector

14. *September 25, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Brothers admit to million-dollar mortgage fraud.** Federal prosecutors say two Virginia brothers have pleaded guilty in a million-dollar mortgage fraud scheme. Between April 2004 and September 2006, prosecutors say the two brothers received several real estate mortgage loans. Additionally, they pleaded guilty to conspiring with a Leesburg resident who aided in the scheme. The three overstated the Leesburg man's income and omitted his liabilities so he could purchase properties they were selling. The brothers paid him \$27,000 for each property he bought after they received more than \$2 million in loans.

Source: <http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2008/09/25/ap5469775.html>

15. *September 24, Mondo Visione* – (Connecticut) **SEC wins major hedge fund fraud case against Michael Lauer, head of Lancer Management Group.** The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) announced that a district court judge today granted its motion for summary judgment against the architect of a massive billion-dollar hedge fund fraud. The head of two Connecticut-based companies – Lancer Management Group and Lancer Management Group II was found liable for violating the anti-fraud provisions of the federal securities laws. He raised more than \$1.1 billion from investors and his fraudulent actions caused investor losses of approximately \$500 million. The companies were placed under the control of a Court-appointed receiver after the SEC filed its enforcement action in 2003. The judge's order entered a permanent injunction against Lauer against future violations of Sections 17(a)(1)-(3) of the Securities Act of 1933 (Securities Act), Section 10(b) and Rule 10b-5 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Exchange Act), and Sections 206(1) and (2) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (Advisers Act). The order reserved ruling on the SEC's claim for disgorgement with prejudgment interest against Lauer, and on the amount of a financial penalty Lauer must pay. The SEC is seeking a financial penalty and disgorgement of the more than \$50 million Lauer received in ill-gotten gains from his fraudulent scheme.

Source:

<http://www.mondovisione.com/index.cfm?section=news&action=detail&id=77509>

16. *September 24, Mondo Visione* – (National) **CFTC sanctions four registered**

commodity pool operators for failing to file timely commodity pool. The U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) today simultaneously filed and settled charges against four registered commodity pool operators (CPOs), charging them with failing to distribute to investors and file with the National Futures Association (NFA) one or more of their respective commodity pools' annual reports in a timely manner. Mansur Capital Corporation of Chicago, Persistent Edge Management, LLC of San Francisco, and Stillwater Capital Partners, Inc. and Stillwater Capital Partners, LLC, both of New York, were charged in the CFTC action. The CFTC orders find that each of the four CPOs operated one or more commodity pools, including pools that operated as funds-of-funds. While each of the CPOs had obtained extensions of the prescribed deadlines for various pools and reporting years, each failed to timely comply with its obligations, in violation of CFTC regulations.

Source:

<http://www.mondovisione.com/index.cfm?section=news&action=detail&id=77504>

17. *September 24, Mondo Visione* – (Pennsylvania) **CFTC files action to revoke the registration of Philadelphia Alternative Asset Management Company.** The CFTC, in a Notice of Intent to Revoke Registration filed on September 24, 2008, alleges that the Philadelphia Alternative Asset Management Company (PAAM) is subject to statutory disqualification of its registration as a CPO based on a default judgment entered against PAAM in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania on August 13, 2008. The order found that PAAM, from at least the fall of 2002 through at least May 2005, fraudulently solicited more than \$280 million from individuals to participate in a commodity pool that traded commodity futures and options. The order also found that PAAM issued fraudulent trading account statements, misrepresented its trading record to prospective participants, and misappropriated pool funds. PAAM was ordered to pay restitution of approximately \$276 million and an \$8.8 million civil monetary penalty.

Source:

<http://www.mondovisione.com/index.cfm?section=news&action=detail&id=77502>

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Transportation Sector

18. *September 25, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Los Angeles city, county officials lobby for new train safety measures.** Metrolink should add a second engineer to its locomotives, install anti-collision technology, and place an additional video camera in the cab of its engines to monitor train drivers, according to a motion supported by several Los Angeles city and county officials. The improvements, however, are not being sought by Metrolink. Instead, the motion will be considered today at a board meeting of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority – one of the five county transit agencies that funds and oversees Metrolink. The safety measures are being pushed in the wake of the September 12 head-on collision in Chatsworth between a freight train and Ventura County-bound Metrolink train that killed 24 passengers and the Metrolink engineer. The motion, which would provide \$5 million to help pay for the upgrades, is expected to receive wide support. Perhaps the most high-profile aspect of

the MTA motion is its call for Metrolink to quickly install an older technology that can set a train's brakes if it does not stop at a red signal.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/news/printedition/california/la-me-railsafety25-2008sep25.0.4023109.story>

