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- Dozens of employees at Honolulu's airport were fired or suspended after an investigation found workers did not screen checked bags for explosives, the Transportation Security Administration said. – *Associated Press* (See item [24](#))
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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 19, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Thousands lose electricity as storms roll through parts of North Texas.** Crews worked to restore power to thousands of homes and businesses in Texas that lost electricity due to storms. Dallas-based Oncor reported more than 13,000 customers without electricity September 19. The utility said nearly 10,000 of the outages were reported in the Dallas area following thunderstorms September 18. Power outages were also reported in southern and eastern parts of the state. The storm dumped hail the size of golf balls in Dallas. Scattered storm damage

included downed power lines and trees losing branches.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/fb23f5dc7da245ccbf0ed8f1f925beb0/TX--Texas-Storms/>

2. *September 19, Truman State University Index* – (Missouri) **Ethanol spill temporarily closes Highway 6.** One man was injured and Highway 6 was closed to traffic after a tractor trailer leaked hundred of gallons of ethanol when it overturned in an accident east of Kirksville, Missouri, September 18. The driver of an SUV sustained moderate injuries in the crash. He was traveling eastbound when he suffered from a medical condition that caused his vehicle to cross the lane divider and strike a tractor trailer carrying 8,000 gallons of ethanol. The driver of the truck did not sustain injuries in the collision, according to the crash report from the Missouri Highway Patrol (MHP). A radio operator for the MHP said he estimated that 500 gallons of fuel spilled from the trailer throughout the day.
Source: <http://www.trumanindex.com/breaking-news-ethanol-spill-temporarily-closes-highway-6-1.2597265#.TndeyOwg2Tw>
3. *September 18, Erie Times-News* – (Pennsylvania) **Fire official: 7 cars derailed from freight train in Erie.** A CSX freight train derailed in Erie, Pennsylvania, September 17, sending seven cars — one of them a tanker filled with propane — off the tracks. A boxcar landed perpendicular to the tracks, coming to rest at the edge of a steep slope behind the Mercantile Building at 1401 State Street. The train was going east at an unknown speed, carrying lumber, propane, and other freight. The cars left the track at about 1:20 p.m. The engine stopped at Ash Street. The train remained there through the day. Rail traffic in both directions was suspended. "The tracks are pretty much torn up," said an assistant chief for the Erie Bureau of Fire. The tanker car did not appear to be leaking, he said. No evacuations were ordered. Street traffic beneath the rail bridges was not interrupted.
Source:
<http://www.goerie.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20110918/NEWS02/309179910/0/news>
4. *September 17, City News Service and KNBC 4 Los Angeles* – (California; Arizona; International) **Power outage worsened by plant shutdown.** The string of unplanned electric grid shutdowns that blacked out southern Orange County and San Diego, California, in September was first exacerbated when a power plant in Baja California, Mexico, protectively shut down, it was reported September 17. The San Diego Union-Tribune quoted California officials who said the first power generating station to shut down after an equipment failure in Arizona was in Mexicali, Mexico, where a natural gas-fired unit went off-line 20 seconds after the Arizona mishap. The chief executive officer of California-ISO, which controls and switches power supplies in California, said it is not yet known if the Mexicali plant's shutdown was related to the Arizona problem. The regional superintendent for Mexico's Federal Electric Commission said the Mexicali plant went down to protect its components. The plant is one of several sources of energy in Mexico for consumers in San Diego, Riverside, and Orange counties. Two transmission lines feed electricity from Mexicali-area power plants north

to the United States. The Mexican plant's shutdown is one of 23 events on 5 separate but connected power grids that transpired in 11 minutes September 8. Other major electricity generators, including the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station in northern San Diego County, also went into standby mode as power levels oscillated. Such automatic shutdowns are necessary to prevent damage, but the Cal-ISO investigation will determine if the cascading failures could have been prevented. Cal-ISO is reconstructing a "second-by-second" record of what happened after a switching error at an Arizona Public Service substation in Yuma, Arizona, started the cascading failures. Source: <http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/Power-Outage-Exacerbated-by-Plant-Shut-Down-130017958.html>

5. *September 16, Infosecurity* – (International) **Energy Department lays down roadmap for energy delivery cybersecurity.** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) released a report September 15 that provides a roadmap for public-private sector initiatives designed to improve cybersecurity for the nation's energy delivery system. The "2011 Roadmap to Achieve Energy Delivery Systems Cybersecurity" outlines a 10-year strategic framework for industry, vendors, academia, and government stakeholders to design, install, operate, and maintain a resilient energy delivery system capable of surviving a cyber incident while sustaining critical functions. Developed by the public-private Energy Sector Control Systems Working Group, the roadmap offers five strategies to make the U.S. energy delivery system more secure from cyber attacks. Source: <http://www.infosecurity-us.com/view/20808>
6. *September 16, Durango Herald* – (Colorado) **Driver killed in U.S. highway 550 fuel spill.** A 7,000-gallon fuel tanker crashed just north of the Colorado-New Mexico state line on U.S. Highway 550 September 16, causing the highway to be closed for hours in both directions. The driver was killed in the accident, a spokesman for the Colorado State Patrol said. The Western Refining tanker rolled over at 1:16 p.m. and about 4,000 gallons of fuel spilled. The tanker was heading northbound when it ran off the right side of the road. The driver tried to steer back onto the road and lost control before the tanker traveled into the median and rolled, blocking the northbound lane, the spokesman said. One lane was reopened September 16 after hazardous materials teams and firefighters were able to reduce the possibility of explosion and fire, according to a La Plata County news release. The spill was contained in the center median, and fuel was prevented from reaching the Animas River or irrigation ditches. Source: <http://durangoherald.com/article/20110917/NEWS01/709169900/-1/s/Driver-killed-in-US-Highway-550-fuel-spill>

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Chemical Industry Sector

7. *September 19, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (New York) **EPA warns New York City residents about dangers of illegal pesticides.** A months-long undercover, criminal investigation into the sale of illegal pesticides by shops and street vendors in

New York City has led to the arrest of 12 people, federal and state officials announced during a September 19 news conference. The agencies involved, included the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, federal attorneys, U.S. Customs, and the U.S. Postal Service. The U.S. Justice Department charged two individuals, who together had distributed and sold thousands of packages of illegal pesticides, with misdemeanors. The Manhattan District Attorney's office also charged 10 retail sellers with selling dangerous and illegal pesticides, and with reckless endangerment. In a separate investigation the week of September 12, the EPA conducted 47 inspections and found 16 different types of illegal pesticides not registered by the EPA. In all, nearly 350 illegal products were collected. Store owners and vendors were given a warning. "Illegal pesticides can make people sick, especially kids who might mistake them for candy," said an EPA regional administrator. She said retailers should not sell, and consumers should not purchase products without EPA registration numbers. Officials said some products they found were so toxic, that a small vial could kill an adult male. The inspections targeted stores in Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Queens. Among the items confiscated were rodenticides, mosquito repellants, and mothballs. The items will be safely destroyed. Under pesticides law, all products sold in the United States that contain pesticides must be registered with the EPA. Before a product is registered, the producer must provide data from tests done according to EPA guidelines, to ensure the product does not make people sick.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/0ad3ccc2ad5d3cf085257910005fc6a9?OpenDocument>

8. *September 18, WDSU 6 New Orleans* – (Louisiana) **Norco plant reports accidental chemical release.** An industrial plant in Norco, Louisiana, has reported an accidental release of potentially toxic chemicals. Motiva Enterprises self-reported the mishap to the National Response Center, which confirmed the release September 18. According to the report, a clamp failed on a pipe at the facility September 17, allowing the chemicals butadiene and propylene to be released into the air. Butadiene is an industrial chemical used in the production of synthetic rubber, and propylene is a polymer commonly used to make plastics and solvents. In limited amounts, the gasses are likely to dissipate without causing any harm. No health warnings were in effect for the area. The Motiva facility is co-owned by Royal Dutch Shell and the Saudi Arabian Oil Company.

