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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 21, Beauregard Daily News* – (Louisiana) **Explosion in Ragley injures one person.** Emergency response personnel were called to an explosion at a new oil well site about 5 miles west of U.S. Highway 171, just south of Louisiana State Highway 12 in Ragley, Louisiana, around 6:30 a.m. September 21. According to reports from the state police and the Beauregard Parish Sheriff’s Office (BPSO), an employee was burned, but was treated at the scene and released. The Beauregard Parish Office of

Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness director, and the Louisiana State Hazardous Materials team responded, however, there are no indications as to what caused the explosion and fire. Four tanks containing crude oil were on fire when authorities arrived at the facility operated by Midstates Petroleum. The Louisiana State Police Emergency Services Unit (LSPESU), Beauregard Parish Fire District #2, Calcasieu Parish Ward 6 Fire Department, BPSO, and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality responded. By 7:45 a.m. the blaze was stabilized, and by 8:20 a.m. it was extinguished. The LSPESU will conduct an investigation.

Source: <http://www.beauregarddailynews.net/news/x2046634957/Explosion-in-Ragley-injures-one-person>

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Chemical Industry Sector

2. *September 22, London Guardian* – (International) **Libyan rebels discover Gaddafi's chemical weapons.** Libyan rebel forces claim to have discovered banned chemical weapons stockpiles in southern desert areas captured in the last few days from loyalists to Libya's deposed leader. Spokesmen for the National Transitional Council (NTC) said a depot had been found in Jufra, 435 miles south of Tripoli. CNN reported from Sebha that the tribe of the former Libya leader was ready to surrender its weapons and negotiate an agreement. Libya was supposed to have destroyed its entire stockpile of chemical weapons in early 2004 as part of a rapprochement with the West. It also abandoned a rudimentary nuclear program. But the international watchdog, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, had stated it believed Libya had kept 9.5 tons of mustard gas at a secret location: it is that which appears to have now been captured and secured. In 2010, Libya destroyed nearly 15 tons of sulphur mustard, which is about half of its stockpile. It received an extension to eliminate the rest by May 15. Twice-yearly inspections have found no evidence of Libya reviving the chemical weapons program.

Source: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/sep/22/libyan-rebels-gaddafis-chemical-weapons?newsfeed=true>

3. *September 22, Associated Press* – (Alabama) **Army nears end of chemical weapons destruction at Alabama incinerator.** The U.S. Army said it is ready to burn the last of tons of chemical weapons that were stored for decades at the Anniston Army Depot in Anniston, Alabama, the Associated Press reported September 22. Only a few dozen shells filled with mustard gas remain to be destroyed at the depot's chemical weapons incinerator. Officials said those weapons could be fed into the flames as early as September 22. About 900 people work at the incinerator, which began operations in August 2003. Since then, the complex has destroyed tons of lethal nerve agent, and mustard-filled munitions. Anniston's mayor said the community is relieved the chemical weapons are almost gone after about 50 years of storage.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/e27680b35e5149588e20d11bdea1d9fb/AL--Chemical-Weapons/>

4. *September 22, Monroe News-Star* – (Louisiana) **Derailment evacuation lifted.** Lincoln Parish, Louisiana residents, displaced since 32 cars of a Kansas City Southern (KCS) train derailed September 18, were allowed to return home early September 21 as KCS crews continued efforts to remove the railcars. A major with the Lincoln Parish Sheriff's Office said late September 21 that cleanup could take another 2 days as KCS crews must rebuild a half a mile of track to remove the derailed cars. All hazardous material has been removed. The major said the two cars carrying carbon disulfide were never compromised, and the chemical never leaked. U.S. 80 will remain closed from Owens Road in Ouachita Parish westward to Crocker Road in Lincoln Parish for the rest of the week. Thirty-two cars on a 123-car KCS mixed freight train derailed around 7:30 p.m. September 18. First responders evacuated a number of homes in the area of U.S. 80 near Sims Road.

