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- Portions of Interstate 680 and Interstate 29 in Nebraska and Iowa were destroyed due to flood waters. Repairs are expected to run well into 2012, officials said the week of August 29. – *Omaha World-Herald* (See item [17](#))
- Several dozen Web sites, including Google, were affected by a security breach in which attackers created fraudulent authentication certificates, the Dutch company that issues the certificates reported August 30. – *IDG News Service* (See item [43](#))

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: LOW, Cyber: LOW

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) - <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *August 31, KXRM 21 Colorado Springs* – (Colorado) **Busted gas line causes road closures.** A gas line was hit August 31 in Colorado Springs, Colorado, causing several road closures for morning commuters. Officials said the gas line was hit near Cascade Avenue and Platte Avenue just after 8 a.m. Crews were reporting a strong odor of gas in the area. Hazmat crews were responding to the incident. Officials said westbound Platte Avenue at Tejon is closed, as well as southbound Cascade Avenue at Platte.

Source:

<http://www.coloradoconnection.com/news/story.aspx?id=658003#.Tl5RgV13jTo>

2. *August 31, WTVD 11 Durham* – (North Carolina) **Gas leak forces Raleigh road closure.** A gas leak in Raleigh, North Carolina, forced officials to close a busy road August 31. According to PSNC Energy, a contractor who hit a line while working on Western Boulevard caused the leak. Crews were able to shut off the gas and are currently trying to cap the line. Officials had to block traffic to Western Boulevard between Blue Ridge Road and Powell Drive, while crews worked to repair the problem. One business at the intersection was evacuated. It was unclear how long it would take for the road to be reopened.

Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/wtvd/story?section=news/local&id=8336770>

3. *August 31, WJAR 10 Providence* – (Rhode Island) **Oil spill reported in East Providence.** Multiple emergency crews were on the scene of an oil spill in East Providence, Rhode Island, August 31. The East Providence Fire Department said while off-loading diesel fuel from a barge to the Capital Terminal facility, a construction company struck the line causing a spill of diesel fuel. The spill occurred at Wilkes Bar Pier. The Coast Guard, East Providence fire and police, and the state Department of Environmental Management responded to the scene. The area was ordered evacuated and power was turned off. State environmental officials said crews are putting in 1,000 feet of boom along the shoreline of the Seekonk River to contain the spill. Vacuum trucks from Clean Harbors were also on the scene.

Source: <http://www2.turnto10.com/news/2011/aug/31/5/hazmat-east-providence-ar-714324/>

4. *August 31, Associated Press* – (New Hampshire) **About 9,000 N.H. customers still without power.** Less than 9,000 homes and businesses in New Hampshire are still without power after Tropical Storm Irene. Public Service of New Hampshire reported August 31 that a little more than 8,000 of its 500,000 customers do not have electricity. Wakefield, Rollinsford, and Mont Vernon are among the communities with the highest percentage of customers without power. New Hampshire Electric Co-op says only about 600 of its customers are still without electricity as of August 31.

Source:

<http://www.seacoastonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20110831/NEWS/110839955/-1/NEWSMAP>

5. *August 31, Richmond Times-Dispatch* – (Virginia) **180,000 in central Va. still without power today.** Dominion Virginia Power has met its goal to restore power to 75 percent of all customers, but nearly 40 percent of the Richmond and Tri-Cities areas are still without power 4 days after Hurricane Irene, the Richmond Times-Dispatch reported August 31. Dominion said its goal was to restore power by September 2 to 90 percent to 95 percent customers who lost power. At the time Dominion announced the target, some 260,000 of the utility's Richmond-area customers were still without electricity. As of shortly before 11 a.m., August 31, that figure was down to 180,000. Dominion restored service to 69,501 Richmond-area customers since August 29, or an average of

about 35,000 per day. A Dominion spokesman said that throughout Virginia, the utility is actually ahead of pace to reach its restoration goal September 2. With 259,000 Virginia customers still without electricity out of 1.1 million Irene-related outages, Dominion has restored power to more than three-fourths of the customers who lost it, the spokesman said.

Source: <http://www2.timesdispatch.com/news/2011/aug/31/12/tdmain01-still-waiting-ar-1275183/>

6. *August 29, WFOR 4 Miami* – (Florida) **Copper thieves leave I-95 In Palm Beach Co. in the dark.** Thieves are breaking into the bases of light poles along I-95 in Miami-Dade and Palm Beach Counties in Florida, trying to get at the valuable copper inside, WFOR 4 Miami reported August 29. In the last 4 to 6 months, thieves have stolen copper wire from 100 lights in Palm Beach County, leaving drivers in the dark for 33 miles. In all they took more than 175 thousand feet of copper wiring. Miami-Dade has also been targeted. In the last year alone, 30 lights on the stretch of I-95 between NW30th and 79th streets have been vandalized for copper. August 30 in Palm Beach, a Hialeah-based company began installing anti-theft devices on the light poles that were targeted. The week of September 5, another company will start replacing the wiring. The Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries has set up a Web site where law enforcement authorities in the United States and Canada can report thefts. The information is relayed to recycling plants within 100 miles of the incident.

Source: <http://miami.cbslocal.com/2011/08/29/copper-thieves-leave-i-95-in-palm-beach-co-in-the-dark/>

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Chemical Industry Sector

7. *August 30, Columbus Republic* – (Indiana) **Pesticide spilled in truck crash.** A truck carrying a diluted pesticide crashed August 30 in western Bartholomew County, Indiana, spilling the watered-down chemical into the roadway. The truck rolled onto the driver's side shortly before 5 p.m. on Road 550W between West Roads 250S and 225S.

Source:

http://www.therepublic.com/view/local_story/Pesticide_spilled_in_truck_cra_1314761241/

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

8. *August 31, Associated Press* – (National) **NRC: Update evacuation plans near nuclear plants.** Nuclear power plants must provide updated estimates of how long it would take to evacuate nearby communities in an emergency under a new rule

approved August 30 by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Plant operators would have to update their evacuation estimates after every 10-year census, or when changes in population would increase the estimated time by at least 30 minutes. The new rule limits the duties of a plant's onsite emergency responders to ensure they are not overburdened during an emergency. It also requires plants to incorporate scenarios based on a terrorist attack or other criminal action in emergency drills and exercises. The rule adds new requirements for back-up measures to alert the public and plant employees in case of emergency.

