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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 15, Chico Enterprise-Record* – (California) **Fuel spill closes Hwy. 70.** A crash between a Caltrans utility truck with a front mounted snow plow and a tanker truck loaded with 8,800 gallons of fuel closed Highway 70 near Pulga, California, for almost 7 hours September 14, and clean up could affect traffic during the next 3 days. There were no injuries in the 6:38 a.m. crash, caused when the driver of the eastbound tanker swerved onto the shoulder of 70 near the Pulga Caltrans maintenance yard, and struck the plow on the Caltrans truck. A California Highway Patrol (CHP) officer said the Caltrans driver was leaving the yard to do a routine patrol of the canyon, looking

for boulders that had fallen onto the road. As the tanker passed and swerved to the right, it made enough contact with the plow to rip off several of its fuel valves. The CHP officer said 1,800 gallons of gas drained from one of the tanker cells in less than 5 minutes. Fuel in the other cells reportedly did not escape. The officer said the gasoline damaged a large section of the roadway, which will have to be replaced.

Source: http://www.chicoer.com/news/ci_18899670

2. *September 14, Wilmington Star-News* – (North Carolina) **State fines Progress Energy in safety review.** North Carolina officials levied \$31,500 in fines against Progress Energy September 13 after an inspection of its Sutton power plant in Wilmington revealed nine workplace violations. The review was prompted by the death of a company employee earlier this year. The inspection, commissioned after a 24-year-old instrument and control technician was killed by an explosion during routine maintenance work, uncovered safety issues at the coal-fired plant off U.S. 421 ranging from the absence of warning signs to improper procedures. The power company was given 15 business days to pay the fines. A Progress spokesman said the company was reviewing the findings and expected to make a decision on whether to challenge them. The safety inspection by the North Carolina Department of Labor, the first for the Sutton plant in its 57-year history, came in response to the March 15 death of a worker who was working on a generator in a cramped space when a work fan or light ignited hydrogen in the unit and caused it to blow up.

Source:

<http://www.starnewsonline.com/article/20110914/ARTICLES/110919853/1004/ARTICLES?Title=Nine-violations-found-at-Progress-Energy-s-Sutton-plant-in-Wilmington&tc=ar>

3. *September 14, NBC Philadelphia* – (Maryland; Pennsylvania) **Stolen Md. gas tanker turns up in Philly.** A stolen tanker truck containing more than 3,000 gallons of gasoline that was taken from Maryland's Eastern Shore earlier this week was found in Philadelphia, September 13. The tanker was found by patrol officers around 4 p.m. on the 6800 block of Greenway Avenue, according to Philadelphia Police. The 10-wheel truck bearing an Alger Oil logo on the tank was stolen from Commerce Lane in Worton, Maryland, September 12 or 13. It appeared this incident was nothing more than a theft, and that whoever took the truck likely hot-wired it, officials on the scene said. There was still gasoline in the truck. Crews cleared the truck of anything suspicious and September 13, the truck was towed away by Alger.

Source: <http://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/breaking/129834138.html>

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Chemical Industry Sector

4. *September 14, BBC News* – (International) **Hungarian toxic chemical sludge spill firm fined.** An aluminium producer in Hungary has been fined 472 million euros (410 million pounds) over a spillage of toxic sludge last year, BBC News reported September 14. Ten people died and serious damage to the environment was caused by the leak at a MAL Zrt plant in early October. A government statement said the fine

reflected the unprecedented volume of hazardous material released when reservoir walls were breached. Some 184 million gallons flooded out. The company has 2 weeks to pay the fine or appeal. The alkaline substances — a byproduct of aluminium production — flooded into nearby towns and villages and across agricultural land in western Hungary. It eventually spread across an area of more than 15 square miles, and reached the River Danube, injuring more than 150 people. Officials said it was Hungary's worst chemical accident, but the firm was allowed to resume production barely 2 weeks after the incident.

Source: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-14922301>

5. *September 14, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (Minnesota; National) **Minnesota companies agree to halt sale of amino-acid products with unapproved claims.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced September 14 that two Minnesota companies have agreed to halt distribution of amino-acid products marketed to treat a number of diseases, until requirements of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) are met. West Duluth Distribution Co., a corporation doing business as CHK Nutrition, and NeuroResearch Clinics Inc., both of Duluth, and their owners or principals, signed a consent decree of permanent injunction. The FDA complaint said CHK's amino-acid products are marketed with claims they may cure, mitigate, or treat diseases. The products are not the subject of approved new drug applications, nor do they qualify for exemption from the premarket approval process as investigational new drugs. The consent decree prohibits the defendants from distributing products into interstate commerce unless and until they remove the drug claims from their Web sites. The defendants also agreed to hire an expert to review the claims they make for their amino-acid products, and certify they have omitted all violative claims. Under the decree, the FDA can order the defendants to stop distributing their products if they fail to comply with the FFDCA or the terms of the decree. The FDA complaint was based on evidence from a July 2010 inspection of CHK and NeuroResearch. It was also based on a link the FDA found on CHK's Web site that went to a page on NeuroResearch's Web site that touted "amino-acid therapy" for treatment of Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease, depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder, attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder, fibromyalgia, and other illnesses. Despite FDA warnings to stop making unapproved drug claims, CHK and NeuroResearch did not do so.

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2011/09/14/3909314/fda-minnesota-companies-agree.html>

6. *September 14, California Health Line* – (California) **Calif. study: Chemicals might alter effectiveness of breast cancer drugs.** Two chemicals that often are used in consumer products — bisphenol-A and methylparaben — might decrease the effectiveness of breast cancer drugs, according to a study from physicians at California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco, the San Francisco Chronicle reported September 13. The paper said a growing body of evidence has linked BPA and methylparaben — which are found in plastic containers, cans and personal care products — to hormonal problems and reproductive health issues. For the study, slated to be published in the journal *Carcinogenesis*, researchers took noncancerous breast cells from high-risk patients and found that when exposed to BPA and methylparaben,

the cells behaved like cancer cells. Exposure to the breast cancer drug tamoxifen failed to halt growth of the cells. The researchers concluded BPA and methylparaben mimic the hormone estrogen, which can drive cancer. Further, they found the chemicals appear to have a stronger effect than estrogen in inhibiting the efficacy of cancer-fighting drugs. Meanwhile, bill AB 1319 that would ban BPA from some infant products is before California's governor. The legislation would ban BPA in infant bottles or cups that are manufactured or sold in California.

