



# Homeland Security

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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 16, Oklahoma City Oklahoman* – (North Dakota) **2 killed in oil rig explosion in North Dakota.** An explosion at a newly drilled oil well in western North Dakota killed two workers and severely injured two others, officials said. The fatal fire was one of two oil field-related blazes reported in the Williston area September 14. The other was much smaller and no one was hurt. Both happened in a part of the state that is experiencing what many are calling the largest oil boom in recent North American history. The rig explosion happened around 5:40 p.m. The McKenzie County sheriff

said a 21-year-old man died at the scene. Another man died September 15 at a hospital in St. Paul, Minnesota, according to the hospital. Two other men were hospitalized in critical condition in the burn unit at Regions Hospital in St. Paul. Authorities have not yet determined the cause of the explosion, the sheriff said.

Source: <http://newsok.com/2-killed-in-oil-rig-explosion-in-north-dakota/article/3604667>

2. *September 16, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Leaking oil well in Jefferson Parish under control, Coast Guard says.** The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) said an oil leak from an abandoned wellhead in Bayou Dupont in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, is under control. On September 15, officials said about 1,470 gallons of oil had been recovered. The USCG said a boom has been placed in the water to contain the leak, and about 40 workers were cleaning up the spill. It said one leak in the wellhead has been plugged and two other spots where oil was oozing out have stopped leaking. The leak was reported September 11. Officials said Houston-based Cedyco Corp. owns the abandoned wellhead. State officials said no wildlife has been hurt by the spill.  
Source: <http://www.houmatoday.com/article/20110916/WIRE/110919666/-1/sports?Title=Leaking-oil-well-in-Jefferson-Parish-under-control-Coast-Guard-says&tc=ar>
3. *September 16, Associated Press* – (Rhode Island) **Coast Guard: half-mile oil spill found in Tiverton.** The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) said a half-mile oil spill has been located near the Sakonnet River Bridge in Rhode Island where construction is taking place. WJAR 10 Providence reported a USCG chief said a sheen of oil spans more than half a mile. In addition to the USCG, local officials from Tiverton and Portsmouth, and state officials have responded. The USCG will test samples to determine the nature and origin of the spill.  
Source:  
[http://www.boston.com/news/local/rhode\\_island/articles/2011/09/16/coast\\_guard\\_half\\_mile\\_oil\\_spill\\_found\\_in\\_tiverton/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/rhode_island/articles/2011/09/16/coast_guard_half_mile_oil_spill_found_in_tiverton/)
4. *September 14, KNTV 13 Las Vegas* – (Nevada) **Power substation catches fire.** An NV Energy substation in Las Vegas, Nevada, caught fire September 14 and required firefighters from across the county to put out the blaze. The fire began around 5:35 p.m. September 14 at the substation located on the 18000 block of North Las Vegas Boulevard, just south of the Valley of Fire. It took firefighters from North Las Vegas, Nellis Air Force Base, and Clark County Fire Department volunteers to contain the blaze that was put out by 8:30 p.m. Over 30,000 gallons of mineral oil were on fire at one point. There were no injuries and the cost of the fire has yet to be determined. NV Energy reports that no customers went without power because of the fire.  
Source: <http://www.ktnv.com/news/local/129850988.html>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

5. *September 16, Ashland Daily Tidings* – (California) **Applegate mine on list for EPA's Superfund.** A long-abandoned copper and cadmium mine high in the Applegate River drainage in Siskiyou County, California was added to the Superfund list September 15 by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The decision to add the Blue Ledge mine on the list of the nation's worst polluted places qualifies it for additional cleanup funding, EPA officials said. Tailings at the mine, about 3 miles south of the California state line, are laced with a heavy-metal mix of arsenic, cadmium, copper, lead, sulfuric acid and zinc. In addition to the Blue Ledge mine, the abandoned New Idria Mercury Mine site in California's San Benito County, the second largest producer of mercury in North America that was in operation more than 100 years, was also added to the list. Situated about 60 miles southeast of Hollister, the mine's mercury contamination has been polluting waterways leading to the San Joaquin River and San Francisco Bay, EPA officials said. Last year, the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) received \$12.4 million in federal stimulus funds, along with \$1.4 million from the ASARCO Environmental Trust, to seal waste rock from the Blue Ledge mine into an on-site repository. The waste rock had been leaching the toxic chemicals. Most of that work was completed in the summer of 2010, but additional cleanup work was done this summer. About 40,000 cubic yards of toxic rock were removed from the mountainside and placed in a nearby, 3-acre, sealed repository by contractors last summer. The repository can hold up to 60,000 cubic yards. The 700-acre Blue Ledge mine is on privately owned land surrounded by the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest. The USFS took the lead in the cleanup work because the mine was found to be leaching toxic chemicals into streams feeding the Applegate River.  
Source: <http://www.dailytidings.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20110916/NEWS02/109160305/-1/NEWSMAP>
6. *September 16, WKBN 27 Youngstown* – (Ohio) **East Liverpool residents say chemical making them sick.** A comprehensive study is about to get underway in East Liverpool, Ohio, to see whether high levels of a manganese is affecting residents' health. Details were discussed September 15 at a community meeting. Manganese is a natural occurring metal found in rock and soil, but industrial and other human activities can release it into the air. Some city residents say high levels of the chemical have led to high cancer rates. "They're actually the highest levels in the U.S. and we are experts on manganese exposure," said the principal investigator for the health study. She said field work showed manganese exposure coming from work at S.H. Bell, a warehouse that processes, crushes, screens and packages manganese, and other metals and minerals. Slated to start in November, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-funded study will collect data, including DNA samples from 100 residents. The lead investigator said the effects include symptoms similar to Parkinson's Disease. She said if a link to the metal and illness is found, the EPA would take further action.  
Source: <http://www.wkbn.com/content/news/local/story/East-Liverpool-Residents-Say-Chemical-Making-Them/2r8LVDi5RkegnFugVRvShQ.csp>
7. *September 16, Petersburg Progress-Index* – (Virginia) **Interstate 85 closed; expect delays.** Interstate 85 was closed at mile marker 65 in Petersburg, Virginia, September 16, which caused serious delays in the region for the morning commute. A collision

involving two tractor-trailers on Interstate 85 shut down both north and south bound lanes near Squirrel Level Road in Petersburg. According to a Petersburg police spokeswoman, one of the trucks was carrying freight and the other was carrying an oxidizer. The spokeswoman said authorities were treating the accident as a hazardous materials incident due to the oxidizer. As of 7:30 a.m. all Interstate 85 traffic was being re-routed onto Route 1 through the city of Petersburg causing massive back-ups and delays.

Source: <http://progress-index.com/news/interstate-85-closed-expect-delays-1.1204340#axzz1Y7IBxFbF>

8. *September 15, Philadelphia Inquirer* – (Pennsylvania) **Delco chemical plant named possible Superfund site.** An industrial site in Delaware County, Pennsylvania has been named by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as a possible addition to the Superfund National Priorities list, officials announced. The former Metro Container Corporation in Trainer was once a chemical manufacturing plant from 1920 to 1959, and more recently a steel-drum reconditioning facility. It is now used for storage by Trainer Industries, a painting company. A half-acre, back-filled industrial waste lagoon that was used for disposal of drum contents and wastewater is the main source of contamination. The unlined lagoon has been filled. Polychlorinated biphenyls, polyaromatic hydrocarbons, inorganics, and volatile organic compounds have been found in the soil.

