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- BBC News reports that an AeroMexico passenger plane flying from the Mexican resort of Cancun was hijacked and flown to Mexico City on Wednesday. Mexican news Web sites earlier reported that three men had threatened to blow up the plane, carrying 104 passengers, unless they were allowed to speak to Mexico’s president. (See item 15)

- According to the Salt Lake City Deseret News, a motorized parachute crashed into a crowd at a festival in Hooper, Utah on Monday, injuring at least six people. National Transportation Safety Board investigators are unsure whether the unregistered craft should have been registered, based on its specifications. (See item 38)

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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 8, Philadelphia Inquirer – (Delaware) Broken pipe cited for Sunoco plant fire. Fire officials Tuesday blamed the spectacular May fire that destroyed part of Sunoco’s Marcus Hook refinery on a rusty 10-inch pipe that ruptured and caused a catastrophic natural gas leak. The chief deputy of the Delaware State Fire Marshal’s
office called the blaze an accident. He said investigators concluded that a feed line to the refinery’s ethylene unit failed and released gas that caught fire. No one was injured in the May 17 inferno, which lit up the sky and destroyed the unit, located on the Delaware side of the 781-acre refinery. A Sunoco Inc. spokesman said the Philadelphia company has stepped up efforts to examine piping systems at all its facilities to address immediate problems and has begun a process to revise its standard inspection practices to make them more rigorous. “We have begun implementing a special-emphasis program for high-risk systems to be sure similar structures with similar conditions do not exist at any Sunoco facilities,” he said in a statement. Sunoco will have a third party review its inspection practices to identify other areas for improvement, he said. The corroded pipe was located on top of a concrete support about 18 feet above the ground, obscured from view, he said. The pipe maintained a constant temperature of about 60 degrees, which made the line sweat in humid weather, causing moisture to build up. Sunoco said it was committed to sharing information about the pipe failure with other companies to prevent similar incidents. Delaware fire officials conducted the investigation in conjunction with the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Source: http://www.philly.com/philly/business/homepage/20090908_Broken_pipe_cited_for_Sunoco_plant_fire.html

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Chemical Industry Sector

2. September 8, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – (Oregon) Dyno Nobel, Inc. to pay $17,000 for failure to properly report release of ammonia. The Environmental Protection Agency reached a settlement with Dyno Nobel, Inc. for its alleged failure to report the release of approximately 448 pounds of ammonia from Dyno Nobel’s Deer Island, Oregon facility in a timely manner. EPA announced the settlement today, which includes $17,000 in penalties and $72,000, to provide emergency response equipment for local firefighters and a new ammonia monitoring system at the facility. In the agreement EPA alleges that Dyno Nobel failed to notify the appropriate emergency response entities until approximately 11 hours after the release occurred. The federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act and the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act require that releases of hazardous substances such as ammonia that are above a reportable quantity be immediately reported to federal, state and local emergency response entities. In addition to the penalty payment, Dyno Nobel will perform a Supplemental Environmental Project, providing $56,000 to install an ammonia monitoring system for improved leak detection. Dyno Nobel has also agreed to provide over $16,000 to purchase emergency response equipment for Columbia River Fire & Rescue. This equipment will improve the Department’s capabilities in responding to hazardous materials emergencies in a safe and effective manner. Source:
3. **September 8, WCTV 11 Tallahassee** – (Florida) *Chemical trailer rolls over, catches on fire.* A semi truck carrying flammable chemicals lost control and crashed on Interstate 75 early Tuesday morning. Cleanup crews were still on the scene after the toxic spill as of late afternoon. Authorities were able to reopen the southbound lanes around 2 p.m. and only two of the northbound lanes of I-75 in Hamilton County around 3 p.m. Florida Highway Patrol Troopers say at around 5:00 Tuesday morning, the truck driver was going northbound on the interstate, drove off the road just before Hamilton County Road 132 and the truck overturned. Troopers say the truck was carrying six to eight different chemicals, which reacted to form a huge, orange gas cloud. To make sure no one was affected, authorities closed the CR 136 exit ramp and everything south of I-10. The driver of the truck was taken to Lake City Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries. Authorities say they believe his tractor-trailer experienced mechanical failure.

   Source: [http://www.wctv.tv/home/headlines/57730742.html](http://www.wctv.tv/home/headlines/57730742.html)

4. **September 8, West Virginia Public Broadcasting** – (West Virginia) *Chemical spill shuts down major Huntington road.* A major roadway through Huntington was shut down Monday and many residents were asked to shelter-in-place because of a chemical leak. The leak occurred at the Flint Plant along 5th Avenue, which makes blue ink. The chemical was spilled as it was being delivered from a train at 9 a.m. The facility reacted quickly to notify authorities and a shelter-in-place was ordered for the area surrounding 24th to 26th Streets along 5th Avenue. The shelter-in-place order was lifted at noon.

   “The extent of the leak according to plant personnel was approximately 50,000 pounds. It left the rail tank car on plant property, but it is contained in plant property,” said the Huntington Fire Chief. The chemical that was released was Aniline. The fire chief says no sign of the chemical was found outside the facility. One employee was exposed to the chemical; he was sent to the hospital immediately. “He was in the immediate area when the spill took place and he was feeling fine. I saw him and just sent him as a precautionary measure,” a site manager said. The chemical spill occurred just blocks from the Marshall University campus, but did not affect the campus.


5. **September 8, KMSP 9 Twin Cities** – (Minnesota) *Arsenic cleanup in Minneapolis yards begins.* Dangerous amounts of arsenic were found in the soil of hundreds of metro yards. Traces of arsenic have been found in the soil of 500 yards in south Minneapolis. Officials are now focused on decontamination. Between 2004 and 2008, about 200 homes with higher levels of arsenic were cleaned up. The cleanup effort started on Tuesday and focuses on less contaminated properties. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is heading up the project and it is being funded by $20 million of federal stimulus money in the Recovery Act. Workers will remove a foot of soil from each yard and test it for arsenic. If it’s below the dangerous level, they will simply fill in the yards with clean soil. If it is still dangerous, they will dig deeper until they reach safe levels, then refill soil and landscaping. Arsenic contaminated the
ground from the 1930’s to 1960’s and leaked from an old pesticide plant on 28th and Hiawatha. It was found in yards about 15 years ago, and since then soil at 3500 homes has been checked for safety.