Source: <http://www.californiahealthline.org/articles/2011/9/14/calif-study-chemicals-might-alter-effectiveness-of-breast-cancer-drugs.aspx>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

7. *September 15, Knoxville News Sentinel* – (Tennessee) **At last, ORNL hot site gets its due.** The Department of Energy's contractors at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Oak Ridge, Tennessee began excavation and cleanup on a radioactive materials containment tank that leaked its contents into groundwater. The work began the week of September 12 on the 4,000 gallon tank once used for underground storage of liquid radioactive waste and the highly radioactive soil surrounding it. Based on prior reports, the site has probably been leaking radioactive materials since the 1980s, if not before then. The contractor in charge of cleanup said about 355 cubic yards of hot soil and other wastes will be taken from the site and shipped to the Nevada National Security Site for disposal. "The soils will be packaged in lead-lined boxes and shipped off site for disposal because they do not meet the waste acceptance requirements for the on-site disposal facility," the contractor said.

Source: <http://blogs.knoxnews.com/munger/2011/09/at-last-ornl-hot-site-gets-its.html>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

8. *September 15, U.S. Department of Transportation* – (National) **NHTSA recall notice - Daimler Trucks electronic stability control.** The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration announced September 15 Daimler Trucks issued a recall for 47,000 model year 2006-2012 Freightliner Business Class M2, Cascadia, Century, Columbia, Coronado, and Sterling A-Line vehicles built with Meritor Wabco electronic stability control (ESC) systems manufactured from September 15, 2005 through September 1, 2011. Under certain driving conditions, vehicle body roll and road inclination characteristics may adversely affect the slip angle calculation of the ESC system. This might cause the ESC to perceive an oversteering situation and apply the outer wheel brake on the front axle until the vehicle is perceived to be stable. If the driver is slow to react, the vehicle may deviate from the intended line of travel increasing the risk of a crash. Daimler Trucks will notify owners, and dealers will replace the ESC module with the appropriate software version as necessary. An interim owner notification will

be mailed on or about November 1.

Source: http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rcl_ID=11V465000&summary=true&prod_id=657806&PrintVersion=YES

9. *September 15, U.S. Department of Transportation* – (National) **NHTSA recall notice - Kia Sorento air bags**. September 15 the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration announced Kia issued a recall for 10,631 model year 2007-2008 Sorento cars manufactured from June 15, 2006 through November 27, 2007. The front passenger air bag may be turned off when an adult is in the passenger seat. The front passenger air bag is designed to be turned off in limited circumstances, including when children and small adults are seated in the front passenger seat, there is a child restraint in that seat, or the seat is not occupied. The vehicle's occupant classification systems (OCS) may misclassify an adult passenger as a child or child seat, and improperly turn off the air bag. When it is deactivated the "passenger air bag off" light will illuminate on the center instrument panel. In such a case, the front passenger will not have the protection of the passenger air bags in some frontal collisions, thus increasing the risk of occupant injury. Kia will remedy this by updating the programming in the Sorento OCS control module.

Source: http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rcl_ID=11V473000&summary=true&prod_id=222053&PrintVersion=YES

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Banking and Finance Sector

10. *September 15, swissinfo* – (International) **UBS hit by \$2 billion rogue-trader losses**. A rogue trader has cost Switzerland's largest bank, UBS, about \$2 billion in losses -- the biggest such scandal in Swiss financial history. UBS warned the unauthorized trading by one of its investment bankers is likely to negatively impact its third quarter results. A 31-year-old man was arrested in London, England, under suspicion of fraud. Details are scarce, with the bank only estimating losses and refusing to elaborate on what markets the rogue trades took place. UBS said no clients were affected, leading some to conclude the employee was gambling with the bank's own money. UBS launched an investigation into how internal controls failed to spot the fraud and the regulator, the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority (Finma) was alerted. The estimated \$2 billion losses would list the UBS scandal among the world's biggest rogue trading frauds. The discovery of a rogue trader is the latest in a series of blows that has pounded UBS in the past 3 years. The bank is also facing a series of lawsuits in the United States from clients and institutions that lost money during the financial crisis.

Source: [http://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/business/UBS_hit_by_\\$2_billion_rogue-trader_losses.html?cid=31145086](http://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/business/UBS_hit_by_$2_billion_rogue-trader_losses.html?cid=31145086)

11. *September 15, Help Net Security* – (California; International) **Russian cyber criminal steals \$3.2 million in 6 months.** A Russian resident in his early 20s is believed to be the leader of a tightly knit gang using banking Trojans and money mules to earn themselves millions of dollars. The actions of this group have been followed for awhile by Trend Micro researchers, who said "Soldier" — as the young gang leader is known in the criminal underground — has managed to steal more than \$3.2 millions in only 6 months, starting in January 2011. To that effect, he uses a variety of malware: the SpyEye and Zeus Trojans for stealing online banking and other credentials, and a number of exploit kits to install them on target computers. The overwhelming majority of the infected computers are located in the United States, where the money mules recruited by an accomplice believed to reside in Hollywood, California, are also located. The researchers have analyzed the IP addresses recorded by one of his SpyEye botnet's command and control centers and have come to the conclusion that computers from various organizations and businesses were compromised, including those belonging to the U.S. government and military, educational and research institutions, airports, banks, and other companies. They believe all these organizations were not the main target of this gang. They were after easy money that could be gained by stealing online banking credentials and accessing the victims' accounts, or by selling other stolen log-in credentials such as those for social networks, e-mails, and PayPal. "Compromise on such a mass scale is not that unusual for criminals using toolkits like SpyEye, but the amounts stolen and the number of large organizations potentially impacted is cause for serious concern," said the researchers, who are in the process of informing the owners of the enslaved machines about their findings.
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=11628>
12. *September 15, Sacramento Business Journal* – (California) **Five Sacramentans indicted in \$26M real-estate investment fraud.** A federal grand jury in Sacramento, California, September 14 returned a 27-count indictment for mail fraud, wire fraud, and investment fraud against five people from Sacramento associated with Diversified Management Consultants. Diversified operated as an umbrella group for investment clubs, which the indictment states defrauded 180 victims out of about \$26 million. The consultants allegedly got people to invest their savings, tax-deferred retirement savings, and money from residential loan refinancing into investments. The investments were purported to include buying and developing property. According to the indictment, the money from new investors was used to pay off returns to earlier investors, and for the luxury lifestyle of the defendants.
Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/sacramento/news/2011/09/15/sacramento-indicted-real-estate-fraud.html>
13. *September 14, Associated Press* – (Oregon; Washington) **Guilty plea for 'River Rat Bandit' in bank jobs.** A 34-year-old man pleaded guilty September 14 in federal court to four Portland, Oregon, bank robberies attributed to the "River Rat Bandit." The River Rat is blamed for a 2009 series of armed robberies on both sides of the Columbia River that netted more than \$96,000. In addition to the four Portland bank jobs, the Oregonian

