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- Police shot and killed a man who fired 70 rounds from semi-automatic guns, injuring one person at an Arkansas courthouse September 13. – *CNN* (See item [34](#))
- A long-burning fire in Minnesota exploded the week of September 12, burning more than 156 square miles and forcing the evacuation of more than 100 homes, 36 businesses, and a huge camping area. – *Duluth News Tribune* (See item [48](#))

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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 14, Associated Press; Reuters* – (National) **New evidence suggests BP made critical mistakes.** A key federal report released September 13 blames poor management, key missteps, and a faulty cement job by BP and others for the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history, and the deaths of 11 rig workers. The final report came from an investigative team of the U.S. Coast Guard and the agency that regulates offshore drilling. The panel held hearings over the course of a year following the April 20, 2010, Deepwater Horizon tragedy. The Coast Guard-Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Regulation and Enforcement investigation was among the most

exhaustive. Other investigations have blamed the disaster on misreadings of key data, the failure of the blowout preventer to stop the flow of oil to the sea, and other shortcomings by executives, engineers and rig crew members.

Source: http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/44514842/ns/us_news-environment/#.TnC9YOwg2Tw

2. *September 14, Rochester Democrat and Chronicle* – (New York) **Explosion, 3-alarm blaze at Burnwell Gas in Mumford.** An employee of Burnwell Gas was injured September 13 after an explosion and a three-alarm blaze at the company's facility, at 1104 Main Street in Mumford, New York. Witnesses reported the smell of gas for about 2 hours prior to the explosion, adding the building was destroyed. The Monroe County Fire Bureau is investigating the cause of the fire that started about 3 p.m. The facility is a storage and distribution site for home heating fuel. Burnwell, part of Griffith Energy, services the Monroe, Livingston and Ontario county areas. The storage capacity for the site is 58,000 gallons of fuel, the Mumford Fire Department chief said. It is unclear how much fuel burned or exploded. "The largest tanks — 30,000, 18,000 and 10,000 gallons — were not affected by the fire and explosion," he said. Nearby homes and businesses were evacuated, and traffic was shut down in all directions. The New York Department of Transportation closed Route 36 in both directions between George Street and Caledonia High School for hours. Several explosions occurred, and at one point, firefighters were ordered to back up beyond 1,000 feet of the fire for fear of additional blasts. Firefighters doused several large intact propane tanks with water to keep them from igniting. Flames could be seen for miles, and explosions heard for more than a mile, witnesses said.
Source: <http://www.democratandchronicle.com/article/20110914/NEWS01/109140328/Explosion-3-alarm-blaze-Burnwell-Gas-Mumford?odysey=nav|head>
3. *September 13, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **Gasoline tanker stolen on Eastern Shore.** The Kent County Sheriff's Office said a tanker truck containing more than 3,000 gallons of gasoline was stolen from Worton, Maryland. The 10-wheel truck with an Alger Oil logo on the tank was stolen from Commerce Lane September 12 or 13. Alger services the upper Eastern Shore and Harford County in Maryland, northern Delaware, and southern Pennsylvania. Officials said the delivery trucks are not usually seen outside the areas they serve. The truck has Maryland license plates: 310E03. A police sergeant said the FBI has been alerted and is assisting with the search for the tanker. He said nothing about the investigation points to terrorism, but in light of a possible terror threat linked to the anniversary of the September 11 attacks and the proximity to Washington D.C., they are taking precautions.
Source: http://www.ldnews.com/state/ci_18887344
4. *September 13, MMD Newswire* – (Louisiana) **OSHA cites ExxonMobil refinery in Baton Rouge, La.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) cited ExxonMobil Refining and Supply Co. in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for violations — 20 serious and 2 other-than-serious — for exposing workers to possible fires and explosions, among other hazards. Proposed penalties total \$126,600 following a March 14 inspection by OSHA's Baton Rouge Area Office at the

company's petroleum refinery on Scenic Highway. The serious violations involve failing to: investigate incidents as being related to process safety management and equipment repair; address inconsistent thickness measurements collected during pressure vessel inspections; maintain accurate and updated engineering drawings; ensure written operating procedures were certified as current and accurate. A serious violation occurs when there is substantial probability that death or serious physical harm could result from a hazard about which the employer knew or should have known. The other-than-serious violations involve failing to ensure that a plate protecting electrical components remained affixed to its housing, and deficiencies identified in the emergency action plan. An other-than-serious violation is one that has a direct relationship to job safety and health, but probably would not cause death or serious physical harm.

Source: <http://www.mmdnewswire.com/exxonmobil-refinery-66528.html>

5. *September 12, New York Post* – (Texas) **Texas utility to idle boilers, coal mines in response to new EPA rule.** Luminant, the largest electricity producer in Texas, announced September 12 it will shut down two of its coal-fired boilers and close three lignite coal mines in response to a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) clampdown on interstate air pollution. To meet tougher limits on sulfur dioxide, a chemical that causes soot, haze and acid rain, the company will idle two units with a combined capacity of 1,200 megawatts at the Monticello Steam Electric Station. The third boiler at the plant, along with both boilers at the Big Brown Steam Electric Station near Fairfield, will be equipped to start burning low-sulfur coal from the Powder River Basin of Wyoming and Montana. Luminant, a division of Dallas-based Energy Future Holdings Corp., said it will stop producing coal at the three Texas lignite mines that provide fuel for the Monticello and Big Brown plants. The company will also spend about \$280 million adding new air pollution controls to the rest of its Texas fleet by the end of 2012. Luminant sued EPA to stop the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule, which was proposed in 2010 and finalized July 2011.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/gwire/2011/09/12/12greenwire-texas-utility-to-idle-boilers-coal-mines-in-re-68196.html>

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Chemical Industry Sector

6. *September 14, Associated Press* – (Massachusetts) **Chemical plant that exploded may be fined \$917K.** The federal workplace safety agency has recommended \$917,000 in fines for a Massachusetts adhesives manufacturer after an explosion injured four workers. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) September 13 announced it had cited Bostik Inc. for what it alleged were 50 violations of workplace safety standards at its plant in Middleton. Officials said a valve was accidentally left open in March, causing acetone vapors to fill the building and ignite. The four injured workers are back on the job. The agency said it identified several "willful violations" by Bostik, including using equipment unapproved for places where flammable gases or

vapors were present. Wisconsin-based Bostik said it is reviewing the findings, and has upgraded the plant since the incident. It has 15 business days to comply, meet the OSHA's area director, or contest the findings.