19. *September 25, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **FAA to help airlines install crash-avoidance equipment.** Three airlines that operate at Los Angeles International Airport will install safety equipment in their cockpits designed to reduce runway near misses, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announced Wednesday. The FAA will provide \$600,000 each to Skywest Airlines, US Airways, and Southwest Airlines to help pay for cockpit systems that show pilots their precise locations at airports and provide them with information about the runways they are entering, crossing, or departing from. Research by the FAA and the airline industry shows that the technology would have eliminated 44 percent of the serious runway incursions nationwide that were caused by pilot error between 2004 and 2008.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/news/printedition/california/la-me-lax25-2008sep25.0.1345367.story>

See also:

<http://ap.google.com/article/ALeqM5ik6Pj2j4UqVkJirX1k5Y9JwZJuVQD93DJKS01>

20. *September 25, Indianapolis Star* – (Indiana) **Bridge repair costs rise, delay opening.** The 86th Street bridge over White River will reopen nearly a month late and cost a bit more than originally planned, according to project leaders. The 66-year-old truss bridge had more rotting steel than expected and needed to be reinforced with an additional 12 tons, officials said. The bridge closed to traffic in June for repairs

Source:

<http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080925/LOCAL1802/809250338/1195/LOCAL18>

21. *September 24, Associated Press* – (California) **Calif. bond would launch bullet train project.** A century and a half after California built its first railroad, the Golden State may be about to launch the most ambitious rail project undertaken by any state — a nearly 800-mile system of bullet trains that can top 200 miles per hour. On November 4, California voters will decide whether to authorize the sale of \$9.9 billion in state bonds to help pay for a high-speed rail line linking Anaheim, Los Angeles, Fresno, and San Francisco. Planners say it would be the first leg of a system that would complement air travel and eventually include stations in Sacramento, San Diego, and Oakland. Planners say the first trains could be running within six years in some corridors and that the entire 800 miles of track could be completed by 2020 if sufficient financing is available.

Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/news/ci_10550676

22. *September 24, Associated Press* – (Washington) **First jetliner to test Sea-Tac's 3rd runway.** The new third runway at Sea-Tac Airport is ready for action. The Port of Seattle says an Alaska Airlines 737 will perform several touch-and-go landings Thursday as part of the Federal Aviation Administration certification process. The port says a widebody plane will test the runway next month. It is scheduled to go into

regular operation on November 20. The third runway will allow more planes to land during poor visibility at Sea-Tac.

Source:

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap_travel/20080924/ap_travel_brief_sea_tac_third_runway;_ylt=AqXtQpmHCSD9VVCqZVclaiOs0NUE

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Postal and Shipping Sector

23. *September 24, Burlington County Times* – (New Jersey) **Postal Service says substance not hazardous.** An investigation has determined that a powdery white substance found in two letters received in the mail was not hazardous, according to a spokesman for the U.S. Postal Service. Two people complaining of a burning sensation on their skin were taken to a hospital in Mount Holly, New Jersey, today after they returned the envelopes to the Hainesport Post Office. State police and a hazardous materials team were sent to the post office after the envelopes containing the powder were brought there, said a spokesman for the New Jersey State Police. The home of the residents who received the envelopes in the mail was also investigated, according to a Postal Service spokesman. He said that the inspection service ran field tests on the home and the mailbox of the recipient, but results came up negative.

Source: <http://www.phillyburbs.com/pb-dyn/news/112-09242008-1595803.html>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

24. *September 25, Bennington Banner* – (New York) **Alert on raw milk.** A consumer alert has been issued by the New York Department of Agriculture and Markets for raw milk produced by the Breese Hollow Dairy Farm. The farm has voluntarily put a hold on its raw milk sales in response to a test for listeria monocytogenes, done by the department's food laboratory, coming back positive, according to the department's alert. Listeria can cause a disease known as listeriosis, which produces flu-like symptoms in healthy individuals, and more serious problems for individuals with lowered immune systems. According to the department, no illnesses have been reported in association with raw milk sold by the Breese Hollow Dairy Farm. The raw milk sales will be kept on hold until another test comes back showing that there is no longer any bacterial contamination.

