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Top Stories

- A 4,500-acre fire at Dollar Lake in Oregon was 3 miles east of the watershed boundary September 6, threatening drinking water for 900,000 people in the Portland area. – *Portland Oregonian* (See item [29](#))
- Wildfires continued to rage September 6 through central Texas, claiming 2 lives and 550 homes, knocking out power to thousands, and closing numerous schools and roads. – *Houston Chronicle* (See item [51](#))

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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. *September 7, Associated Press* – (Maine) **N. Maine man charged with diesel fuel theft.** A 29-year-old Maine man has been charged with theft for allegedly stealing diesel fuel from his employer in Millinocket, Maine. The Millinocket police chief said the suspect is accused of filling 55-gallon drums with fuel from the fuel pump at W.T. Gardner & Sons' hardwood chipping mill. Investigators believe the thefts took place over the last 3 weeks and totaled about 1,000 gallons.

Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/article/N-Maine-man-charged-with-diesel-fuel-theft-2158718.php>

2. *September 6, WBRC 6 Birmingham* – (Alabama) **135,000 still without power due to Tropical Storm Lee.** As of noon September 6, a total of 135,000 customers in Alabama were still without power due to damage associated with Tropical Storm Lee, Alabama Power said. Around 121,000 of those people were in the Birmingham metro area; 9,300 customers without power were in the eastern part of the state and 3,600 customers without power were in the western part of the state. Alabama Power crews had restored service to 185,000 customers as of September 6. Additional crews from out-of-state were on their way to assist Birmingham crews with assessing damage and restoring power.
Source: <http://www.myfoxdal.com/story/15403653/135000-still-without-power-due-to-tropical-storm-lee>
3. *September 2, Houston Chronicle* – (National) **Study: Air toxins didn't hit harmful levels after spill.** Although some said they fell ill, offshore crews involved in the cleanup of BP's oil spill last year did not breathe harmful levels of toxins as crude gushed into the Gulf of Mexico, an independent scientific study found. Levels of dangerous compounds associated with oil, including benzene, fell well below federally allowed limits, according to the analysis by San Francisco-based ChemRisk. It examined nearly 5,000 air samples BP took near its Macondo well site in the months following the deadly April 2010 blowout. The report, published September 2 in *Environmental Science and Technology*, a scientific journal, found the measurements for benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylene were many times below the federal limits. It also found no significant difference in levels of compounds present in the air before compared with after the Macondo well was capped July 15, which the firm said suggests engine exhaust from vessels involved in the cleanup could be more to blame than the oil. ChemRisk used data BP made public, but it was not paid for the analysis. The findings are consistent with results of smaller-scale studies by an arm of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the Department of the Interior, and should lay to rest claims by cleanup workers that they were exposed to dangerous levels of cancer-causing benzene, said the president of ChemRisk and a co-author of the study.
Source: <http://www.chron.com/business/article/Study-Air-toxins-didn-t-hit-harmful-levels-after-2153701.php>

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Chemical Industry Sector

4. *September 7, Associated Press* – (International) **UN watchdog says Libyan chemical weapons secure.** Libya's remaining chemical weapon stockpiles are believed to be secure despite the turmoil that has roiled the country since February, the chief of a United Nations watchdog said September 7. The director general of the Organization

for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons said his inspectors are ready to return to Libya to oversee the destruction of poison gas supplies “when the conditions will allow us.” He said he had heard from sources that “remaining stockpiles of chemical weapons are secured.” In 2004, Libya’s leader agreed to dismantle weapons of mass destruction, and he underscored his commitment by using bulldozers to crush 3,300 unloaded aerial bombs that could have been used to deliver chemical weapons. Libya destroyed nearly 15 tons of sulfur mustard in 2010, about 54 percent of its stockpile. It received an extension to eliminate the rest by May 15, the organization said. Nearly 40 percent of the chemicals used to make sulfur mustard also have been destroyed since 2005, it said. Twice-yearly inspections have found no evidence of Libya reviving the chemical weapons program.

Source:

http://www.boston.com/news/world/europe/articles/2011/09/07/un_watchdog_says_libyan_chemical_weapons_secure/

5. *September 7, Worcester Telegram & Gazette* – (Massachusetts) **Chemical spill sends 12 to hospital.** A dozen people, mostly rescue workers, were taken to the hospital after a hazardous chemical spill September 6 at Barrday Composite Solutions, at 86 Providence Road (Route 122A) in Millbury, Massachusetts. Nobody was seriously hurt, and the spill was contained with only a small amount getting into the ground, officials said. They said the public was never at risk. Barrday’s president said an engineer was working on an outside storage tank containing 10,000 gallons of phenol when the accident occurred at 1:35 p.m.. When the worker removed a wire, the tank sprung a leak and liquid phenolic resin sprayed onto his arm, he said. The engineer and a second employee who was having trouble breathing were taken to a hospital. Local fire officials responded and closed the road, and called in Worcester Special Operations, and the state’s hazardous materials teams. The haz-mat technician team leader said about 5,000 to 6,000 gallons of phenol escaped. A pneumatic plugging device was used to stop the leak, and most of the spilled phenol was contained by a berm, officials said. Besides the two Barrday employees, nine firefighters and a police sergeant were taken to UMass Memorial Medical Center — University Campus in Worcester. Phenol is a raw material and a dangerous chemical used to make phenolic resin, or plastic, Barrday’s president said. The material is used in military helmets, aerospace products, and other fiber-reinforced plastics and composite materials.

Source: <http://www.telegram.com/article/20110907/NEWS/109079812/-1/NEWS05>

6. *September 6, Torrance Daily Breeze* – (California) **Firefighters offload chemical from leaking Wilmington rail car.** Los Angeles firefighters spent about 5 hours offloading about 4,700 gallons of a solvent from a leaking railcar in Wilmington September 6. Firefighters sent to the tracks near the 1300 block of South Alameda Street about 11 a.m. had Alameda closed between Pacific Coast Highway and Sepulveda Boulevard, said a Los Angeles Fire Department spokesman. He said the liquid — identified as pentanol, a form of alcohol — was leaking at the rate of 3-5 gallons per minute. No evacuations were ordered. Fire crews were unable to stop the leak or close a valve. So vacuum trucks were brought in to suck up the liquid, the spokesman said. Pentanol is a solvent that can be used as a fuel additive. The cleanup took about 5 hours, and the rail line was reopened. It was unclear if the operation

interrupted traffic on the Alameda Corridor line, which is used to move shipping containers to rail yards near downtown.