Source: <http://www.thebostonchannel.com/news/29178921/detail.html>

7. *September 14, Lexington Herald-Leader* – (Kentucky) **Report strongly suggests Blue Grass Army Depot explode mustard rounds.** A final decision has not been made, but preliminary information presented September 13 suggests that more than 15,000 mustard rounds at Blue Grass Army Depot in Richmond, Kentucky, will be exploded inside steel detonation chambers, and not destroyed through a pilot plant under construction in Madison County. A sampling of 96 mustard rounds X-rayed in May and June determined 85 percent had at least a 30 percent solidification of mustard agent, or "heel," in the projectiles, a U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency official said. The presence of heel in the 155mm mustard shells at other facilities across the country has led to complications and delays in the destruction process because solidified agent is difficult to remove, and poses a greater risk to workers than just exploding the rounds in steel vessels. This data will not alter construction plans for the pilot plant that is now more than 40 percent complete, because more than 85 percent of the Blue Grass stockpile contains agent other than mustard. A final report about the X-ray assessment will be made public in October.

Source: <http://www.kentucky.com/2011/09/13/1881314/report-strongly-suggests-depot.html>

8. *September 14, KHOU 11 Houston* – (Texas) **Ethanol leak from train derailment in Hitchcock prompts evacuations.** A train derailment that leaked ethanol from two overturned tank cars forced the evacuation of roughly 40 families in Hitchcock, Texas, September 13, but no injuries were reported, authorities said. A total of six tankers left the track, five of which overturned, a BNSF Railway company spokesman said. Authorities were called about 8 p.m. to the 4200 block of North Railroad in Freddieville, which is an unincorporated area between Hitchcock and Bayou Vista, a sheriff's office spokesman said. Hitchcock firefighters and deputies evacuated residents living south of state Highway 6 between Western Drive and North Railroad. The highway remained closed in both directions at 10:30 p.m., the Hitchcock police chief said.

Source: <http://www.khou.com/news/local/Ethanol-leak-from-train-derailment-in-Hitchcock-prompts-evacuations-129792128.html>

9. *September 13, Belleville News-Democrat* – (Illinois) **Illinois EPA beginning cleanup of environmental hazard site.** Demolition crews September 13 had broken apart and were taking down the giant tube that once ran atop the former Chemetco Inc. foundry plant in Hartford, Illinois. Project managers from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and other public officials watched as giant crane lowered a section of the 250-foot-long and 41,000-pound manifold. The plant was a secondary copper smelting foundry that operated on 41 acres off Illinois 3 from 1969 to 2001, the year the company went bankrupt. Later that year, the IEPA ordered the plant sealed. In 1999, the company was prosecuted for dumping pollutants into Long Lake. It discharged heavy metals and byproducts into the Mississippi River tributary for a

decade. In January 2000, the company, and several executives, pled guilty to conspiracy and to violating the Clean Water Act. An IEPA official said recent samples from the ground water no longer indicate any further trace of contaminants. Chemetco was ordered to pay \$3.86 million in fines, and to pay for the cleanup. On March 2, 2010, the site was placed on the National Priorities List. The IEPA's, project manager of demolition for IEPA, said about 2 feet of iron oxide slag was discovered in pieces of the manifold, which are more than 12 feet in diameter. The giant tube was constructed to remove and collect dust inside the rusting plant. He said the building is expected to be gone by the end of November.

Source: <http://www.bnd.com/2011/09/13/1858306/illinois-epa-beginning-cleanup.html>

10. *September 13, Newark Star-Ledger* – (New Jersey) **Edison businesses evacuated due to chemical leak.** Businesses along Meadow Road in Edison, New Jersey were evacuated and people sent to a nearby street September 13 as firefighters, police, and state authorities tried to control a chemical leak, police said. An Edison police lieutenant said the chemical, titanium tetrachloride, was leaking at a slow rate — drops at a time — and being collected in mineral oil to neutralize it at Equistar Chemical at 340 Meadow Road. The police set up a perimeter around the company, and evacuated people who live near the site. The leak was reported at 12:01 p.m. and occurred as the chemical was transferred from a tanker truck to the facility, police said. The executive director of Edison Wetlands Association, a community-based environmental activist group said the site is along the Raritan River and is the subject of lengthy legal battles by his organization and others because of leaks of toxic chemicals into the river. The evacuation order was lifted about 2 p.m., and workers were allowed to return to the businesses, police said. A spokeswoman for Lyondell Basell, the parent company for Equistar, said the "very small spill" was discovered about 11 a.m. She could not confirm the type of chemical that leaked or the exact amount.

Source:

http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2011/09/edison_businesses_evacuated_du.html

11. *September 13, WITN 7 Washington* – (North Carolina) **New Bern Bridge back open after fertilizer spill shuts it down.** Traffic around New Bern, North Carolina was in chaos the afternoon of September 13 after an accident closed down one side of the Neuse River bridge. State troopers said they had to shut down the northbound lanes of U.S. 17 toward Bridgeton after an accident with a fertilizer truck. Some 50 to 60 gallons of fertilizer spilled on the bridge, and haz-mat crews were called in to clean up the mess. Troopers said there were only minor injuries in the accident. The bridge re-opened around 7 p.m.

Source:

http://www.witn.com/home/headlines/Fertilizer_Spill_Shuts_Down_New_Bern_Bridge_129761248.html

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

12. *September 14, Associated Press* – (Minnesota) **NRC inspecting Monticello nuclear power plant.** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) began conducting a special inspection of the Monticello nuclear power plant in Monticello, Minnesota, September 14 after a blockage in a part of the fire protection sprinkler system was discovered. The blockage was identified and reported September 2. The piping supplies water from the Mississippi River to the sprinkler system in case of a fire in the building. Plant operator Xcel said it assigned a staff member to constantly monitor the intake structure, and is using an alternate line for sprinkler system water. The company is also cleaning the sprinkler system piping, and expects to restore the system to service by September 16. Both the NRC and Xcel said there is no immediate safety concern. Source: <http://wjon.com/nrc-inspecting-monticello-nuclear-power-plant/>

13. *September 13, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission* – (Nevada) **NRC issues final Yucca Mountain technical report, nears closure of license review.** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued the last of three Technical Evaluation Reports (TERs) on the Department of Energy's (DOE) license application for the nuclear waste repository planned for Yucca Mountain, near Las Vegas, September 13, and is nearing the successful completion of its orderly closure of the licensing review process. The report contains the NRC staff's assessment of information DOE provided about a dozen administrative and programmatic areas relating to repository operations. It does not contain any regulatory conclusions about whether DOE's proposal would have satisfied NRC requirements. In addition to the three TERs, the NRC is on schedule to complete the orderly closure of the Yucca Mountain Program by the end of the fiscal year, September 30. Source: http://www.pennenergy.com/index/power/display/1810882605/articles/pennenergy/power/nuclear/2011/september/nrc-issues_final_yucca.html

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

14. *September 14, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **Home fires prompt dehumidifier recall reannouncement from LG Electronics.** LG Electronics Tianjin Appliance Co., in cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) September 14 urged consumers to check if they have recalled Goldstar or Comfort-Aire dehumidifiers. The firm re-announced the recall of about 98,000 of the dehumidifiers that pose a serious fire and burn hazard, and are believed to be responsible for more than \$1 million in property damage. The dehumidifiers were first recalled in December 2009 following 11 incidents, including 4 significant fires. Since that time, the company has received 16 additional incident reports of arcing, smoke, and fire associated with the dehumidifiers, including 9 significant fires. No injuries have been reported. Because of the severity of the risks, the CPSC and LG Electronics are concerned with the lack of consumer response to the recall. Only 2 percent of the 98,000 consumers who purchased the units have received a free repair, which means that many consumers remain at serious risk. Anyone who has the recalled dehumidifiers is strongly encouraged to immediately stop using them, unplug them, and

contact LG Electronics for the free repair.

Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml11/11324.html>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Banking and Finance Sector

15. *September 14, WFTV 9 Orlando* – (Florida) **Orlando bank ATM rigged with skimmer.** A Bank of America ATM on South Kirkman Road in Orlando, Florida, was rigged with a skimmer September 13, Orlando police said. Police said they are searching for two men who they believe installed the skimming device. They said the device was stealing people's credit and debit card numbers since 8:30 p.m. September 13. Surveillance pictures taken from the bank show the two men installing the device. Bank officials caught on to the scam quickly and removed the device. Orlando police said they are looking to see if similar devices have been set up anywhere else in the city.

Source: <http://www.wftv.com/news/29178978/detail.html>

16. *September 14, San Francisco Chronicle* – (California; District of Columbia) **Feinstein aide Kinde Durkee held in alleged fraud.** A U.S. Senator's \$5.2 million re-election war chest may have been "wiped out" by a trusted — and now arrested — treasurer, campaign officials for California's senior Senator said September 13. The Senator's top campaign consultant said First California Bank, which holds campaign funds for the Senator, two Congressional Representatives, and others involved in the alleged fraud, will not allow anyone access to the accounts without signing a release that indemnifies the bank against lawsuits. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have allegedly been misappropriated, and the arrested treasurer had signature authority for more than 400 accounts, according to the FBI. The aide served as treasurer for the Senator's Senate and gubernatorial campaigns in 1992, 1994, 2000, and 2006 as well as her current campaign. She was arrested September 2 on charges she stole or misappropriated \$670,000 from a state assemblyman. The treasurer allegedly commingled and transferred funds among various accounts and used money to pay personal bills, including her American Express card, her mother's assisted-living expenses, and mortgage payments. The FBI complaint said the treasurer used funds to make payroll at her firm, Durkee and Associates. Federal agents said she "admitted she had been misappropriating her clients' money for years, and that forms she filed with the state were false."

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/09/13/MNQ01L4779.DTL>

17. *September 13, Naples Daily News* – (Florida) **Naples police: Texas man caught with 30 fake credit cards.** Police in Naples, Florida, said a Texas resident was carrying 30 counterfeit credit cards found during a routine traffic stop September 12. The 36-year-old man from Houston was arrested near Goodlette-Frank Road and 5th Avenue North after officers found the credit cards in his luggage, according to an arrest report. He faces a single felony charge of possessing counterfeit credit cards. The suspect was pulled over at about 11:45 a.m. September 12 for a broken brake light on his Ford SUV. After seeing several pieces of luggage in the trunk, the officer asked to search the vehicle, the report said. The suspect consented and the officer found 10 Discover cards with a false name on the front. Another 19 Discover cards had the name of a Tampa-based prepaid card company on the front. A counterfeit American Express card was also found, the report said. A Naples detective found the cards had different numbers encoded on magnetic strips than the numbers printed on the front of the cards. Officers also found 10 Wal-Mart gift cards in the luggage totaling \$1,000 in value. “[Police] also believes that due to recent increase in the trafficking of clone and counterfeit credit cards in Collier County, [the suspect] is part of a larger criminal enterprise,” the report said. In the past 3 weeks, deputies from Collier and Lee counties have made four traffic stops resulting in the seizure of 199 counterfeit credit and gift cards. Seven people have been charged or face charges following the traffic stops.
Source: <http://www.naplesnews.com/news/2011/sep/13/naples-police-texas-man-caught-30-fake-credit-card/>

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Transportation Sector

18. *September 14, Associated Press* – (Vermont) **Infrastructure damages could pass \$500M.** Fixing the infrastructure carnage left by Tropical Storm Irene will cost between \$300 million to \$500 million, Vermont's transportation secretary told lawmakers September 13, giving the first public estimates of the cost of repairing dozens of bridges, roads, and culverts wrecked in flooding. That is not counting the damage to municipal roads, which the state transportation secretary told lawmakers will also be "huge." Cleaning up and stabilizing the flood-damaged Waterbury state office complex will cost \$15 million to \$20 million. Progress has been made, thanks to help from National Guard units from five states, transportation workers from three states, an army of private contractors, and help from members of the public who have taken it upon themselves — and their tractors, backhoes, and excavators — to pitch in. According to the Vermont Agency of Transportation, of 139 segments of state routes closed after the August 28 storm, 124 have reopened either to emergency vehicles only, one lane only, or to "varying levels of service." Of 34 state bridges closed, 13 have reopened.
Source: http://www.reformer.com/localnews/ci_18889160
19. *September 13, Associated Press* – (National) **FBI makes arrest in NY for airline bomb threat.** A New York woman being treated for an undisclosed mental condition was charged with calling in a false bomb threat to an Arizona airport because she did not want her mother and brother to fly on a commercial airliner near September 11,

federal authorities said September 13. The suspect, 37, of Lake Ronkonkoma, was released on \$200,000 bond after an initial appearance in federal court on Long Island. She was arrested September 12 after authorities said she admitted making two telephone calls to Tucson International Airport in Tucson, September 10, the day before the 10th anniversary of the September 11th attacks. A 4-page criminal complaint unsealed September 13 alleges the suspect phoned the airport twice September 10, claiming she overheard her boyfriend and several others discussing a bomb plot targeting Southwest Airlines Flight 2475. The threat led authorities at the airport to remove luggage from the plane and conduct a search, including re-screening all passengers. No bomb was found. The woman's mother and brother, who were aboard the plane, arrived safely with the other passengers in New York, following a stop in Baltimore.

Source: <http://news.yahoo.com/fbi-makes-arrest-ny-airline-bomb-threat-191855209.html>

20. *September 13, Associated Press* – (National) **NTSB: Ban truckers calling or texting from road.** Truckers and other commercial drivers should be banned from talking on the phone and texting when they are behind the wheel, a federal safety agency recommended September 13. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) endorsed the ban during a hearing in Washington D.C. after ruling that a truck driver on his phone caused a crash that killed 11 people on a Kentucky interstate in 2010. The board said the ban should include use of hands-free devices. The NTSB chairman said similar recommendations about phone use have already been made in aviation, and for ship operators. The NTSB does not have the power to ban cell calls and texting. It sent its recommendation to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and all 50 states for action. Kentucky is among 34 states that have barred texting for all drivers, but it does not outlaw cellphone calls behind the wheel. The proposed ban would cover commercial driver's license holders while they operate vehicles such as tractor-trailers, buses, or tanker trucks. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimated in 2008 that there were about 2.8 million commercial truckers.