reports that the robber hit 14 banks or check cashing outlets in Washington, from Clark County to the Puget Sound area. Prosecutors said the man relied on an accomplice to drive the getaway vehicle. The driver was earlier sentenced to 18 years. Under the plea agreement, the bandit is expected to serve 28 years in federal prison and be ordered to pay nearly \$25,000. The newspaper said prosecutors in the Washington counties of Clark, King, and Pierce are expected to accept guilty pleas from the bandit, and allow him to serve those sentences concurrently with his federal term.

Source: <http://www.seattlepi.com/news/article/Guilty-plea-for-River-Rat-Bandit-in-bank-jobs-2171474.php>

14. *September 14, Miami Herald* – (Florida) **12 charged with mortgage fraud.** A dozen people — all with South Florida or Latin American ties — have been charged in connection with a \$16 million mortgage fraud scheme, according to the Florida attorney general's office, which announced their arrests September 14. Officials claim those involved submitted fraudulent loan documents to mortgage companies throughout the South Florida area, receiving funding for 10 of those applications. Authorities charged two of the defendants with racketeering, conspiracy, organized fraud, and money laundering. One of those defendants was also charged with grand theft. The remaining suspects face either grand theft or organized fraud counts.

Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2011/09/14/2407486/12-charged-with-mortgage-fraud.html>

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Transportation Sector

15. *September 15, KSWB 5 San Diego* – (California; International) **San Ysidro border to reopen after accident.** The world's busiest border crossing has reopened 13 of 24 vehicle lanes after scaffolding collapsed a day earlier, injuring at least 11 people and halting all U.S.-bound traffic. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) said the San Ysidro border crossing connecting San Diego and Tijuana, Mexico, opened the lanes at midnight September 15. The agency was uncertain when the remaining 11 lanes would reopen, but did not expect it would happen September 15. Southbound traffic at the border was closed briefly, but all lanes were reopened except the far left lane, which was reserved for emergency vehicles, Caltrans officials said. The collapse happened at about 10:45 a.m. September 14 at a covered area of the port undergoing demolition as part of an expansion, a CBP spokeswoman said. She said the collapse started at lane 8 and continued across other lanes to the pedestrian processing building. Debris from the collapse trapped 15 vehicles under the canopy, a San Diego Fire-Rescue spokesman said. Eight of the victims were able to free themselves from their autos, and emergency crews extricated the rest, he said. Eleven people were taken by ambulance to three area hospitals, and one person had serious injuries, but all were expected to recover said the fire rescue spokesman. Border agents re-opened the pedestrian bridge and began processing pedestrian traffic at 6:30 p.m. after safety checks were completed on the building, the CBP spokeswoman said. The scaffolding was meant to protect cars from debris falling during the demolition. The cause of the collapse is under investigation.

Source: <http://www.fox5sandiego.com/news/alerts/kswb-san-ysidro-border-closed-canopy-collapse-closes-northbound-lanes-at-border-20110914,0,2145807.story>

16. *September 14, Washington Post* – (Virginia) **Justice Ginsburg, Commerce head aboard plane evacuated at Dulles International Airport.** United Airlines Flight 586, scheduled to depart Washington Dulles International Airport, in Dulles, Virginia at 12:34 p.m. for San Francisco, was evacuated September 14 after it reportedly experienced an engine problem. The plane departed Gate C19 at 12:41 p.m. and the incident happened prior to takeoff. The plane had not made it to the runway. “The pilot noticed something wrong with the engines and decided to evacuate the plane,” a spokeswoman for the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority said. “The emergency chutes were deployed. Then the passengers boarded shuttles and returned to the terminal.” A report from Reuters quoted an airports spokeswoman as saying there were reports of three injuries, with one person transported to a hospital for non-life-threatening injuries, and the others refusing treatment.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/dr-gridlock/post/plane-evacuated-at-dulles-international-airport/2011/09/14/gIQAm1iDSK_blog.html

17. *September 14, Houston Chronicle* – (Texas) **Gun, bullets found in luggage at Bush airport.** A Houston man was arrested after a handgun and bullets were discovered in his luggage at George Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston September 13. The suspect, age 42, was charged with unlawful carrying of a weapon, a misdemeanor, a Houston Police Department spokesman said. A Transportation Security Administration screener at Terminal A at the airport noticed the gun inside the suspect's carry-on bag and alerted authorities about 5 p.m. September 13. Ammunition also was found in the bag.

Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/houston-texas/article/Gun-bullets-found-in-luggage-at-Bush-airport-2170203.php>

18. *September 14, Albany Times Union* – (New York) **State damage estimate ‘approaching \$100 million’ so far.** New York State's estimated costs for damage related to Tropical storms Irene and Lee are “approaching \$100 million,” officials said after emerging from a cabinet meeting September 14 with the governor. Some hamlets such as Prattsville in Greene County, were obliterated by flood waters. Since the affected communities are in some of the state’s poorest areas, several legislators have called on the state to pick up all of these costs. A major slice of the state’s direct costs are within the New York Department of Transportation (NYDOT). The NYDOT commissioner said there were 300 instances of storm damage, including total washouts that closed Route 73 in Keene (now re-opened), and Route 103 in Rotterdam (still closed). It is unclear if the \$100 million estimate includes damage to the Erie Canal, which is technically owned by the New York State Thruway Authority, which keeps its own budget. East-west through traffic is halted, as locks between Clifton Park and Rotterdam were heavily damaged. The Canal Corporation director did not have a cost estimate, and said his agency still does not know if the canal will re-open to let stranded boaters through before its scheduled November 15 shutdown.

