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- Waters that brought catastrophic flooding to eastern Pennsylvania caused 10 water and sewage treatment plants to fail, exposing residents to millions of gallons of toxic raw sewage. – *NBC Philadelphia* (See item [36](#))
- Authorities are trying to locate 14,000 rounds of ammunition missing from Fort Bragg in Cumberland County, North Carolina. – *CNN* (See item [42](#))

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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 12, Associated Press* – (Connecticut) **Overtaken fuel tanker shuts northbound Route 8.** An oil tanker overturned on Route 8 North in Thomaston, Connecticut, spilling gasoline and forcing the shutdown of the northbound section between exits 39 and 41. State police said the tanker, which carried nearly 9,000 gallons of fuel, ran off the right shoulder of the road, crashed through a guardrail and rolled down an embankment, coming to rest upside down. The driver was taken to Charlotte Hungerford Hospital with minor injuries.

Source: <http://www.ctpost.com/news/article/Overturned-fuel-tanker-shuts-northbound-Route-8-2166294.php>

2. *September 10, Farmington Daily Times* – (New Mexico) **Local coal mine burns underground.** A fire in the underground San Juan Mine near Farmington, New Mexico, continued to burn September 9, officials said. The fire ignited about 11:55 a.m. September 9, and work crews immediately were evacuated. Two employees were taken to San Juan Regional Medical Center for smoke inhalation. Both were treated and released. The cause of the fire remains unknown and there are no crews inside the mine, although BHP Billiton officials said they are monitoring the situation. The mine is deploying a nitrogen injection system that extinguishes the fire by removing oxygen within the mine, a spokesman said. There are no workers in the mine when the nitrogen is injected. The San Juan Mine is one of the largest underground mines in the country, and has some of the most sophisticated safety systems.

Source: http://www.daily-times.com/ci_18864916

3. *September 10, Associated Press* – (Nebraska) **Mining explosive stolen in Weeping Water, Neb.** Authorities were investigating the theft of explosives used for mining in rural Weeping Water, Nebraska. A release from the Cass County sheriff said the explosives were taken August 11 or 12 from an area used by local mining businesses. The type and amount of explosives taken was not released. The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives was assisting with the investigation.

Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/article/Mining-explosive-stolen-in-Weeping-Water-Neb-2164383.php>

4. *September 9, Los Angeles Times* – (California; Arizona; International) **Utility officials seek to unravel why safeguards failed in blackout.** The failure of a single piece of equipment in Yuma, Arizona, ignited a massive blackout that left more than 4 million people without power, baffling utility officials and highlighting the vulnerability of the U.S. electrical grid. Authorities in Arizona said September 9 safeguards built into the system should have prevented the breakdown at a Yuma substation from cascading across southern Arizona and into California, and northern Mexico. Energy experts and utility officials agreed the breakdown was troubling. Among other concerns, some experts said the failure of safeguards suggest the potential for a saboteur to take down a regional power system. Arizona Public Safety (APS) officials launched an investigation to determine the precise chain of events that began early September 8 at the North Gila substation. Utility employees noticed a problem with a series capacitor, a piece of equipment about the size of a small car that helps the utility manage voltage. APS personnel were dispatched to take it offline. The largest recent single outage occurred in 2003, when virtually the entire Northeastern United States was blacked out, and 50 million people were affected. A federal investigation identified a wide range of causes, and recommended a series of improvements intended to preclude another such failure.

Source: <http://www.bellinghamherald.com/2011/09/09/2177468/utility-officials-seek-to-unravel.html>

5. *September 9, Binghamton Press* – (New York) **NYSEG details outage response.** New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG) assembled more than 500 damage assessment

and service restoration personnel in the Binghamton and Oneonta areas to speed restoration of services to customers once floodwaters recede, utility officials said. As of 11 a.m., September 9, about 15,500 NYSEG electricity customers in the Binghamton Division, and 2,000 customers in the Oneonta Division were without service. As a result of turnoffs and the natural gas main break in Vestal, about 4,200 customers were without natural gas service, primarily in the Binghamton region. This figure is likely to increase as NYSEG is able to gain access to areas such as Owego where as many as 5,000 to 6,000 natural gas customers may be affected, officials said. A natural gas main break as a result of a wash out in Vestal September 8 left about 1,300 customers without service. NYSEG personnel have gone door to door to shut off individual services in preparation to make repairs and restore service to the main. Once repairs to the main are complete, NYSEG personnel will have to go door to door again to begin restoration to individual customers.

Source:

<http://www.pressconnects.com/article/20110909/NEWS01/110909027/NYSEG-details-outage-response?odyssey=nav|head>

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Chemical Industry Sector

6. *September 12, St. Joseph News-Press* – (Missouri) **Fire breaks out at chemical plant.** Multiple units from the fire department were dispatched around midnight September 9 to deal with a fire in a business on the South Side in St. Joseph, Missouri. Firefighters arrived at Omnium, 1417 Lower Lake Road, to find the company, part of Winfield Solutions, had evacuated all employees and cut off ventilation to a mixer that had a smoldering fire. A heat tape had shorted out, sparking a fire inside a mixer filled with corn cobs, said the plant manager. The company infuses the cobs with an insecticide in the mixer, and it took firefighters more than an hour to extinguish and clean up after their work. Damage was estimated at about \$5,000. Missouri Department of Natural Resources records indicate Omnium operates a Munson Mixer as part of its granular insecticide formulation and packaging operation. The police department blocked off Lower Lake Road for 30 minutes. Winfield sells Croplan Genetics seed and AgriSolutions crop protection products, and plant nutrients. It is part of Land O'Lakes Inc.

Source: <http://www.newspressnow.com/localnews/29145759/detail.html>

7. *September 11, Buffalo News* – (New York) **One worker injured in blast at chemical plant in Niagara.** One worker was treated at Mount St. Mary's Hospital in Lewiston then released, following a chemical explosion September 9 at Stollberg Inc., a manufacturing plant in Niagara, New York. No other injuries were reported in the explosion that occurred at about 9:30 p. m. at the Witmer Road plant. About 4,500 pounds of aluminum powder exploded in a railroad car at the scene, authorities said. Residents living within about half a mile of the plant were advised to stay inside and keep their windows and doors closed overnight September 9. Only minor damage was

reported inside the plant. The cause of the explosion remains under investigation.
Source: <http://www.buffalonews.com/city/police-courts/police-blotter/article552791.ece>