Source: <http://www.wdsu.com/r/29224311/detail.html>

9. *September 17, United Press International* – (Louisiana) **BP's workers may have escaped harm.** An article in Chemical & Engineering News said air and water studies near BP's oil spill off Louisiana found cleanup workers may have escaped harm from toxic substances in the oil, United Press International reported September 17. A senior editor said researchers found benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene — collectively termed BTEX — remained dissolved in the Gulf of Mexico, and did not vaporize into the air where they could be inhaled by cleanup workers. The spill began April 20, 2010, with an explosion on the Deepwater Horizon facility, 50 miles off the coast of Louisiana, killing 11 oil workers. By the time the well was capped 87 days

later, a record 4.9 million barrels — 206 million gallons — of oil had spilled. Despite this news, there are concerns other substance released by the crude oil — substances that do not dissolve as well in water — did become airborne during the 2010 disaster. If so, they could pose a health threat to cleanup workers, the article noted.

Source: http://www.upi.com/Health_News/2011/09/17/BPs-workers-may-have-escaped-harm/UPI-25551316239920/

10. *September 16, Loveland Reporter-Herald* – (Colorado) **Liquid oxygen tanker rollover closes Colo. 402.** The driver of a tanker truck that rolled over and closed Colorado 402 for 4 hours September 16 was not injured. The Colorado State Patrol (CSP) said the 37-year-old was driving west on 402 when he drifted off the right side of the road, tried to steer back and rolled his semi onto its top. The liquid oxygen in the tank did not spill nor did any fuel, according to the CSP. Emergency workers vented the oxygen safely into the air before removing the truck. No other vehicles were involved in the crash, which happened just before 5:12 a.m. The highway's eastbound and westbound lanes were closed until 9 a.m.

Source: http://www.reporterherald.com/news/loveland-local-news/ci_18914342

11. *September 16, Amarillo Globe-News* – (Texas) **Blast creates havoc.** A rail car explosion September 16 in Amarillo, Texas, sent flames soaring 300 feet into the air, forcing hundreds of people to evacuate nearby neighborhoods and buildings, authorities said. The fire erupted at 11:27 a.m. at the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Yard in the 1700 block of Southeast Johnson Street, just north of Interstate 40, Amarillo's police chief said. Authorities said they think the blaze began in a rail car carrying pentane, a highly-flammable liquid that reacts with the air. They said two rail workers were treated at a hospital for minor injuries, and a third was treated at the scene. There is no health threat, authorities added. A BNSF worker was operating a remote-control car to make up a train when the explosion happened, a BNSF spokesman said. The incident led to the evacuation of about 200 residents, students and employees in about a 4-block radius from the incident and closed the Interstate 40 frontage road for 3 hours, police said. People who live a half-mile north of the fire were directed to stay indoors, close windows and turn off heating and air conditioning. Glenwood, Sanborn and Landergin elementary schools kept students inside, an Amarillo Independent School District spokeswoman said. About 100 students at Region 16 Education Service Center Head Start, 1601 Cleveland Street, and four staff members at the Maverick Boys and Girls Club, 1923 S. Lincoln Street, evacuated. Rail officials said late September 16 they do not know when traffic will resume. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, BNSF and, the Federal Railroad Administration are investigating.

Source: <http://amarillo.com/news/local-news/2011-09-16/blast-creates-havoc#.TndmSeyOvgY>

12. *September 15, The Associated Press* – (International) **Ind. scientist agrees to plead guilty to stealing secrets from Dow, sending to China, Germany.** A former Indiana scientist has agreed to plead guilty to charges of illegally sending trade secrets worth \$300 million to China and Germany. A federal judge September 15 scheduled a plea hearing for October 18. The suspect could face up to 15 years in prison. He agreed to

plead guilty to one count of theft and attempted theft of trade secrets to benefit a foreign government and instrumentality in a document filed last month. In the plea agreement, the 46-year-old, who was born in China, admitted he passed on proprietary information about the development of organic pesticides while he worked as a researcher for Dow AgroSciences in Indiana. According to the plea agreement, he passed along trade secrets — including biological materials — to a person at Hunan Normal University in China. That person allegedly later went to the Technical University in Dresden, Germany. Dow Agrosiences is a subsidiary of Dow Chemical Co. The suspect is a Canadian citizen with permanent U.S. resident status. He was indicted in June 2010 but it was kept secret until August 2010. The indictment charged him with 12 counts of theft and attempted theft of trade secrets to benefit a foreign government and instrumentality under the Economic Espionage Act. He also was charged with five counts of foreign transportation of stolen property. The Economic Espionage Act was passed in 1996 after the United States realized China and other countries were targeting private businesses as part of their spy strategies. Officials said the Department of Justice has only filed economic espionage charges seven times. Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/worldbusiness/ind-scientist-agrees-to-plead-guilty-to-stealing-secrets-from-dow-sending-to-china-germany/2011/09/15/gIQAlB9ZVK_story.html

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

13. *September 18, New York Times* – (International) **Siemens abandoning nuclear power business.** Siemens, the largest engineering conglomerate in Europe, announced September 18 that following the German government’s decision to phase out nuclear power by 2022, it would stop building nuclear power plants anywhere in the world. Siemens, which built all of Germany’s 17 nuclear power plants, is the first big company to announce such a shift in strategy. But other German companies involved in the nuclear energy industry are also reconsidering their options. The company will continue to produce some products used in nuclear power. “We will provide conventional steam turbines that can be used for nuclear power plants and conventional power plants,” a spokesman for Siemens’ energy business said. Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2011/09/19/business/global/19iht-siemens19.html?_r=1&partner=rss&emc=rss
14. *September 17, St. Joseph Herald-Palladium* – (Michigan) **Water leak shuts down reactor.** The Palisades nuclear power plant in Covert, Michigan, was shut down September 16 after a water leak of more than 10 gallons per minute was detected in the system that cools the plant's nuclear reactor. The plant was shut down because the leak exceeded the plant's technical specifications, a plant spokesman said. The plant filed a notification of an "unusual event" with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the lowest level of notice. The likely cause of the problem is a leak on a valve in the primary cooling system, according to the plant spokesman. There is no estimate for

when the plant will be back in operation.

Source: http://www.heraldpalladium.com/articles/2011/09/17/local_news/6541744.txt

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

15. *September 16, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **John Deere recalls lawn tractors powered by Kawasaki engines due to overheating and fire hazards.** John Deere announced a recall September 16 of 36,500 X300, X300R, and X304 series lawn tractors with Kawasaki FS541V engines manufactured between September 20, 2010 and July 21, 2011. The cooling fan installed on top of the front mounted Kawasaki engine in the lawn tractor can break. If the fan is not operational, the engine can overheat causing the surrounding plastic to melt, creating the risk of fire and serious injury. There have been 163 reported failures, including 83 reports of engine melting or engine fires, and 1 report of a minor burn injury following a fan failure fire. The affected tractors were sold at John Deere dealers in the United States from September 2010 to August 2011. Customers should stop using the mowers immediately and contact a John Deere dealer to make arrangements to have the engine cooling fan replaced.

Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml11/11752.html>

16. *September 16, U.S. Department of Transportation* – (National) **NHTSA recall notice - Subaru Legacy and Outback moonroof glass.** The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration announced September 16 that Subaru is recalling 69,590 model year 2011 Outback and Legacy vehicles manufactured from August 3, 2010 through July 1, 2011. The moonroof glass may come loose or detach from the vehicle during driving, resulting in a potential road hazard for other vehicles, increasing the risk of a crash. The amount and position of the adhesive between the glass and retainer was inadequately applied. Subaru will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the glass adhesion condition and either apply additional adhesive or replace the moonroof glass. The safety recall is expected to begin during October 2011.

Source: http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rel_ID=11V467000&summary=true&prod_id=941768&PrintVersion=YES

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Banking and Finance Sector

17. *September 19, Reuters* – (International) **SEC alleges insider trading in Global Industries.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) September 16 filed an insider trading lawsuit in connection with the recent purchase of U.S. underwater oil services company Global Industries Ltd. by France's Technip SA . According to the complaint, the unnamed defendants bought Global shares on the 2 trading days immediately before Technip on September 12 said it would buy the company for \$8 per share, a 55-percent premium. The defendants realized \$1.73 million of illegal profit by then selling their shares, according to the complaint. The SEC said the purchases were made through an account in the name of Austria's Raiffeisen Bank International AG held at broker-dealer Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. It said the purchases accounted for about 10 percent of daily trading volume in Global, though there was no major publicly available news about the Louisiana-based company. This "suggests that the information was obtained as a result of breaches of fiduciary duty," the SEC said. The complaint seeks to force the defendants to give up their illegal profit and pay civil fines.
Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/business/sns-rt-us-sec-insidertrading-globalindustriestre78i2tr-20110919,0,4100864.story>
18. *September 17, Associated Press* – (Mississippi) **2 convicted for possessing fake credit cards.** A federal jury in Mississippi September 16 convicted two men from Miami for possession of about 91 counterfeit credit cards. A U.S. attorney said September 16 that a 54-year-old and a 23-year-old will be sentenced December 13. Each faces up to 10 years in prison, and a \$250,000 fine. Vicksburg Police arrested the men March 2 after a traffic stop. The false credit cards, found in their car, were embossed with account numbers that did not belong to the persons named on the face of the cards.
Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/article/2-convicted-for-possessing-fake-credit-cards-2175623.php>
19. *September 17, St. Petersburg Times* – (Florida) **Man arrested in Holiday ATM 'skimming' case at Bank of America.** All authorities had was a "pretty good picture" of a dark-haired man suspected of putting a "skimming" device on an ATM in Holiday, Florida to steal financial information from unsuspecting customers. As it turned out, the photo, taken last month by a Bank of America surveillance camera, was all they needed. Detectives identified their suspect, and at 3:30 a.m. September 12, officers in Destin arrested a 23-year-old man from the country of Moldova they think was involved in a fraud operation that could have victimized residents across the state. The suspect faces charges of organized fraud, two counts of criminal use of personal identification information, three counts of possession of a scanning device, and four counts of grand theft. Bank workers had discovered scratches and gluey residue on the ATM August 26. An investigation showed that over several nights in August, a thief or thieves placed a device — called a skimmer — on the ATM to read and copy card numbers. Such data is then transferred onto cloned credit cards, and used to withdraw cash at other ATMs. Officials said last month that 44 victims had been identified so far, with more than \$26,000 stolen from their Bank of America accounts.
Source: <http://www.tampabay.com/news/publicsafety/crime/man-arrested-in-holiday-atm-skimming-case-at-bank-of-america/1191920>

20. *September 16, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (Illinois) **Former Jerseyville bank vice president convicted.** A 56-year-old of Jerseyville, Illinois woman pled guilty in federal court in East St. Louis to bank fraud, a U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced September 16. The bank fraud took place from at 2003, through January, 2011, in Jersey County, Illinois. The offense carries a maximum penalty of up to 30 years' imprisonment and/or a fine of \$1 million, 5 years' supervised release, and mandatory restitution. The charge also includes a forfeiture allegation seeking property and proceeds traceable to the violation, which includes the convict's residence, two condominiums, a boat, vehicles, and bank stock. In her guilty plea, she admitted she electronically transferred funds from the bank's corresponding accounts to her own accounts, inflated expenses to a prepaid expense account, took money from a certificate of deposit account, and concealed the money in the bank's general ledger. To perpetuate the scheme, she provided false data in monthly reports to the board. She additionally provided false information to federal examiners, and to state bank examiners. The convict had been employed by the Jersey State Bank since about 1976. During her employment she held various positions including assistant cashier, a director of the bank holding corporation, and executive vice president. Her responsibilities included being in charge of the bank's general ledger and corresponding accounts, and she provided regular reports to the president and board members as to the bank's assets, stability and financial soundness. It is reported that about \$4.4 million was embezzled from the bank.

Source:

http://7thspace.com/headlines/394301/former_jerseyville_bank_vice_president_convicted.html

21. *September 16, Infosecurity* – (National) **FBI probes over 400 cases of corporate bank account cyberjacking.** The FBI is currently investigating over 400 reported cases of corporate banking account takeovers in which cybercriminals have initiated unauthorized automated clearing house (ACH) and wire transfers from U.S.-based organizations, an FBI official told a U.S. House panel the week of September 12. Through this method, cybercriminals have attempted to steal over \$255 million and have actually stolen around \$85 million, the assistant director of the FBI's cyber division told a House subcommittee on financial institutions and consumer credit. He explained that these cyberattacks are usually carried out through targeted phishing e-mails that contain either malware, or a link to a malware-laden Web site. The phish targets a person within the company who can initiate fund transfers on behalf of the business or institution. "Once the recipient opens the attachment or navigates to the Web site, malware is installed on the user's computer, which often includes a keylogging program that harvests the user's online banking credentials. The criminal then either creates another account or directly initiates a funds transfer masquerading as the legitimate user. The stolen funds are often then transferred overseas", he explained. The targets of these phishing attacks are small and medium-sized businesses, local governments, school districts, and healthcare providers, he noted.