Source: <http://blog.timesunion.com/capitol/archives/81035/state-damage-estimate-approaching-100-million-so-far/>

19. *September 14, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **5 sections of state roads remain closed by storms.** The Maryland State Highway Administration (MSHA) said September 14 that five sections of its road system — most in Southern Maryland — remain closed because of damage caused by Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. The only road section remaining closed in the Baltimore area is a ramp from Ritchie Highway to Route 100 in Anne Arundel County. It is expected to reopen midway through the fall after an estimated \$500,000 in repairs. The most serious damage occurred to the bridge on Route 234 over Allens Fresh Run near La Plata in Charles County. The agency expects to open a temporary bridge by mid-November, and begin design work on a permanent replacement for the damaged structure, estimated to cost \$3 million. Other closed roadways include U.S. 301 north of Route 6 near La Plata, expected to open September 16 after \$250,000-\$300,000 in repairs. The MSHA said the left southbound lane remains blocked but the right is open. U.S. 301 south of Route 6, expected to remain closed until early next month after \$600,000-\$700,000 in damage. The MSHA has opened one temporary southbound lane. Route 38 over the Timothy Branch in Prince George's County is closed, where a drainage pipe was damaged. A repair costing \$125,000-\$150,000 should be completed September 16.
Source: http://weblogs.baltimoresun.com/news/traffic/2011/09/5_sections_of_state_roads_rema.html
20. *September 14, Nebraska City News Press* – (Iowa; Nebraska) **Chances dim for re-opening of Highway 2 at Interstate 29 this year.** The Iowa Department of Transportation reported that water is still going over Highway 2 in Iowa, east of Nebraska City, Nebraska, and set no timetable for when the road might be re-opened to traffic. The water has receded from Interstate 29 in Iowa clear to Missouri, and road officials are working to clear debris and assess damage. Highway 2 from Nebraska City to Interstate 29 in Iowa is among the few spots that still has water on it. The road is in an especially difficult situation because water is flowing with “high velocity” in what was described as an “unnatural, second channel” pattern. Normal Missouri River flow at Nebraska City would be around 42,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) in September, but it was recorded at 108,000 cfs early the week of September 12. Some of this water is flowing through the levee breach near Percival, Iowa, about 10 miles upstream from Nebraska City. The water is flowing eastward, squeezing beneath a bridge at Interstate 29, and flowing on the east side of the interstate. There is also a second current of water running over Highway 2 west of the Sapp Brothers Truck Stop. The water is then heading back to the river at a bridge near Hamburg, Iowa. Until the water recedes, officials cannot be certain about the extent of the damage. There is a 15-foot hole near the westbound lane of Highway 2 under the Interstate 29 overpass. There are bits of debris and some hazardous material left by receding water. The roads department would not attempt to guess at a timetable for re-opening roadways. Highway 2 is behind other roadways, however, in the repair process. Water has receded and assessment work has already begun near Interstate 29 and 680 at Council Bluffs, Iowa.
Source: <http://www.ncnewspress.com/news/business/x848572778/Chances-dim-for-re-opening-of-Highway-2-at-Interstate-29-this-year>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

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Agriculture and Food Sector

21. *September 15, Fond Du Lac Reporter* – (Wisconsin) **Massive fire at Adell Co-op forces village evacuation.** A massive fire and reported explosions at the Adell Co-op in Adell, Wisconsin, forced village residents to evacuate September 14 amid fears hazardous chemicals could be released into the air. About 200 firefighters from at least 15 area departments were called to the scene, where several agronomy buildings on the northwest end of the complex were destroyed by fire. The buildings were unoccupied when the fire began just after 3 a.m., and no deaths or serious injuries were reported. The fire caused more than \$500,000 in damage, and destroyed one-third of the sprawling cooperative, which serves more than 400 farms in and around Sheboygan County, the Adell Co-op general manager said. The fire destroyed a seed warehouse, a chemical warehouse, the agronomy department office, and seed treatment equipment, and damaged the liquid fertilizer loading facility. The warehouses had little inside, and none of the remaining chemicals were dispersed by the fire, judging by air quality readings during and after the fire. The general manager said exploding sounds came from a pair of 120-gallon propane tanks that were used to heat the agronomy office. The tanks did not explode but — as designed — released propane vapor through a valve as the pressure rose, causing a giant flame and loud noise. The investigation into the cause of the fire was ongoing September 14, but a lieutenant from the Sheboygan County Sheriff's Department said there was no reason to believe the fire was intentionally set.

Source: <http://www.fdlreporter.com/article/20110915/FON0101/109150375/Massive-fire-Adell-Co-op-forces-village-evacuation>

22. *September 14, WTOC 11 Savannah* – (Georgia) **Substance identified in hazmat incident.** An improperly connected carbon dioxide line in the wall that connects to the soda machine was the cause of a haz-mat incident that killed a customer September 7 at a McDonald's in Pooler, Georgia, police said September 14. "We were able to determine and found there was a leak in the carbon dioxide system," a fire chief said. A Ponte Verda, Florida woman in the bathroom during the incident died September 8. A police chief said her death was the result of a discharge of carbon dioxide into the women's restroom. A 56-year-old Jacksonville, Florida woman, who had been in critical condition, has since been released from the hospital. Nine people were taken to the hospital, and everyone had to be decontaminated, including three Pooler firefighters. The police chief said the leak allowed for what is an otherwise harmless gas to dispense in a lethal concentration. Pooler police figured this out after talking with authorities in Phoenix, Arizona, where there was a similar incident. Tests had been

conducted all week to determine what had made people sick. They reviewed video to find out when the bathrooms had been cleaned. McDonald's repaired the leak September 13, and reopened September 14.