8. *September 10, Framingham MetroWest Daily News* – (Massachusetts) **State puts off General Chemical shutdown order.** The state of Massachusetts opted not to stop General Chemical Corp. from trucking in hazardous waste September 9, while the Framingham firm sought a court order to block the state's threat to do so. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) had planned to partially suspend the facility's license at 5 p.m. September 9 because the firm failed to comply with a state order. To satisfy the state, General must assure it has \$1.3 million to cover the estimated cost of cleaning up contaminated groundwater surrounding its site at 33 Leland Street, near Woodrow Wilson Elementary School. A judge has not acted on General's motion for an injunction to stop the shutdown, but the state agreed to put off a license suspension until 5 p.m. September 12. A DEP spokesman said the two sides have talked about settling, and talks were to continue September 12. On May 27, the state gave General 60 days, or until the end of July, to come up with \$1.27 million. The figure matches a cost estimate from the firm's former engineer. The state then warned the firm in a unilateral administrative order that it would close the hazardous waste operation if it didn't have the assurance by September 9. The firm has been under state and town microscopes amid fears from residents and officials about the business, and an underground plume of contaminants that has encroached on the neighborhood.
Source: <http://www.metrowestdailynews.com/features/x948305378/State-puts-off-General-Chemical-shutdown-order>
9. *September 9, Associated Press* – (Tennessee) **Olin Chemical releases mercury in Hiwassee River.** An Olin Corp. chemical plant in Cleveland, Tennessee, released excessive mercury into the Hiwassee River from its rain-swollen treatment pond, but a state environmental spokeswoman said the release poses no immediate threat. A Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation spokeswoman said no new advisories were issued, but downstream drinking water operations all the way to North Alabama were taking extra samples as a precaution. She said the release first reported by WTVC 9 Chattanooga totaled about 50.49 pounds of mercury over 3 or 4 days, and was stopped early September 9. The plant's permit allows a release of 70 pounds of mercury a year. Olin said in a statement that due to record rainfall from Tropical Storm Lee — almost 13 inches — it "discharged mercury in its water effluent in excess of permitted limits." The statement said the company shut down production processes, and that they would remain shut until the situation is resolved.
Source: <http://www.wrcbtv.com/story/15430241/olin-chemical-releases-mercury-in-hiwassee-river>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

10. *September 10, Associated Press and Kennewick Tri-City Herald* – (Nevada; National) **Nuclear Regulation Commission allows Yucca closure to continue.** A divided Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) September 10 allowed the U.S. President to continue with plans to close the Yucca Mountain, Nevada, nuclear waste repository. The commission split, 2-2, on whether to uphold or reject a decision by an independent nuclear licensing board. The board voted in 2010 to block the Department of Energy from withdrawing its application for Yucca Mountain. The licensing board said the government failed to make a scientific case for why the application should be withdrawn. Despite the split vote, the NRC said in an order September 10 that the licensing board should continue steps to close out work on Yucca Mountain by the end of September, citing "budgetary limitations."
Source: <http://www.tri-cityherald.com/2011/09/10/1634806/nrc-allows-yucca-closure-to-continue.html>
11. *September 10, Asahi Shimbun* – (International) **Radioactive sea pollution from Fukushima may dwarf previous estimates.** The Asahi Shimbun reported September 10 that more than 15 quadrillion becquerels of radioactivity may have been released from Japan's crippled Fukushima No. 1 nuclear power plant into the sea between March 21 and April 30, according to a preliminary analysis by the Japan Atomic Energy Agency (JAEA) and other institutions. That is more than three times the initial estimate of marine contamination by the plant's operator, Tokyo Electric Power Co., which said only 4.72 quadrillion becquerels had been leaked. The assistant principal researcher of coastal engineering at the JAEA said his team used the actual measurements of seaborne radioactivity near the nuclear plant's water outlets to estimate the amount of direct discharge of radioactivity. They also conducted simulations to quantify the amount of radioactive fallout from the air and added the two results together. They concluded 11.4 quadrillion becquerels of iodine-131 and 3.6 quadrillion becquerels of cesium-137 leaked into the sea. With the inclusion of cesium-134, which was not estimated, the researchers said the total amount of radioactivity was likely to exceed 15 quadrillion becquerels.
Source: <http://www.asahi.com/english/TKY201109090241.html>
12. *September 9, Associated Press* – (International) **US says Maryland businessman pleads guilty to conspiracy in export of nuclear-related goods.** Federal prosecutors said September 9 that a Maryland businessman pleaded guilty to conspiring to export to Pakistan materials and equipment that can be used in nuclear reactors. The 46-year-old man from Silver Spring, has been accused of trying to sell \$400,000 radiation detectors, calibration devices, and other restricted nuclear-related equipment to Pakistan, which is thought to have about 100 nuclear warheads. The man is the owner of Computer Communications USA of Columbia, Maryland.
Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/us-says-maryland-businessman-pleads-guilty-to-conspiracy-in-export-of-nuclear-related-goods/2011/09/09/gIQA2PznFK_story.html

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

13. *September 12, Consumer Reports* – (National) **Nearly 311,000 Honda Pilot SUVs recalled for front seat belts.** The U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and American Honda issued a recall of nearly 311,000 2009-2011 model year Honda Pilot SUVs for concerns over the sport utility vehicles' front seat belts, Consumer Reports reported September 12. Both the NHTSA and Honda report the stitching that holds the driver's and front passenger's seat belt to their respective anchor webbings may be missing or incomplete. Such flaws may allow the seat belt to detach from its anchor during a collision and increase the risk of injury. Honda said it will begin to notify affected owners on or near October 3, and advise them to bring their Pilots in to local dealerships. Technicians there will inspect the front seat belts and, if necessary, will perform the repair for free.
Source: <http://news.consumerreports.org/safety/2011/09/nearly-311000-honda-pilot-suvs-recalled-for-front-seat-belts.html>
14. *September 12, U.S. Department of Transportation* – (National) **NHTSA recall notice - Saab 9-2X, Subaru Forester and Impreza.** The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration announced September 12 that Subaru is recalling 295,123 model year 2002-2007 Impreza, model year 2003-2008 Forester, and model year 2005-2006 Saab 9-2X vehicles manufactured from September 5, 2000 through November 26, 2007 originally sold, or currently registered in, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, New York, Vermont, Wisconsin, Connecticut, Delaware, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, Ohio, Rhode Island, West Virginia, and Washington, D.C. The front lower control arms may break at the hanger brackets due to corrosion if the hanger bracket is exposed to salty and humid environments such as roads containing snow melting agent. A broken control arm can result in the loss of control of the vehicle, increasing the risk of a crash. Subaru dealers will inspect the degree of corrosion of the front lower control arms, and will either rustproof or replace them. The safety recall is expected to begin November 2011.
Source: http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rel_ID=11V464000&summary=true&prod_id=204373&PrintVersion=YES
15. *September 12, U.S. Department of Transportation* – (National) **NHTSA recall notice - Subaru Legacy and Outback.** The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration announced September 12 that Subaru is recalling 195,080 model year 2010-2011 Outback and Legacy vehicles manufactured from January 7, 2010, through May 20, 2011. Components inside the wiper motor bottom cover may overheat. If the bottom cover overheats, the windshield wipers may become inoperable, reducing the operator's visibility, which may increase the likelihood of a crash or a fire. Subaru will notify owners, and dealers will replace the front wiper motor bottom cover assembly. The safety recall is expected to begin November 2011.
Source: http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rel_ID=11V469000&summary=true&prod_id=695826&PrintVersion=YES