Source: http://www.dailybreeze.com/news/ci_18835729

7. *September 6, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Shell agrees to pay \$500,000 fine for pollution in Texas, will warn of chemical releases.** Shell Chemical LP has agreed to pay \$500,000 to a Texas county over five different air pollution events at its Deer Park, Texas refinery. The settlement announced September 6 was reached after Harris County accused Shell Chemical, a unit of Royal Dutch Shell PLC, of failing to notify officials about the toxic releases. There are two schools and many homes close to the refinery in suburban Houston. The Harris County attorney said he's pleased Shell agreed to notify officials within 24 hours of any chemical releases. The law already requires petrochemical companies to notify the county, but Shell apparently failed to do so in five events between 2008 and 2010. Shell released a statement saying the company disputes those claims but settled to resolve the matter.
Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/shell-agrees-to-pay-500000-fine-for-pollution-in-texas-will-warn-of-chemical-releases/2011/09/06/gIQAmSe86J_story.html

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

8. *September 7, Brattleboro Reformer* – (Vermont) **Broken 'chiller' valve threatens VY shutdown.** A faulty cooling system threatened to shut down the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant in Vernon, Vermont, over the September 3-4 weekend. But in a little more than 24 hours, technicians repaired a valve in a unit meant to keep safety-related equipment cool. According to a spokesman for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the defective chiller unit was discovered during routine surveillance. "They were unable to adjust the flow to the required range, which they later found out was because the discharge valve disk had separated from the stem, so no amount of opening the stem was going to move the disk and allow more flow," the spokesman said. With the cooler out of service, the "A" trains of the low-pressure coolant injection and core spray systems were declared inoperable. The plant began shutting down according to plant technical specifications, but only reached 95 percent power before the issue was resolved. According to the manager of communications for the plant, the defective chiller could have caused a problem if the residual heat removal pump or core spray system had to be used.
Source: http://www.reformer.com/localnews/ci_18839871
9. *September 7, Wilkes-Barre Times Leader* – (Pennsylvania) **Unit 1 reactor safety rating downgraded.** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has downgraded the safety performance rating for one reactor at PPL's Susquehanna nuclear power plant near Berwick, Pennsylvania. The NRC took the action after completing a performance review in August after PPL had to manually shut down the reactor in January and March due to steam leaks, which came on the heels of a July

2010 flooding incident that required a manual shutdown, an NRC spokesman said. The downgrade means the plant will now be subject to “additional scrutiny” by the NRC. The scrutiny amounts to an additional inspection this year by a larger NRC inspection team.

Source:

http://www.timesleader.com/news/Unit_1_reactor_safety_rating_downgraded_09-07-2011.html

10. *September 7, Omaha World-Herald* – (Nebraska) **Plant downgrade not tied to flood.** Federal regulators downgraded Fort Calhoun nuclear plant’s performance to the lowest possible category September 6, save shutting it down. The plant near Blair, Nebraska was downgraded because of two shortcomings in its safety systems, one having to do with flood preparedness, and the other with a faulty electrical connector. The flooding concern dates to 2009 and was not associated with this year’s flooding. The connector problem dates to a 2010 federal inspection. One thing that concerns federal regulators is the two problems occurred in the same performance category, said a NRC spokeswoman. The utility that operates the plant received two citations in what’s called mitigating systems. Those are the protections in place to keep a potentially bad problem from becoming potentially catastrophic.
Source: <http://www.omaha.com/article/20110907/NEWS01/709079938/46>
11. *September 6, Associated Press* – (Connecticut) **Water leak shuts Connecticut’s Millstone reactor.** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission said September 6 that Connecticut’s Millstone nuclear power plant shut one of its two reactors to stop a water leak September 3 . A spokesman for the federal agency said the reactor in Waterford was shut because the leak exceeded the plant’s specifications. He said the reactor remained down as of the morning of September 6. A Millstone spokesman said the water is used to cool plant equipment, not the reactor, and is not radioactive. He would not say when the plant would return to service. The federal agency monitored the shutdown, which occurred without problems, and said it will follow repair work to make sure it is done safely.
Source: <http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/article/Water-leak-shuts-Connecticut-s-Millstone-reactor-2157229.php>
12. *September 6, Nuclear Regulatory Commission* – (National) **Nuclear Regulatory Commission issues mid-cycle assessments for nation’s nuclear plants.** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued mid-cycle assessment letters to the nation’s 104 operating commercial nuclear power plants September 6. The agency’s most recent assessments show that all plants continue to operate safely. Ninety-one plants were performing at the highest level and were being inspected under the normal program. Eight plants performed at the next highest level, needing to resolve one or two items of low safety significance, and will receive additional inspection and attention to follow-up on corrective actions. Three nuclear reactors were at the third level of performance and will receive more NRC inspections, senior management attention, and oversight focused on the cause of the degraded performance. Two plants, Browns Ferry Unit 1 in Alabama and Fort Calhoun in Nebraska, require the NRC’s highest level of attention, which will include additional inspections to confirm the plant’s performance issues are

being addressed. In addition, mid-cycle letters were also sent to both the Watts Bar Unit 2 site in Tennessee and the Vogtle Unit 3 and 4 site in Georgia, reviewing activities associated with the early site permit and limited work authorized by the NRC. Source: <http://www.eneurpf.com/latest-news/science-a-environmental/26723-nuclear-regulatory-commission-issues-mid-cycle-assessments-for-nations-nuclear-plants.html>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

13. *September 7, Softpedia* – (National) **McAfee report: vehicles exposed due to lack of security.** McAfee released a study September 7 to raise the awareness of the automotive industry about the potential dangers behind the embedded devices used in most automobiles parts. Airbags, anti-lock braking systems, electronic stability control, and autonomous cruise control are just a few of the components that could malfunction due to outside tampering, leading to potential injuries. The senior vice president and general manager of McAfee said that “[a]s more and more functions get embedded in the digital technology of automobiles, the threat of attack and malicious manipulation increases ... Many examples of research-based hacks show the potential threats and depth of compromise that expose the consumer,” he stated. In the rush to add new car features such as Internet access, security has been overlooked, the report said. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/McAfee-Report-Vehicles-Exposed-Due-to-Lack-of-Security-220653.shtml>

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Banking and Finance Sector

14. *September 7, Help Net Security* – (International) **New financial malware attacks global financial institutions.** Trusteer warned September 7 that a second non-financial malware variant called Shylock has been retrofitted with fraud capabilities and is abusing its large installed base of infected machines to attack global financial institutions. Unlike the non-financial malware Ramnit that turned into a fraud platform, Shylock does not incorporate tactics from the zeus trojan. It appears criminals have custom developed financial fraud capabilities for Shylock. Shylock uses unique mechanisms not found in other financial malware toolkits, including: an improved method for injecting code into additional browser processes to take control of the

victim's computer; a better evasion technique to prevent malware scanners from detecting its presence; and a sophisticated watchdog service that allows it to resist removal attempts and restore operations. "As with all financial fraud toolkits, Shylock's detection rate among anti-malware solutions and fraud detection systems is extremely low," Trusteer's chief technology officer said.

Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=1830

15. *September 7, Housing Predictor* – (California) **Renters ripoff landlords in \$6 million mortgage scam.** Seven people were arrested September 6 in California for allegedly posing as homeowners of the homes they were renting and applying to take out \$6 million in home equity mortgages. They were arrested by after a major investigation by sheriff's investigators and the FBI. The renters allegedly stole the homeowners' identities to pose as the owners of more than 20 homes they borrowed against. An FBI agent, who is a member of the special Asian Organized Crime Squad, submitted an affidavit in federal court detailing the sophisticated operation that involved money laundering and a possible link to a series of cases in the Los Angeles area 3 years ago. Most of the homes were in Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties, which have been devastated by the foreclosure crisis. An Irvine real estate investor notified authorities after receiving an unexpected appraisal in the mail for one of the homes involved in the scam. Investigators said the scheme lasted more than 2 years and was conducted by Korean and Chinese immigrants, including some people in the country illegally. An undercover sting was set up to catch the suspects, who used prepaid cell phones. The group used public records to conduct title searches to find homes to rent with small mortgages or properties that were free and clear. Fake driver's licenses and other IDs were used by the suspects, who are being held in jail without bail. The loans that were funded, including home equity lines of credit, were transferred into bank accounts using the real homeowner's names at a variety of financial institutions and funds were withdrawn in small amounts.

Source: <http://www.housingpredictor.com/2011/renters-ripoff-landlords.html>

16. *September 7, U.S. Department of Treasury* – (International) **Treasury targets three senior al-Qa'ida leaders.** The U.S. Department of the Treasury September 7 announced the designation of three senior al-Qa'ida leaders based in Pakistan. As a result of the action — taken by the Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 13224 — U.S. persons are generally prohibited from engaging in transactions with the designees and any assets they may hold under U.S. jurisdiction are frozen. The first leader, referred to as al-Qa'ida's propaganda chief, is one of the group's most prominent public figures and plays a key role in al-Qa'ida's media operations. The second is a leader who was in charge of al-Qa'ida's external operations as of mid-2010. He participated in the formation of the affiliate group al-Qa'ida in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) and developed a well-funded plan to ostensibly damage the European economy. The third has been an al-Qa'ida facilitator, courier, and operative since at least 2003. He has also been active facilitating the travel of al-Qa'ida members. On al-Qa'ida's behalf, he recruited a facilitator who helped him move people and money between Gulf countries and Pakistan. In 2007, he helped al-Qa'ida reestablish logistic support networks in Pakistan.

Source: <http://www.treasury.gov/press-center/press-releases/Pages/tg1289.aspx>

17. *September 6, KSAZ 10 Phoenix and Associated Press* – (Arizona) **Police: robbery suspect enters bank through roof.** Police said a robbery suspect entered the First Fidelity Bank near 32nd Street and Lincoln in Phoenix September 6, before it opened — through the roof. According to police, an employee arrived for work around 7 a.m. and was immediately confronted by an armed man already inside the building. The robber bound that employee with plastic zip ties. Five other workers also were confronted and tied up when they entered the building. A gun was pointed in their faces. At about 8:30 a.m., another employee was arriving for work when he spotted at least two of his colleagues tied up. He backed out of the building without attracting attention and immediately called 911. Police have not released any details about how much cash was taken. The FBI said the same suspect is wanted in at least 4 other bank robberies in Arizona in Scottsdale, Carefree, and Peoria, going as far back as 2009. His modus operandi is to drill through walls and roofs to get into banks. He has been dubbed the “Thou Shalt Not Steal Bandit.”
Source: <http://www.myfoxphoenix.com/dpp/news/crime/bank-robbery-roof-09062011>
18. *September 6, Reuters* – (New York) **Ex-Citigroup VP admits embezzling over \$22 million.** A former vice president (VP) for Citigroup Inc. pleaded guilty September 6 to embezzling more than \$22 million and funneling the money to his personal bank account. The 35 year-old pleaded guilty to bank fraud, admitting he took the money between 2003 and 2010. An assistant U.S. attorney said the government will request a prison sentence of 8 to 10 years. The former VP was arrested in June and charged with embezzling \$19 million. He admitted in court September 6 to taking more than \$22 million, although his total seized assets were estimated at \$16 million, the assistant attorney said. The defendant, who worked for Citigroup for 10 years, said that between 2003 and 2010 he drafted e-mails and faxes directing the funds to his personal account. According to the government, he first transferred money from various Citigroup accounts to Citigroup’s cash account, and then wired the money to his personal bank account at another bank. He concealed his thefts by, among other methods, making false accounting entries to create the appearance that the bank’s cash account was in balance.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/09/06/us-citigroup-embezzlement-idUSTRE7854P320110906>
19. *September 6, Central Valley Business Times* – (California) **Swindlers plead guilty to \$5 million Central Valley mortgage fraud.** A 41-year-old woman of Oakland, California, and a 38-year-old of Elk Grove, pleaded guilty September 6 to their parts in a multi-million dollar mortgage fraud in California’s Central Valley. The two were charged in June 2010 along with eight others in a conspiracy that centered around Liberty Real Estate and Investment Company and Liberty Mortgage Company, two companies owned by a co-defendant. The companies were instrumental in the purchase of at least 30 homes in the Sacramento area in 2006 and 2007. The purchases were typically accomplished through 100 percent financing, obtained as the result of false information regarding the buyers’ employment, income, and intent to live in the properties. At the close of the transactions, and unbeknownst to the lenders, cash payments were made back to the buyers out of the loan proceeds. Of the 30 transactions, at least 28 have gone into foreclosure, resulting in a loss to lenders in

excess of \$5 million. According to his guilty plea, the 38-year-old man admitted purchasing three homes in 2 months submitting false loan applications to finance the purchases, and receiving about \$75,000 at the close of these transactions. According to her plea, the 41-year-old woman admitted purchasing two homes over 2 months, submitting false loan applications, and receiving about \$64,000 at closing. The convicts face a possible maximum statutory penalty of 5 years in prison.

Source: <http://www.centralvalleybusinesstimes.com/stories/001/?ID=19283>

20. *September 3, Cherry Hill Courier-Post* – (New Jersey; Pennsylvania) **Officials: Ring faked checks.** Federal prosecutors September 1 provided details of a fourth scheme that allegedly used a TD Bank worker steal money from customers' accounts. Participants in a counterfeit-check ring, using account information supplied by a TD Bank teller, stole more than \$200,000 between October 2009 and January 2010, according to an indictment filed by the U.S. attorney's office in Philadelphia. Ring members posed as the victims to make sizable cash withdrawals after depositing the bogus checks at TD Bank offices in South Jersey and elsewhere. The September 1 indictment charged three Philadelphians with conspiracy, bank fraud, and aggravated identity theft. Eight other people already face similar charges in that case, including a teller at TD Bank. Prosecutors allege she provided the ring with information about TD Bank business and personal accounts, including photocopies of the victims' legitimate checks with account holders' signatures. An August 31 indictment said a separate scheme withdrew about \$189,000 with a TD Bank teller's cooperation between August 2009 and April 2010. Prosecutors claim another ring, allegedly using ID information from three TD Bank workers stole more than \$200,000 from December 2008 to June 2011, according to prosecutors. And authorities allege a fourth ring, which also targeted Citizens Bank and the former Wachovia Bank, pocketed more than \$400,000 from November 2005 to May 2010. All of the cases are being pursued by federal prosecutors in Philadelphia.