Source: http://www.wtoc.com/story/15461766/substance-identified-in-hazmat-incident?hpt=us_bn5

23. *September 14, Arizona Republic* – (Arizona) **Glendale hot dog shop closed after man drives car into it.** A hot dog shop in Glendale, Arizona, was temporarily closed after a man drove his car into it about 5:30 p.m. September 13. The 20-year-old driver hit the long-time hot dog shop, striking a gas line and forcing an evacuation, authorities said September 14. The man was driving east on Glendale Avenue when he veered into a dirt field across from Dazzo's Dog House near 62nd and Glendale avenues, a Glendale police spokesman said. He kept driving through the field, and eventually his car slammed into the west side of the shop. The car struck a gas line, which forced the evacuation of the shop and surrounding businesses, the spokesman said. The gas was turned off and the line was repaired before further damage was done. The man was taken to a hospital with serious but non-life-threatening injuries, the police spokesman said. Three employees were in the restaurant at the time of the crash, but no one else was injured. Police believe impairment may have been a factor but are still investigating. They are waiting for blood results from the hospital, which can take a few weeks. An outer structure wall and a window were both damaged, the spokesman said.
Source: <http://tucsoncitizen.com/arizona-news/2011/09/14/glendale-hot-dog-shop-closed-after-man-drives-car-into-it/>
24. *September 14, Associated Press* – (Kansas) **Kansas crop losses from drought reach \$1.7 billion.** The Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA) said the state's prolonged drought is costing an estimated \$1.7 billion in major crop losses. The agency said September 14 it based the estimates on a comparison of current production forecasts and average historic production. Nearly three-fourths of the state remains abnormally to exceptionally dry. The KDA pegged wheat losses at 36.4 million bushels worth \$285.8 million. Corn losses were far steeper, with production short by 137.9 million bushels worth \$965.7 million. The sorghum crop is projected to be short by 31.3 million bushels, representing losses of \$213.7 million. Soybean production was down 22.7 million bushels for a loss estimated at \$309.8 million.
Source: <http://www.cattlenetwork.com/cattle-news/latest/Kansas-crop-losses-from-drought-reach-17-billion--129827623.html>
25. *September 14, Kaskaska Leader & Kaskaskian* – (Illinois) **Army Corps to raise Asian carp barrier parameters.** As the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers continues to pursue action needed to contain the Asian carp threat below the electric fish barrier in the Chicago Area Waterway System (CAWS), the agency announced plans to increase the operating parameters of the fish dispersal barrier, the Kaskaska Leader & Kaskaskian reported September 14. The increase, to occur this fall, was announced shortly after the Corps released an Optimal Operating Parameters Report listing the safety tests used to inform the decision to raise the parameters. While extensive research and monitoring indicate small Asian carp are not currently within the vicinity of the fish barrier, and all

field telemetry research indicates the barrier is highly effective, the Corps is taking a “conservative approach” out of caution. The Efficacy Study Interim Report IIA, one of three updates released by the Corps September 9, assesses the barrier's safety and effectiveness at higher operating parameters. It shows there is no appreciable increase in risk to public safety with an increase of operational parameters from the current settings of 2.0 volts per inch, 15 hertz, and 6.5 millisecond pulse to the new settings of 2.3 volts per inch, 30 hertz, and 2.5 millisecond pulse length. It also shows, however, operating barriers IIA and IIB concurrently increase the area of risk for a person in the water and an increased potential for sparking in adjacent fleeting areas. The Corps said it does not intend to operate Barriers IIA and IIB simultaneously. As part of a monitoring program, the Corps has expanded the use of ultrasonic telemetry to determine fish behavior near the electric fields. To date, the Corps has tracked nearly 1.9 million detections of tagged fish in the barrier areas, with no indication of tagged fish having crossed any of the electric barriers in the upstream direction.

Source:

http://www.morningstarpublishing.com/articles/2011/09/14/leader_and_kalkaskian/news/doc4e6feec05ed65232397501.txt

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Water Sector

26. *September 15, Associated Press* – (Connecticut) **Conn. advises some residents to check water.** Officials from Hartford, Connecticut said customers of 16 small local drinking water providers were still being advised to boil their water, more than 2 weeks after remnants of Hurricane Irene hit the state. Dozens of the providers issued boil-water advisories after the storm. By September 14, the number dropped to 16; most serving apartment complexes, mobile home parks, and other developments. The Connecticut Department of Public Health said most state residents get their water from large regional providers. Some of those larger providers lost power during the storm, but had emergency power to ensure filters and other services still worked while some smaller providers did not have backup power.

Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/article/Conn-advises-some-residents-to-check-water-2171650.php>

27. *September 14, Pasadena Star-News* – (California) **EPA orders Northrop to spend \$20 million to build groundwater treatment plant in Valley.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) September 14 ordered Northrop Grumman Systems Corp. to spend \$20 million to build a plant that will begin the task of pumping and treating contaminated groundwater trapped beneath Industry and La Puente, California, officials said. The order, under federal Superfund Law, is one of the largest in the 32-year history of groundwater contamination in the San Gabriel Basin. The vast basin — the source of drinking water for most valley residents — is one of the largest and most polluted underground aquifers in the nation. Northrop Grumman and the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Association have been meeting recently over cleanup plans for what is called Area 4 or the Puente Valley Operable Unit. Other basin Superfund sites include: Area 1 in El Monte, South El Monte and Whittier Narrows;

Area 2 in Baldwin Park-Irwindale-Azusa, and Area 3 in Alhambra. The Puente Valley area water table was contaminated by the former Benchmark Technology facility, a maker of computer circuitry that shut down abruptly in 1989, according to the EPA. The facility was one of the largest sources of toxic chemicals, such as perchlorethylene, tetrachloroethylene, trichlorethylene, and 1,4-dioxane, released into the local water table, according to the EPA.

Source: http://www.pasadenastarnews.com/news/ci_18898827

28. *September 14, WWL 4 New Orleans* – (Louisiana) **Police arrest 2 men wanted for stealing \$50,000 of copper wire in St. Bernard.** Police arrested two men wanted in a \$50,000 copper burglary at a St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana, wastewater plant, WWL 4 reported September 14. A 25 -year-old and 30-year-old were arrested the week of September 12 in Houston. They both face burglary charges for taking the copper, and stealing a utility trailer from the site to haul away the stolen wire. One man was an employee of the roofing company that was working at the site of the burglary. He is believed to be responsible for setting up the scheme to steal the copper, according to deputies. A woman turned herself into police last month. She was released from jail after posting a \$15,000 bond. The copper wire has not been recovered. The men will be extradited back to St. Bernard, where they will face prosecution.

Source: <http://www.wwltv.com/news/Texas-authorities-arrest-2-men-wanted-for-stealing-50000-of-copper-wire-129838558.html>

29. *September 14, WSAZ 3 Huntington/Charleston* – (West Virginia) **Boil water advisory for all Fort Gay water customers.** All customers for the Fort Gay, West Virginia, water system are under a boil advisory until further notice, WSAZ 3 Huntington/Charleston reported September 14. An official with the water plant said there is a sewer discharge upstream from the intake and sewage is going into the river. The advisory affects about 750 customers. Officials said they hope to lift the boil advisory in the next 2 to 3 days.