Source: [http://articles.philly.com/2011-09-15/news/30160581\\_1\\_superfund-site-superfund-national-priorities-list-delco](http://articles.philly.com/2011-09-15/news/30160581_1_superfund-site-superfund-national-priorities-list-delco)

9. *September 15, Global Security Newswire* – (International) **Libyan chemical materials a proliferation threat, U.S. commander says.** Libya's stockpile of chemical warfare materials remains a potential source of proliferation, the U.S. military commander for Africa told reporters September 14. When fighting broke out in February, Tripoli still held a reported 9.5 metric tons of deteriorating blister agent, less than half of the mustard stockpile that was being eliminated under the auspices of the Chemical Weapons Convention. The government also possessed in excess of 1,300 tons of chemical-weapon precursor materials. The regime years earlier destroyed thousands of empty aerial munitions that could have been used to disperse the toxic chemicals in an aerial attack. There is "great concern about the security of that material," the head of U.S. Africa Command said. "It's not weaponized, it's not easily weaponized, but nonetheless we want to make sure ... the [Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons] gets back in there and completes the destruction of the remaining materials." In addition to chemical materials, the commander said he is concerned about shoulder-fired missiles falling into the hands of al-Shabab, al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb or Boko Haram, the continent's three major extremist organizations. He also noted that conventional munitions left over by the previous regime could be used in improvised explosive devices. Also September 14, a U.S. Assistant Secretary of State said the United States is working with Tripoli's new leaders to stem possible proliferation of conventional and unconventional weapons, Reuters reported. He said that "to the best of our knowledge" the chemical warfare materials "are containerized in bulk form ... and we believe from monitoring that they are where they are supposed to be."

Source: [http://www.globalsecuritynewswire.org/gsn/nw\\_20110915\\_6822.php](http://www.globalsecuritynewswire.org/gsn/nw_20110915_6822.php)

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Nothing to report

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

10. *September 16, U.S. Department of Transportation* – (National) **NHTSA recall notice - Hyundai Santa Fe and Veracruz airbag spring.** The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration announced September 16 that Hyundai is recalling 205,223 model year 2007-2008 Hyundai Veracruz manufactured from December 26, 2006 through March 21, 2008, and model year 2007-2008 Hyundai Santa Fe vehicles manufactured from April 19, 2006 through March 20, 2008. The clock spring contact assembly for the driver's air bag supplemental restraint system may become damaged through usage over time. The driver's air bag electrical circuit will experience a high resistance condition, potentially causing the driver's air bag to not deploy. If the clock spring develops high resistance, in the event of a crash, the driver's air bag will not deploy and will not be able to properly protect the driver. Hyundai dealers will replace the vehicle's driver's air bag clock spring contact assembly as necessary.  
Source: [http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rel\\_ID=11V472000&summary=true&prod\\_id=218396&PrintVersion=YES](http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rel_ID=11V472000&summary=true&prod_id=218396&PrintVersion=YES)
11. *September 15, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **Target, Select Brands recall Chefmate blender due to laceration hazard.** The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) in cooperation with Target Corporation and Select Brands September 15 announced a voluntary recall of 304,000 Chefmate 6-Speed Blenders. While in operation, the plastic pitcher can separate from the blade assembly, leaving the blade assembly in the base and exposing the rotating blades. This poses a laceration hazard to consumers. Target and the CPSC have received 11 reports of the blade assembly separating from the pitcher, 7 of which reported serious lacerations to consumers' fingers and hands. The recall affects all Chefmate 6-Speed Blenders, model BL-10. The model number is located on the bottom of the base. The blenders were sold at Target stores nationwide from September 2007 to February 2011. Consumers should immediately stop using the blenders and return them to any Target store to receive a full refund.  
Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml11/11328.html>
12. *September 15, WQAD 8 Moline* – (National) **John Deere recalls lawn tractors.** WQAD 8 Moline reported September 15 that John Deere recalled more than 20,000 lawn tractors sold at John Deere dealers, Lowe's, and Home Depot stores from October 2010 to September 2011. Some 15,500 model D100, D110, D120, and D130

were recalled because hardware used to hold the mower blade brake assembly to the mower deck can break, causing the mower blades to spin longer than normal after power to the mower is turned off. This poses a laceration hazard, but no injuries have been reported. In addition, about 5,200 model D100 lawn tractors were recalled because the hardware used to hold the brake assembly to the transmission housing can break. This can cause the brakes to fail and a loss of control of the lawn tractor.

Source: [http://www.wqad.com/news/wqad-john-deere-recalls-lawn-tractors-20110915,0,1587927.story?hpt=us\\_bn6](http://www.wqad.com/news/wqad-john-deere-recalls-lawn-tractors-20110915,0,1587927.story?hpt=us_bn6)

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

13. *September 16, City News Service* – (California) **'Triple Threat' bandit arrested after Lakewood bank robbery.** The FBI took custody of a 40-year-old Anaheim man it believes is the "Triple Threat" bandit who was arrested September 15 in Hawthorne, California, after a high-speed chase that started after bank robberies in Lakewood and Fullerton. The suspect, who is on probation for a bank robbery conviction, was being held in Santa Ana on a probation violation, an FBI official said. He was scheduled to be arraigned September 16 on a bank robbery charge, she said. The suspect is alleged to have robbed the Farmers & Merchants Bank branch at 5101 Lakewood Boulevard in Lakewood, then held up the Banco Popular branch at 1701 N. Euclid Street in Fullerton, the FBI said. The September 14 Banco Popular hold-up happened before 1 p.m., a Fullerton police sergeant said. The suspect gave the teller a note demanding money but did not show a weapon, the sergeant said. Police spotted the maroon sport utility vehicle the suspect was driving and gave chase. The vehicle was slowed about 2:10 p.m. by traffic on the Glenn Anderson (105) Freeway near Prairie Avenue in Hawthorne. The suspect then stopped his car, got out, raised his hands, surrendered, and was arrested by California Highway Patrol officers. An FBI agent said based on the suspect's description, the vehicle he was driving and modus operandi, he was believed to be the "Triple Threat Bandit," who held up three Orange County banks August 19. In each robbery, the bandit approached a teller and passed a note demanding 100- and 50-dollar bills. No weapon was seen during the crimes.

Source: [http://www.contracostatimes.com/california/ci\\_18906587](http://www.contracostatimes.com/california/ci_18906587)

14. *September 16, United Press International* – (Missouri) **'Private Bank' owner convicted of fraud.** A Missouri man found to have made \$100 million from selling worthless financial documents was found guilty September 15 of 21 federal fraud charges. Prosecutors said the 52-year-old used his home computer to create 2,000 "bonded promissory notes" he claimed to have backed by a U.S. Treasury Department account and sold them for a fee at the "Private Bank of Denny Ray Hardin," which he

ran out of his Kansas City home, the Kansas City Star reported September 15. He threatened creditors who refused to accept his notes with legal action, prosecutors said. The man was convicted in a federal court on 11 counts of creating fictitious obligations, and 10 counts of mail fraud. He faces up to 30 years in prison.