Source:

<http://beta.courierpostonline.com/article/20110903/NEWS/309030014/1047/opinion01/Officials--Ring-faked-checks>

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Transportation Sector

21. *September 7, Sioux City Journal* – (Iowa; Missouri; Nebraska) **Some state highways still submerged.** In Iowa, Missouri River floodwaters still cover sections of Interstate 29, U.S. Highway 30, and Iowa Highway 175 even though the river is receding as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ratchets down releases from Gavins Point Dam. The Corps expects river flows to return to normal by early October, but state transportation officials do not know when roads will reopen. Miles of pavement must be evaluated for safety and to determine if repairs are needed. Most of the problems remain in southern Iowa, from Missouri Valley south to the Missouri border, a spokeswoman for the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) said September 6. Detours are posted. The IDOT has removed much debris from highways in Fremont and Pottawattamie counties, but crews have not been able to remove debris from ditches that remain filled with water.

Areas still covered by floodwaters or closed due to flood damage include: I-29 from Council Bluffs north to milepost 71; I-29 from the Missouri state line to exit 32; I-680 from Council Bluffs to Omaha; U.S. Highway 30 west of Missouri Valley; Iowa 175 bridge to Decatur, Nebraska; and Iowa Highway 2. Regarding the Decatur bridge, the spokeswoman said preliminary inspections reveal the river channel has deepened around the bridge pier by 42 feet, with serious scouring and loss of embankment near the bridge abutment on the Iowa side. The IDOT is working with the Burt County (Nebraska) Bridge Commission and the Nebraska Department of Roads to finalize reconstruction plans.

Source: http://www.siouxcityjournal.com/news/state-and-regional/iowa/article_395056f2-abb1-5d53-b4ec-709bb2f6f400.html

22. *September 7, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **Highway closed in Dubuque after nearby derailment.** Authorities have detoured highway traffic as a precaution after several cars left train tracks in downtown Dubuque, Iowa. A news release from the city said the derailment occurred September 7, just north of the Julien Dubuque Bridge east of U.S. Highways 151/61. Nine tank cars carrying ethanol were involved, but the city said no cars were leaking. The northbound lanes of the highway were closed and a detour was set up. Canadian National Railway has sent a crew to the derailment scene.

Source: http://globegazette.com/news/iowa/highway-closed-in-dubuque-after-nearby-derailment/article_92cb0d1c-d949-11e0-8271-001cc4c002e0.html?mode=story

23. *September 7, Saugus Advertiser* – (Massachusetts) **Damaged bridge over Saugus River concerns boaters.** Massachusetts lobstermen are worried a metal structure suspended over the Saugus River could collapse. A C-shaped metal bridge that once transported steam between what are now the Wheelabrator and GE Aviation facilities took a slap in the face from Tropical Storm Irene winds August 28, leaving it leaning about 30 degrees toward the water and heading for a breakdown, lobstermen, and water safety officials said. The supporting framework for is beginning to “fall into the channel,” a U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) spokesman said. The USCG is “advising mariners to avoid the area” and has broadcast a notice via radio every 2 hours. The Saugus harbormaster, who is also a lobsterman, said originally officials planned to enforce a 50-yard security zone, but resources left them unable to do so; for starters, the harbormaster’s own boat is being repaired and is now out of the water. Mariners are left to approach the water underneath the bridge and its steel pipes “at their own risk,” he said. A spokeman for the GE Aviation facility in Lynn, said GE learned about the structural damage following the hurricane and “quickly coordinated with Coast Guard and continue to collaborate with them and structural engineers to assess and determine plan of action.” The GE spokesman said he believes GE is the sole or part owner of the bridge, primarily once used as a conduit to run steam and other lines across the river. The pipes have been capped and offline for several years, he added. For now, boaters are navigating the area with caution. About 10 to 20 commercial lobster boats pass through the area, according to the USCG.

Source: <http://www.wickedlocal.com/saugus/features/x462605428/Damaged-bridge-over-Saugus-River-concerns-boaters#axzz1XHDcmpap>

24. *September 7, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **9 injured in Greyhound bus-van collision in Va.** State Police say nine people were injured in a collision between a Greyhound bus and a van on Interstate 85 in southern Virginia. A police spokesman said in a news release that the accident happened at 8:20 a.m. September 7 in the northbound lanes in Dinwiddie County. Three people on the bus, and six in the van suffered minor injuries. The right northbound lane and shoulder were closed.
Source: <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2011/09/07/ap/business/main20102562.shtml>
25. *September 6, Lewiston Sun Journal; Associated Press* – (Maine; International) **Bridges reopen, Maine to receive \$1M emergency relief in wake of Irene.** Authorities reopened washed-out Route 27 in Maine September 6, just hours after the Federal Highway Administration (FHA) announced it was sending \$1 million to help repair roads and bridges damaged by Tropical Storm Irene. Contractors worked extended shifts last weekend to build two temporary bridges, replacing spans destroyed by heavy rains and flooding brought by Irene, a Maine Department of Transportation spokesman said. Both bridges were opened just before 8 p.m., Carrabassett Valley police said. The bridges are open to all traffic. If negotiations are successful, the contractor will begin construction immediately on permanent spans to replace the original bridges, the spokesman said. Route 27 is a major trucking route between Maine and Quebec, and provides access to the Sugarloaf Mountain ski resort. Officials hoped to follow a tight construction schedule to complete the permanent bridges by November and the start of the ski season, a Carrabassett Valley police dispatcher said. Some of the money to repair Route 27 will likely come from the \$1 million in quick release emergency funding headed for Maine that the U.S. Transportation Secretary announced September 6.
Source: <http://www.sunjournal.com/state/story/1084432>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

26. *September 6, San Diego Union-Tribune* – (California) **Bakery fire displaces 50 residents.** A fire about 11:30 p.m. September 5 caused extensive damage to a bakery and pizza parlor in San Diego, California and forced the evacuation of about 50 residents in units above, fire officials said. The fire was reported in the historical building on Market Street near Seventh Avenue, said a spokesman for the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department. The restaurant, Sweet Bricks, was still under renovation and set to open within the next month or two, according to its Web site. Heat from an oven ignited the wooden support flooring below, and firefighters had to cut through concrete

flooring to reach the subfloor, the spokesman said. The burning flooring filled the building with smoke. About 50 people in units upstairs had to be evacuated. It took firefighters 3 hours to extinguish the fire. They brought in special foam to soak the floor. The blaze caused about \$500,000 in damage to the structure, and \$100,000 in damage to its contents.