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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

6. September 9, Press of Atlantic City – (National) Oyster Creek leak prompts nationwide probe. A tritium leak at Oyster Creek Generating Station in Lacey Township, New Jersey has prompted the federal government to take a closer look at leaks happening at nuclear plants nationwide. On Tuesday, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission released its inspection report on a leak found at the Lacey Township plant April 15, days after the plant was relicensed for another 20 years. The full report did not reveal any new information about the tritium leak, but instead prompted more investigation into leaks at nuclear plants, including another leak that happened at Oyster Creek in August. Another investigation is under way into a tritium leak identified at the plant in August. Findings of those inspections were not discussed in a telephone briefing Tuesday. The leaks at Oyster Creek and other nuclear plants nationwide have prompted the NRC to form a task force to investigate buried piping and ways they can be inspected or reconstructed at all plants so that the agency has more control over monitoring for more leaks.


7. September 9, Reuters – (Illinois) Exelon Ill. Quad Cities 1 reactor shut. Exelon Corp’s (EXC.N) 867-megawatt Unit 1 at the Quad Cities nuclear power station in Illinois shut by early Wednesday from full power early Tuesday, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission said in a report. There are two 867 MW Units 1 and 2 at the station. The NRC renewed the plant’s original 40-year operating licenses in 2004 for another 20 years until 2032. Unit 2 continued to operate at full power.


8. September 8, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission – (National) NRC seeks public comment on proposed revisions to nuclear fuel cycle oversight process. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is seeking public comment on proposed revisions to its oversight process for nuclear fuel cycle facilities. The NRC is considering significant revisions to processes for overseeing the safety and security of uranium conversion, enrichment and nuclear fuel fabrication facilities. Current oversight
consists mainly of inspections, enforcement and periodic assessments based on inspection findings. The revised oversight process would improve inspection and assessment so that NRC conclusions would be more closely based on risk and more understandable to members of the public. “I am pleased that we are assessing our oversight of fuel cycle facilities,” the NRC Chairman said. “I support the staff’s goal of improving transparency and predictability in this area.” In a Federal Register notice published September 3 (74 FR 45657), the agency described the proposed revisions and requested public comment on a number of specific questions regarding the oversight framework (such as performance indicators and significance determination), baseline inspections, the assessment process, and implementation. These are similar to the components of the agency’s reactor oversight process for nuclear power plants. Comments will be accepted through November 2. They may be submitted via the federal rulemaking Web site at www.Regulations.gov.


9. September 8, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission – (Florida) NRC accepts application for new reactors at Turkey Point site in Florida. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has accepted for review the combined license (COL) application for two Advanced Passive 1000 (AP1000) reactors at the Turkey Point site near Homestead, Florida. Florida Power and Light (FPL) submitted the application and associated information on June 30. The application, minus proprietary or security-related details, is available on the NRC Web site at: http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/col/turkey-point.html. FPL is seeking approval to build and operate two AP1000 reactors at the site, approximately 20 miles south of Miami. The AP1000 is a Westinghouse-designed pressurized water reactor, with a nominal output of approximately 1,100 megawatts of electricity. The NRC certified the AP1000 design in January 2006, and Westinghouse filed an application to amend the design on May 26, 2007. The AP1000 amendment application, minus proprietary or security-related details, is available on the NRC Web site at: http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/design-cert/amended-ap1000.html.


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Critical Manufacturing Sector

10. September 8, Reliable Plant – (Illinois) OSHA levies $275K fine to Metal Improvement Company. The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has cited Metal Improvement Company, doing business as E/M Coating Services in Lombard, Illinois, with alleged serious and repeat citations of federal workplace safety and health standards. Proposed penalties total $275,000. Based on a referral from another public agency alleging numerous fires and other safety issues, OSHA began a safety and health inspection at the Lombard site in March. The safety inspection revealed 10 serious and six repeat violations with proposed penalties.
totaling $155,000. Some of the serious safety hazards include various electrical and equipment issues, lack of a spray booth sprinkler system, and fire hazards in a spray booth. Some of the repeat violations addressed fall protection deficiencies, improper oxygen cylinder storage, and other specific electrical hazards. The company had been cited for these violations in previous inspections. The OSHA health inspection found 10 serious and three repeat violations with proposed penalties totaling $120,000. Some of the serious health hazards include a lack of personal protective equipment, confined entry space violations, a lack of emergency eyewash and shower facilities where required, and problems with respirator equipment fit. Repeat violations pertain to the company’s failure to evaluate if areas are permit-required confined spaces, training deficiencies, and failure to provide an eyewash in an area where corrosive materials are used.

Source: http://www.reliableplant.com/article.aspx?articleid=19866&pagetitle=OSHA+levies+$275K+fine+to+Metal+Improvement+Company

11. September 8, Reliable Plant – (Connecticut) Connecticut manufacturer faces $225,500 in OSHA fines. International Bridge & Iron Company, a manufacturer of structural steel bridge parts, faces a total of $225,500 in proposed fines from the U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) for new and recurring safety hazards at its Newington, Connecticut manufacturing plant. OSHA opened an inspection in February in response to a complaint and found several hazards similar to those cited in a 2007 OSHA inspection. These included unguarded stairs; lack of eye protection; incomplete and uncertified employee training to prevent the unintended startup of machinery during maintenance; cranes lacking bridge bumpers; unguarded moving machine parts; uninspected ropes and lifting hooks; slings not marked with their lifting capacity; unguarded grinders and pulleys; and ungrounded, uninspected or damaged electrical equipment or wiring. These conditions resulted in the issuance of 17 repeat citations, carrying $150,000 in proposed fines. OSHA issues repeat citations when an employer has previously been cited for substantially similar hazards and those citations have become final. An additional $75,500 in fines have been proposed for 16 serious citations encompassing uninspected overhead cranes; uninspected lifting hooks; defective and unmarked lifting slings; unguarded live electrical parts; damaged electrode holders and insulation; incorrectly stored compressed gas cylinders; unmarked and unchecked fire extinguishers; and slipping hazards from an oil spill in a work area. A serious citation is issued when there is substantial probability that death or serious physical harm could result from a hazard about which the employer knew or should have known.