Source: [http://www.upi.com/Odd\\_News/2011/09/16/Private-Bank-owner-convicted-of-fraud/UPI-61231316158200/](http://www.upi.com/Odd_News/2011/09/16/Private-Bank-owner-convicted-of-fraud/UPI-61231316158200/)

15. *September 15, WOIO 19 Cleveland* – (Ohio; National) **Amish man indicted for operating investment scheme.** A 77-year-old man of the Amish religious faith from Sugarcreek, Ohio, was indicted September 15 on mail fraud charges, accused of defrauding his fellow Amish of millions of dollars. The man ran his own investment company, A & M Investments. He is accused of operating a scheme that defrauded nearly 2,700 people in 29 states out of more than \$16 million, including the Amish Helping Fund. Beginning in or about 1990 and continuing through in or about June, 2010, the man represented to investors that money deposited with his investment company would be safe and would secure a positive rate of return. He specifically represented to investors that A & M would invest in Ginnie Mae Bond Funds, a type of mortgage-backed security issued by the Government National Mortgage Association and guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government, according to the indictment. He did not invest the money as represented and, as such, about 2,698 people and entities were defrauded with a combined loss in excess of approximately \$16.8 million. Among the investors that lost money was the Amish Helping Fund, which was established to assist members of the Amish community with the purchase of land and buildings, among other things.

Source: <http://www.wtol.com/story/15471332/77-year-old-accused-of-bilking-millions-of-dollars-from-people-nationwide>

16. *September 15, Savage Pacer* – (Minnesota) **Real estate agent from Savage indicted for assisting in mortgage fraud scheme.** A federal indictment unsealed September 15 charges a 48-year-old real estate agent from Savage, Minnesota, for her participation in a multi-million dollar mortgage fraud scheme that victimized lenders across the country. The indictment charged the agent with one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud, and 12 counts of wire fraud. It alleges that from January 1, 2005, through January 1, 2008, she conspired with others to fraudulently obtain loan proceeds by making false representations to, and withholding material information from lenders. She was employed by HomStar USA, ReMax Advantage Plus and Coldwell Banker Burnet, and was responsible for representing and recruiting buyers and sellers of residential properties. She owned TRAE, Inc., and allegedly arranged for homeowners to sell their properties to straw buyers at inflated prices. In each case, she then funneled to her co-conspirators the difference between the amount a particular home seller would accept and that home's inflated sale price. In addition to representing sellers, she often represented straw purchasers during the same transaction. She allegedly produced fraudulent documentation for lenders and title companies causing disbursements to be made to her co-conspirators and to companies she controlled. These were then routed back to the agent, the buyers, and co-conspirators. In addition to the concealed disbursements, she collected substantial commissions that exceeded industry standards. The agent and her co-conspirators convinced straw purchasers to buy about 22

residential properties in Minnesota in this manner, resulting in fraudulent loans in excess of \$10 million and losses of about \$5.3 million. If convicted, she faces a potential maximum penalty of 20 years in prison on each count.

Source: [http://www.savagepacer.com/view/full\\_story/15537181/article-Real-estate-agent-from-Savage-indicted-for-assisting-in-mortgage-fraud-scheme](http://www.savagepacer.com/view/full_story/15537181/article-Real-estate-agent-from-Savage-indicted-for-assisting-in-mortgage-fraud-scheme)

17. *September 15, Wilmington Star-News* – (North Carolina) **Cooperative Bank, ex-chief and board sued for \$33 million by feds.** Federal regulators have sued the former chief of Cooperative Bank and the board of directors of the failed institution, charging neglect of duty and seeking more than \$33 million. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) was acting as receiver for Cooperative in its suit filed in August in U.S. District Court for Eastern North Carolina. Cooperative failed June 19, 2009, when the FDIC took control of its \$774 million in deposits. It was taken over by First Bank, of Troy, North Carolina, in a loss-share agreement with the federal regulator. The suit concerns the FDIC's losses and charges Cooperative's board failed to manage the inherent risks associated with their aggressive growth strategy -- a goal to grow from \$443 million in assets in 2001 to \$1 billion in 2005. The suit charged that, "rather than employing methods to properly monitor and mitigate the risks associated with the highly speculative lending in which Cooperative was engaging, the director defendants permitted a lax loan approval process which did not include a formal loan committee to meet, review and analyze the loans." Individually, the suit seeks judgments against the former chief for \$33.274 million and against various board member for a combined total of about \$112 million. The FDIC cited losses from the bank's lot loan program and certain commercial real estate loans. The suit said that by June 2007, two members of the board knew some loan officers and an appraiser had questioned the values of the lots upon which Cooperative was making loans, but took no corrective action. The FDIC also claims losses of more than \$20 million from commercial real estate loans by Cooperative.

Source:

[http://www.starnewsonline.com/article/20110915/ARTICLES/110919818?p=all&tc=p\\_gall](http://www.starnewsonline.com/article/20110915/ARTICLES/110919818?p=all&tc=p_gall)

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## **Transportation Sector**

18. *September 16, Pottstown Mercury* – (Pennsylvania) **Skippack bridge closed due to structural damage from recent flooding.** The Water Street Bridge over a branch of Skippack Creek in Evansburg State Park, Pennsylvania was closed September 15 due to structural damage caused by recent heavy rainstorms, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT). The bridge closure resulted from an inspection of the structure that discovered severe undermining beneath one of the stone support abutments. The structurally deficient bridge was built in 1932. It is 26 feet long and 28 feet wide. The bridge carries about 1,500 vehicles a day. Motorists will follow Grange Avenue and Mill Road to travel around the bridge closure. The PennDOT is

currently designing a project to rehabilitate the bridge by replacing the deck and steel beams and repairing the support abutments. Construction is scheduled to start in 2012. Since Hurricane Irene, the PennDOT has inspected more than 300 state bridges in the five-county Philadelphia region for foundation undermining.

Source:

<http://pottsmmerc.com/articles/2011/09/16/news/doc4e73404cb1745977781168.txt>

19. *September 15, New York Post* – (New York) **JetBlue pilot 'forgot' gun was in luggage at airport.** A JetBlue pilot allegedly forgot he had a firearm packed in his luggage as he tried to board a plane out of LaGuardia Airport, in Queens, New York, the New York Post reported September 15. The pilot, age 47, apparently did not remember the 40-caliber H&K pistol stashed in his bag as he presented it for pre-flight screening at a security checkpoint at 10 a.m. September 8, law enforcement sources said. A Transportation Security Administration (TSA) officer spied the weapon as the bag made its way through the X-ray machine in Terminal A. The TSA agent also found a magazine with 10 live rounds loose inside the pilot's backpack, the sources noted. They said the pilot was deadheading — an aviation term for hitching a free ride — to Chicago on Delta Airlines flight 5939. He allegedly admitted the gun was his, and that he did not have a license to carry in New York State. The pilot, who lives in Ankeny, Iowa, was arrested and charged with weapons possession, said a spokesman for the Queens district attorney. He was released without bail after his arraignment, and is due back in court September 29.