Source: <http://www.infosecurity-us.com/view/20810/>

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Transportation Sector

22. *September 19, Associated Press* – (New York; New Jersey) **Metro-North restores some service on Port Jervis line.** Metro-North Railroad resumed service September 19 on part of the Port Jervis, New York line that suffered "catastrophic" damage from Hurricane Irene. Service was restored between Port Jervis and Harriman. Some commuters on the line will still be relying on bus connections. The railroad said "a massive" repair effort continues. Trains will shuttle riders from several stops to Harriman, and buses will take them to New Jersey Transit's Ramsey/Route 17 station in New Jersey. Bus service from the Tuxedo and Sloatsburg stations to the station at Ramsey/Route 17 continues.
Source: <http://www.lohud.com/article/20110919/NEWS03/109190341/Metro-North-restores-some-service-Port-Jervis-line>

23. *September 18, KUSA 9 Denver* – (Colorado) **State Patrol: ice caused 6 accidents in mountains.** The Colorado State Patrol (CSP) said ice on Interstate 70 near the Eisenhower tunnel caused six separate accidents September 18. While no one was injured, troopers closed both directions of the interstate to investigate, remove the damaged vehicles, and treat the ice. The area of I-70 that iced over is a shady spot around the bridge over Loveland Pass. "Overnight with the wind and the rain and it being shady all the time, it got cold enough to freeze, and this morning six people came through there, six different vehicles had crashes," a CSP spokesman said. After cleaning up the accidents and treating the icy road, the Colorado Department of Transportation reopened the interstate.
Source: <http://www.9news.com/news/article/219804/188/State-Patrol-ice-caused-6-accidents-in-mountains>

24. *September 17, Associated Press* – (Hawaii) **TSA fires 28 Honolulu bag screeners after probe.** Dozens of employees at Honolulu's airport were fired or suspended after an investigation found workers did not screen checked bags for explosives, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) said September 16. The firings and suspensions amounted to the single largest personnel action for misconduct in the federal agency's history. The TSA said in a statement that 28 workers were "removed," 15 suspended, and 3 resigned or retired. The cases of two other employees were still being decided. The agency began an investigation at the end of 2010 after two Honolulu employees told officials that thousands of bags were not checked properly or screened for traces of explosives. The probe, which included interviews with more than 100 employees, determined that some checked bags during one shift at the airport were not properly screened. In June 2011, the TSA placed 36 of the workers on paid administrative leave as it began the process of firing them. It also suspended 12 workers at that time. The Honolulu airport has 750 TSA employees.
Source: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/44557230/ns/travel/#.TndCq-x3jTo>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

25. *September 16, Seacoastonline.com* – (New Hampshire) **Carbon monoxide not cause of evacuation.** The investigation into the evacuation of the Exeter, New Hampshire post office September 1 has come to an end. Officials concluded employees taken to the hospital suffered adverse health effects from fumes from the solvent used to clean up asbestos rather than carbon monoxide. The Exeter Fire Department recorded carbon monoxide levels of 30 parts per million. About 28 employees were evacuated from the post office. Some 17 were transported to the hospital for observation, complaining of light-headedness, nausea, and chest pains. "It was the professional opinion of the treating physicians that the event was most likely caused by sensitivity to fumes," said a spokesman for the northern New England United States Postal Service. "Probably caused by a cleaning solvent used during tile work being done the night before." The asbestos abatement crew used a solvent called Control Green Low Odor Mastic Remover.

Source: <http://www.seacoastonline.com/articles/20110916-NEWS-109160393>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

26. *September 19, WGRZ 2 Buffalo* – (New York) **Van kills couple in restaurant; boy hospitalized.** A 13-year-old boy is recovering from a crash at a Cheeburger Cheeburger restaurant in Amherst, New York, that claimed the lives of his parents September 17. While the family was eating, a 74-year-old woman drove a minivan into the building, pinning a 56-year-old man and a 52-year-old woman against the wall. The driver was attempting to park, when the minivan jumped a curb and accelerated into the building. The man was transported to Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 10:19 p.m. His wife died September 18 at 11:44 a.m. Their 13-year-old boy was initially taken to ECMC with non-life threatening injuries, but he was transferred to Women and Children's Hospital for a collapsed lung. A 20-year-old waitress was also struck by the van. She suffered minor injuries and was taken to Millard Fillmore Suburban for treatment. Several people were inside the restaurant when the crash occurred. A 79-year-old passenger inside the van was uninjured. A lieutenant said this marked the fourth time in a month that a vehicle has been driven into a building in Amherst.

Source:

<http://www.democratandchronicle.com/article/20110919/NEWS01/109190328/Van-kills-couple-restaurant-boy-hospitalized>

27. *September 18, Elyria Chronicle-Telegram* – (Ohio) **Texas Roadhouse evacuated after kitchen fire.** A kitchen fire around 8 p.m. September 18 at the Texas Roadhouse in Elyria, Ohio, may have been due to a faulty ventilation system. "We believe it was in the hood (ventilation) system," the fire chief said. "We won't know for sure until the fire marshal inspects the hood (ventilation) system and finds out if it was

overwhelmed." The fire chief said the fire had flames as high as 20 feet on the roof. Employees instructed customers to evacuate the restaurant when smoke became visible. Source: <http://chronicle.northcoastnow.com/2011/09/18/texas-roadhouse-evacuated-after-kitchen-fire/>

28. *September 18, Food Safety News* – (Washington) **Washington's Del Bueno recalls cheese again.** For the third time in a year, Del Bueno, of Grandview, Washington, recalled a cheese because it may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. In a news release posted at about 4 a.m. September 17, the U.S. Food and Drug Association (FDA) said the cheese maker recalled 16-ounce packages of Queso Fresco Casero Fresh Cheese, after routine sampling by the Washington State Department of Agriculture detected *Listeria* contamination. The cheese, packaged in round clear plastic 16pounce packages, is stamped on the back with a code date of "Sep. 14 2011." It was sold in retail markets in Washington state and at the Pasco flea market. The company said it will be notifying customers and requesting that they stop sales of the product. Del Bueno is working with the FDA to conduct the recall. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/09/safety-recall-queso-fresco-contaminated-with-listeria/>
29. *September 17, Lansdale Reporter* – (Pennsylvania) **Ammonia leak forces Friday morning evacuation.** An ammonia leak September 16 at the Country Fresh, PA LLC plant in Hatfield Township, Pennsylvania, forced employees to evacuate the facility. The township's fire marshal said no one was hurt. Authorities responded at 7:50 a.m., according to the Montgomery County Department of Public Safety Web site. A small ammonia leak in the facility's compressor room forced about 50 to 60 employees to leave the building, the fire marshal said. The leak affected the refrigeration areas in Country Fresh's warehouse. Employees and emergency responders waited in the parking lot for a service contractor to shut off and fix the leak. The Hatfield Fire Company also responded. None of Country Fresh's employers at the scene could turn off the ammonia, the fire marshal said. Source: <http://www.thereporteronline.com/articles/2011/09/17/news/doc4e735dcc4e3e7927071202.txt?viewmode=fullstory>
30. *September 17, NewsCore* – (Michigan) **Homemade bomb found in women's restroom in Detroit.** A homemade bomb was discovered September 17 inside the ladies' restroom at Adi's Coney Island diner in Detroit, causing a section of the city to go into lockdown. A restaurant employee discovered the device, which police called an IED (improvised explosive device) around 3 p.m. and called police. The entire neighborhood was blocked off and businesses closed while investigators swept the area for other potential threats. Members of the bomb squad detonated the explosive at a nearby car wash. Officials said people could have been seriously hurt if the device had gone off inside the bathroom. A glass bottle was inside the plastic shell, and it was loaded with gasoline, police said. The DHS is investigating and the person(s) responsible will likely face federal charges. Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2011/09/17/homemade-bomb-found-in-womens-restroom-in-detroit/>