Defense Industrial Base Sector
12. September 9, Aviation Week – (National) **F-35B to restart STOVL tests.** Lockheed Martin has restarted the countdown to the first vertical landing by the F-35B Joint Strike Fighter, with aircraft BF-1 returning to flight on September 4 with an hour-long test sortie. The first short takeoff and vertical landing (STOVL) test aircraft, BF-1 had been on the ground for an extended period to incorporate modifications following earlier flight and hover-pit tests. Return to flight following modification was delayed by a number of glitches including wiring issues, fixed by rerigging the weapons-bay doors, and problems with the integrated power package, overcome by installing a newer unit. BF-1 will conduct a series of flights in the Fort Worth, Texas, area, opening the STOVL doors and engaging the lift fan in flight to check out flight-control software changes resulting from earlier doors-open test flights. Plans then call for BF-1 to ferry to the U.S. Navy test center at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland, to continue powered-lift STOVL “build-down” testing until the first vertical landing, now expected in October. The second STOVL aircraft, BF-2, completed probe-and-drogue aerial refueling flight-testing to clear the way for ferry flights and has been down for final finishes. The aircraft is due on the hover pit this week as a prelude to returning to flight. BF-3, the third STOVL aircraft, is in extended ground testing, so the next F-35s scheduled to fly are the first production-representative conventional takeoff and landing aircraft, AF-1, and BF-04, the fourth and final STOVL test aircraft.


13. September 4, Online Defense and Acquisition Journal – (Virginia) **Badly installed sensor shut F136.** Amid rumors in the Pentagon and industry that General Electric had to shut down its Joint Strike Fighter test engine because of extreme vibration, the company said on September 4 anybody who suggested this “is a bald faced liar.” GE’s F136 spokesman said that “what we have learned is we improperly installed the sensors. There are no systemic or vibratory problems with the engine.” He said the engine was running at “spool speed,” about 102 percent. Meanwhile, Pratt & Whitney sources said they planned to present an offer to the JSF program executive officer of a “hard goal” of a 30 percent reduction in cost for the F135 engine by the time it reaches the midpoint of production, at engine 250. In addition, in the short term they want to cut reduce costs for LRIP 4 — some 36 engines — by 10 percent from LRIP 3. But the crux of the matter for Pratt was summarized in the House report accompanying the 2010 defense authorization bill: “The F-35 program manager reports that as of the end of 2008, development costs have grown to $6.7 billion in then-year dollars, an increase of $1.872 billion, or 38 percent. Additionally, the committee notes that the F-35 program manager has reported an increase of approximately 38 to 43 percent in F135 engine procurement cost estimates between December 2005 and December 2008, in the annual selected acquisition reports for the F-35C and F-35A variants. Between December 2005 and December 2008, engine procurement cost estimates for the F-35B have grown approximately 47 percent, but the F-35B engine procurement cost growth is attributable to both the F135 engine and the F-35B’s lift fan. Conversely, the F136 engine program has not experienced any cost growth since its inception. The F136 pre-EMD contract, which began in 2002 and was completed in 2004, was for $411.0 million and did not experience cost growth. The F136 EMD contract was awarded in
2005, and the cost estimate, at $2.486 billion, has been stable since contract award.”

Banking and Finance Sector

14. September 9, New York Times – (New York) Man accused of running Ponzi scheme in Brooklyn. A Brooklyn money manager was arrested on Tuesday and charged with swindling hundreds of investors, including many retirees, out of $40 million in what prosecutors called a “classic Ponzi scheme” dating to the 1970s. Officials said the money manager put some of the money into real estate investments that did not pan out and some into a pornography business. The money manager ran a group of small companies, known collectively as the Leverage Group, out of a small storefront office in Bay Ridge, where he grew up and where he still lives, and earned the trust of investors through his local ties and unassuming nature, his clients told investigators. He eventually collected the $40 million from 800 investors by promising consistent returns of 12 percent or higher from stock options, according to the criminal complaint. The money manager generated quarterly statements detailing fictitious trades and account balances, and promised investors they could withdraw money from their accounts whenever they chose, the complaint said. The money manager eventually stopped investing in stock options and used the funds to buy property in Sullivan County and to run a mail-order pornography business, the authorities said, and he used new investments to pay those who wanted to withdraw funds from their accounts. It was unknown whether the pornography business turned a profit. If convicted, the suspect faces a maximum sentence of 20 years.