Source:

<http://www.thenewsstar.com/article/20110922/NEWS01/109220311/Derailment-evacuation-lifted>

5. *September 21, WISH 8 Indianapolis* – (National) **Study finds dangerous chemical in kids' canned goods.** Many canned foods have a potentially cancerous chemical called Bisphenol A, or BPA, in the plastic lining of the can, according to a new study by the Breast Cancer Fund (BCF). Released September 21, the report found the toxin in six canned foods marketed to kids. "BPA in laboratory studies has been linked to increased risks for breast cancer, prostate cancer, early puberty," BCF's policy manager said. The study found large amounts of BPA ranging from 13 parts per billion (ppb) to 114 ppb in everything from canned soup to pasta and spaghetti products. BPA is used in the plastic lining of the cans, and experts have said it leaches from the plastic into the food. Many cancer researchers believe BPA in children is of particular concern because it may set the stage for disease later in life. But chemical firms and Campbell Soup Co., a manufacturer of many of the food products reviewed in the study, have said the levels of BPA in canned foods are too low to be harmful. The BCF said companies should switch to can liners that are free of BPA. In the meantime, the organization suggests parents use alternatives to canned food, such as dried or frozen pasta or soups packaged in Tetra Paks, made mostly from paper.

Source: <http://www.wishtv.com/dpp/health/study-finds-dangerous-chemical-in-kids-canned-goods>

6. *September 21, Augusta Chronicle* – (National) **Textile plant to pay \$1 million in Ogeechee River fish kill.** The owners of a Screven County, Georgia, textile plant agreed September 21 to finance \$1 million in environmental improvements to resolve a host of violations linked to a May fish kill in which 38,634 fish died along a 70-mile stretch of the Ogeechee River. In a 22-page consent order prepared by Georgia's Environmental Protection Division (EPD), King America Finishing Inc. agreed to address and correct violations of the Water Quality Control Act that included the discharge of ammonia, formaldehyde, and other substances into the river. The EPD discovered the firm had added a fire retardant treatment process that generated

wastewater, which was ultimately discharged to the Ogeechee in violation of its permit,” an EPD spokesman said. The agency has worked with King America to upgrade its wastewater treatment plant, expand the monitoring program, and restrict the hours that the fire retardant process is allowed to discharge. The order requires the company to continue to comply with new operating rules imposed by state regulators, and to continue chemical and toxicity testing until further notice. Restocking of fish to the river is being managed by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

Source: <http://chronicle.augusta.com/news/business/2011-09-21/textile-plant-pay-1-million-ogeechee-river-fish-kill?v=1316642508>

7. *September 21, Louisville Courier-Journal* – (Kentucky) **DuPont fined for missed inspections.** The DuPont chemical plant in the Rubbertown section of Louisville, Kentucky has been fined \$51,000 for violations of its air quality permit, dating to 2006. Louisville Metro Air Pollution Control Board members approved the terms unanimously September 21 after air pollution district staff explained the alleged violations, and said the company had agreed to pay the fine and make changes in their inspection practices. “This order covers several lapses ... that we, ourselves, reported to the Air Pollution Control Board,” a DuPont issues management spokesman said in a written statement. “We have conducted a thorough review of our procedures and have revised them so that these types of incidents do not occur in the future.” The district’s enforcement manager said DuPont failed to conduct numerous inspections of some of its equipment, and did not keep records of other inspections. She said the plant’s personnel missed inspections of its leak detection equipment, pollution control equipment, and pumps.

Source: <http://www.courier-journal.com/article/20110921/NEWS01/309210073/1001/DuPont-fined-missed-inspections?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|Home|p>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

8. *September 22, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Washington nuclear power plant coming back online.** Energy Northwest began to power up its nuclear power plant near Richland, Washington, at the end of the longest outage in its history. The reactor went critical September 19 and is expected to begin supplying power to the electrical grid September 24. The Columbia Generating Station shut down April 6 for a refueling outage scheduled every 2 years. This outage was expected to last longer because of a major project planned, the replacement of the 25-year-old condenser. However, management did not anticipate delays and work stoppages that plagued the condenser replacement by a contractor. When the outage began, the plant was expected to be operating again about June 23. The new condenser, plus additional improvements to turbines and valves made during the outage, are expected to increase the plant’s efficiency. The 1,150-megawatt plant is expected to gain up to 12 megawatts of electricity generation as a result.

Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/article/Washington-nuclear-power-plant-coming-back-online-2183242.php>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

9. *September 21, seattlepi.com* – (National) **‘Incorrect manufacturing’ led to hole in Boeing 757.** ”Incorrect manufacturing” of a panel led to the rupture of an American Airlines Boeing 757 in flight last year and similar cracking in the fuselage of two other 757s, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) reported September 19. But investigators could not find a cause of the defect because Boeing had not kept manufacturing records and was not required to, the NTSB said. An approximately 18-inch-by-7-inch hole opened in the 757-200 about 16 minutes after takeoff from Miami International Airport October 26, 2010, decompressing the cabin at about 32,000 feet. The airplane returned to Miami with no injuries among the 160 people aboard. Investigators found fatigue cracking of the upper fuselage skin above the forward left passenger door led to the rupture. They found skin thickness of 0.034 to 0.035 inches, less than Boeing’s specified minimum of 0.037 inches. A second American 757 and a United Airlines 757 were found to have similar cracking, the NTSB reported, adding the planes had skin thinner than manufacturing specs. The 757 that developed the hole entered service in 1990 and had flown 63,010 hours on 22,450 flights. Starting April 16, the government required companies to keep manufacturing records for 5 years in general, up from 2, and 10 years for critical components. This rule would not have affected the availability of records on the 757 that developed the hole, given its age. Source: <http://blog.seattlepi.com/aerospace/2011/09/21/incorrect-manufacturing-led-to-hole-in-boeing-757/>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

10. *September 22, Wired* – (International) **Military struggles to find helium for spy blimp surge.** According to the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), the U.S. military is sending so many spy blimps to Afghanistan that “industry cannot keep up with the increased demand” for helium and the containers that hold the gas. With their ability to stay in the air for days at a time and hold more spy gear than any drone, aerostats and airships are quickly becoming surveillance tools of choice in the Afghan War. The military carried out three aerostat surges between fall 2010 and summer 2011; several dozen are deployed in Afghanistan now. Early in 2012, the U.S. military is planning to send two airships to Afghanistan — if the blimps can get the helium and helium containers they need to fly. When one of those airships, the Long Endurance Multi-Intelligence Vehicle (LEMV), needed its gas, it ran into a problem. LEMV-builder Northrop Grumman “could not obtain the helium and/or the large number of bulk containers needed for its initial fill and as such, required emergency support,”

according to a DLA contracting document. To meet LEMV's "huge gaseous helium requirements" in time, DLA Energy could not competitively bid out the 800,000 standard cubic feet of helium needed to fill up the airship. The DLA ran into similar bottlenecks trying to fill up the smaller, tethered aerostats used in Afghanistan to watch and listen for enemy action. In justifications for "other than full and open competition," the DLA said it was unable to competitively bid out container lease contracts in the rush to keep the aerostats aloft. "Manufacturing new bulk helium ISO containers is a very lengthy process." "Industry cannot keep up with the increased demand for containers needed by the Army's second and third Aerostat deployment surges," the agency admitted in July.

Source: <http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2011/09/helium-spy-blimp-surge/>