Source: <http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/2011/sep/06/pizza-parlor-fire-displaces-50-residents/>

27. *September 5, Bennington Banner* – (Vermont) **Farmers obliged to plow under crops contaminated by flood water.** The Vermont Agency of Agriculture sent out an advisory September 2 telling farmers that any fruits or vegetables that came in contact with flood waters would have to be destroyed. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration said it is impossible to adequately clean produce after a field is flooded. And even though the state agriculture secretary knew the flooding occurred at one of the busiest times of the state's short growing season, he asked all farmers to abide by the directive to protect consumers. The agriculture agency said assistance will be available, and any farmers who suffered losses due to Tropical Storm Irene should contact their county farm services agency. The Vermont Economic Development Authority is also allocating up to \$10 million in low interest loans to farms and businesses hurt by the floods. Vegetable farms tend to be located on rich, bottom lands, along rivers, and all across Vermont farmers are reported damage to crops, machinery, and fields. So far, an agriculture expert with University of Vermont Extension said losses are approaching \$2 million, noting entire fields were washed away. But as bad as the flooding was for some, he said a majority of the farms in Vermont were spared the devastation, and there should be local produce available in the coming months.

Source: http://www.benningtonbanner.com/local/ci_18831833

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Water Sector

28. *September 7, Portland Daily Sun* – (Maine) **Hazardous chemical reaction scare at East End wastewater treatment plant.** Maine emergency officials said the potential for a serious situation at the East End's wastewater treatment plant in Portland was averted September 6 after 500 gallons of liquid sodium hypochlorite and sodium bisulfite were mixed in a 2,500-gallon container. Combining the chemicals used to treat wastewater generates heat and has the potential to be explosive. The fire chief said everything was safe and stabilized at the Portland Water District's waste treatment plant by the afternoon. Firefighters from multiple departments responded to the plant following the report of a vapor cloud at about 7:30 a.m., while 11 employees were evacuated. Officials blocked off a neighboring section of the East End Trail. Some employees were permitted to gather their belongings by about 4 p.m. Neighboring businesses and the surrounding area were not evacuated. City officials said air monitors set up outside the plant determined there was no risk to the public. The inside of the plant was not burned and the tank's safety backups functioned correctly, officials said,

adding operations did not shutdown even after the building was evacuated. The facility is responsible for treating 20 million gallons of waste water every day.

Source: <http://portlanddailysun.me/node/28249/>

29. *September 6, Portland Oregonian* – (Oregon) **Dollar Lake Fire could threaten Portland’s water supply.** The 4,500-acre fire at Dollar Lake in Oregon, south of Hood River was 3 miles east of the watershed boundary, and only 10 percent contained September 6. Firefighters and Portland officials worried the fire might impact the Bull Run watershed, the main source of drinking water for 900,000 people in Portland and many suburbs. The fire, which began after a lightning strike August 27, could spread west given rising temperatures, dry air, and east winds with gusts up to 30 miles per hour expected September 7. More than 730 firefighters were attacking the blaze. A fire would not immediately affect water quality, the Portland Water Bureau administrator said, but a large burn in the 68,000-acre watershed could send debris, dirt, and ash into the water once rains begin, potentially causing a shutdown of the unfiltered system. The city has backup wells along the Columbia River, but capacity is far lower than the two Bull Run reservoirs. The biggest threat is wind-blown embers could start spot fires beyond fire lines being cut between the blaze, the watershed, and high-voltage power lines that run in between.

Source:

http://www.oregonlive.com/environment/index.ssf/2011/09/dollar_lake_fire_could_threaten.html

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

30. *September 7, Miami Herald* – (Florida) **Dozens arrested in Medicare mental health fraud.** Federal agents have arrested dozens of suspects charged with bilking Medicare of hundreds of millions of dollars in bogus services for mental health therapy and other types of healthcare. Agents with Health and Human Services and the FBI fanned out across three South Florida counties, arresting clinic owners, healthcare employees, patient recruiters, and assisted living facility owners who allegedly supplied hundreds of patients to the mental health clinics. The sweep comes after the indictment of Miami-based American Therapeutic Corp., which was charged along with 24 employees and others over the past year. That case alone involved \$200 million in false claims submitted to the federal healthcare program for the elderly and the poor. American Therapeutic’s top executives and others have been convicted in recent months. The latest sweep entails clinics offering group therapy sessions, home healthcare, HIV services, and medical equipment. The U.S. attorney’s office was expected to have a news conference September 7 to provide details of the cases and defendants.

Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2011/09/07/2394354/dozens-arrested-in-medicare-mental.html>

31. *September 7, Time* – (National) **A tick-borne parasite invades the blood supply.** A parasitic infection normally transmitted by deer ticks has made its way into the U.S. blood supply, researchers from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported September 6. The infection is called babesiosis, and it is increasingly spreading through blood transfusions. The first case of babesiosis transmitted through transfusion occurred in 1979, according to the CDC. Since then, another 161 cases have been documented — 77 percent of them in the last decade. All but three of the cases recorded by the CDC were caused by the *Babesia microti* parasite. Although a history of babesiosis prohibits blood donation, many potential donors do not know they have been infected because the symptoms of babesiosis can be mild or nonexistent. And while doctors can run tests that detect the parasite or antibodies to it in the blood if an infection is suspected, there are currently no approved screens being used routinely for potential blood donors. The disease is treatable with antibiotics, but it can become severe or even deadly in certain vulnerable populations, including the elderly, those with weakened immune systems, and patients who do not have a spleen.
Source: <http://healthland.time.com/2011/09/07/a-tick-borne-parasite-threatens-the-blood-supply/>

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Government Facilities Sector

32. *September 7, Middletown Times Herald-Record* – (California) **Orange Government Center, damaged by storm, reopens.** The Orange County Government Center in Goshen, New York reopened September 6 after being closed all of the week of August 29 because of problems caused by Hurricane Irene. County officials said the building sustained minor water damage and had a flooded electrical utility room in the basement, which kept power out for much of the week. In addition, the storm disrupted computer contact with the state department of motor vehicles in Albany.
Source:
<http://www.recordonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20110907/NEWS/110909807/-1/NEWS>
33. *September 6, InsideNova.com* – (Virginia) **Bomb threat closes Prince William County courthouse.** The Prince William County courthouse in Manassas, Virginia on Lee Avenue was closed for the day September 6 after someone called in a bomb threat from a pay phone in Woodbridge, Virginia police said. The courthouse was evacuated and traffic on Va. 28 between Grant Avenue and Stonewall Road was rerouted after the threat, which came in just before 2 p.m. Bomb sniffing dogs were checking the building and cars leaving the lot late the afternoon of September 6, said the Prince William County police spokesman. Some school buses were rerouted due to road closures, but city schools did not release students early. Criminal court cases were rescheduled for September 7.
Source: <http://www2.insidenova.com/news/2011/sep/06/2/bomb-threat-closes-prince-william-county-courthous-ar-1289310/>

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Emergency Services Sector

34. *September 6, Arizona Republic* – (Arizona) **Phoenix police take blame in stolen-bomb flap.** The Phoenix Police Department in Arizona has taken full responsibility for recently losing a bag containing explosives during a security test at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, and the acting chief vowed to conduct a full internal investigation. Officers were conducting a training exercise with bomb-sniffing dogs September 2 about 2:30 p.m., when a training aid with explosives inside went missing. It turned up September 5 on a Phoenix roadside. The acting chief said officers had placed the blue, soft-sided Igloo container, like “you might put your lunch in,” in a public area of Terminal 4. Inside were the explosive devices. The object of the exercise was to see if trained dogs could detect explosives in the container while in an authentic setting. “The officers should have had their eyes on it at all times but took their eyes off the container maybe 30 seconds, and when they looked back, it was gone,” he said. “The container had been stolen.” On September 5, a motorist driving on Lower Buckeye Road near 19th Avenue saw the container on the side of the road and recognized it from news reports. He found the tubes of explosives still inside and called police. The bomb squad responded to inspect the items and determined they had not been tampered with. They were subsequently removed.