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Banking and Finance Sector

16. *September 12, Softpedia* – (International) **E-mail addresses and passwords stolen after BitCoin forum hack.** A flaw in the Bitcointalk forum was taken advantage of by a hacker and used to gain access to passwords, e-mail addresses, and personal messages belonging to members, Softpedia reported September 12. The BitCoin Web site was also hacked earlier in 2011 and private information was leaked as a result. The Web site was hit more than a week ago, during which time the attacker could freely roam and steal anything. Bitcointalk administrators only realized the site was compromised after the hacker began adding JavaScript codes. The hacker launched a SQL injection to exploit a vulnerability where the forum software did not correctly handle the escape characters found in username details. The password hashing process was made by using the Secure Hashing Algorithm (SHA-1), which experts recently discovered as being more ineffective than initially presumed. The attacker managed to hijack the account of one of the administrators, after he made a donor account that allowed him to change usernames. With the use of administrator privileges, he was able to inject PHP code by making modifications to one of the forum's style templates. Bitcointalk representatives claim the accounts overtaken or created in the process were identified, along with a series of IP addresses.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Email-Addresses-and-Passwords-Stolen-After-BitCoin-Forum-Hack-221187.shtml>

17. *September 11, Arizona Daily Independent* – (Arizona) **Phoenix man indicted on \$6.3 million ponzi scheme targets seniors.** The Arizona Daily Independent reported September 11 that a 52-year-old man from Phoenix was arraigned on an indictment charging him with 67 felony counts related to his sale of \$6.3 million in fraudulent Certificates of Deposit (CDs) sold primarily to senior citizens living in Arizona. The indictment alleges the man defrauded investors by selling them fictitious CDs, while also falsely claiming he was a broker with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), and that the CDs were FDIC insured. He used investor funds for personal expenses and to make "interest" payments on the fictitious CDs sold to other investors. Each of the 17 investors named in the federal indictment lost between \$125,000 and \$1.4 million.

Source: <http://www.tucsondailyindependent.com/2011/09/phoenix-man-indicted-on-63-million.html>

18. *September 9, NewJerseyNewsroom.com* – (New Jersey; California) **Error coins stolen by ex-mint employee from New Jersey.** A former U.S. Mint police officer pleaded guilty September 8 in federal court in New Jersey to stealing \$2.4 million worth of

"error" coins and selling them to a coin distributor in California. The former officer was a 15-year employee of the Philadelphia Mint at the time of his arrest. He admitted that during 2007, he took several small bags to the coining area, where Presidential \$1 coins were made, and took coins with the missing edge lettering, knowing collectors would deem the coins more valuable because they were "mint errors," according to a U.S. attorney. Prosecutors said the man then smuggled the error coins out of the Mint where he shipped them to a coin distributor in California from a Rio Grande post office or the FedEx location in Egg Harbor Township. He admitted to receiving about \$2.4 million for the coins, which he later deposited into his Police and Fire Federal Credit Union account. The convict also failed to report, or under-reported his tax liability from the sale of the coins for tax years 2007 and 2009, which amounted to nearly \$801,651. Source: <http://www.newjerseynewsroom.com/economy/error-coins-stolen-by-ex-mint-employee-from-new-jersey>

19. *September 9, Las Vegas Review-Journal* – (Arizona) **Former bank execs settle with FDIC for \$20 million each.** Former executives of First National Bank of Arizona settled a lawsuit September 9 brought by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. (FDIC), alleging the two "sacrificed safety" and promoted risky loans that caused the bank's failure. The two former executives agreed to settle for \$20 million each while denying all allegations in the FDIC's complaint. The executives were insured through Lloyd's of London, which denied coverage of the settlement and legal fees. As part of the settlement, they and other former First National Bank of Arizona officers and directors agreed to let the FDIC have the right to pursue all future claims against Lloyd's of London. Source: <http://www.lvrj.com/business/former-bank-execs-settle-with-fdic-for-20-million-each-129565578.html>

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Transportation Sector

20. *September 12, Associated Press* – (Northeast) **Roads closed, rivers still flooded in Northeast.** Roads remained closed in the Northeast September 12 and some rivers were still flooded, days after strong rains from the remnants of tropical storm Lee washed over the region. It could be September 14 before the Passaic River in New Jersey falls below flood stage, forecasters said. Moderate flooding was occurring, and a flood warning was in place at two places along the river, Pine Brook and Little Falls. Near the Pennsylvania-New York border, the Susquehanna River was about half a foot over flood stage September 12 but receding. In New York, the governor planned to head to the Adirondacks to make an announcement about flood damage September 12. Many roads there were washed out or sustained other damage from the torrential rains in late August and again the week of September 5. In hard-hit Binghamton in southern New York, some residents were being allowed to return home during daylight to begin cleaning up. Schools and businesses were reopening September 12, and classes were resuming at Binghamton University, the Press and Sun-Bulletin reported. In Port

Deposit, Maryland, most of the 1,000 residents were told to evacuate because of flooding expected from the opening of flood gates at the Conowingo Dam to relieve pressure on the Susquehanna. A few roads were opened on a limited basis September 11, but the town still required residents along those roads to get permission before returning home.

Source: <http://news.yahoo.com/roads-closed-rivers-still-flooded-northeast-111818993.html>

21. *September 12, Associated Press* – (National) **Military jets safely escort NYC, Detroit flights.** Fighter jets were scrambled to escort two commercial flights into New York City and Detroit "out of an abundance of caution" after crews reported suspicious activity on the 10th anniversary of the September 11th attacks, officials said. The bathroom use by some passengers aroused the suspicion September 11, but all suspects were released after being questioned by authorities on the ground. On an American Airlines flight from Los Angeles, three passengers who made repeated trips to the bathroom were cleared after the plane safely landed at New York's Kennedy Airport. Earlier, on a Denver-to-Detroit Frontier Airlines flight, the crew reported that two people were spending "an extraordinarily long time" in a bathroom, a Frontier spokesman said. Police detained three passengers at Detroit's Metropolitan Airport, but they also were eventually released. In a statement September 12, the FBI said there never were two people in the bathroom at the same time. The North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) scrambled two F-16 fighter jets to shadow American Airlines Flight 34 until it landed safely at 4:10 p.m., the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) said in a statement. Two of the men were Israeli and one was Russian, the official said, adding that the three were cleared and sent on their way. A similar scenario played out on Frontier Flight 623. A NORAD spokesman said the agency sent two F-16 jets to shadow the plane until it landed safely.

Source: <http://news.yahoo.com/military-jets-safely-escort-nyc-detroit-flights-020815982.html>

22. *September 12, Associated Press* – (Texas) **TV crew truck causes 9/11 scare at Dallas airport.** An FBI official said a rented moving truck parked at a curb at the Dallas-Fort Worth airport in Texas caused a brief scare on the 10th anniversary of the September 11th attacks. An FBI official said the truck was driven by a crew member of the Discovery Channel show "Sons of Guns." Investigators were suspicious because the driver said, "I got a couple of guns," but the official said he was just waiting for a co-worker. An airport spokesman said a bomb squad and canine units were deployed when an automatic weapon was found in the truck, parked in an area where troops returning from Middle East stints are greeted.