Source: http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/44504312/ns/us_news-life/#.TnCwuOx3jTo

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Postal and Shipping Sector

21. *September 14, GoDanRiver.com* – (North Carolina) **Mailbox bombers on the loose in Reidsville.** The Reidsville Police Department is seeking information regarding the destruction and bottle bombing of several Reidsville, North Carolina mailboxes. According to a press release from the Reidsville Police Department, during the past few weeks, there have been several damaged mailboxes and bottle bombs in several neighborhoods, which includes Crescent Drive, Richardson Drive, Courtland Park, and the Ann Ruston Park area. The release said the explosion can cause a very dangerous situation if someone is present when the bomb explodes. Bottle bombs are made from 2-liter soda bottles, drain cleaner, and foil.

Source: <http://www2.godanriver.com/news/2011/sep/14/mailbox-bombers-loose-reidsville-ar-1306776/>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

22. *September 14, WTMJ 620 Milwaukee* – (Wisconsin) **Evacuation order lifted after reported series of explosions in Sheboygan County.** Sheboygan County sheriff's officials in Wisconsin said an evacuation order has been lifted, and people are returning to their homes in the village of Adell after a reported series of explosions at a farm co-op there. A captain with the Sheboygan County Sheriff's Department said the reported explosions at the Adell Cooperative happened about 3:15 a.m. September 14. Rescue workers evacuated people within 1 mile of the co-op. No one was inside the co-op when the reported explosions happened. Firefighters from 11 different municipalities were fighting the fire, while the Sheboygan County Hazardous Materials Team and the county's fire investigative team also responded. One firefighter suffered an ankle injury. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources went to the site to make sure chemicals did not spill into area streams, rivers, and other waterways.
Source: <http://www.620wtmj.com/news/local/129785533.html>
23. *September 14, RTTNews* – (California; International) **Avocado products recalled on listeria concern.** Fine Mexican Food Products Inc., a manufacturer and distributor of frozen food products, based in Ontario, California, recalled its avocado products due to a possible contamination by listeria bacteria, RTTNews reported September 14. The products subject to recall include, 1,423 cases of 12/2 pound Frozen Avocado Pulp and 1,820 cases IQF 8/3 pound Avocado Halves distributed in California since June 2010. The products have expiration dates of June, July, or August 2012. The recall of the avocado products comes amid the multiple positive Listeria Monocytogenes results in 20-pound size avocado pulp manufactured at the same facility in Peru. Consuming food contaminated with listeria bacteria can cause listeriosis, a potentially fatal disease in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. So far, there have been no reports of illness related to consumption of the company's avocado products. An investigation is underway to find the source of contamination.
Source: <http://www.rttnews.com/Content/TopStories.aspx?Id=1713209&SM=1>
24. *September 13, Des Moines Register* – (Iowa) **Ankeny man rescued after 3 hours in grain bin.** Firefighters freed a 56-year-old Ankeny man trapped for more than 3 hours in a grain bin September 13 at a co-op near Elkhart, Iowa. A helicopter airlifted him to Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines. The 105,000-bushel bin was about one-quarter full of corn when the man was trapped. Two grain elevator employees and an Ankeny firefighter were transported to local hospitals for observation because of dust inhalation. Firefighters dropped boards into the corn bin at Heartland Co-op to construct a box around the man. At 12:55 p.m., the man was carried by gurney to a waiting helicopter. The man fell into the bin while performing interior maintenance, officials said. Per federal safety rules, he wore a harness and a second employee served as a spotter at the top of the bin. The second worker called emergency crews at 9:38

a.m. When firefighters arrived, the man was tethered to the top of the bin, which prevented him from falling in further. Crews ran a vacuum sucking grain out of the bin at about 5-minute intervals, because of the risk of a dust explosion, officials said.

Source:

http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20110913/NEWS/110913009/0/gallery_array/?odyssey=nav|head

25. *September 13, KRQE 13 Albuquerque* – (New Mexico; National) **3 dead from listeria infection in NM.** Three people have died and about half a dozen others are sick after a listeria outbreak — likely from contaminated cantaloupe — reached New Mexico, KRQE 13 Albuquerque reported September 13. Two people in Bernalillo County and another in Curry County have died in the last 2 weeks from the bacterium that causes a gastrointestinal infection. Other cases are also popping up in Chaves, Otero, DeBaca, and Lea counties. While past listeria outbreaks have been linked to deli meats and cheeses made with unpasteurized milk, investigators are trying to figure out where the tainted cantaloupe came from. Other states dealing with listeria outbreaks include Texas, Nebraska, and Colorado.

Source: http://www.krqe.com/dpp/news/health/3-dead-from-listeria-infection-in-nm-?hpt=us_bn7

26. *September 13, Arlington Heights Daily Herald* – (Illinois) **Explosion at Rosati's in Palatine burns employee.** An employee of Rosati's Pizza in Palatine, Illinois, suffered second-degree burns on 40 percent of her body September 13 after an oven-related explosion at the restaurant, authorities said. A Palatine Fire Department captain said the call came in at 3:22 p.m. after two employees tried to relight a pizza oven at the restaurant at 225 W. Dundee Road. The cause of the explosion has not been determined. The female employee was transported first to Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights and then to a burn center at Loyola University Hospital in Maywood. A second employee refused treatment at the scene. Representatives from Nicor were called, and gas service to the entire strip mall was shut off for about an hour because the gas meters were not labeled, the fire captain said. Service was restored to the other units — mostly vacant — except for Rosati's, he said. The Palatine Police Department also responded to the call, and an ambulance from the Arlington Heights Fire Department assisted.

Source: <http://www.dailyherald.com/article/20110913/news/709139629/>

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Water Sector

27. *September 14, Reading Eagle* – (Pennsylvania) **City sewage again spilling into Schuylkill River.** Reading, Pennsylvania, is diverting raw sewage into the Schuylkill River again as crews begin repairs on what has turned out to be two new leaks in the city's rain-swollen sewer main, the Reading Eagle reported September 14. The first leak was discovered September 9, and the second one the week of September 12, but the

river was too high to fix either. Because the 42-inch main has no backup pipe — one is being designed — the city will divert up to 12 million gallons of raw sewage a day into the river so the main can be shut down to repair the leaks, beginning September 13. The new leaks are on either side of a larger leak discovered 2 weeks ago, and 30 yards downstream from a major leak in January 2008. An official said one of the leaks occurred at a steel bend in the pipe, which is easier to weld than cast-iron bends.
Source: <http://readingeagle.com/article.aspx?id=332354>