Source: <http://news.yahoo.com/nrc-evacuation-plans-near-nuclear-plants-225104304.html>

9. *August 31, Chattanooga Times Free Press* – (Alabama) **Nuclear plant's 'red' rating to cost TVA millions.** The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) may have to spend more than \$10 million for an intensive set of nuclear regulatory inspections at the utility's Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant near Athens, Alabama. The Chattanooga Times Free Press reported August 31 that the inspections come on the heels of its recent "red" inspection rating, the worst level given by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) before a plant is shut down entirely. According to an NRC Regional Administrator "there was a performance deficiency ... and missed opportunities" for safety testing. The missed safety testing opportunities meant TVA was unaware for 18 months that a key valve on a reactor cooling system was inoperable. Three rounds of thorough inspections are planned for the plant.

Source: <http://www.timesfreepress.com/news/2011/aug/31/nuclear-plants-red-rating-to-cost-tva/>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

Nothing to report

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Banking and Finance Sector

10. *August 31, Atlanta Journal-Constitution* – (Georgia) **Georgia man convicted in \$7 million scheme.** A Georgia man was convicted August 30 in a scheme that netted him more than \$7 million, the U.S. Attorney's Office announced. The 46-year-old and his corporation, Frontier Holdings Inc., were found guilty of two counts of mail fraud, 17 counts of wire fraud, and 11 counts of money laundering by a federal district court jury

in Rome, Georgia. “He persuaded retired teachers and dental hygienists to give them the equity in their homes and retirement plans. Then he spent the victims’ hard-earned money on lavish vacation cruises, real estate, fur coats, Tiki carvings, and luxury cars,” a U.S. attorney said. The broker promised returns of between 41 and 1066 percent on money put in high-yield investment accounts, according to the evidence presented in court. He also claimed to own a bank and be a “special agent” of the Federal Reserve. More than 30 people sent over \$7 million to the man. When investors demanded payments, he could not deliver, authorities said.

Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/georgia-man-convicted-in-1152357.html>

11. *August 31, WTVT 13 Tampa Bay* – (Florida) **ATM skimmer used in account thefts.** The Pasco Sheriff’s Office in Florida was still searching August 31 for a man seen in surveillance video, apparently skimming ATMs in Pasco and Pinellas County. In video from a Bank of America on Bartlet Road in Holiday, he makes no attempt to hide his identity. Using ATM skimmers, the unidentified man stole \$26,000 from customers at various Bay Area banks, compromising 44 accounts. “It looks like he would go in late at night to put these skimmers on the ATM and then come back, say, two in the morning and remove the skimmer before the bank noticed that it was there,” explained a Pasco Sheriff’s Office spokesman. The man has been caught on camera with Krazy Glue, apparently sticking the skimmer onto the ATM card reader.
Source: http://www.myfoxtampabay.com/dpp/news/local/nature_coast/atm-skimmer-suspect-083011

12. *August 30, U.S. Department of Treasury* – (International) **Treasury targets additional Syrian government officials for sanctions.** The U.S. Department of the Treasury August 30 announced the designations of three senior officials of the government of Syria – Syria’s Foreign and Expatriates Minister, Syria’s Presidential Political and Media Adviser, and Syria’s Ambassador to Lebanon – pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 13573. Signed by the U.S. President on May 18, 2011, E.O. 13573 targets senior officials of the government of Syria. On August 18, 2011, the President signed E.O. 13582, imposing additional sanctions – the strongest to date – against the government of Syria and its instrumentalities, including its Central Bank and its energy sector. As a result of the August 30 action, U.S. persons are generally prohibited from engaging in transactions with any of the designees and any assets they may have subject to U.S. jurisdiction are frozen.
Source: <http://www.treasury.gov/press-center/press-releases/Pages/tg1283.aspx>

13. *August 30, Bloomberg* – (National) **U.S. Bancorp unit sues BofA’s Countrywide over loan pool.** A U.S. Bancorp unit asked a New York court to force Bank of America Corp.’s Countrywide Financial unit to repurchase more than 4,000 loans in a mortgage pool to repair breaches of contract related to improper underwriting. The unit, U.S. Bank National Association, sued Countrywide August 29 in state court in New York, saying the lender agreed when it sold the pool in 2005 that it would repurchase all the loans within 90 days of receiving notice of a material breach. U.S. Bank is trustee for HarborView Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-10, which held the pool. The pool’s original value was \$1.75 billion, the bank said in court papers. “Soon after being sold to the

trust, Countrywide's loans began to become delinquent and default at a startling rate," U.S. Bank said in its complaint. "During the time period in which Countrywide originated the loans, it completely ignored its underwriting guidelines." U.S. Bank asked the court to find that, as a result of a breach of its seller representation, Countrywide must repurchase all the loans. Or the court can order Countrywide to repurchase all defective loans, U.S. Bank said. A review of loan performance found that in a sample of 786 loans "an extraordinary 66 percent of the loans breached one or more mortgage representations," according to the U.S. Bank complaint. The bank asked Countrywide to "either cure the breaches or repurchase the loans," according to the lawsuit. "To date, Countrywide has failed to repurchase any loan put back to it by the trustee and has offered no basis for its refusal," U.S. Bank's lawyers said in court papers.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-08-30/u-s-bank-national-association-sues-bofa-over-home-loans.html>

14. *August 30, Enid News & Eagle* – (National) **IRS warns taxpayers of widespread scam.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) August 29 warned taxpayers to be on the lookout for a widespread scam targeting church congregations and civic groups. An IRS spokesman said the new scam is aimed at getting unsuspecting taxpayers to fill out illegitimate claims for IRS refunds or tax credits and to pay the scammers for filling out the fraudulent paperwork. Unlike the common Internet, email, and phone scams, the new scam involves teams of individuals appearing in person at churches and civic groups to entice people into filing for refunds to which they are not entitled. The IRS spokesman said the traveling scam predominantly focuses on claims people can obtain refunds of the Social Security taxes they have paid over the years by transferring their Social Security benefits to the IRS and then filing for a credit. Victims of the scam pay the scammers to fill out the fraudulent paperwork, which is mailed into the IRS and duly rejected. The scam is believed to have originated in Alabama, and it has since been reported to IRS officials in 33 states. The spokesman said it now is being seen in Arkansas, "and it looks to be headed towards Oklahoma."