Source: <http://news.yahoo.com/tv-crew-truck-causes-9-11-scare-dallas-214326079.html>

23. *September 12, Associated Press* – (Indiana; Kentucky) **Traffic nightmare over closed Ohio River bridge.** Commuters traveling September 12 between Indiana and Kentucky became mired for miles on end in unfamiliar travel patterns with few alternatives as the emergency closure of a bridge crossing the Ohio River left only two spans remaining, detouring tens of thousands. In a move that stunned commuters on both sides of the

river, officials abruptly closed the 50-year-old Sherman Minton Bridge September 9 when inspectors found cracks in the bridge's steel. The Interstate 64 bridge connects the western side of Louisville, Kentucky with New Albany, Indiana, handling 80,000 vehicles a day, officials said. The closure left just two other southern Indiana-Kentucky bridges to handle detoured traffic. Officials in both states worked through the weekend on plans to re-route traffic, and highway construction work on the Kentucky side was suspended. Officials warned local traffic in both states would also likely be heavy, even for those who do not need to cross the spans. Officials said it will take 3 weeks to diagnose problems, and a closure of 6 months or more is possible. Kentucky and Indiana officials have for years discussed plans to build two new bridges linking southern Indiana and the Louisville area. Officials are wrangling over how best to fund what is known as the Ohio River Bridges Project, which is expected to cost at least \$2.9 billion and includes building two new bridges while redesigning a busy downtown interchange.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jwrLgYSTOMPmQ5iLUtjCjTAGFBw?docId=f46090310ece42c591184806c4abbe80>

24. *September 12, WJLA 7 District of Columbia* – (Virginia; District of Columbia) **VRE resumes normal service after flooding.** Virginia Railway Express (VRE) said trains were operating on a normal schedule September 12, days after heavy rains caused major damage throughout the Washington D.C. region. Officials said CSX have worked since September 8 to repair tracks damaged by flooding. Although no major delays were expected, VRE officials indicated temporary speed restrictions would be in effect on the Fredericksburg Line. They also said a short section of tracks on the Manassas Line was out of service. Because of this, trains will be single tracking between Burke Centre, Rolling Road, and Backlick Road on the track furthest from the station.

Source: <http://www.wjla.com/articles/2011/09/vre-resumes-normal-service-after-flooding-66380.html>

25. *September 10, Salem Statesman-Journal* – (Oregon) **Data breach hits ODOT.** A breach in computer data security exposed personal information, including names and Social Security numbers (SSNs), of 62 current and former employees and others working with environmental programs of the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). The agency announced the breach September 9. The exposure could go on for 9 years. The state's chief information security officer with the department of administrative services said there have been seven accidental releases of confidential data during the past year. "Some were electronic — misdirected e-mail, lost laptop, or a file exposed on a Web site," she said in a statement. "Others involved misdirected letters or a lost folder. The largest affected 500 people; the smallest, one individual." The latest breach was called to ODOT's attention 2 weeks ago by a citizen, who suggested a file buried deep in the agency's file transfer protocol site contained encoded SSNs. A file-transfer protocol site is used to transfer large files to internal and external users. After receiving the citizen tip August 26, ODOT data systems experts removed the file and investigated. They determined the file contained names and encoded SSNs for 62 people working with ODOT's environmental programs. Only 1 file, out of more

than 11,000, contained such data. SSNs were once routinely used as identification numbers; ODOT no longer follows that practice.

Source: <http://www.statesmanjournal.com/article/20110910/STATE/109100325/Data-breach-hits-ODOT>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

26. *September 12, WEWS 5 Cleveland* – (Ohio) **Cattle truck crashes closes highway, kills nearly two dozen cows.** A crash September 12 involving a cattle truck on Interstate 80 in Ohio temporarily closed the highway and left about two dozen cows dead. The crash occurred in the eastbound lanes at about 4 a.m. when the cattle truck rolled over, according to the Trumbull County post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. The incident happened near the Ohio-Pennsylvania state line. At the time of the crash, 23 cows were on the truck, and most were killed in the crash, according to the highway patrol. They said the driver of the truck was not seriously injured. One eastbound lane of the highway has re-opened.

Source: http://www.newsnet5.com/dpp/traffic/traffic_news/cattle-truck-crashes-closes-highway-kills-nearly-two-dozen-cows

27. *September 12, Shreveport Times* – (Louisiana) **Bossier City man charged with setting 9 fires.** A 21-year-old Bossier City man faces arson charges for setting nine fires in south Bossier Parish, Louisiana. The man was arrested after he confessed to setting wildland fires near the Taylortown community, according to a news release. The man set fire to hay bales and brush piles off Gamble Road, Mercer Road, and Goat Hill Road between September 10 and 11. A Louisiana Department of Agriculture Forestry pilot detected and reported the fires September 9 on Goat Hill Road. All of the fires were set within a 2-mile radius. About 500 bales of hay were destroyed.

Source:

<http://www.shreveporttimes.com/article/20110912/NEWS03/110912011/Bossier-City-man-charged-setting-9-fires?odyssey=nav|head>

28. *September 12, Food Safety News* – (Arkansas; National) **Cautious Cargill recalls more ground turkey.** For the second time in about a month, Cargill has voluntarily recalled ground turkey due to tests showing the presence of Salmonella, and has temporarily suspended ground turkey production at its Springdale, Arkansas processing plant, Food Safety News reported September 12. Cargill announced the recall of 185,000 pounds of turkey processed at the Arkansas plant August 23, 24, 30, and 31

after a random sample collected by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service August 24 tested positive for the same Salmonella Heidelberg strain that sickened more than 100 people in 31 states earlier this summer. Twenty-seven people were hospitalized and one person died. The Springdale plant was closed again September 9, and the recall announced September 11. The current recall is small compared to the August 3 recall of 36 million pounds of fresh and frozen ground turkey produced over a period of more than 5 months.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/09/cautious-cargill-recalls-more-ground-turkey/>

29. *September 10, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Equipment trouble sparked fire in NW La.** Louisiana's Department of Agriculture said officials believe an equipment malfunction on a pine tree plantation sparked a fire that destroyed part of the plantation the week of September 5 in Vivian. Several fires burned thousands of acres in north Caddo Parish, between Vivian and Oil City. The fires were contained, and state officials were working to keep them that way. A forestry district manager told KSLA 12 Mooringsport that low humidity and wind remained a concern. A dense smoke advisory for parts of the area was allowed to expire September 10.

Source:

<http://www.dailycomet.com/article/20110910/APN/1109100759?Title=Equipment-trouble-sparked-fire-in-NW-La-&tc=ar>

30. *September 10, Erie Times-News* – (Pennsylvania) **Bradford bar fire ruled arson.** A fire at Players Downtown bar September 9 was set, Pennsylvania police fire investigators said. The fire caused about \$10,000 in damage. Firefighters were called to the bar at 11:25 p.m. Fifty people evacuated the bar, which was open at the time, and the apartments above it on the building's second and third floors were also evacuated. The fire was set outside the bar, near a first-floor wall, state police said.

