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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 20, KOCO 5 Oklahoma City* – (Oklahoma) **Drilling rig continues to burn after explosion.** A massive fire in Oklahoma continued to burn September 20 after a drilling rig exploded. The Blaine County Sheriff's Department said the explosion happened around 10 p.m. September 19 at a natural gas site east of Watonga. According to officials with Continental Resources, nearly a dozen workers were at the site when they were alerted to a problem. Authorities said workers evacuated just minutes before the explosion happened. No one was injured. Deputies went door-to-

door to evacuate nearby homes. The Blaine County sheriff said about 25 homes were evacuated, and most of the families went to stay with relatives or to a nearby motel. By 5 a.m. September 20, the sheriff's department said most of those families were being allowed to return home. "The flames were probably 100-foot tall," said one witness. "Periodically, there were explosions with huge flashes." A 1-mile area around the natural gas site was still shut down the morning of September 20. Investigators from Continental and Patterson Drilling are investigating and said it is too early to tell what caused the explosion.

Source: <http://www.koco.com/r/29238312/detail.html#ixzz1YUGeGmlb>

2. *September 20, KABC 7 Los Angeles* – (California) **Fuel spill on Hwy 38 after truck overturns.** A fuel tanker truck overturned in the area of Big Bear Lake, California, spilling almost 9,000 gallons of gasoline on Highway 38. The tanker overturned around 10 p.m. September 19 about 3 miles above Angelus Oaks. The fuel spill was contained and did not go into any streams or lakes, officials said. Highway 38 remained closed September 20 to all traffic from Lake Williams Road to Angelus Oaks. Authorities said the highway could be shut down for a few days while crews clean up the mess. The California Highway Patrol recommended using Highway 18 or Highway 330 as alternate routes.

Source:

http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/local/inland_empire&id=8361064

3. *September 20, Duluth News Tribune* – (Minnesota) **One laker hits another in Duluth-Superior Harbor, damaging both vessels.** Two lakers were damaged early September 17 when one hit the other in the Duluth-Superior Harbor, on Lake Superior, said the public relations manager for the Duluth Seaway Port Authority. The Indiana Harbor was docked and loading coal at Midwest Energy Resources Co., and the Cason J. Callaway was loaded with iron ore and leaving the CN dock when they hit about 2 a.m., the manager said. The Callaway was repaired at the Port Terminal and able to leave September 18. The Indiana Harbor still was docked in Superior September 20 where it was being repaired.

Source: <http://www.duluthnewstribune.com/event/article/id/209740/group/homepage/>

4. *September 19, U.S. Coast Guard* – (Louisiana) **US Coast Guard: Oil leaks stopped in Barataria Bay offshore Louisiana.** The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) continued the response to a report of a crude oil discharge in Bayou Dupont and north Barataria Bay in Louisiana, September 18. The USCG determined about 2,016 gallons of oil have been recovered from the site of the oil discharge in Bayou Dupont, near Wilkinson Canal in Jefferson Parish. Response crews have secured the source of the first reported discharge and the second leak has ceased discharging. A third leak was discovered September 15 near the southwest corner of the site and is no longer actively discharging. A containment boom was placed around the leak. Coast Guard Sector New Orleans is coordinating response efforts with the Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office, Louisiana State Police, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, and Jefferson Parish Department of Environmental Affairs.

Source:

http://www.pennenergy.com/index/petroleum/display/6217451325/articles/pennenergy/petroleum/offshore/2011/09/us-coast_guard_stops.html

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Chemical Industry Sector

5. *September 20, Monroe News-Star* – (Louisiana) **Evacuation continues.** Louisiana State Police (LSP), Lincoln Parish authorities, and Kansas City Southern officials continued cleanup efforts September 19 from the September 18 KCS train derailment as homes within 1 mile of the scene remained evacuated. A LSP spokesman said 13 homes remained evacuated late September 19. Officials said U.S. 80 would remain closed between Owens Road and Crocker Road until the scene has been cleaned up. A major with the Lincoln Parish Sheriff's Office said there were two railroad cars carrying hazardous material involved in the derailment. He said no hazardous material leaked. KCS has not released the name of the hazardous material. The LSP spokesman said a "highly flammable liquid" was being transported. He said the tanker carrying the liquid was heavily damaged and its contents will have to be transferred into another tanker and the scene deemed safe before the displaced residents could return home. The major with the sheriff's office said hazardous materials and railroad officials had to build a road to get to the crash site. He said he thought actual clean up would begin September 20. A KCS spokeswoman said 32 cars of the 123-car KCS mixed freight train derailed. The train was heading to Shreveport from Artesia, Mississippi. The derailment occurred around 7:30 p.m. September 18.

Source: <http://www.thenewsstar.com/article/20110920/NEWS01/109200310>

6. *September 19, Environmental Expert* – (Washington) **Ferndale wood treatment company fined over \$25,000 for improperly reporting chemical use and releases.** Chemco, a company that manufactures wood treatment chemicals, will pay \$25,400 for improper and late reporting on the use of two chemicals from 2005-2008, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Located in Ferndale, Washington, the firm failed to properly report its use and releases of formaldehyde and methanol. Chemco used more than 25,000 pounds of formaldehyde and 10,000 pounds of methanol in 2005, 2007, and 2008. The firm reported its use and releases of the chemicals in those years late or inaccurately. An EPA inspector identified the reporting lapses in 2010. Methanol and formaldehyde are volatile organic compounds that can react in the atmosphere to form smog. They can be harmful to the respiratory, nervous, and gastrointestinal systems. Formaldehyde is a known human carcinogen. Under the federal Toxics Release Inventory Program, companies that use certain toxic chemicals are required to report annually about releases, transfers, and waste management activities.