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Banking and Finance Sector

11. *September 22, Associated Press* – (New York) **NY woman convicted in Va. bank fraud case.** A New York woman was convicted September 22 in Virginia for participating in a scheme to fraudulently tap into home equity lines of credit and credit card accounts. A federal jury in Richmond convicted the 41-year-old on a dozen conspiracy, bank fraud, and money laundering counts. A U.S. attorney said she faces up to 30 years on seven counts and up to 20 years on five counts when she is sentenced December 19. According to the government, the woman and others transferred large amounts of money from home equity and credit card accounts to bank accounts controlled by so-called "money mules," who would withdraw the proceeds to be shared by the conspirators. The woman's role was to recruit the money mules and distribute the money.
Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/article/NY-woman-convicted-in-Va-bank-fraud-case-2182991.php>
12. *September 22, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (National) **SEC charges Quant manager with fraud.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) September 22 charged the co-founder of institutional money manager AXA Rosenberg with securities fraud for concealing a significant error in the computer code of the quantitative investment model he developed and provided to the firm's entities for use in managing client assets. According to the SEC's order instituting administrative proceedings, the money manager learned of the error in June 2009, but directed others to keep quiet about it and not fix it immediately. He denied the existence of any significant errors during an October 2009 board meeting discussion about performance. AXA disclosed the error to SEC examination staff in March 2010 after being informed of an impending SEC examination. The error was not disclosed to clients until April 2010, causing them \$217 million in losses. The money manager has agreed to settle the SEC's charges by paying a \$2.5 million penalty, and consenting to a lifetime securities industry bar. The SEC previously charged AXA and its affiliated investment advisers, and they agreed to pay \$217 million to harmed clients plus a \$25 million penalty. According to the SEC's order, the manager created the model, oversaw research projects to improve and enhance it, and exercised significant authority. The material

error in the computer code disabled a key component for managing risk, and affected the model's ability to perform. The SEC's order found that due to the man's misconduct, AXA and its affiliated investment advisers misrepresented to clients that the model's underperformance was attributable to factors other than the error, and inaccurately stated the model was controlling risk correctly. His instructions to delay fixing the error caused additional client losses. In its order, the SEC found the man willfully violated anti-fraud provisions of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, Sections 206(1) and 206(2).

Source: <http://www.sec.gov/news/press/2011/2011-189.htm>

13. *September 21, Modesto Bee* – (National) **Mortgage fraud indictment has Stanislaus ties.** A Utah man was indicted September 21 by federal authorities in connection with a multimillion-dollar mortgage fraud scheme in West Virginia, and alleged mail fraud linked to a similar scam involving 20 properties in Stanislaus County, California. A man from Sandy, Utah, was charged with one count of mail fraud linked to the Stanislaus County properties, according to the U.S. attorney's office in Sacramento. Federal prosecutors said he used "The Gift Program" to fraudulently obtain more than \$14 million in loans that caused California lenders to lose \$7.2 million. A second suspect in the California scheme was indicted in late July and is awaiting trial. He also is facing a 30-count federal indictment in connection with wire fraud and criminal forfeiture in which he is accused of targeting victims in at least 8 states who were seeking multimillion-dollar loans for large construction projects that were in danger of being foreclosed on. Federal prosecutors said the California "Gift Program" scam was operated similarly to the mortgage fraud scheme in West Virginia. The scheme involved illegal property "flipping" to out-of-state borrowers at inflated prices using the man's company "The Gift Program" or "Advanced Capital Services," according to prosecutors. He was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and bank fraud in the U.S. Southern District of West Virginia. A 51-year-old man from South Weber, Utah, was arrested September 19. He was named in an 18-count indictment that included wire fraud, bank fraud, and conspiracy charges. The pair are believed to be co-conspirators, prosecutors said.

Source: <http://www.modbee.com/2011/09/21/1871244/mortgage-fraud-indictment-has.html>

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Transportation Sector

14. *September 22, The Register* – (International) **U.S. military satellite to get attack-warning equipment.** A U.S. military satellite is to be fitted with equipment which will enable it to detect hostile action and inform ground controllers what is going on, according to reports. An Air Force general said September 21 that a classified satellite is now planned to go into space equipped with a Self-Awareness Space Situational Awareness (SASSA) package. SASSA would let a satellite know if it was being jammed, blinded, or scrambled, while other dedicated spacecraft would be able to watch events in Earth orbit and detect or monitor anti-satellite operations involving

actual intercepts and collisions.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/09/22/sassa_to_fly/

15. *September 22, Associated Press* – (New Jersey; New York) **Power problems slow Amtrak, commuter trains.** Power problems have stranded four commuter trains on the busy rail line between New York City and New Jersey. It is not clear what the problem is. A New Jersey (NJ) Transit spokeswoman said two trains were stuck in the Hudson River rail tunnel toward the New York side, and two trains were stranded outside the tunnel on the New Jersey side. NJ Transit trains were facing delays of up to 30 minutes because only a single track was available into New York City. Some Manhattan-bound trains were being diverted to Hoboken, New Jersey.
Source: <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2011/09/22/ap/business/main20110071.shtml>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report