Transportation Sector

15. September 9, BBC News – (International) Hijacked jet lands in Mexico City. A passenger plane flying from the Mexican resort of Cancun has been hijacked and flown to Mexico City, officials say. Mexico’s Transport Minister told Mexican radio the jet had landed safely at Mexico City’s international airport. Local media reported seeing passengers leaving the plane and boarding buses. Mexican news websites earlier reported that three men had threatened to blow the plane up unless they were allowed to speak to Mexico’s president. Mexican media report that the hijackers are three Bolivian citizens. The reports could not be confirmed. TV Azteca said that the AeroMexico aircraft was parked at the end of the runway and that passengers were seen disembarking, although how many of the 104 remained on board was not clear. The report said those leaving were carrying hand luggage and appeared calm. Witnesses said that military personnel were at the airport.
Source: http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/america/8247472.stm
16. September 9, USA TODAY – (National) **TSA: Airline ban on liquids won’t be lifted soon.** Government and security officials say the liquids ban will likely be enforced for some time to come. Three British men were convicted in London on Monday of plotting to murder thousands in 2006 by downing at least seven trans-Atlantic airliners using liquid explosives hidden in soda bottles. The men planned to assemble bombs in airplane toilets using hydrogen-peroxide-based explosives injected into bottles. Security rules adopted three years ago after the liquid-bomb plot was foiled limit passengers to carrying 3-ounce containers, which must fit in a 1-quart bag. The Former Transportation Security Administration (TSA) chief predicted a year ago that passengers would be able to carry large liquid containers through checkpoints by this fall. A TSA spokeswoman that this timetable will not be met but that easing liquid restrictions “remains a priority.” The obstacles involve technology and developing software that can be added to checkpoint X-ray machines so they can spot explosives. The TSA has taken a major step by installing 875 high-tech X-ray machines in 78 airports that can handle the software addition. Hundreds more of the machines must be installed at the other 370 commercial airports, a process that will take at least another year. Aviation security consultants say the software “is not working as well as they had expected” because it sounds false alarms on too many liquids that turn out to be harmless.


17. September 9, CNN – (National) **Airport screeners get kit to test for dangerous powders.** The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is giving its airport checkpoint officers a new tool: a kit to test for explosive powders. If the X-ray machine detects a potentially hazardous powder, a sample will be mixed with a solution for testing. The TSA said Tuesday it is deploying the kits to all U.S. airports this week, but said it will have little noticeable impact on passengers. Travelers can still board planes with powders such as baby formula, makeup and medicines. While there is no specific threat at this time involving explosive powders, the new kits will help protect against the possibility that terrorists could board a plane and use the powder as a component in an improvised explosive device, the TSA said. In practice, the initial screening process will not change.


18. September 9, USA TODAY – (National) **‘Serious’ hazmat spills not reported.** Nearly half of all “serious” hazardous materials spills on roads, rails, airstrips and waterways go unreported to the government, leaving investigators without data used to identify unsafe carriers and containers, federal records show. Although the Department of Transportation (DOT) says accurate incident data is critical to ensuring that hazmat carriers operate safely, it rarely uses its authority to penalize haulers that do not file the required reports after spills. From 2006 through 2008, hazmat carriers failed to report 1,199 “serious” incidents, such as larger spills that cause substantial evacuations, major road closures, serious injuries, or releases of especially dangerous materials. The number of serious incidents that were reported: 1,403. The DOT’s Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration began identifying unreported incidents in 2005 using news accounts and logs from emergency response agencies. Since January
1, 2006, the agency has sanctioned just seven carriers for not reporting serious hazmat spills; four were fined up to $2,750 each.

19. **September 8, BBC News** – (International) **More plane terror plots ‘likely’**. Al-Qaeda is likely to try again to use aircraft to attack the West, Whitehall officials have told the BBC. A security correspondent said they believed the airline bomb plot was part of al-Qaeda’s “obsession” with using commercial airliners. The warning comes after three British men were convicted of plotting to blow up flights from London to North America using bombs disguised as soft drinks. They were found guilty on Monday at Woolwich Crown Court. The director of defense think tank the Royal United Services Institute agreed that al-Qaeda was “still plotting.” The defense expert told BBC Radio 4’s Today program that al-Qaeda was more “marginalized” now than in the past, but still posed a threat to the West. “There’s no doubt there are people in the tribal areas on the border of Pakistan and Afghanistan who have tried these plots,” he said. “There were four or five big plots and they’ve all come to light in the UK. They haven’t worked, but they’re still plotting.” Commercial airliners, he said, were also “very soft targets”, adding: “If it’s possible to get a bomb onto an airliner then it’s a goner.” An expert from think tank the Asia-Pacific Foundation said: “If the group [al-Qaeda] can’t target the US directly it will go after its allies, namely the UK. Also it can tap in to the very large Pakistani diaspora inside the [UK] — many of whom travel to Pakistan where al-Qaeda is based — whom it can recruit, train, radicalize and send back to the UK.”
Source: http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/8244065.stm

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**Postal and Shipping Sector**

20. **September 8, KFSN 30 Fresno** – (California) **Mail bomb detonates at Visalia business**. A package containing as many as six pipe bombs exploded at a Visalia heating and air conditioning company on Tuesday. Witnesses said the co-owner of Cal-Air suffered burns to his hands and arms in the blast. He was treated at a local hospital and released Tuesday night. Federal Postal Inspectors are in charge of the investigation and provided few details to the media. A friend of the victim’s family told Action News the victim opened a package that had come in the mail addressed to “Aaron’s Air” which he says is one of the names the company uses in the phone book. The friend says the victim opened the package to find a metal tackle box inside. He opened that and saw what looked like six PVC pipes inside. Moments later the box detonated.

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**Agriculture and Food Sector**
21. **September 9, Reliable Plant Magazine** – (Idaho) **Nonpareil pays $95K for hazardous chemical violations.** Nonpareil Corporation has settled with the Environmental Protection Agency and agreed to pay an $18,281 penalty for violating the federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) by failing to properly report the storage of ammonia at its Teton Valley Ranch facility located in Mountain Home, Idaho. The company produces a baked potato casserole that is frozen and packaged for retail sale at this facility. Nonpareil failed to file Emergency and Hazardous Chemical Inventory Forms with local emergency response entities in Idaho. In addition to the penalty, Nonpareil agreed to provide over $77,000 to replace five refrigerant recirculation pumps with leak free hermetically sealed pumps at its Teton Valley Ranch facility as part of a supplemental environmental project.