Source: <http://www.environmental-expert.com/news/ferndale-wood-treatment-company-fined-over-25000-for-improperly-reporting-chemical-use-and-releases-257264>

7. *September 19, Portland Press Herald* – (Maine) **EPA fines S. Portland chemical company \$151K.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) fined a South Portland, Maine firm that manufactures and stores hazardous materials \$151,900 for failing to store dangerous chemicals properly. The EPA said in a news release Monson Companies Inc. of Leominster, Massachusetts, operates a warehouse, distribution, repackaging and custom blending chemical manufacturing facility. The firm was issued a complaint by the EPA for allegedly failing to comply with the Clean Air Act, the Maine Hazardous Waste Management rules, and federal Emergency Planning & Community Right-to-Know Act. Monson stored chemicals that alone or in combination could cause explosions, toxic gas plumes or fire, and stored them close enough to other chemicals that a spill or release could lead to a chemical reaction with nearby materials, the EPA said. Located at 1 Runway Road, the facility also failed to identify wastes so they could be safely managed, maintain an emergency plan, and submit an inventory of materials to emergency responders. Monson has since addressed the hazards, the EPA said.
Source: <http://www.pressherald.com/news/South-Portland-chemical-company-hit-with-151000-EPA-fine.html>
8. *September 19, KPCC 89.3 FM Pasadena* – (California) **South Gate properties have carcinogenic chemical in groundwater.** Federal environmental officials said they are investigating whether pollution at two Los Angeles County, California properties warrants cleanup of hazardous waste. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) said it's proposing the sites in South Gate for the national priorities list under Superfund law. A metal cleaning solvent was found in soil and water testing at Seam Master Industries, and the Jervis B. Webb company. Seam Master is a carpeting company, but it is suspected the toxic contamination came from a previous tenant, a company that made screw products. Jervis B. Webb sits where a rivet manufacturer once fabricated parts in the boom days of aerospace. Shallow groundwater at both sites contains more than the maximum limit for a chemical called trichloroethylene (TCE). Studies have found TCE causes cancer when people encounter it in water. EPA officials said drinking water in deeper underground reservoirs is not yet contaminated, but they noted shallow and deeper aquifers can connect and spread pollution. The EPA plans to do a more thorough investigation of the pollution and its source. The results of that study will determine whether the properties are designated as Superfund sites.
Source: <http://www.scpr.org/news/2011/09/19/28930/south-gate-properties-have-carcinogenic-chemical-g/>
9. *September 19, WXIN 59 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **Herbicide blamed for killing trees now banned.** An herbicide blamed for killing thousands of pine and spruce trees across Indiana is now banned in the state. The state's top chemist gave the order September 19, following hundreds of complaints about Imprelis. The DuPont-made herbicide can no longer be used by any lawn care company in Indiana. Two central Indiana golf courses were part of a class-action suit against DuPont for millions of dollars in damage done to their landscaping. DuPont is now working with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to recall Imprelis.
Source: <http://www.fox59.com/news/wxin-herbicide-blamed-for-killing-trees-now-banned-20110919,0,3196270.column>

10. *September 19, Framingham MetroWest Daily News* – (North Carolina) **General Chemical agrees to pay state for cleaning groundwater at Framingham site.** General Chemical has avoided shutdown under an agreement reached September 19 with the State of Massachusetts that settles a dispute over the cost of cleaning up contaminated groundwater. The state department of environmental protection had threatened to partially suspend the Framingham hazardous waste firm's license September 9 because it failed to set aside \$1.3 million to clean up pollution surrounding its Leland Street facility. General disputed the figure and filed for a court injunction to block the order. Under the new deal, General can remain open if it pays \$637,000 by September 23 in cash or insurance. By September 28, the firm must pay an additional \$637,000, for a total of the original \$1.274 million, or submit a new, detailed cost estimate for the cleanup for the state's review. The firm must also drop its court petition.
Source: <http://www.metrowestdailynews.com/newsnow/x1406678676/General-Chemical-agrees-to-pay-state-for-cleaning-groundwater-at-Framingham-site>
11. *September 19, Reuters* – (Texas) **Ethylene leak from Texas storage 'under control'.** An ethylene leak that temporarily closed part of a Texas highway near Houston, was "under control" late the morning of September 19, a Mont Belvieu police spokeswoman said. The leak of the petroleum product, which is used to make plastics and other chemicals, occurred at the Targa Resources storage and shipment center in Mont Belvieu. No injuries were reported, police said. Ethylene is a liquid when stored under pressure, but becomes a colorless, nearly odorless gas under atmospheric conditions. Inhalation of large quantities can be fatal, experts said. The incident caused police to close about a 1-mile-long stretch of Texas Highway 146, the spokeswoman said. It was reopened just before midday. Mont Belvieu is a huge storage and pipeline transshipment site, and a New York Mercantile Exchange pricing hub for natural gas liquids. Most of the storage is done in underground salt caverns.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/09/19/leak-usa-montbelvieu-targa-idUSS1E78I0XP20110919>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

12. *September 20, Kennewick Tri-City Herald* – (Washington) **Safety board warns of lethal risk of ammonia leak at vit plant.** The Department of Energy (DOE) must develop better safeguards to protect workers at the Hanford Site's vitrification plant against a potentially lethal release of ammonia, according to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board. The Kennewick Tri-City Herald reported the warning September 20. The plant, being built in Hanford, Washington by a DOE contractor to treat radioactive waste, will include two outdoor tanks holding up to 6,000 gallons each of pressurized liquid anhydrous ammonia. The tanks will be refilled periodically by trucks. Parts of the plant handling radioactive waste have been designed to withstand a severe earthquake, but the ammonia tanks are not being designed to the same seismic

standard, the defense board noted. There is also the possibility of accidents involving tanker trucks that could expose workers to lethal amounts of ammonium. Safety measures should be re-evaluated, the defense board said in a letter to DOE where it requested a report within 60 days addressing the hazard.