Source: http://www.benningtonbanner.com/ci_10553743?source=most_viewed

25. *September 24, Associated Press* – (California) **California slaughterhouse worker sentenced in cattle abuse case that led to large beef recall.** A former slaughterhouse worker was sentenced to jail and probation after being seen abusing sick and injured cattle in a secretly taped video that prompted the largest beef recall in U.S. history. The Humane Society of the United States shot the video at Westland/Hallmark Meat Co. in Chino, leading to a federal investigation and the recall of 143 million pounds of beef in February. Another worker pleaded guilty in March to three misdemeanor counts of

illegal movement of a non-ambulatory animal and was sentenced to six months in jail.
Source: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/nationworld/nation/wire/sns-ap-slaughterhouse-abuse,0,7186464.story>

26. *September 24, Mercury News* – (California) **Feds put restrictions on Calif. cattle travel.** A new order by federal agriculture officials says most cattle leaving California must pass a veterinary test certifying they are free of bovine tuberculosis (TB). The U.S. Department of Agriculture had warned state officials this summer that travel restrictions could be put in place after the communicable disease was detected in three Fresno County dairy herds earlier this year. Steers and heifers moving directly to a feedlot can travel without testing. California had been TB-free since 2005, two years after an outbreak in Kings and Tulare counties.
Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/news/ci_10548674

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Water Sector

27. *September 24, Stockton Record* – (California) **Sewage spills draw lawsuit.** A conservation group has followed through on its threat to sue the city for sewage spills and alleged violations of its permit to release treated wastewater. The lawsuit, filed in federal court in Sacramento, says 1,530 sewer overflows were reported in Stockton over the past five years, endangering human health and the environment. The city has failed to maintain the sewer system and put off repairs for lack of funding, said a Stockton environmentalist, who heads the plaintiff California Sportfishing Protection Alliance. “There is a problem,” he said Tuesday. “The city is going to have to be much more aggressive in maintaining its facilities to lessen the number of spills that are occurring.” Stockton’s assistant city attorney said officials had not yet reviewed the suit and would wait to comment on it.
Source:
http://www.recordnet.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080924/A_NEWS/809240330-1/rss14
28. *September 24, United Press International* – (Florida) **City turns to bottled water after mishap.** Residents of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, waited Wednesday to find out whether their tap water was safe to drink after a spill at the city’s treatment plant. A worker at the Fiveash Water Treatment Plant accidentally dropped a small amount of gear oil into the water supply Tuesday prompting Fort Lauderdale to issue a health advisory, the South Florida Sun-Sentinel reports. The city’s 250,000 area residents were instructed to immediately switch to bottled water for drinking and cooking. A representative of the state Department of Health said the city made an error by using non-food-grade oil to lubricate machinery.
Source:
http://www.upi.com/Top_News/2008/09/24/City_turns_to_bottled_water_after_mishap/UPI-20191222277815/

29. *September 23, Houston Chronicle* – (Texas) **Hundreds of thousands may stay without**

water for a while. A quarter of a million people in the Houston region were without running water Tuesday, according to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, which regulates more than 2,500 public water systems in the 10-county region hammered by Hurricane Ike. Commission officials did not know about another 600,000 people because they have been unable to communicate with those utilities in the wake of the storm. The problem has myriad causes, including power outages and severe infrastructure damage in coastal areas. Some public water systems, which Texas regulators require to continue pumping in spite of power outages, have failed to do so, according to residents they serve and state officials.

Source: <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/metropolitan/6019127.html>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

30. *September 24, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **2 die of Legionnaires' disease in NJ hospital.** New Jersey health officials say two men have died after contracting Legionnaires' disease in a hospital. A Health Department spokeswoman said Wednesday that one died September 12 and the other Monday at St. Peter's University Hospital in the city of New Brunswick. Four other people at the hospital were found to have Legionnaires' over the past two weeks. All six were admitted with other serious illnesses. The hospital is treating its water supply with chlorine to kill the bacteria and reviewing records to determine whether other patients might have contracted the disease. Legionnaires' disease is a type of pneumonia that can be spread through plumbing and air conditioning systems.
Source: http://ap.google.com/article/ALeqM5idp4q-p_3VQ-x7ht-EbJ4puV4xHwD93DB4B80