22. **September 8, U.S. Food and Drug Administration** – (National) **FDA opens the Reportable Food Registry Electronic Portal for industry: Food facilities now required to report potentially dangerous products.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has a new way to head off potential cases of foodborne illness — the Reportable Food Registry (RFR), where food industry officials must use to alert the FDA quickly, through an electronic portal when they find their products might sicken or kill people or animals. The requirement, a result of legislation, took effect with the launch of the portal. Facilities that manufacture, process or hold food for consumption in the United States now must tell the FDA within 24 hours if they find a reasonable probability that an article of food will cause severe health problems or death to a person or an animal. The reporting requirement applies to all foods and animal feed regulated by the FDA, except infant formula and dietary supplements, which are covered by other regulatory requirements. Some examples of reasons a food may be reportable include bacterial contamination, allergen mislabeling or elevated levels of certain chemical components. The requirements apply to any person who has to submit registration information to the FDA for a food facility that manufactures, processes, packs, or holds food for human or animal consumption in the United States.
Source: [http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm181531.htm](http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm181531.htm)

23. **September 8, Fond Du Lac Reporter** – (Wisconsin) **Pig reports gas leak.** Customers and employees were evacuated from the Waupun Piggly Wiggly grocery store Tuesday morning after employees detected a strong gas odor emanating from the deli area. Waupun firefighters arrived around 8:17 a.m. The Fire Chief said carbon dioxide built up in the building because the ventilation system was not turned on prior to the start of the deep fat fryer. Fire crews used positive pressure fans to remove the gas from the building. The building was evacuated for approximately 30 minutes.

24. **September 8, U.S. Food Safety and Inspection Service** – (California) **Pennsylvania firm recalls Chunky Grilled Steak with Vegetables Canned Soup product that**
may be under-processed- Class I recall. Bay Valley Foods, LLC, a Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania establishment is recalling approximately 6,490 pounds of a chunky grilled steak with vegetables canned soup product due to possible underprocessing, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced today. The canned soup products were produced on November 10, 2008 and were distributed to retail establishments in California. The problem was discovered by the company. FSIS has received no reports of illnesses from consumption of these products.

25. September 8, Associated Press – (National) Green onions recalled over salmonella fears. Two California produce shippers have recalled thousands of cases of green onions supplied by an onion farm in Mexicali, Mexico, over fears the onions could be contaminated with salmonella. U.S. Department of Agriculture inspectors found salmonella in a routine test taken in New York last month. No illnesses have been reported. Officials notified the shipper, Salinas-based Steinbeck Country Produce. The company issued a voluntary recall Aug. 28 for 3,360 cartons. Steinbeck’s produce was distributed in California, Massachusetts, Texas, Indiana, New York, Michigan, Missouri, Kansas and Arizona. Castroville-based shipper Ocean Mist Farms recalled 1,746 cases as well, after realizing they came from the same lot. Ocean Mist would not say where its onions were distributed.
Source: http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/32746110/ns/health-food_safety/

Water Sector

26. September 9, Los Angeles Times – (California) Second ruptured water line in San Fernando Valley raises concerns. A second burst water line in the San Fernando Valley in less than 72 hours — creating a sinkhole that nearly consumed a firetruck — prompted concern about the city’s aging pipe system and criticism that officials have moved too slowly to upgrade it. The sinkhole appeared Tuesday morning in Valley Village, about two miles from the spot where a 95-year-old trunk line failed late Saturday night, sending a 10-foot torrent of mud and water into the streets of Studio City and inundating homes and businesses. The incidents follow what a councilman said had been “a rash” of water-line breaks around his district in recent weeks, including some in Hancock Park, Los Feliz, Hollywood, and Koreatown. He said he would formally ask the Department of Water and Power (DWP) today to brief the council on the situation. “There is an epidemic going on...It seems too coincidental that all these things are failing. We don’t realize how old our system is. It’s really the same pipes that have been here 100 years,” he said. DWP officials, however, said that the leaks were nothing out of the ordinary — city pipes fail about 1,400 times a year, a decrease from the recent past — and that the city was making great progress on a $4-billion program to upgrade its subterranean water system. DWP officials also said Los Angeles has fewer leaks per mile of pipe than many other big cities.
27. September 8, Daily Post-Athenian – (Tennessee) Polk Co. - Worker shot at water plant. The Polk County, Tennessee Sheriff’s Office is searching for a suspect after a shootout at the Intertrade Holdings, Inc., facility near Copperhill Sunday evening. According to a news release from the sheriff’s department, three employees were working at a water treatment plant in the Cantrell Flats area of the Intertrade facility around 10:30 p.m. Sunday when they spotted a male subject walking on the property. When they challenged the man, he allegedly pulled out a handgun, ducked behind cover and began firing at the employees. According to the news release, one of the employees grabbed a shotgun the workers kept at the facility to defend against coyotes and other predators and returned fire. During the brief exchange of fire, another employee, 57, of Cherry Log, Georgia, suffered a wound to the neck. He was transported to Copper Basin Medical Center and then to Erlanger Medical Center, and released Monday morning. The news release stated that after a lull in the gunfire, the alleged gunman jumped on a four-wheeler and fled the area. The Polk County Sheriff’s Office, TVA police, Copperhill police, and East Polk Fire and Rescue spent six hours searching the Intetrade property, but did not locate the man. According to the news release, the man’s motives for being on the property are unknown, but several incidents of trespassing and theft on the Intertrade property — including a tractor and a four-wheeler — have been reported in recent weeks.

Source: http://dpa.xtn.net/dynamic/News/Story/158178

28. September 8, WHIO 7 Dayton – (Ohio) Ohio EPA orders Phillipsburg to clean up. The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has ordered the village of Phillipsburg to address unsanitary conditions caused by untreated sewage. In an agreement signed with the Ohio EPA, the village will take care of the unsanitary conditions due to improper treatment and disposal of wastewater. Partially treated and untreated sewage was found to be discharging to the storm sewers and ditches throughout Phillipsburg. Officials said the sewage discharges have caused high fecal bacteria levels and septic conditions in the villages storm sewers. All samples collected by the Ohio EPA exceeded levels of fecal coliform and E.Coli used to indicate the presence of a public health nuisance. The high reading documented of fecal coliform was just over 800,000 per 100 milliliters. All samples exceeded 5,000 fecal coliform and 576 E.Coli per 100 milliliters, which is the level at which a public health nuisance exists. The Ohio EPA said sewage from the Phillipsburg storm sewer system impairs water quality in Brush Creek and its tributaries. The village has agreed to address the public health nuisance in the community by completing a centralized sewer collection system project.