31. *September 16, Miami Herald* – (Florida) **Giant snail invasion being battled in Miami-Dade.** An army of Giant African Snails in a Miami, Florida subdivision has federal and state agricultural officials launching an expensive counter-attack to remove the large slimy creatures. The snails, of the species *Achatina fulica*, can grow up to 10 inches long and 4 inches wide, and are considered one of the most damaging land snails in the world. They eat at least 500 different types of plants, lay about 1,200 eggs a year, and can carry a strain of non-fatal meningitis. They contain female and male reproductive organs and live as long as 9 years. They can be particularly devastating to agricultural areas and ecosystems and result in trade bans. Hailing from Eastern Africa, the snails are only allowed into the United States with special permits and for scientific research. Officials learned of the invasion the week of September 5. The director of plant industry at the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and his team combed through a neighborhood September 15. About 50 state and federal officials are going house-by-house, removing the slimy pests. So far, officials have found about 1,000 within a square-mile radius. Authorities are trying to determine if the outbreak is tied to a 2010 smuggling case. The man was allegedly aided by a woman claiming to be an African priestess who hid snails under her dresses on flights to Miami, according to search warrants filed in the case.
Source: <http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/mh-giant-snail-invasion-20110916,0,5410887.story>
32. *September 15, Food Safety News* – (National) **FDA launches new outbreak response team.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced September 14 it has assembled a new network of epidemiologists and other public health experts to respond more quickly and effectively to outbreaks of food-borne illness. Dubbed the Coordinated Outbreak Response and Evaluation (CORE) Network, the team will be directed by a former Maine state epidemiologist. As the CORE director, she will be responsible for FDA response to outbreaks, the agency announced. The CORE network is a multi-disciplinary team of epidemiologists, veterinarians, microbiologists, and other specialists who will work full time on outbreak prevention and response, the agency said. Critics have complained federal responsibility for food safety is spread across too many agencies, including the FDA, Department of Agriculture, and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). The CORE team will be directed to work closely with those agencies as well as state public health and agriculture departments. The network is not intended to replace existing programs but rather to "help us react faster," an FDA spokesman said.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/09/fda-launches-new-outbreak-response-team/>

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Water Sector

33. *September 19, Stockton Record* – (California) **Angels Camp facing \$125,000 fine for water pollution spills.** California State water pollution regulators said they plan to fine

the city of Angels Camp \$125,000 for violations by the city's sewage treatment plant, including more than 3.5 million gallons of treated wastewater spilled into creeks leading to New Melones Lake, the Stockton Record reported September 19. The enforcement supervisor for the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board announced the fine in a September 6 letter. Documents issued by the agency detailed eight spills from September 2008 to June 2011. The largest was a 2.5 million-gallon spill that occurred over 22 hours July 26, 2009, when a T-joint on an 8-inch irrigation line failed, allowing treated wastewater to flow into a channel leading to Angels Creek and to New Melones Lake. The incidents do not pose any bacteriological threat to Stockton residents or others who drink water originating from New Melones or who swim in the Stanislaus River below the lake, however, the treated wastewater can carry small quantities of salts, minerals, and chemicals that violate California water standards, and could pose a threat to aquatic life.

Source:

http://www.recordnet.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20110919/A_NEWS/109190314

34. *September 16, Albany Times-Union* – (New York) **Scientists: Drilling threat to water.** Dozens of scientists, including four from the National Academy of Sciences, warned the governor of New York that it will be practically impossible for municipal drinking water systems to protect against chemicals used in natural gas hydraulic fracturing, the Albany Time-Union reported September 16. Their letter to the governor, released September 15, was signed by 59 experts from 18 states, and 7 foreign countries. "We urge the state to reconsider its position that existing water filtration systems provide adequate protection against the risk of hydraulic fracturing, should materials from flow-back fluids migrate to lakes, reservoirs, or groundwater used for municipal water supplies," the letter stated. The state department of environmental conservation, which is considering rules to permit hydrofracking, has vowed that treated wastewater from drilling could be discharged into rivers only after hazardous substances have been removed. The governor's office did not respond to a request for comment.

Source: <http://www.timesunion.com/local/article/Scientists-Drilling-threat-to-water-2173459.php>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

35. *September 16, Associated Press* – (Mississippi; Alabama; Florida) **VA investigating patient files found on floor.** The U.S. Veterans Administration (VA) announced an investigation September 16 into whether medical or financial information from parts of three states was compromised after more than 1,800 files were found spread on an office floor at a veterans' hospital in Biloxi, Mississippi. The investigation could affect veterans, deceased veterans, or VA employees in seven counties in south Mississippi, four counties in south Alabama, and seven counties in the Florida panhandle. Some of the 1,814 medical files contained veterans' names, Social Security numbers, birthdates, and medical diagnoses as well as employees' personal information. A spokesman for the VA Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System told the Associated Press the files

could be from any of the approximately 60,000 people served by the VA's Gulf Coast region. Notification letters have been sent to veterans, the families of deceased veterans, and employees. The VA also said it is offering credit protection services for one year to veterans and employees whose information included full Social Security numbers or full names and birth dates.

Source: <http://www.militarytimes.com/news/2011/09/ap-va-investigating-patient-files-found-on-floor-091611/>

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Government Facilities Sector

36. *September 19, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **Couple found stabbed to death at Luke AFB.** Authorities at Luke Air Force Base west of Phoenix said a man and a woman are dead in what appears to be a double stabbing in Glendale, Arizona. A base spokeswoman told the Associated Press the couple were found September 18 inside the base post office after they were reported missing. The spokesman describes the case as an isolated incident, and said authorities were not actively looking for an outside assailant. He said the couple both had legal access to the base, and both may have been civilian workers. The base post office is surrounded by dormitories, offices, and a dining facility.
Source: <http://www.svherald.com/associatedpress/224796>
37. *September 17, NewsCore* – (New York) **New York police capture fugitive soldier who escaped military custody.** A soldier who escaped military custody in Richfield, New York, and led police on a 2-day chase was captured September 17, New York State Police told Fox News Channel. The soldier fled September 15 from Fort Drum, New York, where he was being held on burglary charges after allegedly stealing a plasma TV from a storage locker, according to the Utica Observer-Dispatch. The 20-year-old was said to be armed with a handgun, dressed in camouflage, and possibly wearing a bulletproof vest, according to the newspaper. He stole a vehicle and drove away from Fort Drum September 17. The vehicle was spotted by police about an hour later and he was pursued across several counties in western New York. He surrendered to police at around 3:30 p.m. in Tompkins County, in a wooded area near the location where he had last been seen by authorities. He will likely face "a plethora of charges" stemming from the manhunt, the police captain said. Police were interviewing him September 17. It was not immediately known where he would be arraigned or whether he would be turned over to the military.
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2011/09/17/new-york-police-capture-fugitive-soldier-who-escaped-military-custody/>
38. *September 17, NBC and msnbc.com* – (National) **Intel officials' e-mails posted after hack of cybersecurity group.** The names and e-mail addresses of hundreds of U.S. intelligence officials including some senior officials in the U.S. President's administration have been posted on an anti-secrecy Web site after computer hackers

allegedly swiped them from the internal membership list of a prestigious national security organization. The apparent cyberattack on the Intelligence and National Security Alliance (INSA) is the latest example of the ability of hackers to penetrate the computer systems of government agencies and private companies, including those that pride themselves on their savvy and expertise in cybersecurity. INSA, a nonprofit that bills itself as the country's "premier intelligence and national security organization" and whose members include senior U.S. intelligence officials and government contractors September 12 published a major report warning of an urgent need for the country to bolster its cyber-defenses. Within a few days, in apparent retaliation, INSA's "secure" computer system was hacked and the entire 3,000-person membership posted on the Cryptome.org Web site under the heading "INSA Nest of Official and Corporate Spies," the INSA president confirmed.