Source: <http://www.thenewstribune.com/2011/09/20/1831714/safety-board-warns-of-lethal-risk.html>

13. *September 20, WCAX 3 Vermont* – (Vermont) **Fire at Vt. nuke plant office said 'suspicious'**. A spokesman for the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant said the cause of a September 20 fire at the facility's corporate offices in Brattleboro, Vermont, is considered suspicious. The fire was reported at about 3 a.m. in the building that houses the nuclear plant's communication equipment, its public and government relations offices, and other facilities. The reactor itself is about 7 miles south in Vernon. No one was injured in the fire, but the 3-story building is unusable.

Source: <http://www.wcax.com/story/15505461/fire-at-vt-nuke-plant-office-said-suspicious>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

14. *September 19, Associated Press* – (Alaska) **State wants companies to replace Alaska fast ferry engines**. Alaska wants a judge to require that a ship builder and makers of marine propulsion systems replace the engines on two fast ferries. The request, made in state court, seeks to force the companies to keep the engines on the ferries Fairweather and Chenega operational until they are replaced. It seeks to have the Fairweather engines replaced by March 22, 2013 and the Chenega's a year later. The request comes months before a scheduled trial to determine legal responsibility for engine erosion problems that the state claims threaten regular ferry service. Companies named in the lawsuit are Robert Derektor Inc., MTU Friedrichshafen GmbH and MTU Detroit Diesel Inc. The state said the companies have tried to make repairs, but Alaska's transportation department alleges they have not properly fixed the problem.

Source: <http://newsminer.com/bookmark/15581127-State-wants-companies-to-replace-Alaska-fast-ferry-engines>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

15. *September 19, Defense News* – (National) **Schwartz: F-22 grounding ends this week**. The F-22 Raptor will take to the air September 21 after 4 months on the ground for safety reasons. The U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff announced an end to the fleetwide stand-down September 19 — first in a letter to Congress, then in a statement posted on the Air Force's Web site. The chief approved a plan developed by Air Combat Command that allows the 160 twin-engine fighters to fly above 50,000 feet — the Raptor flies at 60,000 feet in normal circumstances — after an extensive inspection of every aircraft's life support systems. The systems also will be inspected daily. In

addition, the plan calls for pilots to undergo physiological tests and to use additional protective equipment, although the statement did not specify the equipment. In his statement, the Chief said he based his decision on studies conducted by the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board, which has been investigating the Raptor since the stand-down took effect May 3.

Source: <http://www.defensenews.com/story.php?i=7725181&c=AME&s=AIR>

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Banking and Finance Sector

16. *September 20, Gaithersburg Gazette* – (Maryland; Virginia) **Police find \$60,000 in cash, gun during search of alleged bank robber’s residence in Beltsville.** Police detectives and FBI agents believe the man responsible for 13 bank robberies in Montgomery County, Maryland, and Northern Virginia may have run out of luck thanks to a call from a tipster. The 44-year-old was arrested September 16 by Montgomery County police and FBI agents at his house in Beltsville, a Montgomery County police spokeswoman said. She said officers learned about the suspect when an anonymous caller contacted police after seeing photographs of him in the news. A person matching the man's physical description was linked by police to 9 robberies in Montgomery County and 4 in Virginia from July 2, 2010, to September 6, 2011, police said. He faces seven counts each for armed robbery and the use of a handgun in the commission of a crime, according to court documents filed in Montgomery County District Court in Rockville. Both charges carry a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison for each count, said the assistant state’s attorney who presided over the suspect's September 19 bond review hearing. The lawyer said during the search police found the .44-caliber revolver and several items of clothing involved in the robberies, as well as \$60,000 in cash. The suspect will likely face federal charges due to the number of offenses and because several police jurisdictions were affected, said an FBI spokesman for the bureau's Baltimore field office.

Source: <http://www.gazette.net/article/20110920/NEWS/709209993/1022/1022/police-find-60000-in-cash-gun-during-search-of-alleged-bank&template=gazette>

17. *September 20, Softpedia* – (Texas) **3D printers used to create ATM skimmers.** ATM skimmers were printed with high-tech 3D devices by a group of fraudsters who managed to steal more than \$400,000 from unsuspecting bank customers, Softpedia reported September 20. The thieves replicated credit card slots on automated teller machines. The four men indicted by a federal court in June used a 3D printer to create scanners to place on ATMs. The scam began after the gang's leader was imprisoned for ATM fraud in 2009. The group's technical expert decided to print the front of ATM slots. The accomplice who handled the “heavy lifting” was a man from Missouri City, Texas. He was in charge with mounting skimmers on the machines, making sure that the surveillance camera's were blocked. The last member of the gang had the mission of driving all around Texas, emptying the bank accounts of the victims. According to the owner of a company that handles 3D printing, costs for a high-end device that could almost flawlessly reproduce the front of an ATM can reach \$20,000.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/3D-Printers-Used-to-Create-ATM-Skimmers-222574.shtml>

18. *September 19, KOMO 4 Seattle* – (Washington) **Feds: 2 men installed skimmers on Eastside ATM machines.** Federal agents the week of September 12 arrested in Seattle a pair of suspects accused of running an international crime ring, KOMO 4 Seattle reported September 19. Prosecutors said the men rigged ATM machines with skimmers to record bank account data, and stole hundreds of thousands of dollars. The pair mounted skimmers on ATM machines in Bellevue, Bothell, and Kirkland, federal prosecutors said, then transferred the information onto other cards, like gift cards. One of the men appeared in federal court September 19. A judge ordered him held until trial, fearing he may try to flee the country if he is released. The second man was due in court September 20. Prosecutors said the men are part of an organized crime ring from Romania. Investigators charged four other men in late 2010 in connection with the ring. Most of the suspects had entered the United States illegally, investigators said.
Source: <http://www.komonews.com/news/local/130167093.html>