28. *September 14, Sandusky Register* – (Ohio) **City dumps 3 million gallons of raw sewage into Cold Creek.** Heavy rains forced Sandusky, Ohio, officials to dump 3.15 million gallons of sewer and storm water into Cold Creek near Sandusky Bay September 7 and 8. The city sent a letter to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency September 12, acknowledging the sewage bypassed the normal sewage treatment process and was pumped instead into Cold Creek, where the water then flowed into the bay. A reader who e-mailed the Sandusky Register complained toilet paper could be seen on the bank by the stream, and that the creek smelled like sewage. A city engineer said the wastewater treatment plant recently expanded its capacity, allowing it to treat 42 million gallons of water a day.
Source: <http://www.sanduskyregister.com/sandusky/news/2011/sep/14/3-million-gallons-raw-sewage-dumped-cold-creek>
29. *September 13, Napa Valley Register* – (California) **Water main repairs could take two days.** City crews are assessing two water line breaks that happened September 13, leaving about a dozen Napa households without water, and many more with low water pressure or discolored water. The water manager reported the water division first learned there was a problem when a customer called to report low pressure, and a Jamieson Water Treatment Plant operator noticed a large demand on the system. One break is in southwest Napa, the other is in a field on east side of the Napa River. The breaks, which occurred on the same 36-inch-diameter concrete line that ruptured in May, caused a fire hydrant along Stanly Lane to pop due to a surge in pressure, the water manager said. The hydrant leak was isolated by September 13, but it could take days before normal service returns, officials said.
Source: http://napavalleyregister.com/news/local/water-main-repairs-could-take-two-days/article_9329d2e8-de17-11e0-9b00-001cc4c002e0.html
30. *September 12, Atlanta Journal-Constitution* – (Georgia) **Lake Lanier water levels to drop.** Lake Lanier, already low due to lack of rain, will get even lower, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said September 12. The lake, which provides drinking water to much of the Atlanta area, is currently at 1063.9 feet above sea level, about 7 feet below full pool. For the next few weeks, engineers plan to open the gates at Buford Dam to send more water downstream, which will further drop the lake level. "Due to the declining inflows and increased lake evaporation, augmentation from the lakes will be required to maintain minimum flows in the Chattahoochee and Apalachicola Rivers unless weather conditions change," a Corps' representative said in a press release.
Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/north-fulton/lake-lanier-water-levels-1174907.html>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

31. *September 14, Associated Press* – (Mississippi) **Woman pleads not guilty to chemo fraud charges.** A former cancer clinic worker pleaded not guilty September 13 to 11 federal charges alleging old needles were used on multiple patients and they were given less chemotherapy or cheaper drugs than they were led to believe. Prosecutors said the Rose Cancer Center in Summit, Mississippi, was involved in a multimillion-dollar Medicare and Medicaid fraud. Between 150 and 200 former patients have been tested for HIV and Hepatitis since the clinic was shut down in July, and testing continues. Mississippi Department of Health (MDH) officials said none of the patients tested so far have been infected. MDH officials began investigating after 11 patients went to a hospital with the same infection. Prosecutors said Rose Cancer Center billed Medicaid and Medicare for \$15.1 million in services. The defendants knew the liquid solutions infused into the patients contained a smaller amount of the chemotherapy drugs than the defendants had billed to various health care benefit programs, or contained different, less expensive drugs, the indictment alleges. The clinic also billed the agencies for new syringes for each patient, even though it reused some on multiple people, authorities said. A MDH spokeswoman said the clinic was closed July 20 because of unsafe conditions. Federal authorities began investigating after getting information from a confidential informant that the defendants were shredding and altering documents ahead of an expected audit.
Source: <http://news.yahoo.com/woman-pleads-not-guilty-chemo-fraud-charges-202705047.html>
32. *September 14, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* – (Pennsylvania) **Eight in Turtle Creek get Legionnaires' disease.** Eight people living at the LGAR Health & Rehabilitation Center in Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania, contracted Legionnaires' disease, an Allegheny County Health Department official said September 13. The director of the Allegheny County Health Department said Legionella often spreads when facilities install systems to prevent water from scalding people, causing it to lower in temperature and sometimes become tepid. He said he did not know what caused the Legionella to appear in the LGAR facility. The center has switched to using bottled water, and is using a heavy metal iron system hospitals employ to prevent the spread of the bacteria.
Source: <http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/11257/1174413-56.stm>
33. *September 14, Reuters Legal* – (International) **Dangerous TB spreading at alarming rate in Europe-WHO.** The World Health Organization (WHO) said September 14 a multidrug-resistant and extensively drug-resistant forms of tuberculosis (TB) is spreading at an alarming rate in Europe, and will kill thousands unless health authorities halt the pandemic. Cases of multidrug-resistant (MDR-TB) and extensively drug-resistant TB (XDR-TB) — where the infections are resistant to first-line and then second-line antibiotic treatments — are spreading fast, with about 440,000 new patients every year around the world. According to the WHO and Stop TB, 15 of the 27 countries with the highest burden of MDR-TB are in the WHO's European region,

which includes 53 countries in Europe and Central Asia. Many countries in western Europe also have increasing rates of TB and drug-resistant TB, said the executive secretary of the Stop TB Partnership. Britain's capital, London, has the highest TB rate of any capital city in western Europe with around 3,500 cases a year, 2 percent of which are MDR-TB. Experts say around 7 percent of patients with straightforward TB die, and that the death rate rises to around 50 percent of patients with drug-resistant forms. Treatment regimes for MDR-TB and XDR-TB can stretch i2 or more years, costing up to \$16,000 in drugs alone and up to \$200,000 to \$300,000 per patient if isolation hospital costs, medical care and other resources are considered. The WHO's action plan for tackling tuberculosis emphasizes the need for doctors and patients to be more aware of the disease and its symptoms, to diagnose and treat cases promptly with the right drugs, and follow up with patients over many months or years to ensure they take their medications. The WHO said if the plan is fully implemented — at a cost of aout \$5 billion — 127,000 people will be successfully treated for drug-resistant TB and 120,000 deaths will be averted by 2015. The cost would also be recouped, since 250 000 MDR-TB and 13,000 XDR-TB cases will be prevented, saving \$7 billion in averted treatment costs, the WHO said. It added that prevention of premature deaths among TB patients would add to economic productivity in the region, and generate an extra \$5 billion.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/09/13/tuberculosis-europe-idUSL5E7KC2BR20110913>

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Government Facilities Sector

34. *September 14, CNN* – (Arkansas) **Report: Police shoot Arkansas courthouse gunman dead.** A man who opened fire at an Arkansas courthouse September 13, injuring one person, was shot and killed by police, according to authorities and CNN affiliate KFSM 5 Fort Smith. The man, 48, was shot once in the torso and once in the head, and later died of his injuries in a Fort Smith, Arkansas, hospital, according to KFSM. Police said he was armed with three semi-automatic handguns and a semi-automatic rifle when he entered the Crawford County Courthouse in Van Buren. He was also wearing a tactical vest with webbing, enabling him to carry additional ammunition. Authorities told KFSM that he entered the office of the Crawford County Division 1 judge about 4:45 p.m. September 13. The judge is believed to have presided over a divorce and custody hearing involving the suspect, the station reported. "As he entered the office, he demanded to see the judge," a sheriff said. "When they told him the judge was not in ... is when he started firing." The man fired some 70 rounds, police said. But surveillance camera footage showed his gun malfunctioned several times, the sheriff noted. The judge's secretary sustained a non-life-threatening wound to the leg, KFSM reported.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2011/CRIME/09/14/arkansas.courthouse.shooting/>