Source:

<http://www.azcentral.com/arizonarepublic/local/articles/2011/09/06/20110906phoenix-police-stolen-bomb-investigation.html>

35. *September 6, McClatchy Newspapers* – (National) **Firefighters balk at new digital radios, as failures risk lives.** Many of the nation’s biggest fire departments, spooked by allegations that Motorola’s digital radio failures contributed to the deaths of at least five firefighters, the disabling of a sixth, and scores of close calls, have limited use of gadgets acquired in a post-September 11 emergency-communications spending splurge. The head-long, federally backed push to buy tens of billions of dollars in digital equipment, including radios priced as high as \$6,000 each, gained momentum despite the lack of any government standard ensuring that they’ll perform for firefighters. Multiple investigations and tests have since found flaws in the equipment made by Motorola and its rivals. The International Association of Fire Fighters, whose 300,000 North American members protect 85 percent of the United States during fire emergencies, is pushing for stronger regulation.

Source: <http://www.thesunnews.com/2011/09/06/2372794/firefighters-balk-at-new-digital.html>

36. *September 6, CNN* – (National) **Report: Cell phone use by prisoners on the rise.** Over the last 3 years, the number of contraband cell phones seized in federal prisons and minimum-security facilities has quadrupled, according to a report issued by the General Accountability Office. Corrections officials have been alarmed by the trend because prisoners can make unmonitored calls and can continue criminal activities while behind bars. The Bureau of Prisons needs to do a better job of evaluating

technologies to detect the phones, the report said. In 2008, 1,774 cell phones were seized. By the end of 2010, that number had skyrocketed to 8,656. The study looked at the issue in federal prisons as well as institutions in eight states. The numbers were not complete for all the states, but in California, 900 phones were discovered in 2007, and 10,700 were found in 2010. When dangerous inmates had access to phones, the consequences often were grave. The report said in 2007, an inmate at a Maryland detention center ordered the murder of a witness to his crimes using a contraband phone. In another instance from 2008, a death row inmate in a Texas state prison used a cell phone to threaten a state senator and his family.

Source:

http://www.cnn.com/2011/CRIME/09/06/prisoners.cell.phones/index.html?hpt=ju_c2

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Information Technology Sector

37. *September 7, H Security* – (International) **Browser makers update their DigiNotar disaster updates.** As more details of the damage from the DigiNotar certificate authority (CA) compromise are revealed, browser makers are now releasing second updates to their products to remove more untrustworthy certificates. Microsoft updated security advisory 2607712 and announced it added the root certificates for DigiNotar Root CA and the DigiNotar PKIoverheid to its Untrusted Certificate Store. The update should appear automatically on most Windows systems, but Microsoft also made immediate download links for the update available for all Windows systems from Windows XP to Windows 7 and Windows 2008. Mozilla released updates for Firefox browser, 6.0.2 and 3.6.22, and the Thunderbird e-mail client, 6.0.2, 7.0 beta and 3.1.14; these new updates remove all trust from the DigiNotar CA. Mobile users and Mac users appear less well served. There has been no news of updates for Apple's iOS or Google's Android, meaning the mobile devices that run the systems are still vulnerable to man-in-the-middle attacks using the bogus certificates. Android users will have to wait for each device vendor to release updates for their phones, or move to a custom ROM such as CyanogenMod; a fix is in the process of being implemented for the popular third party ROM. Mac OS X users are also waiting for a security update; despite instructions on how to distrust DigiNotar certificates on the Mac being available, Apple has, so far, remained silent about releasing an automated update. Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Browser-makers-update-their-DigiNotar-disaster-updates-1338144.html>
38. *September 7, The Register* – (International) **New trojan masquerades as Microsoft enforcement-ware.** Malware-makers have created a strain of ransomware trojan that masquerades as a Microsoft utility. The Ransom-AN trojan claims a user's Windows machine is running an unlicensed copy of Windows, and threatens to cripple the computer unless \$143 is paid to obtain an unlock code, which can be purchased via credit card via a scam Web site. The malware attempts to spook intended victims with entirely bogus claims that a criminal prosecution will be launched unless payment is

received within 48 hours. In addition, the trojan says all data and applications on targeted systems will be “permanently lost.” The malware, which targets German-speaking users, is being distributed via spam and P2P downloads. Panda Software, the net security firm which detected the threat, warned the trojan is difficult to remove manually.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/09/07/ms_ruse_ransomware_trojan/

39. *September 6, IDG News Service* – (International) **After hacking claims, second firm pulls digital certificates.** Digital certificates issued by GlobalSign have come under scrutiny after a hacker’s claim that he broke into the company’s computer systems. If true, it would be the second such compromise in the past few weeks. The hacker, known as Comodohacker, said September 5 he had broken into Dutch certificate authority DigiNotar and that he had access to four other such companies, including GlobalSign, a certificate authority based in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. GlobalSign said September 6 it was investigating the claim and had “decided to temporarily cease issuance of all certificates until the investigation is complete.”

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9219758/After_hacking_claims_second_firm_pulls_digital_certificates

40. *September 6, threatpost* – (International) **Evidence of infected SCADA systems washes up in support forums.** A security researcher said evidence viruses and spyware have access to industrial control systems is hiding in plain sight: on Web based user support forums. Close to a dozen log files submitted to a sampling of online forums show evidence signs laptops and other systems used to connect to industrial control systems are infected with malware and trojans, including one system used to control machinery for British-based energy firm Alstom UK, according to an industrial control systems expert. He said he uncovered almost a dozen log files from computers connected to industrial control systems while conducting research online. The configuration log files, captured by the free tool HijackThis by Trend Micro, were willingly submitted by the computer’s operator to weed out malware infections. The random sampling suggests critical infrastructure providers are vulnerable to attacks that take advantage of mobile workers and contractors who bring infected laptops and mobile devices into secure environments. The researcher circulated his findings via Twitter and discussed them in a blog post for Digital Bond, a consulting firm that specializes in work with firms in the control systems space. He discovered the links between infected Windows systems and industrial control systems by analyzing the HijackThis logs posted on the forums, which reveal detailed configuration information about the systems in question, the organization it belonged to, and even the role of the individual who owned the system.

Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/evidence-infected-scada-systems-washes-support-forums-090611

41. *September 6, threatpost* – (International) **Researcher will demo crippling Siemens attack using Metasploit.** A security researcher said he will use a presentation September 20 at the 2011 ICS Cyber Security Conference in Washington, D.C., to demonstrate a crippling attack on Siemens S7 (Step 7) Programmable Logic Controllers

using the free Metasploit penetration testing tool. He said the attack he will demonstrate will be similar to one he outlined in July — a generic attack against Siemens S7 Programmable Logic Controllers and modeled after an attack used in the Stuxnet worm. The attack, if successful, could cause industrial machinery controlled by S7 PLCs to “run wild.” It would also lower the bar for attacking industrial control systems, giving low-skilled hackers a point and click attack using Metasploit. The researcher said the demonstration will leverage a Metasploit module written to automate a small, efficient attack against Siemens S7 systems, and that he described it in a July post. In that post, he described an attack that used just four lines of code to freeze a Siemens PLC by causing it to skip the execution of its normal control logic. While freezing a PLC is not necessarily a precise attack, it can be carried out with a minimum of knowledge or overhead, because of the unique characteristics of industrial systems that PLCs control.

Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/researcher-will-demo-crippling-stuxnet-siemens-attack-using-metasploit-090611

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Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at sos@us-cert.gov or visit their Web site: <http://www.us-cert.gov>

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

42. *September 7, St. Petersburg Times* – (Florida) **Widespread Bright House service outages blamed on ‘software bug’**. Much of the Tampa Bay, Florida area had a busy signal Septemeber 6 as Bright House Networks grappled with widespread service outages. Internet signals went dead. Cable programs froze. Businesses couldn’t run credit card machines. Internal phone lines at the Pinellas Sheriff’s Office went down. Even local libraries were affected. Starting at about 10:40 a.m., Bright House customers throughout Pinellas, Pasco, Hernando, Hillsborough, and Manatee counties were without phone, cable and high-speed Internet services. Company officials said service was restored by about 5 p.m., though there were scattered reports from people who said they were still having problems the night of September 6. Bright House officials said the heavy thunderstorms the morning of September 6 had nothing to do with the service interruption. Instead, it was a computer issue. “This was a software bug that caused a cascading effect,” a Bright House spokesman said. He said it was unclear how many people lost service. Pinellas County workers, including those at the sheriff’s office, said they experienced spotty service with voice-over Internet phones, though 911 emergency functions were not affected.

Source: <http://www.tampabay.com/news/business/bright-house-experiencing-widespread-service-outages/1189986>

43. *September 7, Middletown Times Herald-Record* – (New York) **Verizon, Frontier working to restore service.** Verizon and Frontier Communications continued working September 6 to restore land-line telephone service to customers around the Hudson Valley region in New York. How long repairs will take was unknown, as was the number of Verizon customers without phone service, a figure the company won't release to the public. Verizon also won't give specific locations of outages. Most of Frontier's outages occurred in Goshen, Washingtonville, and neighboring areas, where restorations continued September 6. It has about 12,000 land-line customers in those communities, and most were affected when the storm flooded switching centers. One facility is next to the Washingtonville Middle School, which flooded as storm waters covered a swath of properties off Route 94. Frontier had aimed to have most customers restored by September 4. It was not known September 6 how many still remained without service.

Source:

<http://www.recordonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20110907/BIZ/109070330/1/NEWS>

44. *September 6, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Power surge that shut down Washington state government network to cost \$500,000.** A power surge that shut down the State of Washington's internal network in August for several hours will end up costing the government \$500,000, officials said September 6. The department of general administration (GA) estimates it will cost about \$130,000 to purchase and install a new electrical vault switch. A contractor was working on a new high-voltage power line 2 weeks ago when equipment in the underground vault short-circuited. The ensuing power surge shut down electricity to the entire campus, and forced a hard shutdown of the state's data center. The data center hasn't been fully shut down in more than 20 years. A GA spokesman said officials are still working together to determine exactly what happened and how to prevent it from happening again. The outage occurred on a Sunday afternoon, and most services were up and running by the next day. The outage caused the largest problems at the employment security department, which had a delay processing unemployment claims.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/fe90889fb27e4582affd93912195027a/WA--Network-Shutdown/>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

45. *September 7, Nashville Tennessean* – (Tennessee) **Murfreesboro mosque receives bomb threat; feds investigate.** Murfreesboro, Tennessee police and DHS agents are investigating threats that someone plans to blow up the Islamic Center of Murfreesboro

September 11. The threat was called in to the center about 1 a.m. September 5, and discovered the afternoon of September 6, said a Murfreesboro Police Department spokesman. The message said a bomb would be placed in the building September 11. The spokesman said there will be extra patrols around the Islamic center in the upcoming days.

Source:

<http://www.tennessean.com/article/20110907/NEWS03/309070087/Murfreesboro-mosque-receives-bomb-threat-feds-investigate>

46. *September 7, CNN* – (Nevada) **5 dead, including gunman, at Nevada IHOP.** The death toll from a shooting at a Nevada IHOP restaurant has risen to four, officials said early September 7. A gunman carrying a variant of an AK-47 rifle opened fire on uniformed Nevada National Guard members as they were having breakfast at the Carson City restaurant the morning of September 6. In all, 11 people were shot. Of them, one civilian was killed as were two National Guard members. Another National Guard member, who was taken to a hospital and underwent surgery, later died — bringing the toll to four, said the Carson City sheriff. The attacker also died of a self-inflicted wound after the shooting. The suspected gunman was a 32-year-old who lived in Carson City and worked at a family business in South Lake Tahoe, California, authorities said. They said they had not determined a clear motive. The suspect had no previous criminal record on file, but his family indicated he may have had mental health issues, the sheriff said. The AK-47 was recovered as well as an empty 30-round gun magazine, and two other gun magazines. A pistol and assault rifle were found in or near a vehicle, the sheriff said.

Source:

http://www.cnn.com/2011/CRIME/09/07/nevada.shooting/index.html?hpt=hp_t2

47. *September 7, Sioux Falls Argus Leader* – (South Dakota) **Arson spree probed.** Four fires that started late September 5 and early September 6 in central Sioux Falls, South Dakota are thought to be the work of arsonists, officials said. Three fires were reported in a garage, a shed, and a dumpster, with a trailer fire reported shortly after 9 a.m., that fire officials said is connected to the others. The fires were reported beginning at 11 p.m. September 5, and as of the afternoon of September 6, police said they had no suspects. A fire inspector and investigator with Sioux Falls Fire Rescue said the behavior of the fires and the pattern and location of them suggests they were all done by the same person or persons, and that they were set deliberately.