Source: <http://enidnews.com/localnews/x1823386236/IRS-warns-taxpayers-of-widespread-scam>

15. *August 29, San Bernardino County Sun* – (California) **Two men accused of scamming struggling homeowners.** Two men suspected of scamming homeowners struggling to avoid foreclosure were arraigned August 29 in San Bernardino, California, on a 45-count criminal complaint. Prosecutors said the men defrauded at least 25 people with their Fontana business and affected more than \$17 million in home loans. The alleged victims reportedly paid between \$3,500 and \$7,000 to participate in a process they believed would pay off their home loans and save them from foreclosure, according to a news release August 29 from the San Bernardino County district attorney's office. In the end, they would end up with two outstanding home loans and the houses went into foreclosure, prosecutors said. The men were arrested August 26 when investigators served a search warrant at Fidelity Group Realty, in Fontana. In this case, the men signed documents as "authorized representatives" of various banks, according to prosecutors. Between the pair, more than 70 fraudulent documents are alleged to have

been recorded. Prosecutors said one of the men also created fictitious checks, mailed them to banking institutions, and told victims he was paying off their loans. He faces 21 counts of forgery and 16 counts of procuring or offering a false or forged document from October 25, 2010, to June 29, according to the criminal complaint. The other suspect faces four counts each of forgery and procuring or offering a false or forged document between March 23, 2010, and November 24.

Source: http://www.sbsun.com/news/ci_18783842

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Transportation Sector

16. *August 31, Associated Press* – (National) **Planes, trains, buses return to normal – almost.** August 30, the nation’s transportation system was nearly back to normal. While planes and buses were operating on near-normal schedules, throughout the day Amtrak remained paralyzed between New York and Philadelphia. Late in the day, railroad officials announced that flooding had receded, repairs were made, and service would resume August 31. Only a handful of flights were canceled August 30 compared with more than 1,700 August 29, according to flight tracking service FlightAware. A total of 14,000 flights were scrapped in the days before, during, and after the storm. Most airlines said the backlog of stranded passengers would be cleared by the end of August 30. Delta said it could have moved more passengers to their destinations on-time if not for New York airport officials’ decision to shut down at noon August 27. The airline planned to keep flying through the evening and canceled additional flights to adjust. The aviation director for the agency that runs New York airports said the shutdown of the city’s public transit system — which most employees use to get to work — affected its decision to close the airports. Amtrak resumed service between New York and Boston August 30. BoltBus was fully booked August 28 and 29, according to a spokesman for its parent company Greyhound. The only cancellation for Greyhound was its route between Albany and Syracuse. Megabus also saw an increase in passengers who had tried to get around by other means. All buses were running again, but some kept their speeds down on roads other than interstate highways as a precaution.

Source: <http://libn.com/2011/08/31/planes-trains-buses-return-to-normal-almost/>

17. *August 31, Omaha World-Herald* – (Iowa; Nebraska) **I-680 is ‘obliterated ... gone’.** Interstate 680 between Omaha, Nebraska, and western Iowa is no longer a freeway, the Omaha World-Herald reported August 31. It is a crumpled, massive jigsaw puzzle of concrete and asphalt, with massive chunks turned over by Missouri River floodwaters that channeled under the road bed, then collapsed it. That is one reason officials say it could take long into 2012 or later to complete repairs to I-680 from the Mormon Bridge to Interstate 29 north of Council Bluffs — largely because parts of the road and its supports ran against floodwaters flows and washed away. A member of the Iowa Transportation Commission said officials estimate it will be October 19 before floodwaters have receded enough to allow Iowa Department of Transportation employees to properly assess flood damage to Interstate 29, much of

which was also closed due to flooding. Iowa transportation officials say the state has about 60 miles of primary roads closed, including portions of I-680 and I-29. About 25 miles of those remained underwater the week of August 22.

Source: <http://www.omaha.com/article/20110831/NEWS01/708319910/0>

18. *August 31, Associated Press* – (Maine) **Maine crews to begin work on temporary bridge.** Maine Department of Transportation construction crews are set to begin temporary repairs to a bridge on Route 27 in Carrabassett Valley so construction equipment can be brought in to help replace two bridges destroyed by flooding caused by Tropical Storm Irene, the Associated Press reported August 31. Route 27 in Carrabassett Valley is currently closed to through traffic as two bridges on either side of the Sugarloaf Access Road were washed out. There was temporary access to the Sugarloaf ski resort through a series of private roads.
Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/article/Maine-crews-to-begin-work-on-temporary-bridge-2148876.php>
19. *August 31, Salisbury Daily Times* – (Delaware) **DelDOT finishing post-hurricane bridge inspections.** Since August 28, bridge inspectors with the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) have been inspecting bridges throughout the state to ensure all bridges open to traffic are safe for motorists. Statewide, inspectors have pinpointed 182 bridges that were either flooded or are vulnerable to scouring. Of those bridges, 119, or about 65 percent, have been inspected so far. None of the bridges had any damage significant enough to require a closure of any bridges. Most of the damage has been minor, and does not pose an immediate safety concern. Dams are also being inspected following the hurricane. Of the 37 dams operated by DelDOT, 25 have been inspected. The bridge inspection teams expect to have all of the bridges and dams inspected by September 1.
Source: <http://www.delmarvanow.com/article/20110831/NEWS01/110831009>
20. *August 31, NJTODAY.NET* – (New Jersey; New York) **NJ Transit restores rail service between New York & Trenton.** As of August 31, NJ Transit has restored rail service on the Northeast Corridor line from the Trenton Transit Center in New Jersey to New York City's Penn Station. Customers are advised to expect 30-45 minute delays due to ongoing signal problems caused by the flood in Trenton. North Jersey Coast line trains are still subject to 10-15 minute delays the morning of August 31. Raritan Valley line trains are not stopping in Bound Brook due to flooding. Eastbound (Inbound) Raritan Valley customers at Somerville and Bridgewater are advised to board on the westbound (Outbound) platform for service to Newark. Westbound (Outbound) Raritan Valley Line customers wishing to go to Bridgewater or Somerville are advised to go west to Raritan Station and take an eastbound train back to those stations.
Source: <http://njtoday.net/2011/08/31/nj-transit-restores-rail-service-between-new-york-trenton/>
21. *August 30, Miami Herald* – (Florida) **Miami airport Terminal F reopens after evacuation.** Terminal F at Miami International Airport in Florida reopened after people were evacuated from it August 30 because of a suspicious suitcase, Miami-Dade police

said. The evacuation happened after a Transportation Security Administration employee found a suitcase with “suspicious writing” on it, police said. People were evacuated and police said the department’s bomb detection K-9s searched the terminal. When the sweep was done, shortly before 4:30 p.m., the terminal was reopened to the public. One man was detained by authorities, but police said it did not appear he would be charged with a crime.

Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2011/08/30/2382345/mia-terminal-f-evacuated-due-to.html>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

22. *August 30, Charleston Post and Courier* – (South Carolina) **1 held, 1 sought in post office robbery.** One suspect is in jail, and a \$10,000 reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest of a second suspect in the August 17 armed robbery of the Adams Run Post Office, the Charleston County Sheriff’s Office said August 28. A man walked into the post office at 5190 South Carolina Highway 175 about 11:20 a.m. He jumped over a counter, held a gun on the clerk, told her to get down on the ground, and demanded to know where the money was, according to an incident report. When the clerk said it was in a drawer, the gunman called in his accomplice, who jumped over the counter and scooped up the money, the report said. The gunman stomped on the clerk’s phone and took her purse. The two men fled, firing a round into the ground as they were leaving. Investigators identified one of the suspects and arrested him August 23. The man told postal inspectors he had robbed the post office, according to the arrest warrants. The man, 19, of Hollywood is charged with armed robbery and with possession of a firearm during the commission of a violent crime. He was being held in the Cannon Detention Center.

Source: <http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2011/aug/30/1-held-1-sought-in-post-office-robbery/>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

23. *August 30, West Chester Daily Local News* – (Pennsylvania) **Man admits to blowing up Phoenixville pub toilet.** The man who blew up a men’s room toilet in a pub in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, during a crowded pre-St. Patrick’s Day party March 12 pleaded guilty to criminal charges August 30. The 51-year-old suspect, who has reportedly suffered from mental health problems, was sentenced to 162 days to 23 months in prison. He was immediately paroled, after having been incarcerated at Chester County Prison since his arrest in March. The man pleaded guilty to a single count of causing an explosion, and he told the judge that he had set off the M-100 firecracker – akin to a small stick of dynamite – because he was upset with the staff at

Molly Maguire's Pub who refused to serve him. He walked across the street to the room he was renting at The Mainstay Inn, retrieved the explosive, and brought it back to the pub. He said he had been drinking. He lit the fuse on the M-100, put it in the toilet, and fled before it went off. The explosion caused considerable damage to the men's room but did not injure any patrons. Investigators identified the suspect after seeing him on a surveillance video leaving the bathroom just before the explosion.

Source:

<http://dailylocal.com/articles/2011/08/30/news/doc4e5d2fdfacba2619057806.txt>

24. *August 30, Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel* – (Florida) **Dania Beach steakhouse fire was accidental, fire marshal chief says.** In a second predawn fire in two days, firefighters turned out with hoselines early August 30 to stop flames from destroying Tropical Acres Steakhouse in Broward County, Florida. A firefighter who was treated for dehydration and taken to an area hospital was the only casualty of the 4 a.m. fire. Investigators determined August 30 the fire was accidental, according to the chief of the state fire marshal's bureau for fire and arson investigations. The fire originated "in the area of a dryer that is used to dry linens for the restaurant," he said.
Source: http://articles.sun-sentinel.com/2011-08-30/news/fl-two-landmarks-on-fire-20110830_1_state-fire-fire-alarm-fire-marshal-s-office
25. *August 30, Freeport Journal-Standard* – (Illinois) **Police release more details on Stephenson County crop duster crash.** Illinois State Police Troopers are investigating an August 26 crash of a crop dusting airplane that went down in Freeport. Investigators said the Dromader M-18 plane crashed just before 1 p.m after takeoff from Albertus Airport. Troopers said the plane was en route to the Leaf River area and was loaded with 3,700 pounds of fertilizer/seed mix and a full fuel load of 300 gallons. The cargo has been determined to be a non-hazardous material, according to police reports. Troopers said the aircraft went down in a cornfield approximately 175 yards south of Borchers Road and 70 yards east of Baileyville Road where it overturned and caught fire. The pilot was the only person in the plane and was flown by REACT Helicopter to Rockford Memorial Hospital with serious injuries. Illinois State Police are being assisted in this investigation by the Stephenson County Sheriff's Office, Freeport Rural Fire Protection District, and the Federal Aviation Administration.
Source: http://www.journalstandard.com/police_and_fire/x1752171225/Police-release-more-details-on-Stephenson-County-crop-duster-crash
26. *August 30, Associated Press* – (New York) **NY farmers hit hard by Irene assessing damage, possible federal disaster aid opportunities.** Farmers around New York's hardest-hit regions are trying to assess the damage caused from Hurricane Irene, which dropped several inches of rain in some places, spewing mud and sediment over cropland, Associated Press reported August 30. The state Department of Agriculture and Markets is working with the New York Farm Bureau and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to assess damage, a department spokesman said. New York has more than 36,000 farms and ranks near the nation's leaders in production of apples, grapes, cherries, and pears. Those orchard fruits fared well during the storm, which did not pack the fruit-ripping winds normally connected to a tropical storm, said a spokesman

for the New York Farm Bureau, an advocacy group. The state produces tons of cabbage, sweet corn, onions, cauliflower, and more vegetables, and the timing for those products could not have been worse. Farmers are used to flooding in the spring, but flooding this close to harvest means a lot of work could be wasted and farmers may find it difficult to pay off loans taken in the beginning of the year when they anticipated a full yield in the fall. The effects are already being felt at greengrocers, farm stands, and other vendors who rely on locally grown produce. The New York Farm Bureau is helping farmers assess the damage. Many fields are underwater, and a number of dairy cows drowned or were swept away by the rushing flood waters.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/d0a6b6e46d52486e9dd9c88c91333781/NY--Irene-New-York-Farmers/>

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Water Sector

27. *August 31, WWLP 22 Chicopee* – (Massachusetts) **Greenfield beginning to control sewage.** According to a news release from the Greenfield, Massachusetts Department of Public Works August 30, workers were able to gain access to Greenfield's flooded wastewater treatment plant and install a bar screen that prevents the escape of large debris from the plant. Additionally, the disinfectant sodium hypochlorite is now being applied to flow entering the plant. Current measures are now preventing 50-60% of incoming pollutants, but the DPW said that the facility will not be running at full capacity for up to eight weeks due to the extensive damage. Sewage overflow caused the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to issue warnings to avoid recreational activities on the Deerfield River and the Connecticut River downstream from the mouth of the Deerfield.