29. September 8, KERO 23 Bakersfield – (California) **Thousands of patients affected by hospital burglary.** Personal information for tens of thousands of people was stolen from Kern Medical Center In Bakersfield, California. Those who may be affected will be getting a letter in the mail from KMC in the upcoming days. According to the notice, someone broke into a locked storage container behind the Sagebrush Medical Plaza two months ago. “Somebody or several individuals cut through the fence and broke into the container and we believe they were looking for equipment of value. All that were in there were patient billing records,” said Kern’s CEO.


**Government Facilities Sector**

30. September 9, Associated Press – (Washington) **WSU keeps eye on swine flu.** Washington State University is in the midst of a swine flu outbreak since classes started last month, with 2,500 people contacting student health to report flu-like symptoms and officials handing out flu kits around campus. The number of cases of suspected swine flu dropped dramatically as students left campus over the Labor Day weekend, but school officials were closely watching the numbers Tuesday to see if this would rise as students returned. Officials have distributed about 200 free influenza kits, which include a thermometer, painkillers, throat lozenges, sport drinks, hand sanitizer and tissues. Some students wore surgical masks around campus, but most were taking it in stride. There have been no deaths or even hospitalizations from the cases at WSU, a school with an enrollment of about 18,000 in Pullman.


For another story, see item 35

**Emergency Services Sector**

31. September 8, CNN – (California) **L.A. firefighters escape as truck sinks into hole.** Los Angeles firefighters and city crews worked for several hours Tuesday to rescue one of their own: a 22-ton firetruck that was nearly swallowed by a water-logged sinkhole. Two firefighters crawled out of the truck’s windows after it sank Tuesday morning. No one was injured. The incident happened after four firefighters took the truck to the San Fernando Valley neighborhood of Valley Village, where flooding had been reported after a water main break, just before 6 a.m. PT. After seeing running water in the road, a fire captain instructed the rig’s driver to back up and had two firefighters get out of the truck to direct it. That is when the ground gave way and the front of the truck began quickly sinking. The driver and captain crawled out of the truck’s windows to escape. The four firefighters were not injured. Workers had to simultaneously pull and lift the truck to get it out of the sinkhole.


See item 26
32. September 7, Associated Press and American Press – (Louisiana) **6 suspects arrested in attempt on police officer.** Lake Charles, Louisiana police have arrested six men for an attack last week on a police lieutenant who was leaving work at a community policing substation. The men were arrested over a 3-day period and each faces a single charge of attempted first-degree murder. A judge set bonds at $2 million each. The detective, who has conducted investigations that disrupted drug trafficking in the area, is under 24-hour police protection. Source: [http://www.wxvt.com/Global/story.asp?S=11087463&nav=menu1344_2](http://www.wxvt.com/Global/story.asp?S=11087463&nav=menu1344_2)

33. September 6, Fierce Government IT – (National) **IG: FEMA needs centralized IT purchasing.** Four years after Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf coast, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has no centralized computer system set up to quickly obtain goods needed to respond to disasters and emergencies, the Inspector General for the Department of Homeland Security found. His report recommended that the agency centralize purchases of disaster-aid goods and services into a single system supported by integrated information technology systems. FEMA has many essential items stored in warehouses, and can purchase goods and services quickly. But the inspector general said there is no national strategy to pick a best source for an item in a given situation, leaving it to field-level decision makers. This ad hoc, decentralized approach lacks coordination, results in higher costs and often leads to over ordering and poor decisions, the IG said. The inspector general added that having a single point, centralized computer system for ordering goods and services in the midst of a disaster would “contribute to FEMA’s ability to balance effectiveness, agility, reliability, speed, visibility and cost in sourcing.” Source: [http://www.fiercegovernmentit.com/story/ig-fema-needs-centralized-it-purchasing/2009-09-06](http://www.fiercegovernmentit.com/story/ig-fema-needs-centralized-it-purchasing/2009-09-06)

**Information Technology Sector**

34. September 9, Computerworld – (International) **Microsoft confirms critical unpatched Vista, Windows 7 RC bug.** Microsoft late on September 8 confirmed that a bug in Windows Vista, Windows Server 2008, and the release candidates of Windows 7 and Windows Server 2008 R2, could be used to hijack PCs. The vulnerability in SMB (Server Message Block) 2, a Microsoft-made network file- and print-sharing protocol that ships with Windows, was first disclosed late Monday, when a researcher posted exploit code he claimed crashed Windows Vista and Windows 7 systems, causing the dreaded “Blue Screen of Death.” Later, several researchers, including a senior security engineer of nCircle Network Security, vouched that tests showed the attack code crashed machines running Vista, Server 2008 and the Windows 7 and Server 2008 R2 release candidates, but not the final, or RTM, versions of the latter two. Also on September 8, another researcher said on the Bugtraq mailing list that the vulnerability was not only a denial-of-service flaw, but also allowed remote code execution, security-speak for a bug that could be used to jack a machine. In a security advisory
 issued around 9 p.m. ET Tuesday, Microsoft corroborated both researchers’ findings. “An attacker who successfully exploited this vulnerability could take complete control of an affected system,” Microsoft’s advisory said. “Most attempts to exploit this vulnerability will cause an affected system to stop responding and restart.” Microsoft also noted that while the release candidates of Windows 7 and Windows Server 2008 R2 are vulnerable, the RTM, or release to manufacturing, editions are not. The RTM versions of Windows 7 and Windows Server 2008 R2 are the ones that were handed over to computer makers in late July, and issued to volume license customers, and some developers and IT professionals in early August. The release candidates, on the other hand, have been widely distributed, with millions of users downloading Windows 7 RC during the three and a half months it was available to the public.