19. *September 19, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (California; Illinois; New York) **Fourth defendant charged in insider trading scheme involving former Citigroup investment banker.** A federal grand jury in San Francisco charged a 52-year-old Orland Park, Illinois man with conspiracy and securities fraud relating to an insider trading scheme in which he made profits in excess of \$1.1 million, a U.S. attorney announced. The indictment, unsealed September 19, stems from the insider trading scheme first charged in 2009 against a former investment banker from San Carlos, California, at Citigroup Global Markets Inc. in New York; the banker's brother from Walnut Creek, California; and another conspirator from Pleasanton, California. The indictment said the banker misappropriated material, non-public data about confidential corporate acquisitions, financings, and other transactions in New York, in violation of his fiduciary duty and duty of trust and confidence to Citigroup and its clients. He then tipped his brother about the confidential transactions. The brother then tipped the 52-year-old Orland Park man, who is charged with trading on the material, non-public information about securities of four publicly traded biotechnology companies from 2005 through 2007. The 52-year-old was arrested by the FBI September 9 in Illinois. The maximum statutory penalty for each count of securities fraud is 20 years and a fine of \$5 million, plus restitution if appropriate.
Source: <http://www.fbi.gov/sanfrancisco/press-releases/2011/fourth-defendant-charged-in-insider-trading-scheme-involving-former-citigroup-investment-banker>

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Transportation Sector

20. *September 20, New York Post* – (New York) **17 injured after scaffold collapses on city bus in Harlem.** Seventeen people were injured September 20 when part of a building and the attached scaffolding collapsed onto a city bus in the Harlem section of New York City, authorities said. The 3-story building's facade, along with the scaffolding, collapsed at 9:30 a.m. on W. 125th Street near Frederick Douglass

Boulevard, sending pipes, rocks, and debris crashing down, witnesses said. People became trapped underneath the rubble and had to be rescued by firefighters. There were about 30 people on the Bx15 at the time of the accident, police said. The 17 injured people were taken to St. Lukes, Cornell, and Harlem hospitals with minor injuries, said a New York City Fire Department spokesman. Police said eight people who were injured were passengers on the bus. Two police officers were among the injured after they were hurt digging through the rubble, police said. The city's department of buildings is investigating the accident.

Source:

http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/harlem_least_injured_after_scaffold_JtsoNU7pNeb20ytFyyRBsK

21. *September 20, Reading Eagle* – (Pennsylvania) **Pleasantville bridge closed following damage.** Police said September 19 the Pleasantville, Pennsylvania covered bridge in Oley Township will be closed indefinitely because the height-restriction barrier was again damaged. Police said they received a call about 9 a.m. September 18 reporting the barrier on the south side of the bridge had been knocked off its concrete moorings by a truck. The report said the truck left the scene, police said. The Oley police chief said Covered Bridge Road will be closed between Tollhouse and Kauffman roads for as long as the bridge is out of service. He also asked that repair shops and truck-rental firms be on the lookout for box trucks with damage to the top. The bridge has been closed several times in recent years because of large trucks damaging a height-restriction barrier. The last time it happened was March 2011. The barriers at either end of the bridge prevent vehicles more than 11 feet 3 inches high from coming onto it.

Source: <http://readingeagle.com/article.aspx?id=333480>

22. *September 20, San Francisco Chronicle* – (California) **\$44 million settles Cosco Busan oil spill in bay.** The shipping companies responsible for the 2007 Cosco Busan oil spill that polluted San Francisco Bay in California and killed thousands of birds and fish, agreed to pay \$44.4 million to restore habitat and reimburse the agencies that responded to the disaster, state and federal officials announced September 19. The settlement resolves a federal lawsuit and requires Regal Stone Limited and Fleet Management Ltd. to compensate local, state, and federal agencies for the loss of recreational opportunities. The money will be used to improve coastal access and restore facilities, habitats, and fisheries that were damaged, officials said. The Cosco Busan was steaming out of San Francisco Bay November 7, 2007, when it slammed into the fog-shrouded base of a Bay Bridge tower and spilled 53,000 gallons of bunker fuel oil. The plume of thick oil damaged 3,367 acres of shoreline habitat with globules of the sticky black substance. The spill, which occurred in the morning, created an uproar because it was not until nightfall when various agencies and authorities that could help were informed of the severity of the spill. By the time people from cleanup organizations, agencies, and wildlife conservation groups responded, strong bay currents dispersed the sludge and fouled beaches throughout the Bay Area.

Source: <http://fuelfix.com/blog/2011/09/20/44-million-settles-cosco-busan-oil-spill-in-bay/>

23. *September 20, KGTV 10 San Diego* – (California) **Dozens rescued after tour bus catches fire.** Dozens of bus passengers escaped serious injury after a tour bus from Tijuana, Mexico, to Los Angeles caught fire on Interstate 5 near Del Mar Heights Road, in San Diego, September 19. Roughly 30 people were on the Intercalifornias Tour Bus when the fire broke out at about 11:58 a.m. Passengers reported hearing popping noises and smelling smoke as the bus traveled through Del Mar. The driver immediately pulled the bus over and began evacuating passengers. Firefighters were able to extinguish the fire at about 12:20 p.m. An Intercalifornias spokesman said the cause of the fire is still under investigation. He said the bus was inspected September 19 before it left Tijuana. A Sig Alert was issued and three of the four lanes near the incident were temporarily closed as authorities cleaned up the area. An accident involving other vehicles was also reported when traffic slowed down after the fire. Source: <http://www.10news.com/news/29233711/detail.html>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report