Source: <http://www.wwlp.com/dpp/news/local/franklin/Greenfield-beginning-to-control-sewage>

28. *August 31, Food Safety News* – (National) **In wake of Irene, rivers tested for E. coli, pesticides.** In the aftermath of Hurricane Irene, federal officials are actively sampling water from six East Coast rivers to check for E. coli, pesticides, and other hazards that may have washed into waterways. The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) announced August 29 that it dispatched field crews to assess water quality in the wake of widespread flooding due to the hurricane-turned-tropical storm Irene. The USGS Water Science Centers are to collect samples from the Charles River, Connecticut River, Delaware River, Hudson River, Raritan River, and the Susquehanna River, and test for nutrients, sediment, carbon, E. coli, and pesticides. Heavy rainfall from large storms can flush nutrients, sewage, pesticides, and bacteria into rivers, and can result in higher concentrations of E.coli in surface water used for drinking.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/08/in-wake-of-hurricane-irene-rivers-tested-for-e-coli-pesticides/>

29. *August 30, The Wichita Eagle* – (Kansas) **Milford Lake closes as toxic algae thrive.** Kansas’ largest lake, Milford Reservoir, was closed due to dangerously high blue-green algae counts. Some areas near Junction City had counts of about 5 million blue-green algae cells per milliliter of lake water, according to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment public information officer. Cell counts of 20,000 bring advisories against drinking or having full contact with lake water. Counts of 100,000 or more bring stronger warnings. Three dogs have died from ingesting Milford’s water and several people have become ill. Milford State Park natural resources officer said the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism decided August 26 to close the lake when record-high counts were reported. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers also wanted the lake closed for safety. Results from water samples taken August 29 at Milford and several other lakes should be public later in the week, and if counts are low enough, the lake may be re-opened.
Source: <http://www.kansascity.com/2011/08/30/3108835/milford-lake-closes-as-toxic-algae.html>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

30. *August 31, WSAZ 3 Huntington/Charleston* – (Ohio) **Update: Nursing home fire sends several to the hospital.** A motorized chair inside a resident’s room at the Four Winds Nursing Home in Jackson, Ohio, caught fire at about 10 p.m. August 30. The fire was contained to the chair. Employees were able to get the fire out and evacuate the affected wing before firefighters arrived on the scene. Three employees and five patients at the home were transported to the hospital as a result of the fire. The fire chief said the eight people were treated for smoke inhalation and exposure to powder from a fire extinguisher. All eight people were released from the hospital, according to a nursing home spokesperson.
Source:
http://www.wsaz.com/news/headlines/BREAKING_NEWS_Nursing_Home_Fire_Sends_Several_to_the_Hospital_128722848.html?storySection=story
31. *August 30, U.S. Department of Transportation* – (National) **New study links pesticide exposure to prostate cancer.** A new study finds that older men living in California’s Central Valley are more likely to develop prostate cancer if they were exposed to certain agricultural pesticides than those who were not exposed. The study examines exposure via drift rather than occupational exposure, although similar results have been noted in farmworker populations. Exposure to methyl bromide or various organochlorine pesticides increased the risk of cancer by about one and a half times. The study, “Prostate cancer and ambient pesticide exposure in agriculturally intensive areas in California,” was published in the June 2011 issue of the American Journal of Epidemiology. This is not the first study to link pesticide exposure to prostate cancer. In 2008, University of California Davis Cancer Center research showed that Vietnam War veterans exposed to Agent Orange have greatly increased risks of prostate cancer and even greater risks of getting the most aggressive form of the disease as compared to

those who were not exposed. Based on medical evaluations conducted between 1998 and 2006, the study identified twice as many men exposed to Agent Orange with prostate cancer. In addition, Agent Orange-exposed men were diagnosed two-and-a-half years younger and were nearly four times more likely to present with metastatic disease.

Source: <http://www.ewsp.com/latest-news/science-a-environmental/26555-new-study-links-pesticide-exposure-to-prostate-cancer.html>

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Government Facilities Sector

32. *August 31, Associated Press* – (National) **Irene delays opening of schools across East.** Power failures, flooding, road closures, and other problems caused by Hurricane Irene have led some superintendents in Massachusetts and elsewhere along the East Coast to delay the start of school. The school year is also expected to start late in some districts in Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Rhode Island, and Vermont. The calendar reshuffling has caused problems for school administrators who must now reset schedules so students can make up the missed days either during the school year or at the end. School officials in the Massachusetts communities of Whitman, Hanson, Marlborough, East Bridgewater, and Springfield were among those who decided to put off the start of school for one to three days because schools, homes, or both were still without power August 30. School officials also said they were not comfortable allowing children to walk to schools while utility crews are still removing downed power lines.

Source: http://news.yahoo.com/irene-delays-opening-schools-across-east-100832506.html;_ylt=Ano2gXA.HNev9K_WzxIE_163scB;_ylu=X3oDMTQxZWZ0cGtkBG1pdANMYXRlc3ROZXdzIEExp3RpbmcEcGtnA2U3NjAzMTZmLTliNTgtM2FjNi04NWQwLTMyYWY1ZjY3OGYzNARwb3MDNwRzZWMDTWVkaWFTdG9yeUxpc3QEdm

33. *August 31, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **Iowa student says campus shooting post just a joke.** A Twitter post that read like someone wanted to shoot up a Des Moines, Iowa, area community college campus prompted police to question and charge an 18-year-old student. His post: “Who wants to shoot up the DMACC Ankeny campus the same time I shoot up the Urban campus?” The student told police August 26 he was joking. The president of the school told The Des Moines Register that after officials looked at the suspect’s background, the post did not seem like a credible threat. But, he told the Register, the college has “a zero-tolerance policy in matters of this kind.” The student has been charged with first-degree harassment.

Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/article/Iowa-student-says-campus-shooting-post-just-a-joke-2148867.php>

34. *August 31, St. Louis Post-Dispatch* – (Illinois) **Hazmat situation, suspicious package reported at Scott Air Force Base.** Three people were taken to a hospital, and emergency responders were decontaminating more than a dozen people at Scott Air

Force Base (AFB) in Illinois after they were exposed to an unknown chemical that smelled like sulfur. This began after a suspicious package was found on the base. A training chief for the Scott AFB fire department confirmed the “hazardous materials situation” but declined to offer specifics. About 10 a.m. August 31, a St. Clair County dispatcher initially said 16 people were going through a decontamination process but later updated that figure to say 13. Those people were not complaining of illness and would be released in about 20 minutes if no problems arose, the dispatcher said. Emergency personnel were being told to go to a staging area at a bowling alley on West Martin Street. The three taken by ambulance to a Belleville hospital were apparently being transported as “green-level” patients, which means they were not seriously hurt. As many as four firefighters were overcome by the heat while responding to the incident and were being evaluated for heat-related problems.

Source: http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/article_ea4c2e5a-d3e4-11e0-9c07-001a4bcf6878.html

35. *August 30, Honolulu Star-Advertiser* – (Hawaii) **Man allegedly threatens to shoot judge, probation officer.** Police arrested an 18-year-old Hawaii man August 30 after a report that someone threatened to shoot a judge and a probation officer at the Kapolei courthouse the week of August 22. Police said the threat was made August 22 against a judge, 49, and a probation officer, 36, by a man upset that officials were trying to get his girlfriend to stay away from him. The suspect was arrested on suspicion of two counts of first-degree terroristic threatening and released without charges pending further investigation.

Source: <http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/breaking/128717878.html>

36. *August 30, KCEN 6 Temple* – (Texas) **750-acre Fort Hood fire 10 percent contained.** Fort Hood fire officials in Texas reported August 30 that the Jack Mountain fire, which was burning 750 acres and was 10 percent contained, consumed two power poles, knocking out power to West Range Road facilities. The fire has reportedly crossed West Range Road forcing officials to close the road from Elijah Road (North) to Dalton Mountain Multi-use Range; this includes the area near Brown’s Creek Multi-use Range. Texas Forestry Service aircraft are scheduled to fly over the area August 30 to provide a site assessment. Emergency personnel, with the help of two Army helicopters hauling water buckets, battled the fire that afternoon, according to Fort Hood officials. The land was located within Fort Hood’s impact area. When soldiers train, they fire live rounds into what is known as the impact area so people, livestock, and structures are not at risk. When fires break out in the impact area, it is too dangerous for firefighters to enter to extinguish them. Two fires lit up Fort Hood ranges the week of August 22, but because of the current fire’s location and wind conditions, it is much more visible, officials said August 30.

Source: <http://www.kcentv.com/story/15363514/700-acre-fire-breaks-out-in-fort-hood-training-area>

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Emergency Services Sector

37. *August 30, Southington Patch* – (Connecticut) **Social media allows instant connection between residents and public safety in emergencies.** When Hurricane Irene touched down in Southington, Connecticut, August 28, calls began to flood the Emergency Operations Center at the Southington Police Department. The town manager, Southington Police chief, and Southington Fire chief quickly compiled the information regarding downed wires, fallen trees, and closed roads. Two minutes later, a Southington Police sergeant had the information online. For the past several years, the Southington Police Department has used Facebook and Twitter as a primary means of communication between the department, media, and members of the public. Over the weekend of August 26, the decision to keep an open line of communications through social media outlets paid dividends for the department and town residents. Although the system has been in place for a few years and has been used to provide information regarding road closures and public hazards during snowstorms and other events, the police sergeant said this was the first time the department was able to use it during a declared state of emergency. The department utilized the social media to post 28 separate releases August 27 through August 29, giving updates on everything from the latest conditions to the number of power outages, recovery and safety tips, and more. Source: <http://southington.patch.com/articles/social-media-allows-instant-connection-between-residents-and-public-safety-in-emergencies>
38. *August 30, Associated Press* – (Massachusetts) **Boston airport opens counterterrorism office.** Logan International Airport in Boston, is now home to the nation's first airport-based counterterrorism office aimed at improving communication and collaboration between federal and local agencies. Eight agencies, including the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and the Transportation Security Administration, will work at the FBI's newly opened Joint Terrorism Task Force offices at Logan. Officials hope the multiagency office will aid the airport's efforts to prevent terrorist attacks as the 10th anniversary of the September 11 attacks approaches. The office will allow agencies to share information and work together with state and local police on investigations and research. It also will allow officials to share access to databases and collaborate quickly if there is a terrorist attack at or originating from the airport. Source: http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2011/08/30/boston_airport_opens_counterterrorism_office/?ST=1
39. *August 30, Government Computer News* – (Arizona; National) **VOIP 911: A low-cost way to expand emergency comm.** The nation's emergency 911 call systems are evolving to accommodate wireless communications and take advantage of the data, text, and video capabilities of ubiquitous IP networks. But voice traffic also is moving to IP networks, creating new opportunities and challenges, especially for 911 services in which budgets are tight and high availability and reliability are essential. Bandwidth is becoming cheap, but reliability remains expensive. "Right now, we are using voice over IP in pockets," said the technical manager for an Arizona consortium of

emergency services departments. The consortium would like to move voice entirely to the IP network and eliminate the legacy voice components. “Maintaining both networks is expensive.” Maricopa Region 911 is solving the expense vs. reliability equation with Adaptive Private Networking, an intelligent link-aggregation tool that can combine multiple networking paths into a single virtual high-availability WAN. The Maricopa Region 911 is a governmental consortium formed in the mid-1980s to provide 911 services in the Phoenix metro area, including the communities of Scottsdale and Mesa. The primary job is to ensure that emergency calls, together with the associated information, are routed to the proper one of 25 public service answering points in the region.