Source: http://today.msnbc.msn.com/id/44564804/ns/us_news-security/#.TndhDuyMaJw

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Emergency Services Sector

39. *September 19, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **Coconino County Jail reaches 'crisis' level.** Managers of the Coconino County Jail in Flagstaff, Arizona, said the inmate population has reached "crisis" levels for the third time in 3 years. The sheriff's office said the surge in prisoners is making it harder to manage various groups of inmates in a way that prevents conflict, and is reducing how much money the jail can make from renting beds to state and federal agencies. If the problem persists, the jail might have to erect a "tent city" next summer to handle the overflow, especially if it must house more state prisoners for free. The Arizona Daily Sun reported the sheriff's office sent a memo to local law enforcement, prosecutors, and judges the week of September 5 asking them to do whatever they can to help alleviate the problem. That means citing and releasing offenders when safe to do so, and expediting the judicial process. To manage populations safely, the jail tries to maintain an 80 percent occupancy. It is currently above 90 percent. The jail currently generates about \$2 million annually by renting beds to agencies like U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the U.S. Marshals Office, and the Arizona Department of Corrections.

Source:

<http://www.mohavedailynews.com/articles/2011/09/19/news/state/doc4e76f3b3c9576480864761.txt>

40. *September 17, Asbury Park Press* – (New Jersey) **Storm shelters draw complaints.** Officials from the communities that provided primary shelters in Monmouth County, New Jersey during Hurricane Irene are raising concerns about how the operation was run during the storm. As hundreds of people flowed into shelters in Colts Neck, Holmdel, and Wall, there were insufficient security, medical personnel, and food to handle what could have turned into dangerous situations, officials from the three communities said. During the first hours that Colts Neck High School served as a

shelter, there was limited security and no food or water besides what Red Cross volunteers brought with them and what staffers foraged out of the building's cafeteria, said the superintendent of Freehold Regional High School District, which includes the school. Logistical planning and organization was largely coordinated by school district employees, he said during a meeting September 19. A spokeswoman for the Red Cross said the organization was shifting supplies and personnel in response to emergency management officials' evolving decisions on evacuation orders and shelter locations, and was attempting to meet the changing needs of the thousands of people needing its services.

Source: <http://www.app.com/article/20110916/NJNEWS/309160103/Shelter-supplies-staffing-inadequate-during-Irene-complain-some-school-town-officials>

41. *September 17, KXAS 5 Cedar Hill* – (Texas) **Plano fire station hit by gunfire.** Firefighters said at least 10 rounds struck Fire Station No. 11 in Plano, Texas September 16. Then another round shattered a glass window on the garage door. Police evacuated the firefighters in an armored vehicle. McCall Elementary School, which is approximately a half-mile away, was locked down as a precaution while law enforcement investigated. Plano police were joined by a helicopter from the Texas Department of Public Safety in canvassing the Los Rios area, but they did not locate the gunman, and did not hear any gunfire. Police found evidence of "extensive shooting of .22-caliber weapons" in a creekbed near the fire station, including targets and empty boxes of .22 ammo. "It's our opinion based on the evidence we found that somebody was in that creek target shooting," an officer said. The fire station window and vehicle window were down range from and in-line with the creek, police said. Police continue to investigate.
Source: <http://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/129973448.html>
42. *September 17, Fort Lauderdale Sun Sentinel* – (Florida) **Fire erupts at Miami Fire Rescue station.** About 8:20 a.m. September 16, firefighters at the Miami Fire Rescue station smelled smoke from the vents in the dining room when they noticed flames in the attic area of the fire station located at 1103 Northwest 7th Street. "As they further investigated, they see that this is a very sizable amount of flames that required additional units to respond," a Miami fire spokesman said. The firefighters opened the ceiling and were able to put out the flames. About 28 firefighters were at the scene early September 16. The spokesman said the cost of the damage had not yet been determined, but it was "minimal" and no injuries were reported. The cause of the fire is unknown.
Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/news/top-headlines/fire-erupts-miami-fire-station>
43. *September 16, WHNT 19 Huntsville* – (Alabama) **Volunteer firefighter arrested for fake emergency calls.** A shift supervisor at Morgan County, Alabama's Dispatch noticed two false calls September 8. That was when suspicion stirred. Most of the calls came from a 19-year-old. A few came from a younger friend. The calls all involved the Punkin Center Volunteer Fire Department, where the 19-year old worked. The 911 director said, "He was a member of that fire department, and it's not a very busy department. So he made it a little bit busier by calling in false calls." He explained, "Public safety resources are limited resources. So it's extremely important that those

resources be kept available for real emergencies and not be tied up on false calls." The 19-year-old faces five counts of rendering a false alarm.

Source: <http://www.whnt.com/news/whnt-volunteer-firefighter-arrested-for-fake-emergency-calls-20110916,0,557312.story>

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Information Technology Sector

44. *September 19, The Register* – (International) **Go Daddy mass hack points surfers towards malware.** Hundreds of Go Daddy Web sites were compromised to point towards a site hosting malware the weekend of September 17 and 18. The mass hack of around 445 sites involved the injection of hostile code into the .htaccess files. Go Daddy quickly removed the hostile code before working with its customers to take back full control of the sites, which were reportedly compromised by a password hack. Go Daddy's chief information security officer told Domain Name Wire: "The accounts were accessed using the account holder's username and password." It was unclear how the passwords needed to pull off the attack were obtained, but some sort of targeted phishing attack is one possibility. Go Daddy's investigation into the attack continues, but the chief suggested the blame for the mass hack was outside Go Daddy's control. Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/09/19/go_daddy_mass_compromise/
45. *September 19, threatpost* – (International) **New attack breaks confidentiality model of SSL, allows theft of encrypted cookies.** Two researchers developed a new attack on TLS 1.0/SSL 3.0 that enables them to decrypt client requests on the fly and hijack supposedly confidential sessions with sensitive sites such as online banking, e-commerce, and payment sites. The attack breaks the confidentiality model of the protocol, and is the first known exploitation of a long-known flaw in TLS, potentially affecting the security of transactions on millions of sites. The attack will be presented at the Ekoparty conference in Argentina September 23, and, unlike many other attacks on TLS and SSL, it has nothing to do with the certificate trust model in the protocol. Instead, the researchers developed a tool called BEAST that enables them to grab and decrypt HTTPS cookies from active user sessions. The attack can even decrypt cookies that are marked HTTPS only from sites that use HTTP Strict Transport Security, which forces browsers to communicate over TLS/SSL when it is available. Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/new-attack-breaks-confidentiality-model-ssl-allows-theft-encrypted-cookies-091611
46. *September 19, Softpedia* – (International) **Rogue certificates used in spam campaigns.** After the scandal formed around DigiNotar, spammers sent bank business clients e-mails informing them their certificates have expired, urging them to click on a link to solve the issue. Most Internet browsers and applications banned DigiNotar certificates, an episode that created confusion. According to SC Magazine, numerous security researchers discovered e-mails that tried to fool unsuspecting users into thinking something was wrong with their certificates, thus making them access a Web

site to fix the problem. When a link was clicked, a page containing an exploit kit was accessed and the system became completely compromised. "Once the browser visits that site, a series of attacks begin which can result in the download of Trojan.Buzus," revealed Barracuda Networks security researchers. In the monitoring period in which they kept a close watch on that virus, they realized besides stealing log-in information, the malware also opened a backdoor, giving hackers access to the infected device. As a researcher from Websense Security Labs mentioned, it appears this Blackhole exploit kit has not been used a lot. He explained the threat consists of a .scr file that delivers the exploits, also stating that "This is not a targeted attack in an advanced persistent threat style, but it looks like a phishing e-mail, but this is much more sinister as it delivers an exploit kit and not a standard phish."