Source:

<http://www.goerie.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20110910/NEWS02/309109903/-1/news>

31. *September 9, WDAZ 8 Grand Forks* – (Minnesota) **2 fires reported at separate American Crystal plants.** Firefighters responded to fires at American Crystal Sugar plants in Drayton and East Grand Forks, Minnesota within the last 24 hours. It is the start of the pre-pile harvest and two fires broke out in two separate plants. Firefighters responded to a pulp dryer fire at American Crystal shortly before 9 a.m. September 9, and a similar fire broke out September 8 at the Drayton plant. "It does happen maybe three or four times a year, but for the first day, it is probably pretty uncommon for two factories to have fires in the pulp dryer," a union worker said. Union workers and firefighters admit pulp dryer fires do happen once in a while, but the fire in East Grand Forks was a bit different. "We had some fire and flames outside the pulp dryer. Not exactly sure what was the cause, some equipment failure, if it was electrical or whatever," an East Grand Forks fire department engineer said. With sugar beets starting to fill the factories, replacement workers are dealing with hot juice, steam, and heavy equipment.

Source: http://www.wday.com/event/article/id/10461/publisher_ID/30/

32. *September 9, KDVR 31 Denver* – (Colorado; Texas; Nebraska) **Cantaloupe linked to Colorado Listeria outbreak.** Colorado health officials have linked nine recent cases of Listeria infection, including at least one death, to the consumption of cantaloupe, but no specific source has been identified, officials said September 9. The outbreak now includes cases in Texas, and Nebraska. On average, Colorado has roughly 10 cases of listeriosis a year. The nine cases were reported in August and September in Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Denver, Douglas, Jefferson, Larimer, Weld, and El Paso counties, the Colorado Department of Health and Environment said. The patients, the majority of whom are female, range in age from the 30s to the 90s. All of the patients in Colorado were hospitalized and two died, but only one case has been linked to the multi-state outbreak.
Source: http://www.kdvr.com/news/kdvr-colorado-listeria-outbreak-linked-to-cantaloupe-20110909,0,5318752.story?hpt=us_bn7

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Water Sector

33. *September 12, Gaithersburg Gazette* – (Maryland) **Sewage overflows stop at southern Prince George's wastewater facilities.** Sewage overflows at three wastewater stations in Fort Washington and Upper Marlboro, Maryland have stopped after heavy rains the week of September 5 spilled more than 13 million gallons. The Western Branch Wastewater Treatment Plant in Upper Marlboro overflowed September 8 with an estimated 9.4 million gallons, and that ended September 9. Sewage overflow at the Fort Washington Forest 1 Wastewater Pumping Station began September 7 and ended September 8 with about 84,000 gallons of diluted wastewater spilled, according to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC). The commission also reported an overflow at Broad Creek Pumping Station in Fort Washington spilled about 3.15 million gallons of diluted wastewater. Both pumping stations never lost power and all pumps are fully operational, according to the WSSC.
Source: <http://www.gazette.net/article/20110912/NEWS/709129998/1029/sewage-overflows-stop-at-southern-prince-georges-wastewater&template=gazette>
34. *September 12, Norwich Bulletin* – (Connecticut) **Public water systems under boil water advisory.** The Connecticut Department of Public Health updated the list of public water systems under a boil water advisory, according to a news release September 12. It stated that 30 small public drinking water systems in the state were under a boil water advisory. The health department was monitoring the systems and working to contact small systems to determine their status and offer assistance.
Source: <http://www.norwichbulletin.com/news/x1038227487/Public-water-systems-under-boil-water-advisory#axzz1Xka1sSF2>
35. *September 9, Sunbury Daily Item* – (Pennsylvania) **Flood damages this morning could reach millions in Danville.** Damage from flooding at the Danville, Pennsylvania, sewage treatment plant could amount to millions of dollars, the Sunbury

Daily Item reported September 9. The sewer plant, which is being upgraded with \$18.76 million worth of improvements was damaged. Firefighters were called when black smoke was reported, possibly caused by an electrical or mechanical problem. Other flood-related problems included the Susquehanna River closing “the narrows” along Route 54 in Riverside and Route 11 south. Officials said the town's middle school was also inundated after sandbags along Mahoning Creek gave way September 9.

Source: http://dailyitem.com/0100_news/x1078454807/Flood-damages-this-morning-could-reach-millions-in-Danville

36. *September 9, NBC Philadelphia* – (Pennsylvania) **Flood water is full of sewage.** Waters that brought catastrophic flooding to the eastern half of Pennsylvania the week of September 5 are also exposing residents to raw sewage and even ammonia, authorities reported. “A total of 10 water and sewage treatment plants failed, which means the water in the streets is toxic,” the governor said in a press release September 8. The governor’s press office told NBC Philadelphia September 9 that 26 sewage treatment plants were affected statewide, 14 of which had been shut down. The Berks County sewage treatment plant in Heidelberg Township was swamped under several feet of water from the swollen Tulpehocken Creek, the Reading Eagle reported. The plant was shut down September 7, which means raw sewage was dumped into the creek. A 42-inch sewer main in Reading sprang a leak after Hurricane Irene hit, dumping 16.2 million gallons of raw sewage into the Schuylkill River, though state department of environmental protection officials said the city dumped 72 million gallons into the river. Bloomsburg experienced its worst flooding in a century along the Susquehanna River. In addition to raw sewage threats, a fire chief from Bloomsburg told the Associated Press that there was an ammonia leak at a food manufacturer. Source: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/44458585#.Tm4a1-xQhDg>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

37. *September 12, McKnight's Long-Term Care News* – (Pennsylvania; Maryland) **Maryland and Pennsylvania evacuate nursing home residents from flood zones.** Nursing home residents were evacuated the week of September 5 in parts of Pennsylvania and Maryland as heavy rains wrecked havoc on the banks of the Susquehanna River. Two nursing homes in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania — Golden Living Summit and St. Luke's Villa — evacuated 64 residents and 55 residents, respectively. Manorcare Health Services in Kingston, Pennsylvania, evacuated 165 residents, the Wilkes-Barre Times Leader reported. In Havre de Grace, Maryland, 30 ambulances and six buses transported 165 residents of the county-owned Citizens' Care & Rehabilitation Center to similar facilities in neighboring communities, the Baltimore Sun reported. Source: <http://www.mcknights.com/maryland-and-pennsylvania-evacuate-nursing-home-residents-from-flood-zones/article/211690/>

38. *September 11, Oakland Tribune* – (California) **Odor forces evacuation of Fremont medical clinic.** About 20 firefighters responded to reports of an odor at the Palo Alto Medical Foundation September 11 that forced the evacuation of the medical clinic in Palo Alto, California, said the Fremont fire battalion chief. About 40 people, mostly employees, were evacuated from a 3-story building — one of two on the site — for about 90 minutes. A hazardous material team swept the building twice using a gas monitor and acid test but could only find a slight reading of caustic material in a closet. "There was no odor, no liquid, so we're not quite sure what was in there or what happened," he said. Three people were taken to a hospital for an evaluation after complaining of minor throat irritation. Firefighters eventually turned the building over to the facility manager with a recommendation to call a private contractor to determine the cause of the odor if it re-emerges.
Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_18874205?nclick_check=1
39. *September 8, CMIO.net* – (National) **HHS: More than 5.4M patients affected by data breaches in 2010.** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' annual report to Congress reported that between January 1, 2010, and December 31, 2010, breaches involving 500 or more individuals were less than 1 percent of the breaches reported, but accounted for more than 99 percent of the more than 5.4 million individuals who were affected. The largest breaches in 2010 occurred as a result of a theft. Other breaches occurred as a result of an error or failure to adequately secure protected health information. The greatest number of incidents resulted from human or technological error, and involved the protected health information of just one individual. Compared with 2009, the number of individuals affected by the loss of electronic media or paper records containing protected health information in 2010 was greater than the number of individuals affected by unauthorized access or human error. The report said the 2010 incidents involved an additional category, improper disposal of paper records by a covered entity or business associate. The greatest number of reported incidents in 2010 resulted from small breaches involving human or technological error, with the most common incidents involving protected health information of only one or two individuals.
Source: http://www.cmio.net/index.php?option=com_articles&view=article&id=29421