Source: <http://gcn.com/articles/2011/09/05/arizona-voip-911.aspx>

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Information Technology Sector

40. *August 31, Softpedia* – (International) **Google and Mozilla release updates to kill hacked CA.** Google and Mozilla released updates to Chrome and Firefox August 31 in order to remove the root certificate of DigiNotar, the hacked Dutch Certificate Authority that failed to revoke a rogue google.com cert. The security industry is in uproar over a rogue *.google.com SSL certificate being found in the wild and having possibly been used by the Iranian government in country-wide man-in-the-middle attacks against Gmail users. As a result, Mozilla, Google, and Microsoft quickly announced their plans to remove the DigiNotar root certificate from their products. Mozilla and Google released Firefox 6.0.1, Firefox 3.6.21, and Chrome 13.0.782.218 respectively to fix the issue.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Google-and-Mozilla-Release-Updates-to-Kill-Hacked-CA-219578.shtml>

41. *August 30, IDG News Service* – (International) **Akamai employee tried to sell secrets to Israel.** A former Akamai employee pleaded guilty to espionage charges August 30 after offering to hand over confidential information about the Web acceleration company to an agent posing as an Israeli consular official in Boston, Massachusetts. Starting in September 2007, the Akamai employee forwarded information for 18 months to a man he thought was an Israeli intelligence officer. He handed over pages of confidential data, providing a list of Akamai’s clients and contracts, information about the company’s security practices, and even a list of 1,300 Akamai employees, including mobile numbers, departments, and e-mail addresses. Unbeknownst to the Akamai employee, his Israeli spy was actually a special agent with the counterintelligence squad at the FBI’s field office in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In October 2010, the Akamai employee was arrested and charged with committing foreign economic espionage.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9219628/Akamai_employee_tried_to_sell_secrets_to_Israel

42. *August 30, The Register* – (International) **Apache squashes ‘devastating’ bug under attack.** Maintainers of the open-source Apache Web server fixed a severe weakness that attackers are exploiting to crash Web sites. Flaws in Apache’s HTTP daemon made it easy to crash servers using publicly available software released the week of August 22. The bugs in the way the HTTPD processed multiple Web requests that involved overlapping byte ranges allowed attackers to overwhelm servers by sending them a modest amount of traffic. An advisory on Apache’s Web site said the bug, formally known as CVE-2011-3192 has been fixed in version 2.2.20.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/08/30/apache_dos_vuln_patched/

43. *August 30, IDG News Service* – (International) **Google one of many victims in SSL certificate hack.** A Dutch company that issues digital certificates used to authenticate Web sites said August 30 that several dozen other Web sites in addition to Google have been affected by a security breach. The company, DigiNotar, issues Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) and Extended Validation (EVSSL) certificates, which are validated by Web browsers to ensure people are not visiting a fake Web site that is trying to appear legitimate. DigiNotar is a Certificate Authority (CA), an entity that sells digital certificates to legitimate Web site owners. But DigiNotar issued a digital certificate for the google.com domain, a mistake that could allow a skilled attacker to intercept someone’s e-mail. Google said August 29 the fraudulent certificate was used and targeted users in Iran, although a security feature in its Chrome browser detected the certificate, tipping off users with a warning. DigiNotar, a subsidiary of a security company called Vasco Data Security International, issued a statement August 29 saying it discovered July 19 during an audit that its infrastructure used to issue the certificates had been breached. In an interview August 30, a corporate communications director for Vasco said the attackers created fraudulent certificates for “several dozen” Web sites. Most were revoked after their discovery, he said. However, the digital certificate for google.com — which was issued July 10 — only went live August 28, he said. In its statement, Vasco said that it was notified by the Dutch Computer Emergency Response Team that it had not been revoked yet. It was finally revoked August 29, the communication director said.
Source:
http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9219612/Google_one_of_many_victims_in_SSL_certificate_hack

44. *August 29, IDG News Service* – (International) **Facebook pays out \$40K to hackers over three weeks.** Three weeks after launching a bug bounty program that pays Web hackers cash for finding flaws with its Web site, Facebook said it has paid out more than \$40,000 in rewards. Facebook called the program a success August 29, saying it has mobilized security researchers around the world to help make Facebook.com more secure. “We know and have relationships with a large number of security experts, but this program has kicked off dialogue with a whole new and ever expanding set of people across the globe in over 16 countries, from Turkey to Poland who are passionate about Internet security,” the company said in a Facebook post about the program. In recent years, technology companies have started paying hackers to encourage them to quietly report any bugs they find rather than simply dumping them out in public where

they could be misused by criminals. Google and Mozilla, for example, operate similar bug bounty programs. Facebook pays \$500 per bug, but will shell out more money for exceptional issues.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9219572/Facebook_pays_out_40K_to_hackers_over_three_weeks

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Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <https://www.it-isac.org>

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Communications Sector

45. *August 31, DavidsonNews.net* – (North Carolina) **MI-Connection working to restore data service.** Two of three high-speed data lines serving the MI-Connection communications system failed August 31 around 9:30 a.m., cutting telephone and internet service for thousands of customers in the Lake Norman area of North Carolina. The outage appeared to be affecting users throughout the company's territory in south Iredell and north Mecklenburg counties. The data lines are not part of MI-Connection's network, but are provided by outside vendors XL Communications and Level 3 Communications, MI-Connection said. Because MI-Connection's phone service relies on Internet connections, instead of standard phone lines, it was also affected. But the phone service appeared to be restored by 10:20 a.m. Connections between the company's Mooresville headquarters and Bristol Virginia Utilities, its third-party manager in Bristol, Virginia, were also restored. MI-Connection provides Internet, phone, and cable TV to about 14,200 customers in the Lake Norman area.
Source: <http://davidsonnews.net/2011/08/31/mi-connection-phones-and-internet-down/>
46. *August 30, New Jersey Star-Ledger* – (New Jersey; New York) **WNYC (AM820) forced off-air due to Kearny floods, where antenna is located.** WNYC's AM station (AM820) was forced off the air August 29 because of flooding in Kearny, New Jersey, where its antenna is located. The New York public radio network, which purchased four of the former-New Jersey Network radio licenses in July, continued to broadcast on its FM station and streamed its AM programming online. Weekend coverage of the storm was broadcast on the NJPR stations, which returned to regular programming August 29. A WNYC spokeswoman said the extent of the antenna damage is not yet known. Parts of it remained underwater August 29, making inspection difficult. The network expects repairs to take a week.
Source: http://www.nj.com/hudson/index.ssf/2011/08/wnyc_am_820_forced_off-air_due.html