Source:
http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9137739/Microsoft_confirms_critical_unpatched_Vista_Windows_7_RC_bug?taxonomyId=17

35. September 8, The Register – (California) **Website exposes sensitive details on military personnel.** Programming errors on a website that helps commuters carpool to work are exposing sensitive information of workers for hundreds of employers in Southern California, including at least one military installation. The bugs, discovered last month on RideMatch.info, allow hackers access to a variety of personal information, including individuals’ names, home addresses, phone numbers, the times they commute to and from work, and in some cases employee numbers. The SQL injection vulnerability remained active at time of writing, more than two weeks after it was reported to a developer who runs the website. “There’s sensitive data there that definitely shouldn’t be on the internet,” said a security researcher who identified the vulnerability after receiving an email from his employer saying he was required by law to provide the information. “The reason I am bringing this to your attention is that the issue is not being fixed by the admins and most companies don’t even know that their employees’ personal and corporate information, like employee ID [number and] login ID, may have been compromised.” The form the developer was required to complete asked for a wealth of personal information, including his typical work hours, the times he begins work on each workday, and his employee ID. “The state can impose monetary penalties on companies that fail to complete this survey,” an email sent by the researcher’s employer warned. The website is a joint project developed by transit authorities in five regional governments in Southern California. A spokesman for the Riverside County Transportation Commission, one of the agencies responsible for the website, said administrators are working to fix the problem with the help of Trapeze Group, an Ontario, Canada-based company that designed the carpool software. A Trapeze spokeswoman said on Tuesday that she was unaware of any security bugs in the software but promised the company would fix any that are brought to its attention.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2009/09/08/ridematch_website_vulnerability/

36. September 8, AfterDawn – (International) **Windows flaw spells BSOD risk to newer operating systems.** Concept code has been published that takes advantage of an unpatched vulnerability in Microsoft’s implementation of Server Message Block (SMB), which is a protocol used in File and Printer sharing over a network. Microsoft’s
Windows Vista, Windows Server 2008 and Windows 7 are all currently affected by the unpatched vulnerability, while Windows 2000 and Windows XP are not affected by it at all. The concept exploit uses the flaw to force Windows machine into the infamous Blue Screen of Death (BSOD). According to security researchers at the Internet Storm Center (ISC), the problem is defeated by using basic firewall protection. “The exploit needs no authentication, only file sharing enabled with one packet to create a BSOD,” ISC researchers warn. “We recommend filtering access to port TCP 445 with a firewall.” Microsoft issued a number of security updates during the day to address some serious vulnerabilities in the Windows operating systems. The SRV2.SYS (SMB) file vulnerability that can cause a BSOD was not included, likely due to the timing of the exploit code’s release, but Microsoft did reveal that it is investigating the issue. Source: http://www.afterdawn.com/news/archive/19275.cfm

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Communications Sector

37. September 8, Wall Street Journal – (National) **FCC considers collecting outage data from Internet firms.** The Federal Communications Commission could seek expanded authority from Congress to obtain network outage information from cable companies and other Internet service providers during emergencies, an FCC official said on September 9. “As our networks, in essence, have merged, we have to think about [more Congressional authority] if our mission really is to ensure communications,” said the FCC public safety and homeland security bureau chief. “This is one thing we’ll be examining — exactly how do we ensure communications over the Internet,” he said. First responders, particularly hospitals, are increasingly dependent on Internet connections for a variety of their functions. The FCC currently has the authority to monitor the resiliency of landline and cellular Internet networks such as those provided by AT&T Inc. and Verizon Communications Inc. But the FCC has less flexibility to regulate Internet services offered by “information services” such as cable. The bureau chief spoke at a news conference unveiling a new FCC report on the agency’s emergency readiness.

Source: http://online.wsj.com/article/SB125242431886592667.html

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Commercial Facilities Sector
38. **September 8, Salt Lake City Deseret News – (Utah) Sheriff’s investigation into Hooper crash complete.** Weber County sheriff’s investigators have finished their probe of a powered-parachute crash that injured at least six people, some of them children, during Hooper Tomato Days celebrations Monday. The two girls, ages 3 and 5, who were flown to the hospital Monday for their injuries, have now been released. “The sheriff’s office will not be taking any criminal action against the pilot of the craft, but the case has been referred to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for their consideration,” the Weber County sheriff’s captain said Tuesday. “We do not know what actions, if any, the FAA will take against the pilot.” The FAA is working with investigators from the National Transportation Safety Board to determine the cause of the crash. The pilot told authorities his aircraft suddenly lost lift as he crossed over power lines on the perimeter of the festival grounds, said an NTSB aviation-accident investigator. The pilot of the craft and his son had been scheduled to fly over the crowd of families on Monday to drop candy and gifts to festival-goers. Instead — possibly due to wind gusts — the aircraft lost altitude suddenly and crashed into the crowd. The powered parachute — also called an ultra-plane — resembles a go-cart with a large rotor fan attached to the back and a parachute on top. Investigators are unsure whether the unregistered craft should have been registered, based on its specifications. “We’re still trying to determine what regulations the operation fell under,” said the NTSB aviation-accident investigator. Source: [http://www.deseretnews.com/article/705328636/Hooper-crash-investigation-complete.html](http://www.deseretnews.com/article/705328636/Hooper-crash-investigation-complete.html)