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Government Facilities Sector

40. *September 12, Softpedia* – (International) **Air Force One flight plan leaked in Japan.** A Japanese air traffic controller posted the U.S. President's flight plan on his personal blog, and now he could be charged for leaking national secrets. According to Daily Yomiuri Online, the President is planning a trip to Asia in November to take part at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum meeting, and the leaked document shows detailed data about the flight from Seoul, South Korea, to Japan. The owner of the blog posted 12 images with information about Air Force One and another American drone used for surveillance work. "I wanted to show the photos to my friends and

acquaintances." The land, infrastructure, transport, and tourism Ministry is the one handling the case. Its representative stated that the images, and those of three radar screens showing aircraft routes were deleted from the blog. Aviation regulations state it is forbidden to take pictures inside radar rooms and airport control rooms, but some experts claim the rules should be made stricter. A senior defense ministry official said "The movements of Air Force One have never been made public, even in the United States." Because of the air traffic controller, who is in his fifties and has been working at Haneda Airport since October 1981, Japan will be added to the list of countries that easily leaks information.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/AirForce-One-Flight-Plan-Leaked-221310.shtml>

41. *September 12, KXTV 10 Sacramento* – (California) **Parts of Travis AFB evacuated after radioactive scare.** Portions of Travis Air Force Base were evacuated September 11 when a truck containing radioactive hospital materials triggered a detector at the main security gate in Fairfield, California. The security team determined the truck to be carrying small amounts of radioactive materials, and took precautionary measures to investigate. Residents on the base were asked to stay away from the vehicle and gate while crews investigated. Following the investigation, crews determined the contents were authorized medical supplies, and the area was declared safe. However, many were inconvenienced for more than 6 hours, as the base was placed on lockdown per standard protocol. At no time was there a hazard to Travis personnel, according to a base spokesperson.

Source: <http://www.news10.net/news/article/154386/2/Parts-of-Travis-afb-evacuated-after-radioactive-scare>

42. *September 10, CNN* – (North Carolina) **14,000 rounds of ammunition missing from Fort Bragg.** Authorities are trying to locate 14,000 rounds of ammunition missing from Fort Bragg in Cumberland County, North Carolina, CNN reported September 10. The ammunition went missing from the 1st Brigade Combat Team at Fort Bragg, a staff sergeant said. The missing ammunition can be used in the M-4 and M-16 assault rifles. Someone alerted Fort Bragg leadership about the missing items September 7, he said. After the report, the 1st Brigade team, about 3,500 people, was placed on lockdown during an initial investigation, he said. The ammunition was not found and the lockdown was lifted the same day. "The incident is currently under investigation and all appropriate measures are being taken to locate the small arms ammunition that was discovered missing on September 7," a spokesman for the 82nd Airborne Division said.

Source:

http://www.cnn.com/2011/US/09/09/north.carolina.ammunition/index.html?hpt=us_c2

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Emergency Services Sector

43. *September 9, KENS 5 San Antonio* – (Texas) **SAPD: Phony security guards arrested in hospital ATM heist.** Police said they have arrested five suspects for stealing an ATM from a hospital in San Antonio, Texas. The alleged thieves are facing charges of organized crime. According to investigators, the suspects may have come to Methodist Hospital disguised as security guards. They reportedly used a dolly to roll the machine out of the hospital September 8 around 7:45 p.m. Police were able to track four men and a woman to a west-side home in the 100 block of Comfort. Investigators said the house was under surveillance. That is when officers said they saw the suspects using drills and other tools, attempting to break into the money machine. The suspects did not manage to break open the ATM.

Source: http://www.kens5.com/news/Disguised-suspects-busted-for-hospital-ATM-theft-police-say-129523063.html?hpt=ju_bn6

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Information Technology Sector

44. *September 12, Softpedia* – (International) **Linux Foundation servers offline after security breach.** After the intrusion on Kernel.org, two other Linux Foundation Web sites were attacked, leaving personal information belonging to users at the mercy of hackers. Members of the Linux.com and LinuxFoundation.org Web sites received an e-mail from the organization, informing them about a discovered breach in their systems September 8. Foundation representatives made the decision of shutting down their sites, “in the interest of extreme caution and security best practices.” Services and programs such as Linux.com, Open Printing, Linux Mark, and Linux Foundation Events will not be functioning for a certain period of time as they are in the process of being restored. It appears Linux kernel or its code repositories were not affected by the recent hits, but they are still taken down for maintenance after the attacks discovered August 28. The statement released on the temporary page advises members to change any password that might have been obtained by the attackers.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Linux-Foundation-Servers-Offline-After-Security-Bre...>

45. *September 12, IDG News Service* – (International) **GlobalSign set to reopen Tuesday despite Web server hack.** GlobalSign planned to bring its certificate-issuing systems back online September 12, and resume business September 13, it said the weekend of September 10 and 11. The U.S. certificate authority (CA) stopped issuing new SSL certificates September 6 to audit its security, after being named as a target by the hacker who claimed to have attacked Dutch CA DigiNotar. The server hosting GlobalSign's Web site was breached, the company said September 9. The server was isolated from other infrastructure related to certificates, the company said. On September 11, the company confirmed its plan to bring system components back online September 12 in a sequenced start-up, but said customers were unlikely to be able to process orders until the morning of September 13. It said there was no further evidence of breach other than the isolated Web server. However, it continued to monitor all

activity to all services closely as an additional precaution, it said. All forensics are being shared with the authorities and other CAs to assist with their own investigations into other potentially related attacks, GlobalSign said. It did not specify who the attacker was. The company has employed security firm Fox-IT to investigate.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9219914/GlobalSign_set_to_reopen_Tuesday_despite_web_server_hack

46. *September 10, H Security* – (International) **Apple releases updates for DigiNotar SSL debacle.** Apple released a security update for Mac OS X Snow Leopard (10.6.8) and Lion (10.7.1) that removes trust from the certificate authorities (CAs) operated by DigiNotar after the CA was compromised. Apple has joined Mozilla and Microsoft in removing DigiNotar from their lists of trusted root certificates and EV certificate authorities. The update, labeled "Security Update 2011-05", also modified the default trust system configuration so no DigiNotar certificates, including those issued by other authorities, are trusted. The Apple update still leaves the iPhone, iPad, and other iOS devices unprotected from the man in the middle attacks which have, to date, centered on Iranian Internet users. There is also no update for the older Leopard release of Mac OS X, 10.5, which is the last version that ran on PowerPC-based Macs.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Apple-releases-updates-for-DigiNotar-SSL-debacle-1340601.html>