35. *September 14, Scranton Times-Tribune* – (Illinois) **Carbondale high school fire ruled arson.** A fire that broke out September 12 in a home economics room at Carbondale Area High School in Carbondale, Pennsylvania, was intentionally set, according to a

state police trooper. The blaze started on a stove in a kitchenette area after the school was closed and no students were believed to be in the building, the Carbondale fire chief said. A maintenance employee discovered the fire after opening the door to the classroom and finding the room filled with smoke. A fire inspector at the state police barracks in Dunmore determined it was arson. Firefighters were able to knock it down quickly, confining it to the classroom. Classes in the high school were canceled September 13, but resumed September 14 after an inspection by the department of agriculture and health. The fire burned the ceiling, light fixtures and a wall, and caused widespread smoke damage throughout the high school.

Source: <http://thetimes-tribune.com/news/carbondale-high-school-fire-ruled-arson-1.1203041?cache=03D163D03D163Dp%253FparentPage%253D2.644%3FparentPage%3D2.1188#axzz1Xw9H2iS>

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Emergency Services Sector

36. *September 14, KAIT 8 Jonesboro* – (Arkansas) **One killed, one airlifted in truck accident at Walnut Ridge police station.** A bizarre accident left one man dead and another injured after a pick-up truck plowed through the Walnut Ridge Police Station in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, September 13. Arkansas State Police are still investigating. Many in town gathered at the scene, and pieces of the truck were even scattered around the railroad tracks. According to the police chief, the driver, a 37 year-old male, was killed in the accident. The only person inside the department was an animal control officer, who got pinned beneath rubble and brick. He was later transported to Lawrence Memorial Hospital, and air-lifted to the Med in Memphis. Now police officers are trying to pick up the pieces and spent the remainder of the day packing files and clearing out important documents. The police chief said the building is a total loss. For now, the department will conduct business from the Walnut Ridge Fire Department. Source: <http://www.todaysthv.com/news/article/173026/2/One-killed-one-airlifted-in-truck-accident-at-Walnut-Ridge-police-station>

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Information Technology Sector

37. *September 14, Softpedia* – (International) **Malware hidden in Windows help files.** Viruses and other malicious software contained in simple help files are not news to Internet security specialists, but the fact these pieces of malware are sent using e-mail messages is part of a more recent scheme deployed by cybercriminals to fool unsuspecting victims, Softpedia reported September 14. Symantec's blog indicates these new targeted attacks that come as e-mails and infect computers with malicious applications are used by those who control them to take over users' virtual lives.

Targeted attacks are not uncommon, in many cases hiding under "innocent" formats such as jpg, avi, doc, and pdf. Other such methods imply the forgery of executable icons to make them look like harmless file formats. As many users know, .hlp extensions are normally handled by Windows Help and they contain information on how to work with certain applications and facilities. This new technique used by hackers is very efficient because typically a vulnerability must be exploited for an attack code to be executed; and if the target computer's security is up to date, the hit will probably fail. Help files, however, call Windows API to be executed and thus run the planted code along with it. While the victim only sees a blank Windows Help window, the system is being infected with malware. Symantec researchers state that so far they have not seen any .hlp files with forged icons, so it is fairly easy to visually identify them by the large question mark contained in the blue circle.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Malware-Hidden-in-Windows-Help-Files-221611.shtml>

38. *September 14, H Security* – (International) **Another Apache update due to byte range flaw.** The Apache Foundation announced September 14 that the newly released version 2.2.21 of its free Web server is essentially a bug fix and security release. In particular, the developers focused on the vulnerability that makes servers susceptible to denial-of-service attacks. The new version corrects and complements the first fix, which was released 2 weeks ago. It corrects an incompatibility with the HTTP definition and changes the interpretation of the MaxRange directive. It also fixes flaws in mod_proxy_ajp, a module that provides support for the Apache JServ protocol. Users are advised to update their Apache installations as soon as possible. However, those who use Apache 2.0 will still need to wait: corrections for this version are scheduled to be incorporated in the release of version 2.0.65 in the near future. Those who use version 1.3 are not affected by the byte range bug.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Another-Apache-update-due-to-byte-range-flaw-1343066.html>

39. *September 13, The Register* – (International) **Bittorrent.com's software download hacked to serve malware.** Attackers hijacked two popular Bittorrent Web sites September 13 and tampered with their download mechanisms, causing visitors trying to obtain file-sharing software to instead receive malware. The hacks on bittorrent.com and utorrent.com replaced the sites' standard software downloads with a piece of fake antivirus software known as Security Shield, an advisory warned. Anyone who downloaded and installed software from those sites between 4:20 a.m. and 6:10 a.m. PST should scan their systems immediately for infections. Once installed, Security Shield delivers false reports a computer is infected with multiple pieces of malware, and prompts the user for payment before claiming to disinfect the machine. The attack affected only users who downloaded and installed software from bittorrent.com and utorrent.com during the 1 hour and 50 minute window that the sites were compromised.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/09/13/bittorrent_malware_hack/

40. *September 13, CNET News* – (International) **Microsoft issue fixes, blacklists more DigiNotar certificates.** Microsoft and Adobe released security fixes September 13, and Microsoft blacklisted six more root certificates in the wake of a breach at DigiNotar

that allowed fraudulent SSL certificates to be issued. As part of its monthly Patch Tuesday, Microsoft released 5 security bulletins, none of which are critical, plugging 15 holes. Affected software includes Windows, Office, Excel, SharePoint, Windows Server, and Office Web Apps. More details are in the advisor that Microsoft accidentally posted online 4 days early before removing it to save it for September 13. Meanwhile, Microsoft revoked certificates signed by two certificate authorities, Entrust and Cybertrust, which had issued certificates on behalf of DigiNotar. DigiNotar was hacked and more than 500 secure sockets layer (SSL) certificates were fraudulently issued, including one that was used in an attack involving spoofing Google.com to spy on Gmail of users in Iran. Microsoft, Google Chrome, Firefox, Opera, Adobe, and Apple now blacklist the certificates. Meanwhile, Adobe issued fixes September 13 for critical vulnerabilities in Adobe Reader and Acrobat that could allow an attacker to take control of a computer.