Source: <http://www.argusleader.com/article/20110907/NEWS/109070309/Arson-spreeprobed>

48. *September 7, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Man stabbed at Woburn movie theater.** A man was stabbed at a movie theater in Woburn, Massachusetts and suffered serious injuries late September 6. Police responded about 10:05 p.m. to the Showcase Cinemas Woburn for a report of a man with a slashed neck and torso. The victim, was taken to Lahey Clinic in Burlington with life-threatening injuries, police and fire officials said. The theater was locked down after the stabbing. It was not clear whether the assault took place inside the theater.

Source:

http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2011/09/07/man_stabbed_at_woburn_movie_theater/

49. *September 7, KPHO 5 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **Fire damages businesses at Chandler strip mall.** Fire at a Chandler, Arizona strip mall destroyed at least two businesses early September 7. Firefighters rushed to the scene in the 1400 block of North Arizona Avenue, where they saw smoke coming from a barber shop and another business housing a Money Gram location. They said police officers had been dispatched after a burglar alarm sounded at one of the businesses. That is when officers saw the stores on fire and summoned firefighters. The cause of the fire has not yet been determined. Source: <http://www.kpho.com/story/15408919/fire-damages-businesses-at-chandler-strip-mall>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

50. *September 7, WTTG 5 Washington D.C.* – (District of Columbia) **Construction crane used to repair National Cathedral earthquake damage collapses.** A construction crane being used to repair earthquake damage at the National Cathedral in Washington D.C. collapsed September 7. The crane was brought in to help repair sections of the Cathedral damaged by the 5.8 earthquake August 23. The quake sent stonework crashing into the building's roof and set other stones askew. Major cracks also appeared in some of the building's flying buttresses. The earthquake was centered about 40 miles northwest of Richmond, Virginia, and was felt from Georgia to Canada. Source: <http://www.myfoxdc.com/dpp/news/local/construction-crane-used-to-repair-national-cathedral-earthquake-damage-collapses-090711>
51. *September 7, Houston Chronicle* – (Texas) **Texas wildfires claim 2 lives.** Wildfires continued to rage September 6 through Central Texas, where an out-of-control blaze claimed 2 lives and 550 homes, and in the Magnolia area, where officials ordered the evacuation of more than 4,000 households. The Bastrop County fire had burned 33,089 acres of farmland and forest. The fire emptied 20 neighborhoods and left 4,300 additional households without power, a Texas Forest Service spokeswoman said. Closer to Houston, the three-county Magnolia-area fire was 85 percent contained by early September 7 after consuming about 7,800 acres, the forest service said. The fire, known as the Riley Road fire, destroyed about 73 homes in the Remington Forest subdivision Monday night, said a spokesman of the Waller County Sheriff's Office. The Magnolia school district in Montgomery County canceled classes September 6 and 7. A shelter was set up at Magnolia High School. The largest burned area from the Riley Road fire was in Montgomery County, which lost about 5,000 acres but only two structures, a forest service spokesman said. FM 1774 between FM 1486 and the Waller County line will remain closed because wildfires continue to flare up there. Fourteen fire departments from unincorporated areas of Harris County sent 75 to 100 firefighters and 50 pieces of equipment to the Riley Road fire, a senior inspector for the Harris

County fire marshal's office said. In Bastrop County, the sheriff declined to provide details about two deaths other than to say that the victims were not police or firefighters. The governor said a 100-member search team will comb the area September 7 for more possible victims. He said the number of homes destroyed by wildfires since last December had surpassed 1,000 statewide. Some 3.5 million acres have burned.

Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/houston-texas/article/Texas-wildfires-claim-2-more-lives-2158303.php>

52. *September 6, KAJ 18 Kalispell* – (Montana) **6 arrested in Glacier NP rafting shooting await charges.** The North Fork of the Flathead River is an area in Montana in which one side is national forest service land, and the other side is Glacier National Park. Law enforcement officers from both sides of the line converged September 4 on the North Fork River to arrest six individuals. A group of rafters called 911 that day to report gunshots were fired in their direction. The rafters were in the area of the Ford Campground when they said several people fired in their direction. Members of the Glacier National Park law enforcement team along with their counterparts from the Flathead National Forest arrived at the location and scoured the scene for evidence. Flathead National Forest law enforcement officers are investigating to decide what charges will be filed against six people who were arrested, including three men and three women. They were in the Flathead County Detention Center awaiting charges. Source: <http://www.kaj18.com/news/six-people-arrested-in-rafting-shooting-await-charges/>
53. *September 6, John Day Blue Mountain Eagle* – (Oregon) **FS, sheriff investigate arson in fires.** Authorities in Oregon suspect an arsonist touched off four of five fires that broke out September 4. Fire crews had the largest fire --- near the Raddue Guard Station --- at 75 percent containment September 6. Estimated at 84 acres, the fire was burning just off Highway 395 about 10 miles north of Mt. Vernon. Firefighters held the other four fires, including one determined to be a lightning holdover fire, to about an acre in size apiece, according to a Malheur National Forest spokesman. One of the fires was on Oregon Department of Forestry-protected land, and the rest were on national forest land. The fires were reported September 4 in the Beech Creek area south of Fox, near Highway 395, and in the vicinity of Keeney Meadows Road. Forest Service officials told dispatchers that four fires near Forest Road 3945 had cropped up within 15 minutes of each other, raising suspicions that the cause might be arson. Grant County sheriff's deputies assisted by an Oregon State Police trooper searched the area, looking for vehicles that might be linked to the fires. The sheriff's office and the Forest Service are continuing the arson investigation. Six firefighter crews, eight engines, two water tenders, and two dozers were assigned September 5 to the Raddue Station fire. The Malheur National Forest Type III Interagency Team was in charge of suppression efforts. Source: http://www.bluemountaineagle.com/free/fs-sheriff-investigate-arson-in-fires/article_66837d6c-d8df-11e0-a3ce-001cc4c002e0.html

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Dams Sector

54. *September 6, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **Releases from 2 dams near Jamestown unprecedented.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said September 6 the amount of water that will pass through Jamestown, North Dakota, on the James River in 2011 is unprecedented. The Corps told the Jamestown Sun that releases from the Pipestem and Jamestown could reach 900,000 acre feet. The 2009 flows totaled about 530,000 acre feet. In some dry years, the dams had releases of nearly zero.
Source: <http://www.valleynewslive.com/story/15399076/releases-from-2-dams-near-jamestown-unprecedented>
55. *September 4, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **Jackson County wrestles with holes in Iowa levee.** Jackson County, Iowa supervisors were deciding whether to fix two holes in a levee along the Maquoketa River near Green Island more than a year after it was breached by floodwaters from Lake Delhi, the Associated Press reported September 4. The earthen levee is more than 70 miles away from Lake Delhi, which was drained when a dam failed in July 2010. The 39 landowners in the Green Island Levee District who are responsible for the levee do not have the money to fix it, the Telegraph Herald in Dubuque reported. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers funded repairs in the past, but will no longer do so because the cost of repairs is greater than the benefit gained from the land it protects. Most of the land it once protected was flooded with deep river water once too often and will never grow crops again.
Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/article/Jackson-County-wrestles-with-holes-in-Iowa-levee-2155392.php>

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