47. *August 30, WRTA 1240 AM Altoona* – (Pennsylvania) **Fire that knocked WRTA off air ruled accidental.** A fire the weekend of August 26 that damaged a vacant city home in Altoona, Pennsylvania, has been ruled an accident. An Altoona Fire Department spokesperson says the blaze at 1910 12th Avenue was sparked by a candle. City police say vagrants have been living in the condemned structure. The blaze is also responsible for knocking WRTA’s programming off-air. The flames destroyed a Verizon high-speed fiber optic line that carries WRTA programming to its Altoona transmitter site.
Source: <http://www.wrta.com/Fire-That-Knocked-WRTA-Off-Air-Ruled-Accidental/10768149>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

48. *August 30, Associated Press* – (California) **2 injured as crane collapses at California fun park.** Two workers were injured August 30 when a crane set up to perform maintenance on a ride at a Northern California fun park collapsed along with a portion of the ride, officials said. The Sacramento Metro Fire assistant chief said two maintenance workers were in harnesses on top of the Scandia Screamer, a 165-foot-high rotating arm that was installed at the amusement park in 2007, when it fell over. A third man was at the base of the crane operating the arm when the accident occurred, the assistant fire chief said. The men had been removing the arm of the ride when the weight overwhelmed the crane and it tipped into a miniature golf course, along with a portion of a batting cage in the park. Both technicians working at the top were left dangling by their harness about 70 feet in the air, but only one was injured. A fire truck that had been driving by was able to get to the scene and rescue the workers from the ride. The area immediately around the crane and the ride had been blocked off and no one on the ground was injured.
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2011/08/30/2-injured-as-crane-collapses-at-california-fun-park/>
49. *August 30, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Fire prompts evacuation of summer camp in North Texas.** Dozens of children at a summer camp were evacuated as a fast-moving wildfire burned near a North Texas lakeside community, the Associated Press reported August 30. The Texas Forest Service said the afternoon fire has spread to about 3,000 acres in Palo Pinto County. A YMCA spokeswoman told KTVT in Dallas-Fort Worth that the children were safe at Camp Grady Spruce at Possum Kingdom Lake. However, because some area roads were closed and more may be shut down, buses were sent to pick up the children.
Source: <http://www.kltv.com/story/15362596/fire-prompts-evacuation-of-summer-camp-in-north-texas>

50. *August 30, Examiner* – (Michigan) **Detroit bomb squad called out two days in a row.** The bomb squad in Detroit, Michigan, had to suit up twice the week of August 29, facing two unconnected and radically different assignments. The squad showed up at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Building August 29, after the Detroit Police Department (DPD) received a 911 call regarding a suspicious package in a parking lot reserved for the mayor and members of the city council. The bomb squad blew up the backpack at the scene using external explosives. Then, August 30, the bomb squad was called to the 2nd Ebenezer Church, where the DPD was conducting a gun buy-back program. There, a customer had turned in two fragmentation grenades. The police did not know if the grenades were ‘live’ or not so they called in the bomb squad. Team members transferred the devices an unused part of the church. They will likely take the grenades to Belle Isle and have them detonated.
Source: <http://www.examiner.com/crime-in-detroit/detroit-bomb-squad-called-out-two-days-a-row>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

51. *August 31, Associated Press* – (Vermont) **Vermont national forest damaged by flooding.** Officials at the Green Mountain National Forest in Vermont said flooding damage from Tropical Storm Irene is extensive in the forest. A spokesman said the forest is still open but that anyone venturing into it should know that many areas, roads, camp sites, and trails are inaccessible, due to high water, washouts, and compromised bridges. Some drinking water systems may also be compromised. It will take time for the Forest Service to assess the condition of trails, roads, and recreation sites. Forest Service officials are recommending that people postpone visits to the forest for now.
Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/article/Vermont-national-forest-damaged-by-flooding-2148682.php>
52. *August 30, Fort Worth Star-Telegram* – (Texas) **Fire burns 25 homes at Possum Kingdom Lake, forces evacuations.** A fast-burning grass fire destroyed 25 homes and threatened 125 more August 30 and forced people to flee several subdivisions at Possum Kingdom Lake, Texas, including some that suffered severe damage when wildfires raged through the area in April. The fire had burned about 7,500 acres by evening, a spokesman with the Texas Forest Service said. At least 35 volunteer fire departments and four Texas Forest Service task forces fought the fire. He said two helicopters and two single-engine planes dropped fire retardant. One injury was reported, but it was unknown whether the victim was a firefighter or a civilian. A Palo Pinto County sheriff’s dispatcher said every community on the southeast side of the lake along Texas 16 from U.S. 180 to Farm Road 2353 was evacuated, including Gaines Bend, The Cliffs Resort, and Sportsman’s World.
Source: <http://www.star-telegram.com/2011/08/30/3325046/fire-burns-25-homes-at-possum.html>

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Dams Sector

53. *August 30, Associated Press* – (South Dakota) **Cause of unusual problem at Oahe Dam identified.** The Army Corps of Engineers discovered August 29 that a missing chain was to blame for a stuck-open gate on one of the six emergency outlet tunnels underneath the Oahe Dam on the Missouri River in South Dakota. The Corps told KCCR radio that 1 of 4 chains that lifts and drops the gate was missing, likely washed away by heavy water releases this summer. They said if the 8-foot-long chain that weighs upwards of a ton cannot be found downriver it will have to be replaced. The unusual problem was reported a week ago. The Corps says it does not affect the stability of the dam.
Source: <http://www.kcautv.com/story/15359492/cause-of-unusual-problem-at-oahe-dam-identified>
54. *August 30, WCSH 6 Portland* – (Maine) **Dam at Sebasticook Lake fails again.** For the fourth time in eight years, the dam at the Sebasticook Lake in Newport, Maine, failed. Chains supporting the dam’s gate broke over the weekend of August 26. Engineers and the Sebasticook Lake Association are working to determine if severe weather from tropical storm Irene may have contributed to the failure. “We had real high winds, and we did have 2.5 to 3 inches over the flashboards at the time that it broke,” said the town manager. Town officials plan to drain the lake’s water to begin to repairs the dam.
Source: <http://www.wcsh6.com/news/article/170874/2/Dam-at-Sebasticook-Lake-fails-again>

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