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Rogue-Certificates-Used-in-Spam-Campaigns-222232.shtml>

47. *September 17, Softpedia* – (International) **Induc virus returns and it's more dangerous than ever.** A more aggressive version of the 2009 Win32.Induc.A virus has been seen in the wild and, unlike its predecessor, this one sets out to take over all executable files, spreading malware and opening gateways on the computers it infects. The new virus is called Win32.Induc.P and Malware City calls it "the most innovative to come out so far this year." While the A version only infects compiled applications and especially targets Delphi compilers, the P variant attacks not just those, but others such as RAD Studio development suites. Right from the beginning, the virus tries to compromise all the executable files it finds in its way, from one computer to the other, using any means it can try. The downloader integrated into the core of the malware tries to access external addresses immediately after the infected files are run, downloading even more malicious elements onto the infected system. Bitdefender discovered a keylogger and a backdoor application that allow cybercriminals to completely take over the victim device. The virus infects as user's entire system in a Jeefo kind of way, but the damage caused can lead to more disastrous outcomes. Software developers appear to be the most vulnerable as they might end up with freshly compiled compromised applications that they consider to be clean. Also, while performing application updates, RAD Studio and Delphi users might open malware download portals.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Induc-Virus>Returns-and-It-s-More-Dangerous-Than-Ever-222146.shtml>

48. *September 16, Computerworld* – (International) **Google patches 32 Chrome bugs, revs browser to v.14.** Google patched 32 vulnerabilities in Chrome September 16, as it upgraded the stable edition of the browser to version 14. Fifteen of the 32 vulnerabilities were rated "high," the second-most-serious ranking in Google's four-step scoring system, while 10 were pegged "medium," and the remaining 7 were marked "low." None of the flaws were ranked "critical," the category usually reserved for bugs that may allow an attacker to escape Chrome's anti-exploit sandbox. Six of the vulnerabilities rated high were identified as "use-after-free" bugs, a type of memory management flaw that can be exploited to inject attack code, while seven of the bugs ranked medium were "out-of-bounds" flaws, including a pair linked to foreign language character sets used in Cambodia and Tibet.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9220094/Google_patches_32_Chrome_bugs_revs_browser_to_v.14

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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

49. *September 16, Saratoga Springs Saratogian* – (New York; Massachusetts) **Telephone service interrupted for thousands.** Service has been restored to Cornerstone Telephone customers in the Troy, New York area, following an outage that lasted about 2.5 hours September 16. Cornerstone, which is based in Troy, serves more than 14,000 voice customers in New York, and Massachusetts. A spokeswoman for the company, said the outage affected a small portion of their customers. She said the problem occurred when a carrier for the company experienced an outage. Phone service went out at about 12:35 p.m., and was restored at 3 p.m.

Source:

<http://saratogian.com/articles/2011/09/16/news/doc4e73aabd8f971044527628.txt>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

50. *September 19, Associated Press* – (Missouri) **Police: 3 men shot to death in KC apartment.** Police said three men were shot to death in an apartment building in Kansas City, Missouri, the Associated Press reported September 19. Five people were taken into custody for questioning. A Kansas City police officer told the Kansas City Star that it was a "very violent encounter" that he describes as "almost execution-style." He said police got a call around 7:15 p.m. from a resident in the building who reported hearing gunshots. When officers arrived, the apartment door was open and there was no sign of a break-in. He said the attackers may have been let into the apartment. The five people were taken into custody when police saw them running out the back door of the building. The police officer describes them as persons of interest, not suspects.

Source: http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/44574271/ns/us_news/#.TndBPOxQhDg

51. *September 19, CNN* – (Florida) **Police: Parishioners tackle gunman after church shooting.** Parishioners at a Lakeland, Florida church tackled a gunman who allegedly shot the pastor and associate pastor September 18, holding the suspect until police

arrived, the Polk County Sheriff's Office said. The 57-year-old suspect was taken into custody following the incident at the Greater Faith Christian Church, the sheriff's office said in a statement. He is also suspected of shooting and killing his wife at their residence before going to the church, police said. He walked to the front of the church during a prayer meeting between the morning services and specifically opened fire on church clergy, said the Polk County sheriff. After he opened fire, two parishioners grabbed the gun from the suspect, hit him in the head with a nightstand, and held him to the ground, according to the sheriff.

Source:

http://www.cnn.com/2011/CRIME/09/18/florida.shooting/index.html?hpt=us_c2

52. *September 19, ABC News* – (Nevada) **Nevada air race crash death toll rises.** A 10th person has died from injuries sustained when a stunt plane crashed at the Reno Air Race near Reno, Nevada September 16. At least 70 people were injured in the crash. News of the death came as investigators turned their attention to the pilot who may have been unconscious when his World War II-era P-51 Mustang smashed into a crowd of spectators, killing him and nine others. He was traveling at 500 miles per hour when he crashed, killing fans seated in the VIP seats on the tarmac. Witnesses said that as the P-51 Mustang Galloping Ghost rounded the final clubhouse turn, something dropped off the tail of the plane, and that that may have been what caused the problem. In one of the final photos taken before the crash, half of a sliver piece of metal — crucial for the aircraft to maintain balance — appeared to be missing. Investigators said that they recovered a damaged "elevator trim tab" among the debris. The pilot's age and medical history may also prove relevant to their investigation, according to National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) officials. They said that the Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority is resuming operations at the airport where the crash occurred, and that on-scene public affairs officials would be returning to Washington D.C.. Officials said that the airplane had a recording system, and a box containing memory cards was found at the scene of the crash. Investigators said they had analyzed the cards to see if there was any footage that could explain what happened. One NTSB member said that investigators recovered a "tremendous amount of material" at the scene.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/reno-air-race-crash-tenth-person-dies/story?id=14552222>

53. *September 18, Associated Press* – (Florida) **6 adults hospitalized after fire, explosion at Miami apartment building.** Six adults have been hospitalized after an explosion and fire at a Miami apartment building September 17. The Miami Herald reported the fire occurred early in the morning in the Wynwood neighborhood. A Miami police official said there was thick black smoke covering half the block when fire crews arrived. The force of the explosion sent personal items out onto the street. It was not immediately known what caused the fire. Five men and a woman ages 20 to 45 were hospitalized. Five had minor to severe burns, and a sixth suffered chest pains.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/7a1113ac09c54855a5d1041fe6900900/FL--Apartment-Fire/>