Source: http://news.cnet.com/8301-1009_3-20105680-83/microsoft-issue-fixes-blacklists-more-diginotar-certificates/

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

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Communications Sector

41. *September 14, FierceCable* – (International) **Major outage hits Dish Network.** A malfunctioning satellite left Dish Network subscribers nationwide unable to watch HD channels the night of September 13. While service to some national cable networks had been restored by September 14, the DBS (direct-broadcast satellite) provider is still unable to deliver local broadcast channels to subscribers in some markets. Dish said it has been "experiencing an interruption" impacting the 129 orbital satellite location, according to a statement posted on its Web site. Dish relies on the satellite at the 129 orbital slot to deliver hundreds of national cable networks and local channels in HD, including ESPN, TBS, TNT, USA Network, and The Weather Channel. The outage resulted in a flood of messages from Dish subscribers on Twitter and online forums for DBS users. Dish has also been using Twitter to communicate with subscribers. The company has told subscribers that have lost HD channels that if they reboot their set-tops, they will be able to watch channels in standard definition. It is not clear what caused the satellite outage, how many subscribers were impacted, and what Dish is doing to restore service.

Source: <http://www.fiercecable.com/story/major-outage-hits-dish-network/2011-09-14>

42. *September 13, Salt Lake Tribune* – (Utah) **Millard County phone, Internet service restored.** Telephone and Internet connections were fully restored September 12 to several areas of Millard County, Utah, after copper thieves brought the services down for 3,800 customers September 10 and 11. A spokeswoman for Frontier Communications said that outage was repaired and services restored by mid-day September 12. However, a second, unrelated outage again knocked out Internet service to the same area at 1:19 p.m. That second outage was blamed on a “defective electronics card at another carrier location,” the spokeswoman said. She did not further detail where that failure occurred, except to say service from that outage had been restored by 9:30 p.m. A West Jordan police spokesman said alleged copper thieves cut a fiber optics line in West Jordan to trigger the initial outage. He said the thieves ended up stealing about \$300 in copper wiring, but repairs cost about \$10,000. The theft occurred about 10 p.m. September 10 near 5700 West and 7800 South.
Source: <http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/52575226-78/outage-restored-west-internet.html.csp>
43. *September 13, Voice of San Diego* – (California) **During blackout, unwelcome sound on radio: static.** When the power went out September 8, the number of news sources accessible to many San Diegans dwindled down to one: radio station AM 600 KOGO. TVs and computers stopped working. Cell phones struggled to make calls or get online. And much of the radio dial turned to static as at least a dozen stations vanished from the airwaves, in some cases failing to reappear until the next morning. KFMB-AM and KPBS-FM, the region's two other news stations, both went off the air, although KFMB returned by the evening. Until then, KOGO almost entirely dominated the local news world. Its staffers were a lifeline to many, piecing together what was happening during the blackout's first minutes, when San Diego Gas & Electric remained unreachable. The blackout spotlighted just how much the county's emergency news broadcasting relies on KOGO. Both KOGO and its emergency-alert system backup, a sister sports talk radio station called KLSD/1360 AM, are housed in the same building and use transmitters that are less than two miles apart. Now, however, KPBS is poised to provide another backup. The station, which went off the air during both the blackout and 2007 wildfires, is buying a \$10,000 mobile unit that will allow it to stay on the air during a disaster even if its transmitter and studios are damaged. The unit, expected to arrive in the next few weeks in time for wildfire season, will allow KPBS to broadcast at limited strength in a power outage, a spokeswoman said.
Source: http://www.voiceofsandiego.org/this_just_in/article_307c3f1c-de6e-11e0-8bc0-001cc4c03286.html
44. *September 13, Washington Post* – (National) **FCC calls for more LightSquared testing as complaints continue about GPS interference.** The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) said September 13 that satellite venture LightSquared must do further testing of its proposed terrestrial mobile broadband network, amid a firestorm of criticism by aviation, defense and agricultural agencies and industries about interference with global positioning systems. The FCC, which has been criticized for its handling of LightSquared's waiver to conditionally launch a terrestrial network, said in a public notice September 13 that a proposed solution to interference problems needs more testing. Specifically, LightSquared said last June it

would move its terrestrial transmitters — which were granted through the FCC waiver — to a lower part of the satellite spectrum it shares with GPS receivers. That helped with some interference problems, but not for high precision GPS receivers, including devices used for national security and aviation applications, the FCC said. “Additional testing is therefore necessary,” the FCC said in its notice. The agency has defended a controversial waiver it granted last January that allows LightSquared to operate smartphones and other devices on its 4G LTE network. The FCC said the waiver is conditional and won’t allow the company to light up the network until GPS interference issues are resolved. The National Telecommunications & Information Administration (NTIA) September 9 sent a letter to senior officials at the Department of Defense and Federal Aviation Administration, asking for the agencies to coordinate with LightSquared on further testing of technology for interference with GPS. The NTIA head asked for the tests to be complete by November 30, and said a second round of tests would be necessary after that.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/post-tech/post/fcc-calls-for-more-lightsquared-testing-as-complaints-continue-about-gps-interference/2011/09/13/gIQAXgEJQK_blog.html

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Commercial Facilities Sector

45. *September 14, San Francisco Bay City News* – (California) **Police evacuate apartment building after explosion.** Palo Alto, California police and firefighters responded to a small explosion in a Palo Alto apartment complex late September 13. The building was evacuated and traffic was halted in the surrounding area due to toxic gas, police said. A resident of the building reported the explosion and subsequent noxious odor in a 911 call at 7:20 p.m. The Palo Alto Fire Department located the source of the odor in a pool supply area beneath a stairwell. Firefighters found a 5-gallon bucket containing a chlorine-based substance that was violently "off gassing," police said. The substance was removed and firefighters were able to stop the hazardous fumes. Residents were allowed to return to their apartments around 9:30 p.m. Seven residents and one Palo Alto firefighter were evaluated for exposure to the substance and were treated on the scene. Firefighters stored the substance for further evaluation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms. Investigators do not yet know if the explosion was accidental or intentional.

Source: <http://paloalto.patch.com/articles/police-evacuate-apartment-building-after-explosion>

46. *September 13, CNN* – (New Jersey) **Man allegedly uses stun gun on fans at Jets game.** In spite of heightened security due to a terror threat on the 10th anniversary of the September 11th attacks, a South Carolina man was apparently able to sneak a stun gun into a professional football game in New Jersey and fired it into the crowd, police said September 13. The 59-year-old allegedly used the stun gun on three men in an upperdeck scuffle at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey during a

National Football League game between the New York Jets and Dallas Cowboys September 11, according to a New Jersey police official. The three men suffered minor injuries, he said. The suspect was charged with three counts of aggravated assault, possession of a stun gun, and possession of a weapon for unlawful purposes. He was taken to the Bergen County Jail and later released on \$22,500 bail. The chief executive of MetLife Stadium said the stun gun involved in the incident was the size of a small cell phone.