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Agriculture and Food Sector

16. *September 22, Associated Press* – (Wisconsin; Illinois; Minnesota) **Roundy's recalls chicken sold in Ill., Minn., Wis.** Roundy's Supermarkets Inc. based in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, recalled about 360 pounds of breaded chicken breast that may have been undercooked. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) said the products were sold after September 13 at deli counters in Illinois, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. The agency said the product being recalled was no longer available for purchase, but consumers who already bought it should discard it. The product is called "Chef's Collection Chicken Milanese Breast." The container has the identifying item code of "037496," and lot code of "171589-2561." The USDA said the problem was discovered after a consumer complaint. It said Roundy's thinks one tray of chicken did not undergo the final cooking process. No illnesses have been reported.
Source: <http://www.cnbc.com/id/44625203>
17. *September 22, Washington Post* – (Maryland; Colorado; National) **Maryland resident among 8 confirmed dead from Listeria-contaminated cantaloupes.** A person from Maryland is dead after eating tainted produce, bringing the death toll to eight in an outbreak of Listeria linked to Colorado-grown cantaloupes, health officials said September 21. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) confirmed the death in Maryland. The outbreak is confirmed to have made another 55 people sick. In addition to the Maryland death, four deaths were reported in New Mexico, two in Colorado, and one in Oklahoma. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) confirmed September 19 the outbreak is linked to cantaloupe produced at Jensen Farms

in Colorado. The melons were contaminated with a strain of Listeria, FDA officials said. Listeria is a dangerous but uncommon bacteria that thrives in cool temperatures and usually affects deli meats, hot dogs, and soft cheeses. The CDC said this is the highest death count related to food contamination since tainted peanuts were linked to nine deaths in 2008. Officials said other reported cases are under investigation, and warned that the death count could go higher.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/post_now/post/listeria-from-contaminated-cantaloupes-kills-8-claims-maryland-victim/2011/09/22/gIQAu6MPnK_blog.html

18. *September 21, WIVB 4 Buffalo* – (New York) **Perry’s Ice Cream cited by OSHA over alleged violations.** Perry’s Ice Cream of Akron, New York, has come under fire from the U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). The business is being cited by the OSHA for eight alleged serious violations, and faces \$51,000 in penalties. The OSHA reports an inspection revealed several deficiencies. One concern was about ammonia used in the plant’s refrigeration system. The OSHA contends Perry’s has uncorrected deficiencies in its ammonia processing equipment, and failed to provide process safety training to their employees at least every 3 years. The agency said it discovered dangers in the plant’s energy control system. Perry’s allegedly had unapproved wiring and equipment in a hazardous location, and the OSHA said the company failed to establish a system to prevent systems from coming back online during maintenance.

Source: <http://www.wivb.com/dpp/news/erie/Perrys-Ice-Cream-cited-by-OSHA-over-alleged-violations>

19. *September 21, WKMG 6 Orlando* – (International) **Destructive beetle intercepted at OIA.** Customs officers at Orlando International Airport in Orlando, Florida, have found destructive beetles in undeclared food cargo shipments from Saudi Arabia twice in September. The DHS said Khapra Beetle was found in rice September 2, and in dates September 9, both during routine inspections. The adults and larvae were inspected by USDA entomologists and confirmed to be Khapra Beetles, recognized as one of the world’s most destructive pests. There is a federal quarantine on the beetles, which infest grains and seeds. They have an insatiable appetite and can remain dormant for up to 6 years.