Source:

[http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/jetblue\\_pilot\\_forgot\\_gun\\_was\\_in\\_xJ1hHHToP1p7ROZqeCv16N](http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/jetblue_pilot_forgot_gun_was_in_xJ1hHHToP1p7ROZqeCv16N)

20. *September 15, Associated Press* – (National) **FAA fines regional airline for safety violations.** Federal aviation regulators have proposed fining a regional airline \$1.9 million for allegedly allowing flight attendants to work a total of 172 flights after being warned the attendants were not trained to use the planes' fire extinguisher system. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) said September 15 that Colgan Air of Manassas, Virginia., allowed 84 newly hired flight attendants to work flights on the Bombardier Dash 8-Q400, a twin turbo-prop plane, for a week in November 2009 after being told by FAA inspectors the attendants had not completed the required training. The FAA said the attendants were trained with fire extinguishers from another type of plane, which operate differently. Colgan's pilot training and safety regime was strongly criticized after a February 2009 air crash near Buffalo, New York that killed 50 people.
- Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9PP2Q8G1.htm>

21. *September 15, Robertson County Times* – (Kentucky) **Train derails near Adams.** A train derailed September 15 near Robertson County in the city of Guthrie, Kentucky, shutting down train traffic in the area. About 10-20 cars derailed from a 64-car train at approximately 5:30 a.m. near Adams, according to a Todd County Emergency Management spokesman. He said several of the train cars were folded up “accordion style.” The train was traveling southbound hauling freight at the time of the derailment. The train was not hauling hazardous materials and no one was injured. The track was severely damaged in the derailment. All train traffic was halted through the area,

according to the spokesman. The cause of the derailment is unknown at this time.

Source:

<http://www.tennessean.com/article/20110915/ROBERTSON01/309210008/Train-derails-near-Adams>

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

22. *September 16, Food Safety News* – (National) **Ground turkey outbreak toll climbs.** At least 119 people in 32 states have been stricken with Salmonella Heidelberg infections linked to Cargill ground turkey, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said September 16 in its latest outbreak update. One person has died. Cargill recalled nearly 136 million pounds of ground turkey products August 3 from its Springdale, Arkansas plant. Cargill expanded the recall by another 185,000 pounds September 11, after tests revealed further contamination with the outbreak strain. The number of ill persons identified in each state: Alabama (1), Arkansas (1), Arizona (3), California (6), Colorado (4), Georgia (2), Illinois (15), Indiana (1), Iowa (2), Kansas (2), Kentucky (2), Louisiana (1), Massachusetts (3), Maryland (1), Michigan (12), Minnesota (2), Mississippi (1), Missouri (5), Nebraska (2), Nevada (1), New Jersey (1), New York (2), North Carolina (3), Ohio (11), Oklahoma (2), Oregon (1), Pennsylvania (6), South Dakota (3), Tennessee (2), Texas (16), Utah (1), and Wisconsin (4).  
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/09/ground-turkey-outbreak-toll-climbs/>

23. *September 16, Food Safety News* – (Texas) **Hepatitis A alert for cafe in Lubbock.** The City of Lubbock, Texas, issued a news release September 14 warning that anyone who ate at Cheddar's Casual Cafe from August 31 through September 8 may have been exposed to Hepatitis A through a restaurant employee. According to KCBD 11 Lubbock and the news release: "An employee of the restaurant, who has not worked at the restaurant since September 8, has been diagnosed with the viral illness and may have passed the virus on to others. The incident has been traced to the employee and not the restaurant." According to officials, the city was working to secure vaccine to offer to anyone who patronized the restaurant during the potential exposure period. The Hepatitis A virus travels in feces, and can spread from person to person, or can be contracted from food or water. In cases of contaminated food, it is usually the person preparing the food who contaminates it. Food handlers will probably not know they have the virus, since the virus is most likely to be passed on in the first 2 weeks of illness, before a person begins to show symptoms. Symptoms of Hepatitis A usually appear around 28 days after infection, but can start as early as 2 weeks after catching

the virus.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/09/hepatitis-a-alert-for-lubbock-cafe/>

24. *September 16, Food Safety News* – (Georgia) **Skim milk recalled due to improper pasteurization.** Johnston Family Farm, a Newborn, Georgia dairy, September 15 recalled 240 gallons of skim milk due to improper pasteurization. In a news release, the Georgia Department of Agriculture said the recall affects half-gallon and gallon containers of skim milk with the sell-by date of September 16. Routine laboratory testing by the Georgia Department of Agriculture revealed the product had not been properly pasteurized. Pasteurization heats milk to eliminate harmful bacteria. While the products have not been found to be contaminated with any pathogens, the recall has been issued as a precaution. The product was sold at Whole Foods (Atlanta), Two Story Coffeehouse (Athens), Yogurberry (Atlanta), Daily Groceries Co-op (Athens), Athens Locally Grown (Athens), Sevananda Natural Foods Market (Atlanta), Alon's Bakery and Market (Dunwoody), farmers markets in the Atlanta area, and at the dairy itself. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/09/skim-milk-recalled-due-to-improper-pasteurization/>
25. *September 15, Dorchester Reporter* – (Massachusetts) **Gallivan Blvd. McDonald's closed after morning fire.** A gas-fueled kitchen fire at a McDonald's restaurant on Gallivan Boulevard in the Dorchester section of Boston, injured one worker and caused heavy damage inside the building September 16. The fire began shortly before 7 a.m. as workers were trying to start a stove inside the restaurant, which suffered heavy smoke damage, according to employees. A worker said a co-worker burned her hand. She said that there was a heavy odor of gas just before the fire erupted. Smoke was seen rising from the restaurant at 511 Gallivan Boulevard near Adams Corner, snarling traffic during the morning commute as emergency crews responded. "We smelled gas and then the flames just shot up," an employee said. "The whole kitchen is destroyed. The firefighters had to tear down a wall to get it out." A spokesman for the Boston Fire Department (BFD) confirmed a gas leak is suspected to have caused the fire. "There was a gas leak behind one of the stoves and they had a small fire," he said, adding that an injured employee did not require transport to the hospital. The BFD estimates the fire caused \$25,000 in damage. Source: <http://www.dotnews.com/2011/gallivan-blvd-mcdonalds-closed-after-morning-fire>
26. *September 15, Food Safety News* – (Florida; National) **Basil may have been tainted with Salmonella.** Sanith Ourn Farm of Indiantown, Florida, September 15 recalled fresh basil sold in Washington, Oregon, and Rhode Island because it may be contaminated with Salmonella. The company said in a news release that the problem was identified during routine sampling by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. According to the news release, 390 pounds of the basil, sold as Fresh Hot Basil, was shipped August 23 and 30 in 10-pound containers to retailers and one wholesale location in Washington, Oregon, and Rhode Island. Although the producer noted that Hot Basil has a 5-day shelf life, consumers could have used the herb in pesto or other foods to be frozen.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/09/fresh-basil-recalled-due-to-salmonella-fears/>