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Agriculture and Food Sector

24. *September 20, RTTNews* – (Washington) **Washington creamery recalls raw milk over E.coli contamination.** Pride & Joy Creamery LLC, based in Granger, Washington, has recalled raw milk because of possible contamination with Escherichia coli bacteria that can cause serious illness, RTTNews reported September 20. The recalled unpasteurized milk containers show expiration dates of September 30 and September 31, and the milk was sold at retail stores in King, Pierce, Snohomish, and Skagit counties as well as at the on-farm store in Granger, Yakima County. The recall comes after routine sampling by the Washington State Department of Agriculture revealed the product was contaminated with toxin-producing E. coli. Investigations are ongoing to determine the source of contamination, and public health officials are examining if there is any evidence to link human illness to the contaminated milk. Source: <http://www.rttnews.com/Content/BiotechStory.aspx?Id=1716961&Category=FDARecall>
25. *September 19, Associated Press* – (Colorado; National) **Cantaloupe deaths: Several dead from eating tainted cantaloupe linked to Colorado.** Four people have died in an outbreak of listeria traced to Colorado cantaloupes, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said September 19. One death occurred in Colorado, one in Oklahoma, and two in New Mexico. The death count could soon rise to six. A spokesman for the New Mexico Department of Health said the CDC is in the process of

confirming two additional deaths linked to the outbreak in his state. The CDC said 35 people in 10 states have been sickened in the outbreak so far. The illnesses are in California, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and West Virginia. Colorado has the most illnesses with 12 sickened, followed by Oklahoma with six, and New Mexico with five. The illnesses have been traced to fruit from Jensen Farms in Holly, Colorado. The Food and Drug Administration said September 19 it had found listeria in samples of Jensen Farms' cantaloupe taken from a Denver-area store, and on samples taken from equipment and cantaloupe at the farm's packing facility. Tests confirmed the samples matched the strain of the disease found in those sickened. Jensen Farms recalled its Rocky Ford-brand cantaloupes the week of September 12 after the illnesses were linked to its fruit.

Source: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/09/19/cantaloupe-deaths-colorado_n_970856.html

26. *September 19, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Wisconsin) **US Department of Labor's OSHA cites City Brewing Co. in La Crosse, Wis., for exposing workers to ammonia, other hazards; proposed fines total \$108,000.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has cited City Brewing Co. LLC for 16 serious safety violations at its brewery in La Crosse, Wisconsin. These include, among others, a failure to comply with the requirements of OSHA's process safety management standard, which resulted in workers being exposed to ammonia during maintenance of pipe lines. The company faces \$108,000 in proposed fines. The violations cited are for failing to: ensure employee participation in a process-safety-management program; evaluate contractors' safety performance; conduct a process-safety-management compliance audit; perform inspections and tests to maintain mechanical integrity of equipment such as a reciprocating compressor, and pressure relief and solenoid valves; implement and train employees in an emergency response plan. A serious violation occurs when there is substantial probability that death or serious physical harm could result from a hazard about which the employer knew or should have known.

Source:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=20682

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Water Sector

27. *September 20, Sarasota Herald Tribune* – (Florida) **Sarasota County presents fixes after two sewage spills.** The mile-long sewer line that runs in front of the Hammocks subdivision in Sarasota County, Florida, ruptured in October 2010 and again August 28, spilling more than 300,000 gallons of sewage each time. County officials met with residents September 19 to promise to do what they can to make sure it does not happen again. The sewage flowed into retention ponds inside the 185-home subdivision, and created a health hazard and a stinky nuisance. Officials suspect problems were caused

by a defective 18-inch sewer main. Both times the 15-year-old pipe ruptured, it had a single lateral crack in it 4 to 5 feet long. The county hired an expert to do a forensic analysis as well as move forward with a short-term and a long-term fix. Construction could begin as early as next spring under the sped-up timetable. Retention ponds with enzymes and aerators have reduced fecal coliform levels to a fraction of what they were 3 weeks ago, officials said. Both of the ponds are now reaching acceptable bacteria levels for fishing and swimming, the state department of environmental protection reported.

Source:

<http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20110920/ARTICLE/110919544/2055/NEWS?p=2&tc=pg>

28. *September 19, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **More sewage spills into lower Patapsco River.** Baltimore County utility crews dealt with another sewage spill at the Patapsco Sewage Pumping Station in Baltimore September 17. About 525,000 gallons of sewage spilled from a 54-inch concrete pipe into the lower Patapsco River. The county spent \$500,000 to replace aging pipes earlier this month after a main conduit ruptured in the aftermath of Hurricane Irene, and poured about 100 million gallons of raw sewage into the river over the course of a week. Crews discovered a joint failure in the new piping last week, and the overflow occurred during the ensuing repair for a few hours early September 17. The county's health department will continue to monitor water quality daily in the area of the river affected by the overflows.

Source: http://articles.baltimoresun.com/2011-09-19/features/bs-md-co-sewage-spill-20110919_1_sewage-spills-gallons-of-raw-sewage-pipe-leak

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

29. *September 19, Spokane Spokesman-Review* – (Washington) **Spokane Valley medical offices damaged by fire, explosion.** A fire started September 19 at an oral surgery office in Spokane Valley, Washington, in a room containing tanks of oxygen and nitrous oxide, an assistant fire marshal said. Officials reported that no one was hurt, despite a powerful blast that sent glass and debris flying across a parking lot and apparently dislodged a large chunk of concrete. The initial call to 911 reported light smoke seen in the first floor of the Valley Mission Professional Building. But within minutes, an AMR ambulance crew reported an explosion. One employee was inside the dental office when the fire started, but said there was no smell of smoke prior to the explosion. If the fire had occurred 30 minutes later, there might have been a half dozen employees inside, the assistant fire marshal said. It is not clear whether the fire started prior to the explosion. The 2-story building also houses a pharmacy, obstetrics and gynecology, and other medical professionals. All of those offices had to be vacated, and it was unclear when they could reopen. Damage from the fire was largely confined to the oral surgery office. The rest of the building has substantial smoke damage.