Source:

http://www.wsaz.com/news/headlines/Boil_Water_Advisory_for_All_Fort_Gay_Water_Customers_129798663.html?ref=663

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

30. *September 15, Visalia Times-Delta and Tulare Advance-Register* – (California) **Fire, smoke cause \$650,000 in damage at Visalia laser center.** A faulty water feature inside Advanced Body and Laser Center in Visalia, California, caused a fire September 14 that resulted in \$650,000 in damage. Nearly 20 Visalia firefighters and personnel responded to the clinic just after 8 a.m. when an employee opened the business' door and was inundated by smoke. The fire and smoke, caused by a waterfall feature inside a treatment room in the clinic, charred wood, portions of the ceiling and air-conditioning ducts, and hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of equipment. Firefighters pulled the

entire length of a hallway ceiling down and found several sections of exposed wood smoldering. "The fire was building all night, but did not have enough oxygen to really take off," the fire captain said. Clinic staff members said they hoped to relocate some of the services offered by the center at other facilities in Visalia.

Source: <http://www.visaliatimesdelta.com/article/20110915/NEWS01/109150314/Fire-smoke-cause-650-000-damage-Visalia-laser-center>

31. *September 14, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (Georgia; Tennessee) **Fake doctor pleads guilty to health care fraud and criminal HIPAA violations.** A man pleaded guilty today in federal district court to charges of health care fraud and wrongful disclosure of individually identifiable health information. According to a U.S. attorney and the charges: From November 2009 through April 5, 2011, the defendant carried out a health care fraud scheme in the metro Atlanta, Georgia, and Nashville, Tennessee, areas. While operating in the Atlanta area, from November 2009 through August 2010, he approached numerous practicing physicians and persuaded them to bill Medicare, Medicaid, and private health insurers under their own provider numbers for allergy-related care provided by him. The care was provided at the physicians' own offices and at health fairs, with the physicians agreeing to pay him between 50 and 85 percent of a total of about \$1.2 million they received from the health care benefit programs. The convict has never been licensed in Georgia as a physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist. He also pleaded guilty to wrongful disclosure of individually identifiable health information, in violation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPAA"). The information was on a spreadsheet he created with data on each person he treated. The convict sent the spreadsheet to an undercover FBI agent, who the defendant believed to be an investor considering a large investment in his business.

Source: <http://www.fbi.gov/atlanta/press-releases/2011/fake-doctor-pleads-guilty-to-health-care-fraud-and-criminal-hipaa-violations>

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Government Facilities Sector

32. *September 15, KGMI 790 AM Bellingham* – (Washington) **Anthrax scare at courthouse a hoax.** Officials said a suspicious substance that prompted the evacuation of the Whatcom County Courthouse in Bellingham, Washington, turned out to be harmless. The courthouse was emptied due to an anthrax scare September 14 after a report of a suspicious substance in an envelope delivered to the superior court clerk's office. The sheriff's office, Bellingham fire department, and haz-mat team responded. The county executive said the white powder in the envelope turned out to be aspirin. Twenty-two people were held in the building while the envelope was being tested.

Source: <http://kgmi.com/Anthrax-Scare-at-Courthouse-a-Hoax/10911841>

33. *September 15, Madison Badger Herald* – (Wisconsin) **Residence hall evacuated after freon leak incident.** Residents of Phillips Hall at the University of Wisconsin (UW) in

Madison, Wisconsin, were evacuated after the discovery of a Freon gas leak September 13. The University of Wisconsin Police Department (UWPD) and Madison Fire Department (UWPD) responded to the call at about 11 p.m. after smoke was seen in the Lakeshore dormitory. The alarms were triggered by a leak from the building's cooling system. UW students were evacuated to the Natatorium across the street from the dormitory. The maintenance department was able to locate the leak source and "shut off valves connecting to [the] failed piping" according to the assistant director of university housing. He said it is still unknown exactly how much Freon gas escaped. Residents were allowed to return to their dorms after the leak was under control at about 2 a.m. September 14. The problem in the cooling system has been isolated and maintenance personnel should have the repairs completed within the week, officials said.

Source: http://badgerherald.com/news/2011/09/14/residence_hall_evacu.php

34. *September 14, WSB 2 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **Gas leak evacuates Rockdale County High School.** Rockdale County school officials are trying to figure out how a gas leak started September 14 on the Rockdale County High School campus in Conyers, Georgia, forcing the evacuation of 1,800 students. School officials said an administrator heard a loud bang come from where construction crews are building a new gymnasium. That is when they realized a 2-inch line had ruptured and was releasing gas. The school immediately evacuated the students to the campus annex, and to the elementary school across the street. A couple of students were treated by paramedics after standing out in the heat too long, the school said. School officials said they were working to determine what caused the leak.

Source: <http://www.wsbtv.com/news/29185227/detail.html>

35. *September 13, Seattle Times* – (Washington) **Man charged in attempt to sideswipe Marine recruiters on I-5 near Northgate.** An ex-con with possible ties to the alleged ringleader of a plot to attack Seattle's Military Entrance Processing Station with assault rifles and hand grenades has been charged with assault for allegedly trying to run two Marine recruiters off Interstate 5 near the Northgate section of Seattle, September 14. The ex-con, who prosecutors said uses the nickname "Mikhail Jihad" on the Internet, is facing his "third strike" and a possible life sentence if convicted of the attack. He has an extensive criminal history, including convictions for first-degree robbery in 2006, assault in 2005, and other felony crimes. King County prosecutors have asked that the ex-con, 28, be held on \$2 million bail. He is to appear in King County Superior Court for arraignment September 27, an office spokesman said.