27. *September 14, International Business Times* – (National) **Listeria death toll grows to 15, CDC warns of tainted cantaloupe.** A continued investigation into a listeria outbreak that has killed at least one person has expanded to include six states where possibly tainted cantaloupe were consumed, Colorado health officials said September 14. The U.S. Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said this is the first Listeria outbreak in the United States, which has caused one death in Colorado where the cantaloupes are farmed, and three deaths in New Mexico, linked to cantaloupe produced from the Rocky Ford region of Colorado. At least 11 cases of listeriosis illness have been reported in Colorado, with 10 in New Mexico, 2 in Texas, and 1 each in Indiana, Nebraska, and Oklahoma. Because the outbreak has expanded across six states, the CDC is coordinating the investigation with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Source: <http://www.ibtimes.com/articles/213844/20110914/listeriosis-listeria-death-cdc-cantaloupe-outbreak.htm>

28. *September 14, New London Day* – (Connecticut) **Two invasive species in Long Island Sound worry marine biologists.** Two non-native species found in Long Island Sound are raising concerns about impact on the estuary's ecosystem as well as on commercial and recreational shellfishing in Connecticut. Two University of New Haven marine biology professors September 14 announced findings on invasive sea squirt, *Styela clava*, and Asian shrimp. Of the two, the sea squirt, native to marine waters off Korea, is of greater concern because it can smother oysters, clams, and mussels, and foul vessels, traps, and other fishing gear. One of the professors and her students have been studying the extent of the range of the sea squirt with a professor from the University of Connecticut's Avery Point campus in Groton. Their research shows the rapidly reproducing *Styela clava* is growing on docks, shellfish beds, and elsewhere as far east as Bridgeport. "This is truly a potential threat, if they do what they have done in other parts of the world," the professor said. She said removing the dense colonies that can cover shellfish beds is a very labor-intensive process. The Asian shrimp was first found on the U.S. Pacific coast in the 1950s, but not found in Connecticut until 2010, when it was spotted in the Mystic River off Mystic Seaport. Since then it has been found widely distributed throughout the sound, an assistant professor said.

Source: <http://www.theday.com/article/20110914/NWS12/110919805/-1/nws>

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## Water Sector

29. *September 16, Pottstown Mercury* – (Pennsylvania) **More sewage heads down the Schuylkill from Reading.** For the third time in 2 weeks, a sewer main break in Reading, Pennsylvania is causing the pumping of raw sewage into the Schuylkill River, upstream of public water intakes for Pottstown, Phoenixville, Limerick, and

Philadelphia. Once again, staff at the Pottstown Water Treatment Plant in Stowe are adding extra sterilizing chemicals and taking extra samples to ensure the safety of the water it provides. Pottstown's utilities supervisor confirmed the pathogens inherent in raw sewage have already arrived in Pottstown's portion of the river. Tests September 14 showed counts of 3,000 colonies of bacteria per liter of water. Normal counts are less than 200 colonies per liter, he said. No calculations are yet available for what is currently being pumped into a drinking water source for more than 1 million Pennsylvanians. The supervisor also said he has not received any estimate from Reading about how long the repair — and the raw sewage dumping — would take to complete.

Source:

<http://pottsmmerc.com/articles/2011/09/16/news/srv0000013893299.txt?viewmode=fullstory>

30. *September 15, WHDH 7 Boston* – (Massachusetts) **Water supply shutdown for 3 Mass. towns.** Authorities shut down Accord Pond which supplies water to three Massachusetts towns, including, Hingham, Hull and a portion of Cohasset September 14, after a resident reported seeing a man throw something into the water. The company that takes water from the pond insists the water is fine, but as a precaution the company shut down service from that pond. Police continue to investigate. Police divers had not found anything as of early September 15. On shore, investigators found a paper with foreign writing that a water official said is common to Ethiopia, and a prayer card from a Greek Orthodox Church. Police said they turned the card over to the FBI and are awaiting translation. The water from the pond is offline until further notice. The company said it supplies 25 percent of the water to the area.

Source: <http://www1.whdh.com/news/articles/local/south/12005372577758/water-supply-shutdown-for-3-mass-towns/>

31. *September 15, Napa Valley Register* – (California) **City repairs two water pipes, but hits delay on third.** The 36-inch water transmission line that broke in two places September 13, spilling between 1 and 2 million gallons, was repaired, according to the Napa Valley Register September 15. The more severe break, near Highway 121, took until about noon Thursday to fix, said the water general manager. When a connecting collar blew, it caused a 13-foot-long piece of concrete pipe to break with it. A smaller break on the east side of the river was fixed by midnight September 13, she added. Based on the amount of water that was in a 5 million-gallon tank at the Edward I. Barwick Jamieson Canyon Water Treatment Plant prior to the breaks, the manager estimated between 1 and 2 million gallons of water were lost. The water division began treating more water to make up for the loss.

Source: [http://napavalleyregister.com/news/local/city-repairs-two-water-pipes-but-hits-delay-on-third/article\\_90d94ce4-e01a-11e0-8879-001cc4c002e0.html](http://napavalleyregister.com/news/local/city-repairs-two-water-pipes-but-hits-delay-on-third/article_90d94ce4-e01a-11e0-8879-001cc4c002e0.html)

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

32. *September 16, WTLV 12/WJXX 25 Jacksonville* – (Alabama) **Voluntary recall of birth control pills.** Qualitest Pharmaceuticals of Huntsville, Alabama is recalling multiple kinds of birth control pills because of a packaging error that could lead to incorrect dosing and unintended pregnancies. The company said the error caused the weekly tablet orientation to be reversed and obscured the lot number and expiration date on certain packages. The problem could lead to inadequate contraception if women don't get the proper daily regimen of the drug. The recall affects certain lots of Cyclofam, Emoquette, Gildess, Orsythia, Previfem, and Tri-Previfem.  
Source: <http://www.firstcoastnews.com/topstories/article/219160/483/Birth-Control-Pills-Recall-Could-Cause-Unintended-Pregnancies>
33. *September 15, WFTS 29 Tampa* – (Florida) **Sheriff: Nurse texted patient information to man who then stole patients' identities.** Polk County, Florida, sheriff's detectives arrested a nurse for allegedly giving nursing home patient information to a man who used it to steal those patients' identity. The nurse worked at the Brandywyne Healthcare Center in Winter Haven and texted patient names, birth dates, and Social Security numbers to a man accused of using the information to file Turbo Tax returns and get credit and debit cards. At the time of the man's arrest, he had the records for 83 patients at the facility, detectives said. The nurse was given at least \$1,000 by the man for providing the personal information.  
Source: [http://www.abcactionnews.com/dpp/news/region\\_polk/winter\\_haven/sheriff:-nurse-texted-patient-information-to-man-who-then-stole-patients'-identities](http://www.abcactionnews.com/dpp/news/region_polk/winter_haven/sheriff:-nurse-texted-patient-information-to-man-who-then-stole-patients'-identities)
34. *September 15, Madison Capital Times* – (Wisconsin) **E. coli outbreak kills one, sickens eight others in Green County.** State and Green County officials in Wisconsin September 15 were trying to track down the source of an E. coli outbreak that claimed the life of a 1-year-old girl and has sickened several others. "The Wisconsin Division of Public Health and our department here in Green County are investigating a cluster of nine confirmed E. coli 0157:H7 infections," the director of the Green County Health Department said. All of those sickened are from Green County, although the director said they have been geographically spread out, with some in the outlying portions of the county. Some households have had multiple cases. The director said the outbreak started in mid-August, and the last case occurred in early September.  
Source: [http://host.madison.com/ct/news/local/health\\_med\\_fit/article\\_aa71e202-df0b-11e0-a3fc-001cc4c002e0.html](http://host.madison.com/ct/news/local/health_med_fit/article_aa71e202-df0b-11e0-a3fc-001cc4c002e0.html)