Source: <http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2011/sep/19/office-building-burns-spokane-valley/?prefetch=1>

30. *September 19, KTBS 3 Shreveport* – (Louisiana) **Crane topples onto building at retirement complex.** A crane that was to be used to lift heavy equipment fell on the nursing home building at The Oaks retirement complex in Shreveport, Louisiana September 19, slicing through the roof and coming to rest inside the building. A spokeswoman for The Oaks, said the crane fell on the back of the health center. The crane was in place to move an air-conditioning unit on the roof of the building, the fire department said. No residents were in the area where the 110-foot construction crane landed, the spokeswoman said. A total of 109 residents in the east and west wings of Live Oak were moved from their rooms to other areas of the complex, officials said. They stayed there while engineers evaluated structural damage, and the crane was removed. The lobby of the building sustained damage from the fallen crane and flooding from pipes that broke as a result of the crane slicing through the roof.
Source: <http://www.ktbs.com/news/29231069/detail.html>
31. *September 10, Daily News of Newburyport* – (Massachusetts; New Hampshire) **Police sting nabs two in X-ray thefts.** Two men charged with stealing X-ray films from Anna Jaques Hospital in Newburyport, Massachusetts are suspected of hitting other hospitals across Massachusetts and New Hampshire. The men were arrested September 8 following a police sting in which they believed they were picking up X-ray films from an animal hospital. Police believe the suspects were interested in the silver on the films, which can be removed using a simple chemical solution. Police contacted the men after one left a phone number with a hospital employee telling them to call if they needed more film picked up. One suspect told police he was from Miller's Recycling in New York. Police said they had 15 boxes full of old X-rays. A gray Caravan arrived at 1:40 p.m., and police arrested the pair. An Anna Jaques spokeswoman was not sure what patient data was on the stolen films. She noted the X-ray film used there does not contain silver. They instead use laser film. She said police and the hospital are conducting an investigation to find out the con used to gain access to the hospital. The two men are wanted by Lowell, Massachusetts police for a similar incident there. Police in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and in Newton, Massachusetts are investigating similar incidents.
Source: <http://www.newburyportnews.com/local/x803550025/Police-sting-nabs-two-in-X-ray-thefts>

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Government Facilities Sector

32. *September 20, Associated Press* – (California) **2 Marines killed in helicopter crash at Calif base.** An investigation September 20 was under way into the cause of a September 19 helicopter crash that killed two Marines during a training exercise at Southern California's Camp Pendleton. The crash sparked a brush fire that burned 120

acres, a base statement said. It was 80 percent contained. The twin-engine, two-seat AH-1W Cobra attack helicopter belonging to the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing crashed in the southeast corner of the base near the community of Fallbrook. The Marines died at the scene. The fire grew quickly after the crash, burning 50 acres within 3 hours after the helicopter went down.

Source:

http://www.boston.com/news/nation/articles/2011/09/20/2_marines_killed_in_helicopter_crash_at_calif_base/

33. *September 20, Associated Press* – (Oklahoma) **Fort Sill officer pleads guilty in bomb hoax.** A military officer from Fort Sill has pleaded guilty to a bomb hoax at the southwest Oklahoma Army post in April. The first lieutenant entered the plea September 19 in U.S. district court in Oklahoma City. Federal prosecutors said that during a meeting with his superiors, the 27-year-old lieutenant pulled out a mortar shell attached to an external digital clock, wires and liquid, and referred to the device as "insurance." The incident prompted the evacuation of Snow Hall, a major facility on the post. The convict faces up to 5 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine when he's sentenced in a few months.

Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/article/Fort-Sill-officer-pleads-guilty-in-bomb-hoax-2179090.php>

34. *September 17, Richmond Register* – (Kentucky) **Mulch fire at Blue Grass Army Depot.** A fire was reported September 16 in the mulch pile/chipper yard at the Blue Grass Army Depot (BGAD) near Richmond, Kentucky. All personnel were accounted for, and there were no injuries, according to the depot spokeswoman. She said the surrounding community and chemical weapons were not in any danger from the fire. The BGAD fire department was the first to respond. On arrival, heavy smoke and fire was showing on and around the engine compartment of a kindling yard chipper machine and the surrounding mulch pile, the spokeswoman. The department received help from the Madison County Fire Department, Station No. 2. The depot's environmental department does not expect any potential harm to the environment from this fire, according to the assistant chief of the BGAD fire department. As a precautionary measure, workers placed booms around the fire area.

Source: <http://richmondregister.com/localnews/x1700249317/Mulch-fire-at-Blue-Grass-Army-Depot>

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Emergency Services Sector

35. *September 20, Beckley Register-Herald* – (West Virginia) **Raleigh 911 calls rerouted to Fayette.** All Raleigh County, West Virginia emergency calls were rerouted to the Fayette County Emergency Operations Center September 19 due to an equipment problem. Phone service was restored about 10:30 p.m., according to an EOC spokesman. Around 2:30 p.m., Frontier Communications discovered a malfunctioning

rectifier while performing repair work near the intersection of Industrial Park and Airport roads. "It took down all of our 911 trunks and our administrative lines," said a computer specialist. "We did transfer all the 911 calls to Fayette County, so if any citizen in Raleigh County dials 911, they are reaching Fayette County." A Frontier spokeswoman said the problem is the result of equipment failure at a remote terminal. The Beckley police chief said all non-emergency city calls were being routed to the police department.

Source: <http://www.register-herald.com/local/x94878263/Raleigh-911-calls-rerouted-to-Fayette>

36. *September 19, WSOC 9 Charlotte* – (North Carolina) **Charlotte emergency radios malfunction on 3 different occasions.** WSOC 9 Charlotte uncovered breakdowns in the radio communication system that police, firefighters, and other emergency crews use in Charlotte, North Carolina. A reporter found out the malfunctions have happened three times in the last 3 weeks. A spokesman for the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department said the breakdowns have left some police officers on the street unable to talk to each other or with dispatchers at the Law Enforcement Center on multiple occasions. The city of Charlotte confirms the three incidents happened, all lasting between 35 and 75 minutes, the first day of school August 25, and August 26 and August 31. As they did, the communications channel that logs all radios onto the city system became clogged. This meant trouble for hundreds of users who turned their radios on, including police, sheriff's deputies, school police officers, and firefighters. The Charlotte Fire Department chief is still waiting for answers from Motorola, the company that supplies the city's 13,000 radios. The city said the radio system still worked for emergency crews whose radios were already turned on when the breakdown happened. Those breakdowns did not involve the city's 911 system, so those emergency calls were not affected.