39. **September 5, Gloucester Daily Times – (Massachusetts) ‘Smoke bomb’ triggers concert evacuation.** People enjoying an outdoor concert at the band stage on Harbor Loop Thursday night were evacuated from the area after a “suspicious device” was found under a tree in Solomon Jacobs Park. The State Police Bomb Squad detonated the apparent smoke bomb after Gloucester Police arrested the man who allegedly built the device in his basement. According to police, witnesses said they saw a man take what appeared to be some type of explosive device out of his backpack, place it under a tree and flee toward the city harbormasters’ floating pier. Gloucester Police immediately evacuated the area at approximately 8 p.m. The concert was part of the regular Thursday night series that follows the Cape Ann Framers Market. The bomb was composed of three 6- to-8-inch white United States Postal Service shipping tubes attached together with wires coming out of the top, and the tubes were attached to a black device with an antennae, according to police. The suspect, at first, denied all knowledge of the device, but then, according to the police report, admitted he had made “smoke bombs” out of nitrate and sugar. While searching the suspect’s clothing, authorities found a 2-foot green “line” which police described as a fuse wire inside his pants pocket; they also found a lighter. Because of its proximity to the explosive device, Coast Guard Station Gloucester was notified of the incident and asked to assist authorities in securing the area from boaters coming ashore. Source: [http://www.gloucestertimes.com/punews/local_story_247214603.html](http://www.gloucestertimes.com/punews/local_story_247214603.html)
National Monuments and Icons Sector

40. **September 9, Ukiah Daily Journal** – (California) **Pot raids net more than 25,000 plants.** A Mendocino County law enforcement group found twice as many pot plants as suspected in a national forest garden found a week ago on September 2. According to a release Tuesday, the marijuana eradication in the Mendocino National Forest Grizzly Flats area from that raid turned up 24,897 marijuana plants.


41. **September 9, Tribune Chronicle** – (Ohio) **Veterans memorial damaged.** The Korean War monument and memorials for World Wars I and II in Warren’s Monument Park were vandalized sometime over the Labor Day weekend, memorial organizers said. Vandals knocked over two urns on each side of the Korean War Memorial and stole inserts from inside the urns. The culprits also redirected the spotlights from pointing toward the memorials to point skyward. Several of the lights were broken, but the urns were not. The lights are being repaired. Damage is estimated at a couple hundred dollars. The vandals have not been identified, but there is around-the-clock video surveillance at the memorial, and officials are reviewing the tapes.


Dams Sector

42. **September 9, Moscow Times** – (International) **Auditors warned of old equipment at dam.** Federal auditors determined that 85 percent of the equipment at the Sayano-Shushenskaya hydroelectric power station in Russia was worn-out and needed to be replaced during an inspection in 2007, the Audit Chamber head said Tuesday. An accident at the power station caused a flood on August 17, killing 75 people. The cause of the disaster remains under investigation. “Two years ago, the Audit Chamber examined the Sayano-Shushenskaya power plant, where we noticed wear-out on 85 percent of the equipment,” he said at a meeting in Barnaul, Interfax reported. He said the government and the Prosecutor General’s Office were informed about the results of the check at the time. RusHydro, the state-owned company that owns the plant, said it had studied the auditors’ findings and acted accordingly. “All the necessary measures were taken and reported to the Audit Chamber” after the check, a RusHydro spokesman said. Meanwhile, the Investigative Committee chief has ordered investigators to check the response of the plant’s management at the time of the disaster.


43. **September 8, WDSU 6 New Orleans** – (Louisiana) **Corps defends safety of pumps on outfall canals.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on Tuesday defended problems with its temporary pumps on New Orleans drainage canals. The defense comes amid warnings from a whistleblower that the system will not stand up to a hurricane. The whistleblower has criticized the purchase and use of temporary hydraulic pumps on the city’s outfall canals since 2006. Her criticisms were initially shot down by the
Department of Defense but are now getting support from the Office of Special Counsel, which protects whistleblowers. The pumps are a combination of temporary hydraulic and direct drive pumps that cost taxpayers $92 million, and there have been problems from outset of their installation in 2006. First, there were allegations that the company that supplied them was politically connected. Then, there was a problem with dangerous vibrations, which was solved. Finally, the whistleblower — the pump team installation leader for the Corps — said the hydraulic pumps were not adequately tested and design failures resulted in flawed systems being installed on three New Orleans canals. A WDSU I-Team reporter asked the Corps whether the pumps are safe. “Yeah, we are confident they are safe. Again, we ran them for 12 to 13 hours during hurricanes Gustav and Ike and they performed fine,” said a spokesman with the Corps. “So yeah, we’re confident the pumps will perform as designed during a hurricane event.” But the Office of Special Counsel still backs the whistleblower, saying the report by the Department of Defense used a consultant that does Corps work.


44. September 8, United States Environmental Protection Agency – (National) EPA releases survey results on coal ash impoundments. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is making information publicly available from electric utilities on the management of coal combustion residuals contained in surface impoundments and similar management units. Following the coal ash spill at a Tennessee Valley Authority facility in Kingston, Tennessee, EPA requested the information from electric utilities to inform an assessment of the structural integrity of the surface impoundments. EPA is conducting on-site assessments of the coal ash impoundments and ponds at electric utilities. EPA will assess by the end of the calendar year all of the units that have a dam hazard potential rating of “high” or “significant” in the responses provided by electric utilities to EPA’s information request. The hazard potential rating refers to the potential for loss of life or damage if there is a dam failure. The ratings do not refer to the structural stability of the dam. EPA has received responses to the March and April 2009 Information Request Letters. All of the responses, with the exception of information claimed as confidential business information covering 219 facilities and 584 surface impoundments and similar management units. Of the 584 surface impoundments and similar management units covered in these responses, 194 units (or 33 percent) have been given a potential hazard rating under the National Inventory of Dams criteria. Of the 194 units that have been rated, 49 units (or 25 percent) are rated as High Hazard Potential; 60 units (or 31 percent) are rated as Significant Hazard Potential; 77 units (or 40 percent) are rated as Low Hazard Potential; and 8 units (or 4 percent) are rated as Less than Low Hazard Potential. On the other hand, 390 units (or 67 percent) have not received a hazard potential rating.

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