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

35. *September 16, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **Bowie State student charged in roommate's death.** A 19-year-old Bowie State University student was charged with murder September 16 in the stabbing of her roommate, a crime that shocked the campus of the small, historically black school in Bowie, Maryland. The student of District Heights fatally stabbed the 18-year-old victim of Washington the night of

September 15 inside the apartment-style dormitory where they lived, Maryland State Police said. She fled the campus after the stabbing, which was reported shortly after 8 p.m., then turned herself in to Prince George's County police around midnight. She was charged September 16 with first-degree murder and related counts, and was being held without bond.

Source: <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2011/09/16/ap/business/main20107424.shtml>

36. *September 16, Associated Press* – (Kentucky) **Military probes ammunition theft at Blue Grass Army, no chemical weapons involved.** The commander of the Blue Grass Army Depot in Richmond, Kentucky, said a civilian employee is under investigation after 118 rounds of ammunition taken from the facility were found at the employee's home in Richmond. The commander told WKYT 27 Lexington that agents from the Defense Criminal Investigative Service executed a search warrant and found the 5.56 mm ammunition used by depot security guards. He said the ammo was taken from a firearms training range. He said the employee works as a security guard at the facility, but has been placed on administrative leave while the investigation continues. A federal attorney will decide whether to charge the suspect. The commander said no chemical weapons, which are stored at the facility, were involved.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/3ac422bfd0484bac851f6cae3ac11dae/KY--Army-Depot-Theft/>

37. *September 16, American Forces Press Service* – (National) **Department seeks to protect GPS operations.** U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) officials raised concerns that a company's proposed wireless broadband network would cause harmful interference to essential Global Positioning System (GPS) operations. LightSquared's new terrestrial network has the potential to wreak havoc on GPS systems vital to the military, and used in a host of applications, the DOD's chief information officer (CIO) and a U.S. Air Force General, the commander of Air Force Space Command, told members of the House Armed Services Committee's Subcommittee on Strategic Forces September 15. GPS is the cornerstone of the DOD's positioning, navigation, and timing services, and is integrated into nearly every aspect of the nation's military operations, the CIO said. The military recently conducted testing on LightSquared's network in concert with the Federal Aviation Administration, the general explained. Test data indicate LightSquared's signals interfered with every type of receiver in the test, the general said. "Based on test results and analysis to date, LightSquared's network would effectively jam vital GPS receivers, and to our knowledge thus far, there are no mitigation options that would be effective in eliminating interference to essential GPS services in the United States," the general testified. The CIO said the DOD is also evaluating the effects of LightSquared's terrestrial transmissions on the military's use of Inmarsat satellite systems for its data and voice needs. Inmarsat satellite terminals are used by military units, commanders, and other senior government officials for global communications. "The LightSquared terrestrial system will likely interfere with DOD usage of Inmarsat if appropriate actions are not taken to mitigate interference," she said.

Source: <http://www.defense.gov/News/NewsArticle.aspx?ID=65355>

38. *September 15, Associated Press* – (Puerto Rico) **37 students stabbed with needle in Puerto Rico.** A 14-year-old girl went on a playground rampage with a hypodermic needle in Puerto Rico, stabbing 37 classmates, officials said September 15. "She would stab one, run, stab another, run, like it was some sort of joke," the unincorporated territory's education secretary said about September 13's lunchtime attack on 12- to 14-year-olds at the Jose de Choudens middle school in Arroyo. A health department spokeswoman said it was unclear if the syringe contained anything, and further tests were needed to determine if it was contaminated. The victims, accompanied by their parents, gathered at a convention center to be tested for HIV and hepatitis C, and to be given preventive medications. The education secretary said counselors also were helping the victims and their parents. Social workers were interviewing the alleged attacker to try to determine a motive, a U.S. Justice Department spokesman said. He said no charges had yet been filed, but officials said the suspect had been suspended from school. The education secretary said the girl first told investigators she found the syringe, but later said she stole an unused one while visiting a relative at a hospital and had planned to pierce her ear with it. He said it was not clear why she decided to attack her classmates.  
Source: [http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/44537697/ns/world\\_news-americas/#.TnOM1-yMaJw](http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/44537697/ns/world_news-americas/#.TnOM1-yMaJw)
39. *September 15, KSL 5 Salt Lake City* – (Utah) **Plane crashes at elementary school; pilot killed.** The pilot of a small plane died September 15 when he crashed on the grounds of Columbia Elementary School in West Jordan, Utah. "What we know about the plane crash is the plane came in at a steep angle and a high rate of speed. It was very close to the building," said the West Jordan Fire Battalion chief. A witness said there was no smoke or fire, just a crumpled plane with a broken wing. Children and teachers were at recess on the nearby playground when the crash occurred. Investigators did not yet know where the pilot was going or coming from or what caused the crash. West Jordan police will conduct an investigation with the National Transportation Safety Board, and the Federal Aviation Administration. A school carnival scheduled for the night of September 15 was rescheduled until the week of September 26 because of the crash.  
Source: <http://www.ksl.com/?nid=148&sid=17257851>
40. *September 15, Central Florida News 13 Orlando* – (Florida) **Student allegedly sets off acid bomb at Crystal River H.S., injures girl.** A 16-year-old boy has been charged with setting off an acid bomb and injuring a female student in the chorus room at Crystal River High School in Crystal River, Florida. According to an arrest affidavit obtained from the Citrus County Sheriff's Office, the arresting officer said a 16-year-old boy walked up to him and admitted he made the acid bomb. The officer said when he went into the high school chorus room, he saw the injured female student sitting down with what appeared to be redness and some swelling on the right side of her face. He noted the girl's right eye was bloodshot and watery, and the girl was complaining of discomfort in her eye. The officer found what he said appeared to be a homemade acid bomb. It was described as a plastic bottle that had blown apart, with some type of black and silver material inside. Witnesses told the officer something blew up next to the girl. The officer noted a strong chemical odor. He said the boy told him the bomb consisted

of muriatic acid and aluminum foil.