Source: <http://www.wsoc9.com/news/29233725/detail.html>

37. *September 16, Federal Computer Week* – (National) **Report highlights benefits and drawbacks of social media during disasters.** When it comes to disaster response, social media has proven to be a popular and effective tool for sharing information — except when the information is incorrect or malicious, in which case it hinders response efforts. That conundrum is one of the drawbacks that limit the usefulness of social media in emergency situations, according to a new report from the Congressional Research Service, which was released publicly September 13 by the Federation of American Scientists. Networks such as Facebook and Twitter have been used for sharing warnings and disaster information, contacting friends during a crisis and raise funds for disaster relief. Government agencies use such tools primarily for pushing information to the public, such as links to hurricane forecasts and evacuation routes. Some emergency management agencies are using social tools to help gather and share data in real-time, such as locations of trapped survivors. However, using social media in such situations has risks, the service warned. "While there may be some potential advantages to using social media for emergencies and disasters, there may also be some potential policy issues and drawbacks associated with its use," the report said. For example, studies show outdated, inaccurate or false information has been disseminated via social media forums during disasters, the report said. In some cases, the location of

the hazard or threat was inaccurately reported, or, in the case of the Japanese tsunami, some requests for help were retweeted repeatedly even after victims were rescued. Another concern is some individuals or organizations might intentionally provide inaccurate information to "confuse, disrupt, or otherwise thwart response efforts," the report said. This could be for a prank or as part of a terrorist act.

Source: <http://fcw.com/articles/2011/09/16/social-media-for-disasters-has-good-and-bad-aspects-crs-report-says.aspx>

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Information Technology Sector

38. *September 20, The Register* – (International) **Crooks push fake anti-virus via Skype calls.** Scareware pushers have turned to Skype with automated messages to pressure users into buying worthless security software. The scam is promoted via unsolicited calls on Skype during which a machine-generated message warns potential victims their computer security is "out-of-date." Victims are invited to visit a Web site selling fake anti-virus software for \$19.95. The robotic message states: "Attention: this is an automated computer system alert. Your computer protection service is not active. To activate computer protection, and repair your computer, go to..." Users are confronted with the alarming alert when they click on a message from an account called "URGENT NOTICE."
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/09/20/skype_scareware_scam/
39. *September 19, Computerworld* – (International) **Microsoft fixes SSL 'kill switch' blooper.** Microsoft re-released an update September 19 for Windows XP to correct a snafu that left users vulnerable to potential "man-in-the-middle" attacks for most of the week of September 12. The September 19 update addressed a gaffe introduced when Microsoft blocked six additional root certificates issued by DigiNotar that were cross-signed by a pair of other certificate authorities. Microsoft admitted September 19 the update it shipped to Windows XP and Server 2003 users September 13 was flawed. "The versions...for Windows XP and for Windows Server 2003 contained only the latest six digital certificates cross-signed by GTE and Entrust," said Microsoft in a revised support document. "These versions of the update did not contain the digital certificates that were included in [earlier updates]." The earlier update, delivered by Microsoft September 6, blocked five DigiNotar root certificates. "If you installed update 2616676 and had not already installed update 2607712 or update 2524375, your system would not have been protected from the use of fraudulent digital certificates," Microsoft admitted. The re-released update for XP and Server 2003 has been added to Windows Update, Microsoft said. Customers who do not have Automatic Updates enabled should manually download and install the new version of the DigiNotar blocker. Windows Vista, Windows 7, Server 2008, and Server 2008 R2 were not affected by the update goof, according to Microsoft.
Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9220121/Microsoft_fixes_SSL_kill_switch_b_looper

40. *September 19, Softpedia* – (International) **Google alerts spread ZeroAccess trojans.** Google Alerts members who want to be informed about trojans get a lot more than they bargained for, as they receive links with real threats waiting to be accessed by unsuspecting victims. After Bing and Yahoo search engines advertised Web sites containing malware, Google is now sending customers links to virus-laden pages. A researcher from CleanBytes set up his Google Alerts account to send him updates on anything related to trojans, and September 18 he received a link that apparently came from WCBI. After clicking on it, he was directed to a place that resembled a Megaupload site. The page is a fake and if the download button is pressed, a file called 2_setup(dot)exe, that is supposed to contain a trojan anti-virus, is offered. Upon submission to VirusTotal, the results revealed a ZeroAccess trojan was masqueraded as the innocent looking file. These types of software are able to hide themselves deep in the operating system, infecting the master boot record if not stopped in time. In this case, it appears the WCBI Web site was hacked and the search results poisoned, the researcher said.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Google-Alerts-Spread-ZeroAccess-Trojans-222426.shtml>

41. *September 19, threatpost* – (International) **New DroidDream variant has ability to fight off other malware.** DroidDream, a malicious program that targets Android devices, received a major overhaul, and now contains more features for stealing data and phishing the owners of compromised Android phones and tablets, according to a Trend Micro researcher. The latest update to the DroidDream malware, which Trend labeled "ANDROIDOS_DORDRAE.N" is spreading over third party mobile application Web sites, mostly in China. Building on earlier versions of the DroidDream malware, it includes expanded data theft capabilities, allowing remote attackers to siphon off SMS messages, call logs, mobile contact lists, and information related to Google accounts that may be stored on the compromised Android device, according to Trend's research blog.

Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/new-droiddream-variant-has-ability-fight-other-malware-091911

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Internet Alert Dashboard

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Commercial Facilities Sector

42. *September 20, Associated Press* – (North Carolina) **Fatal shooting at Lowe's in Concord was a 'domestic situation'**. A spokeswoman for a home improvement store said a shooting that left two people dead at a store in Concord, North Carolina was the result of a domestic dispute. A female employee of a Lowe's store and a man were killed in the September 19 shooting. Concord police would not confirm whether the shooting was a murder-suicide. Officers said the victims knew each other, and there was no search for a suspect. There was no word on how many employees and shoppers were in the store at the time.
Source: <http://www.myfox8.com/news/wghp-employee-among-two-dead-after-shooting-at-nc-store-20110919,0,2806327.story?track=rss>
43. *September 20, msnbc.com* – (Georgia) **Mother, daughter shot outside Georgia day care**. A mother and her 10-year-old daughter were shot September 19 outside a day care center southeast of Atlanta, and the woman's husband was arrested, authorities said. The shooting happened about 6:30 a.m. outside Little Mountain Christian Academy. The mother was dropping her daughter off at the facility, where she was to catch a bus to her elementary school, when the woman's husband approached and began shooting, a sergeant of the Rockdale County Sheriff's Office told the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. The woman ran inside and screamed for help, she said. The two victims were rushed to different hospitals. Their conditions were not immediately available. The husband was later arrested in Newton County. Police said the shootings were domestic related, the Journal-Constitution reported.
Source: http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/44592441/ns/us_news-crime_and_courts/#.TnjDDOyMaJw
44. *September 19, Port Washington-Saukville Patch* – (Wisconsin) **Fire departments, We Energies respond to blaze on Hwy. 32**. Law enforcement officials evacuated apartment buildings on Highway 32 just south of the Highway 43 intersection in Grafton, Wisconsin, and several area fire departments were on scene September 19, Ozaukee dispatch said. Port Washington, Saukville, Fredonia, Cedarburg, and Grafton fire departments responded. Southbound traffic on Highway 32 was redirected to a frontage road. We Energies was called to the scene just before 7 p.m. The fire departments asked We to respond and turn off the gas so they could continue to fight the fire without worrying about something fueling the blaze, officials said.
Source: <http://portwashington-wi.patch.com/articles/apartment-blaze-evacuates-buildings-redirects-traffic#photo-7834305>
45. *September 19, Seattle Post Intelligencer* – (Washington) **Feds: Wi-fi hacking burglars targeted dozens of Seattle-area businesses**. A federal grand jury has indicted three

Seattle men accused of hacking the wireless networks of more than a dozen businesses to steal money and employees' personal information, the Seattle Post Intelligencer reported September 19. Also claiming the trio was behind 41 burglaries, prosecutors contend the men used the fruits of their network break-ins to further the crime spree, which allegedly ran from April 2008 to at least until 2 of the men were arrested in December 2010. Prosecutors claim the men "used a variety of methods to gain unauthorized access to the computer networks of small and medium-sized businesses located in the Puget Sound region." Among those methods was "wardriving," in which hackers mount a high-strength wi-fi receiver inside a car and search for networks that can be penetrated. Once a wi-fi network is located through wardriving, hackers can remotely watch for data that may reveal the network's security setup and vulnerabilities. From April 2008 until December 2010, they stole data from at least 13 Seattle-area businesses while also burglarizing at least 41 businesses in the same region, according to the indictment unsealed September 19.

Source: <http://www.seattlepi.com/local/article/Feds-Wi-Fi-hacking-burglars-targeted-dozens-of-2178421.php#page-1>

46. *September 18, Associated Press* – (Oklahoma) **Thunderstorm pushes late Oklahoma State-Tulsa game into an after-midnight start.** A thunderstorm that brought lightning and heavy rains to H.A. Chapman Stadium in Tulsa, Oklahoma kept an already late-night game between Oklahoma State and Tulsa from starting until 12:16 a.m. September 18. Thousands of fans who had been asked to clear the stadium as the storm approached returned to the stands to watch the game after a delay of more than 3 hours. Increasingly, heavy rain moved over the stadium shortly before kickoff.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/sports/colleges/weather-forces-stadium-evacuation-before-oklahoma-state-tulsa-game/2011/09/17/gIQAy464aK_story.html

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Dams Sector

47. *September 20, Rutland Herald* – (Vermont) **U.S. Army Corps cancels water release on Vt's West River.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New England District cancelled water releases from dams in Townshend and Jamaica, Vermont September 20, at the request of local officials, who cited concerns that recreational use of the river was too dangerous due to lingering damage from Tropical Storm Irene. The next scheduled water release is set for September 24. The Brattleboro Reformer said flooding caused by Irene left too much debris in the water for the releases to take place safely.

Source:

<http://www.rutlandherald.com/article/20110920/NEWS02/709209954/1003/NEWS02>

48. *September 19, Marysville Appeal-Democrat* – (California) **Eroding walls in Goldfields along Yuba River a flood threat.** The Yuba Goldfields represent a potential flood threat to much of south Yuba County, California, according to a study presented at a special workshop of the Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority, September 19. A wall along the Yuba River has eroded significantly in some places, and because practices by mining companies in the Goldfields have inadvertently created natural paths for water to follow, a 100-year flood event could cause flooding from the Goldfields, though more slowly and less deeply than a levee breach elsewhere in the county. The walls were built over a century ago along the north edge of the Goldfields to keep debris from going down the Yuba River and impeding boat traffic, not for flood control, officials said. Ten points in the wall have eroded by as much as 176 feet, and three not only are especially degraded, but have areas behind them where water could naturally flow through and out of the Goldfields.

Source: <http://www.appeal-democrat.com/news/goldfields-110033-flood-yuba.html>

49. *September 18, Greenwich Time* – (Connecticut) **State orders Pemberwick dam inspection.** Connecticut's environmental department has ordered the owners of the Pemberwick Dam in Greenwich to conduct an inspection and update its paperwork after observers saw water seeping through areas of the dam's wall following heavy rains the week of September 12. The state department of energy and environmental protection sent a notice of violation to Riversedge Partners, the first step in an effort to ensure the dam is inspected and all the necessary paperwork is filed, a department spokesman said. The town's emergency management director said the openings could have been caused by water leaking in areas between stones where mortar had faded away over time. The dam is listed as a high-hazard dam.

Source: <http://www.greenwichtime.com/news/article/State-orders-Pemberwick-dam-inspection-2175963.php>

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