47. *September 9, IDG News Service* – (International) **Google apologizes for Docs outage.** A software upgrade that went wrong caused parts of the Google Docs cloud-hosted office productivity suite to go offline for an hour September 7, a situation the company is taking steps to prevent. The outage made word processing document lists, documents, drawings, and Apps Scripts unavailable to most Docs users, including people who use the software for work. Apparently, presentations and spreadsheets were not affected. Changes made to improve real-time collaboration capabilities in the suite triggered an unexpected memory management bug, which in turn tripped the system.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9219887/Google_apologizes_for_Docs_outage

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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

48. *September 12, Latham Business Review* – (New York) **Irene aftermath: damaged antenna knocks WEXT-FM off air.** WEXT-FM, 97.7, Amsterdam in New York is off the air indefinitely as a result of damage caused to its antenna from Tropical Storm Irene, and flooding of a nearby National Grid substation, the Latham Business Review reported September 12. WEXT's senior vice president said immediately following Tropical Storm Irene, the station broadcast intermittently. The station has been on the air for 4 years and has 25,000 daily listeners. The station is operated by WMHT Educational Telecommunications. "We suspected we had antenna damage, but we weren't able to physically get onto the tower until this past Friday," he said. He said the damage to the antenna "is beyond repair."
Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/albany/news/2011/09/12/irene-aftermath-damaged-antenna.html>
49. *September 12, South Carolina Island Packet* – (South Carolina) **AT&T service disrupted in northern Beaufort County.** Problems with several AT&T cell towers disrupted cellphone service September 11 in several northern Beaufort County communities in South Carolina. Repairs were under way September 12, but it was not clear how long they would take, an AT&T spokesman said. Affected communities include the city of Beaufort, Port Royal, and Burton. Several towers along Interstate 95 and U.S. 21 were also not working properly, he said. Service problems were confined to cell signals, he said.
Source: <http://www.islandpacket.com/2011/09/12/1789188/att-service-disrupted-in-northern.html>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

50. *September 12, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Ohio man finds box of explosives buried in backyard.** Authorities in Blanchester, Ohio evacuated a two-block area when a man found a box of ammunition and explosives buried in his backyard September 11. The Cincinnati Enquirer reports a 37-year-old man was digging in his yard when he came across a metal box that contained bullets and sticks of TNT. A bomb squad was summoned from the county sheriff's office in Cincinnati, 30 miles away. The squad took the explosives back to the Cincinnati area for disposal. There was no immediate word on where the box had come from or why it was buried in the yard.
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2011/09/12/ohio-man-finds-box-explosives-buried-in-backyard/>
51. *September 11, KCRA 3 Sacramento* – (California) **Fire, explosion rock apartment complex.** Fire crews were called to an apartment fire and possible explosion September 11, according to the Sacramento Metro Fire Department in Sacramento, California. It happened at the Garden Plaza apartments. According to the assistant fire chief, one person jumped out of a third floor window and suffered multiple injuries. Three others, including two firefighters, suffered minor injuries. Some people who live at the

complex reported hearing an explosion before evacuating. The fire resulted in the evacuation of all 143 apartment units. Sacramento fire crews said the cause of the fire is unknown.

Source: <http://www.kcra.com/news/29147665/detail.html>

52. *September 11, WFAA 8 Dallas* – (Texas) **Four-alarm fire damages Dallas apartments.** A four-alarm fire damaged about 20 apartments at a complex in Northwest Dallas, Texas, September 11. The flames hopped a breezeway and spread through two buildings of the Northwest Crossing apartments. A 39-year-old woman was overcome by smoke, and two Dallas firefighters were treated at the scene — one for smoke exhaustion, and the other for a heat-related issue. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.
Source: <http://www.wfaa.com/news/local/Four-alarm-fire-damages-Dallas-apartments-129621393.html>
53. *September 11, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **4 hospitalized after rock fall at Red Rocks Amphitheatre.** Denver officials insisted September 12 the iconic Red Rocks Amphitheater is safe after rocks fell on concertgoers, injuring seven people, and sending four of them to the hospital. Witnesses told KMGH 7 Denver rocks rained down on people near the stage during a concert September 11. The naturally formed amphitheater near Morrison, Colorado, has two, 300-foot sandstone monoliths, dubbed Ship Rock and Creation Rock. A half dozen or more rocks fell from Creation Rock on the north side. Some witnesses reported seeing people climbing on the rocks before the incident. The cause may never be known, said a Denver cultural affairs spokeswoman. She said about 100 staffers, including security, medical attendants and police, attend major events at the venue. She said more security officials will be assigned for the rest of the year, and her department. Yenter Companies, a contractor that specializes in drilling, blasting, rock and soil stabilization, has been called in to inspect the formations.
Source:
<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/a54d4c87a6164e138d6327f935900345/CO--Red-Rocks-Rock-Fall/>
54. *September 11, FoxNews.com* – (Florida) **Florida authorities search for 2 gunmen in deadly nightclub shooting.** Florida authorities were searching for at least two gunmen who shot up a nightclub in Palmetto September 10, leaving two people dead, and another 22 wounded. The gunmen opened fire on a crowd of people standing outside of Club Elite at about 12:30 a.m., according to a police report. A 25-year-old and a 38-year-old died. Police said they believe the suspects used AK-47 assault rifles, according to the Bradenton Herald. About 70 to 80 rounds were fired in the shooting, and police have recovered spent cartridge cases, leading police to believe at least one semi-automatic weapon was used. Police told Bay News 9 St. Petersburg that investigators found a suspected bomb behind the club and detonated it.
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2011/09/11/2-killed-22-injured-in-florida-nightclub-shooting/>

55. *September 9, IDG News Service* – (International) **Anonymous supporters claim NBC News Twitter hack.** Hackers calling themselves the Script Kiddies took control of the NBC News Twitter account September 9, and used it to send out a series of hoax Twitter messages claiming there was a repeat terrorist attack on New York City's Ground Zero. The Script Kiddies had control of the account, which has more than 120,000 followers, for 10 minutes before it was suspended. During that time, they sent three messages stating hijackers had crashed two airplanes on the site of the September 11th attacks. That s_kiddies Twitter account was immediately suspended, but according to a cached version of the page, the group describes themselves as "Anonymous Supporters :: Hackers :: Exploiting simplistic methods with hilarious results :: Occasionally doing it for teh lulz :: We are The Script Kiddies." Script kiddies is a hacking term, referring to technically unsophisticated hackers who rely on automated scripts to conduct online attacks.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9219909/Anonymous_supporters_claim_NBC_News_Twitter_hack

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

56. *September 12, Associated Press* – (California) **Wildfires burn through rural central California.** Some people in mountain towns fled from their homes September 12 as a sprawling network of wildfires tore through central California. The lightning-sparked fires have consumed more than 30,000 acres across Kern County. A fire spokesman said crews were focusing on one major fire, and eight smaller fires. The 10,000-acre Milano Fire was burning out of control in a rural area and had moved into the Sequoia National Forest. Another wildfire, the Comanche complex, burned more than 23,000 acres southwest of Bakersfield near the city of Arvin. Water-dropping aircraft have been making frequent runs over the flames. Officials said up to 50 small fires erupted September 10 in Kern County after a series of fast-moving thunderstorms brought frequent lightning. Lightning strikes also sparked about a dozen small fires in the San Francisco Bay area.