Source:

http://www.cnn.com/2011/CRIME/09/13/new.york.jets.taser/index.html?hpt=us_c2

47. *September 13, WTVF 5 Nashville* – (Tennessee) **2 arrested after meth making chemicals found in Nashville motel.** Two women were arrested after police discovered meth and meth-making materials inside a south Nashville, Tennessee motel September 13. One of the suspects was charged with felonious possession of meth, initiating the process to manufacture meth, and unlawful use of drug paraphernalia. The other suspect was charged with initiating the process to manufacture meth, and unlawful use of drug paraphernalia. Investigators said they found chemicals to use meth inside a cooler, a small amount of meth, and 16 hypodermic needles to inject meth inside a room at a Super 8 motel. Police said the two women were decontaminated, along with a man who had been inside the room as well. Six people were evacuated from six rooms in the immediate vicinity of the room where they found the chemicals. Source: <http://www.newschannel5.com/story/15452121/2-arrested-after-meth-making-chemicals-found-in-nashville-motel>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

48. *September 14, Duluth News Tribune* – (Minnesota) **Pagami Creek fire largest Minnesota fire since 1918.** A fire that started August 18 with a bolt of lightning and a puff of smoke in Minnesota jolted to life early the week of September 12, storming across 25 miles of forest, blackening 100,000 acres. Hundreds of campers were escorted out of the 1.1 million-acre Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) while others had to flee for their lives. More than 100 homes and 36 businesses were evacuated on the eastern and southern reaches of the fire in Lake and Cook counties. The fire has burned across more than 156 square miles. It is by far the largest forest fire in Minnesota since 1918. So far, the Pagami Creek fire has not destroyed any homes, and only one small structure has burned, a relief cabin for Minnesota Department of Natural Resources conservation officers on Insula Lake. Much of the eastern BWCAW has been closed, with only access points north and west of Ely and northeast of the Gunflint Trail remaining open. The governor directed the Minnesota National Guard to assist in firefighting efforts. Four Blackhawk helicopters were ordered to the area to support firefighters with water drops where needed. The Duluth-based 148th fighter unit will provide refueling for the St. Paul-based helicopters. The Blackhawks join the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' CL-

215 water bombers as well as smaller aircraft and helicopters. A giant water-dropping helicopter also has been ordered along with additional ground crews.

Source: <http://www.duluthnewtribune.com/event/article/id/209327/group/homepage/>

49. *September 14, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Wildfires damage nearly all of Bastrop State Park.** About 95 percent of Bastrop State Park in Central Texas has been blackened by wildfires, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department said the week of September 12. Officials said the 6,500-acre park, located 25 miles east of Austin, will likely be closed through October. Officials said all 13 stone and wooden cabins, built in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps, have survived wildfires that flared the week of September 5. The park has National Historic Landmark status. Crews plan to check other park structures for damage September 15. The superintendent said the park house where he and his family live survived the flames. He said officials are concerned that the park suffered a tremendous loss of wildlife, including endangered Houston toads.

Source: <http://www.statesman.com/news/texas/wildfires-damage-nearly-all-of-bastrop-state-park-1857303.html>

50. *September 14, Associated Press* – (Montana) **3K marijuana plants found in national forest.** Officials in western Montana said they removed and destroyed an estimated 3,000 marijuana plants and an extensive drip irrigation system September 13 from a 3-acre growing operation spotted during aerial surveillance of the Lolo National Forest. The U.S. Forest Service and the Mineral County Sheriff's Office said the plants had a street value estimated at \$8 million, and were found laid out in terraces on a steep hillside camouflaged by other vegetation. No suspects were observed at the site when it was discovered in mid-July, and officers believe the area has been abandoned. Officials asked anyone who may have seen suspicious activity in the Superior District of the forest to contact law enforcement. The marijuana plants appeared to be 2-3 feet tall in photos released by the Lolo National Forest. Some were growing in terraces about 2-foot wide cut into the side of a hill, while others were in rows of four growing along a decommissioned forest road.

Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/article/3K-marijuana-plants-found-in-national-forest-2169580.php>

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Dams Sector

51. *September 14, Canberra Times* – (International) **Safety concerns stop work on Cotter Dam.** Work on a key section of the Cotter Dam project in Canberra, Australia, was placed on emergency hold September 13 after WorkSafe raised fears for the safety of construction staff working on the dam wall. "WorkSafe put a prohibition notice on them preventing concrete placement on the right-hand side abutment wall until the integrity of the formwork has been rectified and assured," the commissioner said. An Actew Corporation spokesman said Bulk Water Alliance managers would meet WorkSafe inspectors September 14 for a follow-up inspection. He said the issues related to the formwork designed to support a pour of concrete. The \$363 million

project remains on budget despite rain delays and the discovery of a geological fault at the base of the new dam wall, which took out \$10 million of the project's contingency budget, and set the project back by several months.

Source: <http://www.canberratimes.com.au/news/local/news/general/safety-concerns-stop-work-on-cotter-dam/2291048.aspx>

52. *September 14, Luzerne County Reporter* – (Pennsylvania) **Levee damage could cost millions.** The Wyoming Valley Levee likely has millions of dollars in damage from holding back the Susquehanna River, the chief engineer for Luzerne County, Pennsylvania said September 13. The stress on the wall is one of the main issues officials must address in the aftermath of the record-high river levels that were experienced. The federal government will likely fund most of the repairs, though the state and county may be required to pay a portion. Engineers were scheduled to meet with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers September 14 to examine damage to the 15-mile flood control system and start coming up with a repair plans. One of the biggest fixes will be at the section of levee that runs behind the Forty Fort Cemetery, where the earthen levee meets the part of the levee made of interlocked sheetpile capped with a concrete casing, officials said. Parts of the \$250 million levee system that developed boils must also be addressed, officials said. About 1,000 tons of dirt and rock were dumped on a large boil behind the county recreational complex near the Wyoming Valley Airport in Forty Fort, one official said. The Army Corps also will check for signs of erosion on the river side that would require stabilization.

Source: http://www.timesleader.com/news/Levee_damage_could_cost_millions_09-14-2011.html

53. *September 13, Fort Washington Montgomery News* – (Pennsylvania) **Heavy rains cause officials to closely monitor Loch Alsh Reservoir Dam.** With the multiple rain storms that have hit the area in the past few weeks, local officials are paying special attention to the Loch Alsh Reservoir Dam in Upper Dublin Township, Pennsylvania. The dam is part of the Ambler Borough Water Department. Water level at the dam caused concern after downpours from Hurricane Irene the weekend of August 27 and 28, and the remnants of Tropical Storm Lee September 7. On September 8, Upper Dublin received 5 inches of rain in a 3-hour period, causing water to overtop the dam, according to the press release. Officials quickly responded to lower the water level, and it was no longer overtopping as of the early afternoon, according to a joint press release from town and water officials. Ambler Borough is using a pump to further lower the amount of water behind the dam, and has been in contact with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The dam was placed on the DEP's list of unsafe high hazard dams in 2006 after engineers determined the dam's spillway can withstand only 7 percent of a probable maximum flood storm event.

Source:

http://www.montgomerynews.com/articles/2011/09/13/ambler_gazette/news/doc4e6f94c48d2b2780572605.txt?viewmode=fullstory

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