31. *September 24, Philadelphia Business Journal* – (New Jersey) **Cooper University Hospital settles Medicare fraud case.** Cooper University Hospital agreed Wednesday to pay the United States \$3.85 million, plus interest, to settle allegations that it defrauded the federal government's Medicare program. According to the U.S. Justice Department, the settlement resolves allegations that the Camden, New Jersey, hospital improperly increased charges to Medicare patients to obtain enhanced reimbursement from the federal health-care program for the elderly. Medicare pays supplemental reimbursement, called outlier payments, in addition to standard payments to hospitals in cases where the cost of care is unusually high. Congress had enacted the supplemental payment system to provide the incentive to hospitals to handle such cases. The Justice Department alleged that, between January 2001 and August 2003, Cooper improperly inflated charges for inpatient and outpatient care to make its costs appear greater than they actually were, and obtain outlier payments from Medicare that it was not entitled to receive.
Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/philadelphia/stories/2008/09/22/daily24.html>

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Government Facilities Sector

32. *September 25, Associated Press* – (National) **8 generals disciplined after misstep on warheads.** Eight generals have been disciplined as a result of the mistaken shipment of fuses for nuclear warheads to Taiwan. Defense officials said Wednesday that the six Air Force and two Army generals were given disciplinary letters that vary in seriousness. The officers are mainly in logistical jobs and were involved to some degree in the mistaken shipment to Taiwan of four electrical fuses for ballistic missile nuclear warheads in 2006. The error did not come to light until this past March. Nine other lower-ranking Air Force officers also were disciplined, but no details were available. In early June, the defense secretary fired the Air Force chief of staff and the secretary of the Air Force, blaming them for failing to fully address several nuclear-related missteps, including the mistaken shipment.
Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/09/24/AR2008092403563.html>
33. *September 25, Rocky Mountain News* – (Colorado) **14 treated after acid spill at school.** A hydrochloric acid spill at Eaglecrest High School in Arapahoe County, Colorado, on Wednesday sent 14 people to the hospital. All were treated and released. The school was evacuated, and after-school activities were canceled. The Cherry Creek School District also used the reverse 911 system to alert parents of students at Eaglecrest and Thunder Ridge Middle School of the spill and symptoms of possible exposure to the vapors, according to a spokeswoman for the district. The spill occurred as school was being let out. A private contractor was delivering a 55-gallon plastic drum of hydrochloric acid to be used for cleaning the swimming pool. The drum was damaged while it was being unloaded from the truck, and about 20 gallons of the chemical spilled onto the sidewalk and pavement, according to a spokesman for the Cunningham Fire Protection District.
Source: <http://www.rockymountainnews.com/news/2008/sep/25/14-treated-after-acid-spill-at-school/>
34. *September 24, Government Executive* – (National) **Homeland Security committee approves key federal IT legislation.** The Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee on Tuesday approved two key pieces of information technology legislation, including a measure that would require agencies to appoint a chief information security officer. Lawmakers voted out of committee both the 2008 Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) as well the 2008 Information Technology Oversight Enhancement and Waste Prevention Act. The FISMA legislation requires agencies to appoint a qualified chief information security officer who would be responsible for monitoring, detecting, and responding to cybersecurity threats, and report to the chief information officer. The IT oversight bill seeks to improve agency performance and congressional oversight of major federal IT projects.
Source: http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20080924_3021.php
35. *September 24, Appeal-Democrat* – (California) **Bomb threat clears Colusa courthouse.** A bomb threat forced the evacuation of the Colusa County, California,

Courthouse on Wednesday afternoon, briefly interrupting two high profile attempted murder cases. Just after 1 p.m., the courthouse business office received the threat by phone. The building was evacuated about 1:05. About 100 people quietly moved away from the courthouse while the threat was investigated. Investigators do not believe the threat was related to any of the defendants appearing in court, according to a Colusa police lieutenant.

Source: http://www.appeal-democrat.com/news/evacuated_69099_article.html/threat_courthouse.html

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Emergency Services Sector

36. *September 25, WSBT 22 South Bend* – (Indiana) **Phone service cut to part of Berrien County; 911 service affected.** Phone service was disrupted to portions of Berrien County Wednesday night and police say that affected 911 emergency service. The outage affected most of Buchanan, Galien, and Three Oaks. Police say a fiber optic line was cut between Buchanan and Three Oaks. County Sheriff's Department dispatchers placed all fire departments on standby at their stations. 911 could be reached using some cell services. Service was restored around 1:30 a.m.

Source: <http://www.wsbt.com/news/local/29721519.html>

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Information Technology

37. *September 25, CXOtoday* – (National) **Cisco releases advisory for vulnerabilities.** Cisco released 12 security advisories Wednesday. Eleven of the advisories address vulnerabilities in the IOS software that powers all Cisco hardware like routers and switches. One such advisory addresses vulnerabilities in Cisco Unified Communications Manager.