54. *September 18, WTVF 5 Nashville* – (Tennessee) **Update: Meth cooking to blame for apartment explosion.** A meth explosion September 17 sent two people to the hospital with severe burns, and forced several others out of their homes in Madison, Tennessee. The explosion knocked out an entire wall and a door. Several agencies, including the Nashville Fire Department and Metro Police Department, arrived to the scene on reports of an explosion. When they arrived, police said a 28-year old man admitted to cooking meth in a bathroom in his apartment unit. Witnesses told police they saw the man rush out of his home with a mask on. Also in the home was a 22-year-old woman. Police said the couple were suffering from second- and third-degree burns all over their bodies. Residents in the building were asked to leave overnight, while investigators tried to determine whether the building and those nearby were safe.
Source: <http://www.newschannel5.com/story/15491308/meth-cooking-to-blame-for-apartment-explosion>
55. *September 17, Palo Alto Daily News* – (California) **Palo Alto chlorine gas release traced to 9-year-old.** Police have solved the case of an exploding pool supply closet in Palo Alto, California, that happened September 13. A 9-year-old child playing in the supply closet at the Midtown Apartments accidentally caused chlorine tablets to mix with a liquid, police said. The ensuing chemical reaction, which included a loud bang and billows of white smoke, forced the evacuation of the complex and the nearby Midtown Court Apartments. Seven residents and one firefighter were treated for exposure to chlorine gas and released at the scene, a police spokeswoman said. After talking with residents, police determined a handful of children had been playing near the supply closet. Among them was the 9-year-old, who admitted to touching some items in the room, she said. The child is not facing any criminal charges, she said.
Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/peninsula/ci_18915575
56. *September 15, USA Today* – (National) **NFL wants pat-downs from ankles up at all stadiums.** The National Football League (NFL) wants all fans patted down from the ankles up this season to improve fan safety at professional football games, according to a USA Today report September 15. Under the new "enhanced" pat-down procedures, the NFL wants all 32 clubs to search fans from the ankles to the knees as well as the waist up. Previously, security guards only patted down fans from the waist up while looking for alcohol, weapons, or other banned items. The stricter physical screening policy impacts the 16.6 million fans expected to attend live regular season NFL games this season. The NFL recommended the new guidelines before the kickoff of the 2011 season, which coincided with the 10th anniversary of the September 11th attacks.
Source: <http://content.usatoday.com/communities/gameon/post/2011/09/nfl-orders-ankles-up-frisks-for-16-million-fans-enterting-stadiums-security-buffalo-bills/1?csp=hf>

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57. *September 19, Minneapolis Star-Tribune* – (Minnesota) **Misty rain relieves burning BWCA.** Weather became a significant ally in the fight against the Pagami Creek fire in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in Minnesota September 18. The drizzle that began falling early in the day helped firefighters extend the containment line to 19 percent. Though the rain is too light to soak the tinder-dry forest, it prevents the light-fuel-like grass and leaves from igniting. The weather has been getting increasingly cool and damp throughout the week as the number of people brought in to control the fire has grown. That number is expected to reach 600 by early the week of September 19. The Forest Service has brought in four air tankers. A public information officer for the National Forest Service said they pounded the northeast section of the fire especially hard because of fears the south wind could push it toward the blowdown area. On the southern flank, outside the wilderness area, bulldozers, and other heavy equipment knocked down trees and brush to create a fire line. On the north side, more crews have been sent into the Boundary Waters in canoes to fight the other flank. As of September 18, the fire had blackened 93,898 acres, or about 147 square miles, almost all of it in the wilderness area. Officials said that makes it the eighth largest fire in the state's history. There have been no deaths or injuries and only one building — a small cabin owned by the Minnesota Department of Resources — has been destroyed. So far, costs to put out the fire have totaled \$3.1 million.
Source: <http://www.startribune.com/local/130070758.html>
58. *September 16, Porterville Recorder* – (California) **Pair indicted for pot growing in forest.** A U.S. attorney in California announced September 15 that a federal grand jury returned a six-count indictment against a 41-year-old man and a 25-year-old man of Michoacan, Mexico, charging them with conspiring to cultivate marijuana plants, possessing marijuana with intent to distribute, destruction of public lands and resources as a result of marijuana cultivation, and avoiding examination and inspection by immigration authorities. The case is the product of an investigation by the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Homeland Security Investigations, Kern County Sheriff's Department, and Campaign Against Marijuana Planting, a multi-agency law enforcement task force composed of local, state, and federal agencies organized expressly to eradicate illegal marijuana cultivation and trafficking in California. An assistant U.S. attorney is prosecuting the case. According to court documents, the suspects were responsible for watering and caring for about 2,953 marijuana plants at a grow site in Kern County in the Sequoia National Forest. Both men tried to flee when law enforcement officers entered the grow site. One man had a loaded .38 caliber firearm on his person when he was apprehended.
Source: <http://www.recorderonline.com/news/indicted-50139-pair-pot.html>
59. *September 16, Manchester Patch* – (Connecticut) **Fire heavily damages historic Cheney Mansion.** A two-alarm fire September 16 caused heavy damage to the former Philip Cheney Mansion, a historic home in Manchester, Connecticut, that has been undergoing extensive renovations as a residence the past few years. According to the fire chief, the fire broke out in a third-floor attic at about 9 a.m., and quickly spread through the top two floors of the home due to its age and wooden construction. He said the preliminary cause was a contractor's soldering of copper gutters in the attic, but noted a fire marshal is investigating. The fire was contained at 11 a.m., and the home

was declared uninhabitable. Crews had to contend with intense heat and extreme fire conditions at points. Only contractors were on the property at the time the fire broke out. Eight fire apparatuses from the Manchester Fire, Rescue and EMS Department responded, as well as two units from the East Hartford Fire Department, and one from the Manchester Eighth Utilities District Fire Department. The home, built around 1900, was once owned by a family of silk manufacturers, and the Cheney Brothers Historic District, which includes the mansion, was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1978.

Source: <http://manchester.patch.com/articles/fire-heavily-damages-historic-cheney-mansion>

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Dams Sector

60. *September 17, KRQE 13 Albuquerque* – (New Mexico) **Levees need costly repairs.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said 200 miles of dirt levees along the Rio Grande river from Bernalillo, New Mexico, to just past Socorro must meet their updated standards. "The new levees need to be designed for a 100-year storm," said the CEO of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, the agency that owns and maintains the levees. They must be raised and engineered differently than in the past. Along with the levees not being tall enough and high enough, there is also concern vegetation growing along the levees could be weakening them. Roots from vegetation could create cavities underneath the levees, allowing water to seep through. The cost to redo the inadequate levees will top \$400 million. Officials said they are aiming for federal and local dollars to pay for repairs. If the levees are not up to standards by 2013, the Federal Emergency Management Agency could redraw the floodplain map. That would mean flood insurance costs would go up, and homeowners who did not need insurance before could need it.
Source: <http://www.krqe.com/dpp/news/levees-need-costly-repairs->
61. *September 17, Marin Independent Journal* – (California) **Work on Highway 37 levee to stop burrowing animals.** An earthen levee at Highway 37 and Novato Creek, California, about a mile east of Highway 101, has been rendered partially ineffective by the holes created by gophers, moles, and other rodents. During the rainy season water passes through parts of the levee and creates a sheath of standing water on Highway 37. To remedy the situation, California Department of Transportation plans to build a concrete retaining wall at the site. On September 15 the California Transportation Commission allocated \$640,000 to the project to be completed next year. Temporary patches will be used on the levee for this rainy season.
Source: http://www.marinij.com/marinnews/ci_18920507
62. *September 16, Northwest Cable News* – (Washington) **Howard Hanson Dam to operate at full capacity this season.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced September 16 that repairs to the weakened Howard Hanson Dam near Auburn, Washington, are nearly complete, and that the dam will operate at full flood storage capacity. Damage to the dam was found following January 2009 storms, when

engineers had to hold back record amounts of water. The last two winters, residents living downstream along the Green River have learned evacuation routes, and stockpiled sandbags. Officials said the bags will stay in place, at least this winter.

Source:

<http://www.nwcn.com/home/?fId=129978843&fPath=/news/local&fDomain=10212>

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