Source:

http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2016197413_assault14m.html

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Emergency Services Sector

36. *September 15, Softpedia* – (New York) **Malware comes as traffic tickets.** It would seem that the New York State Police is sending traffic tickets to those caught speeding via e-mail. If a user opens the attachment, she might not have to pay the ticket, but instead have to disinfect her computer. According to a printscreen of the e-mail provided by Bkis Blog, the “Uniform Traffic Ticket” comes from the address no-reply(at)nyc(dot)gov. The message appears to come from the New York Department of Motor Vehicles, and it informs the unsuspecting victim she was caught speeding in New York City at a certain time and is charged of committing the violation ”speed over 55 zone.” The receiver is requested to print out the attached ticket and send it to the town court of Chatam at a provided P.O. Box. Attached to the e-mail is an archive that contains what seems to be a .pfd file. This file is actually a Trojan that connects to many addresses and downloads other malicious elements. The Trojan was identified as being W32.FakeHddRepair.Trojan, which constantly displays hardware error messages. Later it turns out to be a piece of scareware that starts a fake hardware scanner that informs the user of hard drive errors that cannot be resolved unless the application is activated. The activation comes at a price the victim must pay to get rid of the alerts. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Malware-Comes-as-Traffic-Tickets-221866.shtml>
37. *September 12, San Bernardino County Press-Enterprise* – (California) **Hemet: Man suspected of stealing police car.** A San Bernardino, California parolee with a record of stealing police property and impersonating officers is now accused of stealing an unmarked cruiser from a Riverside County sheriff's station near Hemet. He was arrested September 10 by the Riverside County Sheriff's Department Special Investigations Bureau, according to a release from the department. He is accused of stealing the Ford Crown Victoria from the locked parking lot September 8 at the sheriff's station off Acacia Avenue in the Valle Vista area east of Hemet, a sheriff's sergeant said September 12. Deputies found the car about 5:30 p.m. the same day in a parking garage on North E Street in San Bernardino. The car was not damaged and nothing inside was stolen, the sheriff's sergeant said. Detectives are still investigating how the parolee gained access to the car. The keys were not inside when it was stolen, the sheriff's sergeant said. Source: http://www.pe.com/localnews/sbcounty/stories/PE_News_Local_D_esherrif13.3ac3f0b.html

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Information Technology Sector

38. *September 15, H Security* – (International) **Cisco patches critical vulnerabilities.** Cisco published two advisories September 14 related to a flaw that allows remote code execution on systems where its Unified Service Monitor (USM), Unified Operations Manager (UOM), and LAN Management Solution (LMS) software packages are in use. The flaw allows an unauthenticated remote attacker to execute

code on servers running the packages, and is exposed by sending crafted packets to the server over port 9002. Cisco said it is unaware of any exploitation of the vulnerability in the wild. All versions of USM and UOM prior to version 8.6 are vulnerable. LMS versions 3.1, 3.2, and 4.0 are also affected by the vulnerability, although 3.1 and 3.2 are only vulnerable when the Device Fault Management component is installed. All installations of 4.0 are vulnerable.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Cisco-patches-critical-vulnerabilities-1344136.html>

39. *September 15, threatpost* – (International) **Dutch regulator bars DigiNotar from issuing qualified certificates.** A Dutch agency that regulates the actions of telecommunications providers revoked DigiNotar's ability to issue certificates for digital signatures September 14. The agency said that because of the way that DigiNotar behaved during the attack on its certificate authority infrastructure, the company no longer has the authority to issue so-called qualified certificates. In a report released September 14, the board of the independent post and telecommunications authority said that because there was evidence of an attacker having compromised the server that was used to issue qualified certificates, the agency could not allow DigiNotar to continue issuing those certificates.
Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/dutch-regulator-bars-diginotar-issuing-qualified-certificates-091511
40. *September 14, threatpost* – (International) **Trojan makes child-porn accusation, locks computer, requests \$17.** A new ransomware scam locks down its victims' computers, attempting to convince them that child pornography has been found therein, and informs users that their machine will be unlocked only after paying a \$17 fine, according to a BitDefender analysis reported by MalwareCity September 5. The trojan, Trojan.Agent.ARVP, is currently targeting users in Russia, but a quick translation could change that, according to the report. The malware is currently spreading through malicious links on social networking sites.
Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/trojan-makes-child-porn-accusation-locks-computer-requests-17-091411

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Internet Alert Dashboard

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Communications Sector

41. *September 15, Wichita Falls Times Record News* – (Texas) **Radio, TV gear burns.** A wildfire in a brushy canyon off Seymour Highway near Wichita Falls, Texas, damaged or destroyed some broadcast equipment about 6 p.m. September 13. The fire started in an open area west of KAUZ 22 Wichita Falls. The assistant fire chief said a dozen units from the Wichita Falls Fire Department (WFFD) responded, and called in additional brush trucks from nearby communities. Firefighters used a ladder truck for aerial surveillance and brought in a former military vehicle. A dozen WFFD units and 24 firefighters answered the alarm and battled the fire in 100-degree heat. The assistant chief said the fire was under control in about an hour, but some units stayed through the evening to mop up hot spots. He said the fire scorched 20 to 25 acres. The flames reached a structure that contained the transmitter for KWFS 102.3 Wichita Falls radio station. The station manager said the fire destroyed the transmitter, but the station is on the air from an alternate transmitter site. KFDX 3 Wichita Falls reported its KJBO 35 analog signal also was disrupted, leaving some over-the-air viewers unable to receive the signal. But flames did not reach a communications tower on the property.
Source: <http://www.timesrecordnews.com/news/2011/sep/15/radio-tv-gear-burns/>
42. *September 14, CNET News* – (International) **Internet outage or no outage? That is the question.** Twitter users tweeted September 14 about a "rather large Internet outage" affecting access to the site, but an Internet traffic expert said he did not see major problems. The Internet Traffic Report showed problems for a period of time for some routers serving North America. Specifically, three routers in Canada were registering zero response time and 100 percent packet loss, as were one in Mexico, New Hampshire, Texas, and Wisconsin. Routers in Nevada and Iowa appeared to be having less severe problems. A research director of the Packet Clearing House told CNET he was not aware of major performance problems. "I know that there was an outage on Level 3's network in Phoenix between noon and 1 p.m. [PT]," he said. "There was certainly no general widespread outage." Level 3 provided this statement: "At approximately noon PT, Level 3 experienced an isolated network issue that resulted in temporary voice and IP traffic disruptions for customers in the Phoenix area for approximately 1 hour. The company acted quickly to resolve the issue and service is now restored for those customers." Meanwhile, at about 3:30 p.m. PT, Twitter's Support account said it was investigating "site availability issues some folks are experiencing." Widely retweeted was a post from the Twitter API account that said, "If you can't access Twitter right now, it might be due to a rather large internet outage," and included the Internet Traffic Report Web link. That post was later removed.
Source: http://news.cnet.com/8301-27080_3-20106397-245/internet-outage-or-no-outage-that-is-the-question/
43. *September 14, Charleston Daily Mail* – (West Virginia) **AT&T service restored in Charleston area.** A lightning strike is being blamed for a service outage for AT&T customers September 14 in the greater Charleston, West Virginia area. Voice and text messaging services were out for customers between Charleston and Huntington and in Roane County for about an hour. A spokeswoman for AT&T said early reports indicated a lightning strike coincided with the start of the outage. She said the issue was resolved by the evening of September 14, and calls and texts were processing normally

by 7:30 p.m.