Source: <http://www.azfamily.com/news/national/129640383.html>

57. *September 12, Minneapolis Star-Tribune* – (Minnesota) **BWCA fire expands, closing some routes.** A forest fire in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCA) near Ely, Minnesota, has grown to about 7 square miles, and forced the evacuation of some campers in its path, authorities reported September 11. U.S. Forest Service officials said dry air and winds from the north pushed the Pagami Creek Fire farther south September 10, so authorities moved campers out of the area from Lake Two through Hudson Lake and the Isabella River. Several waterways, BWCA entry points and portages have been closed, including the Lake One and Isabella Lake entry points. The fire started in late August as a result of a lightning strike. A controlled burn the week of September 5 helped reduce the chances of the fire spreading southward out of

the BWCA, authorities said. Most of the BWCA remains safe and open to visitors, authorities said, but campfires are now allowed only from 6 p.m. to midnight. Campers already in the wilderness area can exit through the closed routes. Public safety crews are helping visitors as they leave. The southern campsites on Bald Eagle Lake are closed, as is the Pow Wow Trail.

Source: <http://www.startribune.com/local/129627648.html>

58. *September 11, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Texas fire destroys 1,554 homes, 17 people missing.** The number of homes destroyed by a Texas wildfire has risen to 1,554 and is expected to further increase as firefighters enter more areas where the fire has been extinguished, officials said September 11. At least 17 people remain unaccounted for. Bastrop County officials joined by a U.S. Representative sought to provide new information to hundreds of residents evacuated from their homes a week ago when blustering wind whipped up by Tropical Storm Lee swept across parched, drought-stricken Texas, helping to spark more than 190 wildfires statewide. The worst of the fires has consumed more than 34,000 acres in an area 30 miles southeast of Austin. Officials said at a news conference September 11 that people would begin going back into the scorched areas September 12. A detailed plan will allow residents to slowly enter the evacuated areas over the coming week as firefighters and emergency responders ensure the land has properly cooled, hotspots are extinguished, and the fire is contained.

Source: <http://www.timesunion.com/news/article/Texas-fire-destroys-1-554-homes-17-people-missing-2165776.php>

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Dams Sector

59. *September 12, Wilkes-Barre Times Leader* – (Pennsylvania) **Partial levee fails; 200 moved.** A partial levee through Duryea, Pennsylvania, breached September 8, causing the Lackawanna River to gush onto several roads including Main Street, as well as Stephenson Street, Chittenden Street, River Street, and Lackawanna Avenue. The Lackawanna is a 40-mile tributary of the Susquehanna River that meets it about 1 mile southwest of the town. Emergency crews closed the floodgates at Stephenson Street, and attempted to pump out excess water to no avail. The mayor said about 200 people in the area had to be evacuated. The Duryea Emergency Management Agency director estimated about 5 to 6 feet of water remained September 9 in the lowest sections. Residents who did not heed the voluntary evacuation of the Coxtown section of the borough were stranded, surrounded by about 12 feet of water and without electricity, he said. Problems compounded when the sewage treatment plant was inundated and had to shut down, as sewage began backing up. Waste Management Inc. lent the borough two massive pumps September 9 to force the standing water back over the levee.

Source: http://www.timesleader.com/news/Partial_levee_fails_200_moved_09-09-2011.html

60. *September 12, Associated Press* – (Mississippi) **Corps to make repairs to Miss. River levee.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers plans to spend \$3.1 million to reinforce parts of the mainline Mississippi River levee at Lake Albemarle and Buck Chute in Mississippi. The Vicksburg Post reported September 12 that both were places the Corps and state levee officials scrambled to patch sand boils and stop sliding during the Mississippi River Flood of 2011. A Corps spokesman said the Corps expects to issue a formal notice to proceed this week. Work is scheduled to take 3 months.
Source: <http://www2.wjtv.com/news/2011/sep/12/corps-to-make-repairs-to-miss-river-levee-ar-2396322/>
61. *September 10, Scranton Times-Tribune* – (Pennsylvania) **Extent of flood devastation becomes clearer.** Receding water September 9 started to reveal the scope of the destruction and the enormity of the recovery ahead for tens of thousands of people chased from homes by epic flooding across Northeast Pennsylvania. The Susquehanna River in Wilkes-Barre crested September 9 at 42.66 feet, according to the National Weather Service. It predicted the river would remain above flood stage until September 11. A U.S. Army Corps of Engineers colonel reported the levee system was performing "extraordinarily well" despite concerns about leaks in Forty Fort, Wilkes-Barre, and Hanover Township. The damage was concentrated in Great Bend, Hallstead, Susquehanna and Lanesboro in the north-central and northeast regions, and Little Meadows Borough in the far northwest. An earlier estimate of damage to 50 to 100 homes and businesses was "probably low," an official said. The county has "a lot of washed out roads," he added. While levees held against the water that rose nearly to its edge, an official said the bottom of the levee's seal failed and was leaking water. Crews filled sandbags to shore up the barrier. About 2,000 people were being housed in emergency shelters, according to an emergency services director for the American Red Cross of Lackawanna County. There was no information on how soon people would be allowed to go back to their homes. The state department of transportation said 77 flooding-related road closures were still in effect across the region September 9, including 28 in Luzerne County and 26 in Wyoming County. U.S. Route 6 and state Route 29 each remained shut down at six different spots in Wyoming County. Significant outages were reported in Wyoming County, where Pennsylvania Electric listed fewer than 1,000 customers without electricity in Tunkhannock and Laceyville.
Source: <http://thetimes-tribune.com/extent-of-flood-devastation-becomes-clearer-1.1201018?cache=03D163D03D163Dp:/he3D03Dn63Freporti3D19.11145issed-1.1176/?parentPage=2.1188?cache=03D163D03D163Dp:/he3D03Dn63Freporti3D19.11145issed-1.1176/?parentPage=2.1188?cache=0>
62. *September 9, WTVR 6 Richmond* – (Virginia) **Dam breach, high waters damage roads, cancel classes in New Kent.** Witnesses said a - foot wall of water spread cross all four lanes of Route 60 in New Kent County, Virginia, September 9 after a dam breached. About 10 tons of gravel from a parking lot washed along with the water. After 5 hours, the water receded and the road was back open, but the breach continued as water from a pond poured out. A property owner and county officials said that between Hurricane Irene and recent storms, there was too much water for the dam to contain. The breach was small and can be repaired, and there was minimal damage to area business'. Dozens of other roads were flooded and some damaged enough that

pavement washed away. As a result, the county's schools had to cancel the first day of classes for a third time.

Source: <http://www.wtvr.com/news/wtvr-rains-in-new-kent-damage-roads-and-cancel-classes-20110909,0,4243606.story>

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