Source: <http://www.cfnews13.com/article/news/2011/september/313172/Student-allegedly-sets-off-acid-bomb-at-Crystal-River-HS-injures-girl>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

41. *September 16, FoxNews.com and Associated Press* – (New York) **New York Police search for armed soldier who escaped military custody.** Police in central New York are searching for an armed 20-year-old soldier who escaped military custody at Fort Drum and led police on a multi-county car chase. Police said the camouflage-clad soldier had been in custody facing burglary charges when he escaped September 15 and stole a car. A vehicle chase through Madison, Oneida, and Otsego counties ended when police damaged the tires of the soldier's car. He fled on foot into a wooded area near Richfield Springs, south of Utica. The Observer-Dispatch of Utica reports the suspect was armed with a handgun, and may be wearing a bullet-proof vest. He also was suicidal and reportedly said he would force police to shoot him in order to end his life. Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2011/09/16/new-york-police-search-for-armed-soldier-who-escaped-military-custody/>
  
42. *September 16, WLWT 35 Cincinnati* – (Ohio) **Tool helps Cincinnati crews get faster access.** Some rescues from a future fire or building collapse in Cincinnati, Ohio just got much quicker. The Cincinnati Fire Department is one of six in the nation to receive a piece of equipment that shortens rescue time considerably, perhaps 15 minutes or more. It is a 105-pound tool that fires a 30-pound piece of metal at a speed of 70 mph. The Controlled Impact Rescue Tool (CIRT) enables rescue crews to break apart concrete in seconds. The conventional method that requires cables and other cumbersome connections would take many critical minutes. "It's like a big gun," the lieutenant of Heavy Rescue 9 said. "Anywhere that we need a hole through a concrete wall, whether it's for rescuing victims, whether it's a firefighter calls a mayday and we know he's on the other side of this wall, we can blow a hole through the wall, get in there and try to get him out." The CIRT will also be used to give firefighters speedier access to fires if they need to pour water into an area of a burning home or building. Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/news/top-headlines/new-tool-helps-cincinnati-crews-get-faster-access>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

43. *September 16, IDG News Service* – (International) **Oracle security flaw could bring down app servers.** Oracle issued an emergency patch to fix a vulnerability it said

could bring down HTTP application servers it sells based on Apache 2.0 or 2.2. Attackers can exploit the weakness remotely without a username or password, Oracle said in a security alert issued September 15. Products impacted by the bug include Oracle Fusion Middleware 11g Release 1, versions 11.1.1.3.0, 11.1.1.4.0, and 11.1.1.5.0; Oracle Application Server 10g Release 3, version 10.1.3.5.0; and Oracle Application Server 10g Release 2, version 10.1.2.3.0. The U.S. Government's National Vulnerability Database has assigned a Common Vulnerability Scoring System (CVSS) rating of 7.8, "indicating a complete Operating System denial of service," Oracle said. Oracle took issue with that assessment in its security alert. "A complete Operating System denial of service is not possible on any platform supported by Oracle, and as a result, Oracle has given the vulnerability a CVSS Base Score of 5.0 indicating a complete denial of service of the Oracle HTTP Server but not the Operating System," it stated.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9220082/Oracle\\_security\\_flaw\\_could\\_bring\\_down\\_app\\_servers](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9220082/Oracle_security_flaw_could_bring_down_app_servers)

44. *September 16, Help Net Security* – (International) **When scammers socialize.** A sophisticated, seemingly broadly orchestrated online scam that promises bogus prizes to dupe Internet users into giving up their identifying personal information has been plaguing popular social media sites, Help Net Security reported September 16. This scam uses typographic variations of the social media sites' domain names to host Web pages formatted to look just like the home page, deceiving users into thinking they are legitimate. A recent study conducted by FairWinds Partners revealed this scam impacts 281 typos of the top 10 most popular social media sites, and puts a total of 48 million unique visitors per year at risk for spam, phishing, and identity theft. The scam has become pervasive among the most highly used social media Web sites, including Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube, and others. "It systematically steals Internet users' identifying information by targeting a relatively narrow percentage of typo domain names — only those that receive extremely high volumes of traffic — in order to reach as many unsuspecting users as possible," explained the co-founder and managing partner of FairWinds. Promising prizes and rewards in exchange for answering survey questions, these scam sites can quickly acquire a user's personal data, including his or her full name, telephone number, e-mail address, physical address, date of birth, and even financial and credit information. The group behind the scam sells this data to spammers and other digital miscreants.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=11637>

45. *September 16, Softpedia* – (International) **Bing and Yahoo advertise malware.** Malware spreading Web sites might appear to users who are using search engines to find and download programs including Skype, Firefox, or Adobe Player. The GFI Labs' blog revealed their discovery September 16 after noticing something was suspect when the Web sites behind the links appeared to be strange. While hiding behind what seemed to be a genuine link belonging to Yahoo and other known portals, the connections led to rogue sites that kept redirecting the user. It appears all the malicious links reroute to a domain called "en-softonic.net," which is packed with malware waiting to be downloaded by unsuspecting users. For example, the Firefox

install kit actually releases a rootkit that runs Internet Explorer in the background and performs automated clicks on advertisements. The discovered Win32(dot)Malware!Drop also makes redirects to malicious Web sites when Google is used to seek something. Yahoo and Microsoft were alerted on the issue and they promised a fix.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Bing-and-Yahoo-Advertise-Malware-222057.shtml>

46. *September 16, Softpedia* – (International) **Major vulnerabilities found in popular learning platform.** Softpedia reported September 16 Blackboard Learn, one of the most used educational platforms in the world, was discovered as being insecure because of multiple vulnerabilities that could expose sensitive information to unauthorized parties. The platform is used by schools and universities all over the world, and is used by the U.S. military to educate soldiers. According to SC Magazine, Australian universities might have been the ones to detect the flaws. Blackboard Learn did not respond at first, but took measures to patch up the holes after AusCERT contacted them. The vulnerabilities appear to be caused by improper configuration of the Web application and other issues that were supposed to be fixed in later versions of the software. The security director of the company that owns the platform told SC Magazine the exploit possibilities were not considered critical, and no institutions were compromised because of them. Blackboard Learn has fixed most of the problems, and said recently they have only one remaining issue to address.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Major-Vulnerabilities-Found-in-Popular-Learning-Platform-222025.shtml>

47. *September 15, Dark Reading* – (International) **Microsoft still spots lots of zeus infections.** Microsoft detects and cleans up between 60,000 and 100,000 machines infected with the zeus trojan each month, according to newly released data from the software giant. It appears zeus is alive and well despite rumors of its "death" or morph into the SpyEye trojan. "...We're still seeing both distinct malware families out and about in the wild. Between the two, we're finding that they're responsible for a significant amount of the e-commerce-related fraud happening at any given time," wrote a researcher at the Microsoft Malware Protection Center. Microsoft snuck more protections from new zeus malware variants into the latest version of its Malicious Software Removal Tool (MSRT), he said September 15: "[In September] (carefully hidden under the Win32/Bamital blanket), employing the old adage 'fight fire with fire', we decided to fight sneakiness with sneakiness and quietly slipped a fairly major Win32/Zbot update into MSRT." The software giant detected 103,391 zeus-infected machines in March; 113,814 in April; 60,385 in May; 83,555 in June; 61,323 in July; and 89,994 in August.

Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/vulnerability-management/167901026/security/attacks-breaches/231601507/>

## Internet Alert Dashboard

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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

48. *September 15, WISH 8 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **WISH signal restored after power outage; Big Brother available online.** WISH 8 Indianapolis in Indiana was off the air for about half an hour September 14 due to a power outage. Indianapolis Power & Light Co. (IPL) reported more than 600 customers without power at about 10:45 p.m. Within an hour, electricity had been restored to most customers. A WISH 8 photographer at the scene reported a power line was down at 16th Street and Martin Luther King Boulevard. Witnesses in the area reported seeing sparks before the lights went out. IPL officials said September 15 a lightning strike to a primary power line downtown around 10:30 p.m. triggered the outage.

Source: <http://www.wishtv.com/dpp/news/indiana/power-outage-knocks-wish-off-air>

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### Commercial Facilities Sector

49. *September 16, Associated Press* – (California) **Businesses evacuated, 4 men hospitalized after swarm of bees attacks in Southern California.** Four men were hospitalized and several businesses evacuated September 15 after tens of thousands of bees swarmed a storage yard in Santa Ana, California. The trouble started when a man in a wheelchair apparently disturbed the hive, causing the bees to bombard him, a Santa Ana fire captain said. The bees were so aggressive that the three men who tried to help the man had to retreat initially, but they dove back in and managed to pull the man to safety. The men were stung dozens of times during the rescue, the fire captain said. All four men had difficulty breathing and suffered rashes, nausea, and vomiting. Two firefighters who responded also were stung. A street was shut down and several nearby businesses evacuated while beekeepers removed the hive. They estimated it held 60,000 bees. The bee attack wasn't the first to make headlines this week. On September 14, Africanized bees swarmed several farm animals and killed a 1,000-pound hog at a farm in Bisbee, Arizona. An 800-pound pregnant sow also was stung so many times it went into a coma and lost its litter.

Source: <http://www.grandforksherald.com/event/apArticle/id/D9PPE2900/>

50. *September 15, Wheaton Patch* – (Maryland) **Two-alarm fire evacuates White Oak apartment building, injures firefighters.** A White Oak, Maryland apartment complex

was the location of a two-alarm fire September 15 that caused about \$1 million in damages, injured two firefighters, and killed two pet cats. Around midnight, Montgomery County Fire & Rescue responded to a fire at the Yorkshire Apartments complex. A resident living on the top floor of the four-level building left something cooking unattended in the kitchen, a fire department spokesman said. The apartment houses 14 one-floor apartment homes, 12 of which were occupied at the time of the fire. It took 85 firefighters about 45 minutes to extinguish the flames. Two of those firefighters were sent to the hospital with non life-threatening injuries.

Source: <http://wheaton-md.patch.com/articles/two-alarm-fire-evacuates-white-oak-apartment-building-injures-firefighters>

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

51. *September 16, Salt Lake Tribune* – (Utah) **Centerville fire nearly contained after overnight progress.** Firefighters had a fire in the foothills just above Centerville, Utah, nearly contained by the morning of September 16. The Parrish Fire, first reported at 7:44 p.m. September 15, was 80 percent contained as of dawn, a Wasatch-Cache National Forest spokeswoman said. Overnight GPS mapping of the fire showed it had burned 36.7 acres just east of Centerville. The spokeswoman said it was expected the fire could be fully contained by the afternoon of September 16, and officially extinguished by no later than September 17. The cause of the fire remained undetermined as of early September 16. Initially, four east Centerville homes were subjected to voluntary evacuations, but the residents were allowed to return a short time later. Firefighters from the U.S. Forest Service, state division of forestry, South Davis Metro Fire Department, Layton, Clinton, Farmington, and Salt Lake City fought the fire at various times.
- Source: <http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/52596196-78/fire-friday-centerville-contained.html.csp>

52. *September 15, Las Vegas Review-Journal* – (Nevada) **More than 1,000 marijuana plants removed from Carpenter Canyon.** Officials from several government agencies eradicated more than 1,000 marijuana plants, worth more than \$2.5 million, from the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area in Nevada, U.S. Forest Service (USFS) officials said September 15. In total, 1,075 marijuana plants were removed September 14 from what is being called a marijuana farm at Carpenter Canyon on the west side of the Spring Mountains, near Mount Charleston. A USFS spokeswoman said each plant is worth an estimated \$2,500. Officials with the USFS, Drug Enforcement Administration, Bureau of Land Management, the Nevada Department of Wildlife, the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, and the Nye County sheriff's office participated in the removal of the plants. Two suspects were spotted on the marijuana farm, but steep terrain, thick brush, and low-hanging clouds allowed them to evade capture, officials said.

Source: <http://www.lvrj.com/news/more-than-1-000-marijuana-plants-removed-from-carpenter-canyon-129923558.html>

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## **Dams Sector**

53. *September 16, San Francisco Chronicle* – (California) **Calaveras Dam replacement to begin amid retrofit.** The Calaveras Dam, built in 1925 on top of an earthquake fault, was deemed seismically unsafe a decade ago, and the reservoir has been operating 51 feet below capacity as a precaution. On September 16, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will begin a \$416-million project to replace the 210-foot-high earthen barrier that has collected water from Alameda Creek for 86 years, and build a new 220-foot-high dam immediately downstream in the same remote canyon surrounded by oak-dotted hills and grasslands northeast of Milpitas. The dam replacement is the largest of 81 projects in the PUC's \$4.6 billion program to retrofit the entire San Francisco water-delivery system. The dam holds back the reservoir that is San Francisco's largest local source of drinking water.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/c/a/2011/09/16/MNA31L2NBQ.DTL>

54. *September 15, Associated Press* – (National) **Corps pegs '11 flood damage at \$2B.** Waters that overflowed their banks from coast to coast will make 2011 among the costliest years of flooding in U.S. history, the Associated Press reported September 15. In Missouri alone, historic flooding along the Mississippi River forced the intentional break of a levee that protected thousands of acres of prime farmland. Storms also devastated parts of the South, and Irene and Lee caused heavy flooding in parts of the Northeast. Officials identified 53 repair projects, mostly levees, along the Missouri River from Rulo, Nebraska, to St. Charles, Missouri, that must be completed to restore the river to its pre-flood condition. They estimated it would cost \$35 million to complete the projects, which amounts to a quarter of the money the Corps currently has for repairs. The Corps estimated it would cost \$460 million to repair the damage along the entire Missouri River, and rivers in the Pacific Northwest, including the Columbia, that overflowed their banks this spring. A Corps spokesman cautioned that Missouri River damage estimates are extremely preliminary and will not be complete until the water recedes to normal levels along the entire river.

Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/article/APNewsBreak-Corps-pegs-11-flood-damage-at-2B-2172966.php#page-2>

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