Source: <http://www.dailymail.com/News/201109142859>

44. *September 14, Evansville Courier & Press* – (Illinois; Indiana) **Power outage disrupts WSIU radio signal.** Engineers at WSIU 88.9 FM Carbondale were scrambling September 14 to get the public broadcasting station on the Southern Illinois University campus at Carbondale back on the air. A news release from the radio station September 14 said the station was temporarily off the air because of a power outage to its transmitter in Mount Vernon, Indiana. Listeners could still hear WSIU-FM online at www.wsiu.org/live.

Source: <http://www.courierpress.com/news/2011/sep/14/power-outage-disrupts-wsiu-radio-signal/>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

45. *September 15, Nashua Telegraph* – (New Hampshire) **1 stabbed, 2 others injured at Nashua apartment complex.** Between 100 and 200 people mobbed the streets near a subsidized housing complex in Nashua, New Hampshire after a brawl involving 8 to 10 people that left one man with two stab wounds and another with a broken arm September 14. Police were first called to the area around 4 p.m. for a reported disturbance, but it had broken up when they arrived. Then shortly before 6 p.m., a “major disturbance” was reported, this time involving weapons, a Nashua deputy chief said. The first officers on the scene reported as many as 200 people in the street, and around 10 people actively involved in the fighting, he said. Five people were arrested, including two juveniles. Three people were taken to city hospitals.

Source: <http://www.nashuatelegraph.com/news/932605-196/1-stabbed-2-others-injured-at-nashua.html>

46. *September 15, Jacksonville Times-Union* – (Florida) **Jacksonville firefighters investigating 'obvious case of arson' at The Columns Apartments.** More than a dozen people were evacuated from The Columns Apartments in Jacksonville, Florida September 15 after a resident heard fire alarms and called the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department, according to First Coast News. The fire department was called about 2 a.m. and found multiple fires in the apartments' stairwells. At least five cars were also lit on fire.

Source: <http://jacksonville.com/news/crime/2011-09-15/story/jacksonville-firefighters-investigating-obvious-case-arson-columns>

47. *September 15, Alexandria Town Talk* – (Louisiana) **Fire razes Pineville church building; Alexandria blaze injures homeowner.** A church's youth center in Pineville, Louisiana was destroyed when fire engulfed it around 5 a.m. September 14. The youth center was located a short distance from the church's family life center, which suffered heat damage to its windows from the fire. "It took about 35 to 45 minutes to bring the

fire under control," said the fire chief. "The investigation is showing that the fire started around the building's meter pan; it was an electrical fire. We had six engine companies and one ladder company at the scene."

Source: <http://www.thetowntalk.com/article/20110915/NEWS01/109150332/Fire-razes-Pineville-church-building-Alexandria-blaze-injures-homeowner>

48. *September 14, WSVN 7 Miami* – (Florida) **4 injured in shooting near park.** Police are investigating a shooting near a Miramar, Florida, park that injured four men September 13. The shooting occurred at about 8:30 p.m. near Forenzo Park. According to Miramar Police, someone drove up and fired shots towards a group of people on a sidewalk near the park. Rescue crews transported three of the injured men, ranging in age from 19- to 26-years-old, to different area hospitals. Their conditions vary from non-life threatening to serious condition.

Source: <http://www.wsvn.com/news/articles/local/21005369737654/4-injured-in-shooting-near-park/>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

49. *September 15, Associated Press* – (Minnesota) **BWCAW wildfire: Calmer winds, light snow help slow blaze.** Calmer winds, cooler temperatures, and a few moments of sleet and light snow brought encouragement September 14 as firefighters continued efforts to contain a fire that was in a "pause mode" — days after it moved at breakneck speeds, swallowing almost 160 square miles of forest along the Minnesota-Canada border. The fire in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) is one of the largest on record in the state. Fewer than 50 buildings have been evacuated. The fire, which started with a lightning strike August 18, took off quickly earlier in the week, as 30-miles-per-hour wind gusts ahead of a cold front caused it to spread east. A spokeswoman for the Superior National Forest said the fire had "unprecedented growth." By September 14, officials were catching their breath. About 325 firefighters were on the ground. A spokeswoman at a fire information line said officials were using airplanes and helicopters to drop water on the fire. Four National Guard helicopters, two water bombers, and an air attack plane from Canada were assisting. By September 14, fire crews had come in from New Jersey, Montana, Nevada, Michigan, Wisconsin, and California, the spokeswoman said.

Source: <http://www.sctimes.com/article/20110915/NEWS01/109150036/BWCAW-wildfire-Calmer-winds-light-snow-help-slow-blaze>

50. *September 13, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Flash floods force closures at Joshua Tree National Park.** Flash flooding September 13 in Joshua Tree National Park in California tore up roadways and flooded parts of campgrounds, forcing officials to close areas of the park. At least 3 inches of rain fell in the Pinto Basin and Cottonwood Spring areas of the park, officials said. The Cottonwood Visitors Center was flooded, and parts of the Cottonwood Campground were washed away. The two sites were

closed to visitors, along with Route 11 between the White Tank Campground entrance to the south park boundary at Interstate 10, a park spokesman said in a statement.

Source: <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2011/09/joshua-tree-park-flash-floods.html>

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Dams Sector

51. *September 14, Dover-New Philadelphia Times-Reporter* – (Ohio) **Zoar levee study could take two years to complete.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers hopes to complete a study to determine the future of the Zoar Levee and Diversion Dam by next September, but the study manager said September 14 that it could take up to 2 years to complete the review. The Corps wants to determine what should be done about the levee, which is at risk of failure. The agency has three options: repair the levee, demolish the village of Zoar and allow the area to flood, or move the historic village to higher ground. The Water Resources Development Act of 2007 requires the study look at a variety of alternatives, including structural and nonstructural measures. In March, Corps officials told Zoar residents the levee and diversion dam have been classified as a “dam safety action, classification I,” meaning repairs are urgent and compelling. Officials said meetings will continue on a monthly basis, and the public will be informed when they are scheduled.

Source: <http://www.timesreporter.com/communities/x848575030/Zoar-levee-study-could-take-two-years-to-complete>

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