Source:

http://www.cxotoday.com/India/News/Cisco_Releases_Advisory_for_Vulnerabilities/551-93586-909.html

38. *September 25, VNU Net* – (National) **Barracuda opens up spam blocking list.** Barracuda Networks is to open its spam blocking list for companies to use free of charge. The Barracuda Reputation Block List (BRBL) is a dynamically updated list of known spam servers that can be used to block spam at the gateway. This means that companies do not have to run all incoming email through antivirus scanners and other filtering technologies, according to the firm. The BRBL will now be available for free download and includes a tool to report other spam servers. This is not the first time that Barracuda has given away security software. The company is currently being sued by Trend Micro for giving away its Clam antivirus engine without paying a license fee for a patent which Barracuda is challenging.

Source: <http://www.vnunet.com/vnunet/news/2226879/barracuda-opens-spam-blocking>

Internet Alert Dashboard

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Communications Sector

39. *September 24, Agence France-Presse* – (International) **US telecoms satellite put into orbit: company.** The Russo-Ukrainian rocket Zenit on Wednesday put the U.S. telecommunications satellite Galaxy-19 in orbit, Russia's space flights regulator said. The satellite, manufactured by Space Systems/Loral, has a wide footprint covering the United States, the Caribbean region, Canada, and Mexico. The Zenit was launched from a floating platform in the Pacific Ocean run by Sea Launch, in which U.S., Russian, Norwegian, and Ukrainian firms hold stakes, including aviation giant Boeing.

Source:

http://www.spacedaily.com/reports/US_telecoms_satellite_put_into_orbit_company_999.html

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Commercial Facilities Sector

40. *September 25, Fox 29 Philadelphia*- (Pennsylvania) **Suspicious packages found to be hot dog vendor supplies.** Suspicious packages caused an evacuation of fans at Citizens Bank Park before Wednesday night's Phillies game. The discovery of three suspicious packages was made at an entrance on the Pattison Avenue side of the stadium at 4:12 p.m., police said. Phillies officials said fans allowed into Ashburn Alley before the game's start as well as staff members were evacuated. The police department's bomb squad responded to check out the devices. A squad member wearing a protective suit approached the items, and one small explosion occurred at 5:09 p.m. Police said it turns out the items were boxes of hot dogs -- supplies left behind by a vendor. Once officials determined the scene was safe, fans and employees began returning to the ballpark for the start of the 7:05 p.m. scheduled game against the Atlanta Braves.

Source:

<http://www.myfoxphilly.com/myfox/pages/News/Detail?contentId=7505024&version=14&locale=EN-US&layoutCode=TSTY&pageId=3.2.1>

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National Monuments & Icons Sector

41. *September 25, Acorn* – (National) **National Park Service formulates plan for the next 100 years.** A blue-ribbon commission comprising scientists, conservationists,

politicians, and other community leaders met recently at the Four Seasons Hotel in Westlake Village to discuss the future role of America's national parks. The "National Parks Second Century Commission" met in Westlake because of the city's proximity to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, one of 390 national park sites covering more than 84 million acres in the United States.

Source: <http://www.theacorn.com/news/2008/0925/Community/017.html>

42. *September 24, Associated Press* – (California) **Sierra fires, high temps cue air quality warning.** Air pollution officials warn that smoke from two stubborn fires will impact air quality across the San Joaquin Valley for the next few days. The San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District said Wednesday that particulate matter from a 3,700-acre blaze in Sequoia National Park and another 9,400-acre blaze in Kings Canyon National Park could cause health issues for people with respiratory and heart problems.

Source: http://www.examiner.com/a-1605179~Sierra_fires_high_temps_cue_air_quality_warning.html

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Dams Sector

43. *September 24, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Vitter: Corps vow to speed up levee work after Ike.** A U.S. senator from Louisiana said Wednesday he obtained a commitment from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to speed up the work pace on shoring up non-federal levees in south Louisiana breached by Hurricane Ike, two days after lashing out at the Corps for sitting on millions of dollars in earmarks for fortifying the most vulnerable levees. He said the Corps also has committed itself to studying his proposal to let state and local officials take the lead and help further speed up work on fortifying levees overtopped by Ike.

Source: <http://www.wlvtv.com/topstories/stories/ww1092408mlvitter.abca5bce.html>

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