Source: <http://www.clickorlando.com/news/29259559/detail.html>

20. *September 21, WGAL 8 Lancaster* – (Pennsylvania) **Trout farm workers try to capture escaped fish.** A trout farm in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, was trying to round up escaped fish that slipped out during this month’s flooding. Wetsuit-clad workers for Limestone Springs Preserve in Richland spent part of September 21 baiting nearby waters. As trout took the bait, the employees netted them and returned the escapees to the trout-farm’s 19th century limestone quarry waters. The preserve is asking the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission to set up a no-fishing zone until they can get all the fish back. The lost trout could be worth up to \$400,000. As workers scramble to catch the fish, they face another obstacle — other fishermen. Some anglers have lined up along creek and stream banks in their own bid to hook the escaped fish. Limestone earns its money by charging fisherman to fish in their private preserve, as

well as selling some trout for stocking and some as food.

Source: <http://www.wgal.com/r/29256436/detail.html>

21. *September 20, U.S. Food Safety Inspection Service* – (New York; National) **New York firm recalls chicken, beef, veal and pork products due to an undeclared allergen.** M & P Food Production Ltd., a Brooklyn, New York establishment, recalled about 11,000 pounds of chicken, beef, veal, and pork dumpling products because they may contain an undeclared allergen, milk, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety (USDA) and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced September 20. The milk is a sub-ingredient contained in sour cream used to make the dough. Each chicken product package bears the establishment number “P-18832,” and each meat product package bears the establishment number “EST 18832” inside the USDA mark of inspection. The products were produced between March 18 and September 19, and distributed to retail establishments in Connecticut, Florida, Massachusetts, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and South Carolina. The problem was discovered by an FSIS inspector while conducting a label review. The inspector noticed the use of sour cream in making dough for the products, but no indication of milk as an ingredient on the label. The FSIS and the company have received no reports of adverse reactions due to consumption of these products.

Source:

http://www.foodconsumer.org/newsite/Shopping/Alerts/recalls_chicken_beef_veal_and_pork_products_0920111103.html

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Water Sector

22. *September 22, Quincy Herald-Whig* – (Missouri) **More environmental violations for Hannibal Board of Public Works’ sewer division.** The Hannibal Board of Public Work’s (BPW) utility planning and construction engineer reported September 21 that the utility received another Notice of Violation (NOV) from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for a water quality issue at its wastewater treatment plant. The news came after the operations director said the utility can expect yet another NOV for a sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) the week of September 12. The general manager cited the frequent violations as a byproduct of expanding environmental rules that also require the BPW to build a new sewer treatment plant within the next decade. The plant manager said a piece of equipment failed after a storm and was taken down for maintenance, only to be followed by the failure of a similar piece of equipment. Meanwhile, the plant saw a spike in Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD), a key indicator of water quality that measures the amount of oxygen foreign organisms in the water must consume. The manager said the BOD slightly exceeded the maximum monthly average, but not the weekly maximum. About 3,000 gallons of sewer contents overtopped a sanitary sewer on Market Street September 13.

Source: <http://www.whig.com/story/news/Hannibal-BPW-Sidebar-092211>

23. *September 22, WXIA 11 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **Water main break shuts down Hwy 78.** A water main break forced the closure of Highway 78 in Loganville, Georgia, September 22. Gwinnett County fire and emergency crews responded around 2 a.m. to the break in a 48-inch pipe that runs underneath the highway. Both eastbound and westbound lanes of Highway 78 were closed at Langley Road, and will remain so until further notice. Crews with the Gwinnett County Department of Water Resources were able to stem the flow of water to the area at about 6:15 a.m., but water service was expected to be interrupted throughout the day. Water runoff caused flooding at nearby Gwinnett Estates Mobile Home Park. Fire crews called in county buses to help evacuate residents from about 20 homes. Residents were later allowed to return, but will remain without power until natural gas company Walton EMC can assess potential dangers.
Source: <http://www.11alive.com/news/article/206365/3/Water-main-break-shuts-down-Hwy-78>
24. *September 21, St. Louis Business Journal* – (Missouri) **St. Charles County water district fined \$5,696.** The Public Water Supply District (PWSD) No. 2 of St. Charles County, Missouri, agreed to pay a federal civil penalty of \$5,696 for violations involving its use of highly toxic chlorine gas as a disinfectant at its drinking water treatment facility in Defiance. The penalty is part of an administrative civil settlement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the St. Louis Business Journal reported September 21. As part of the settlement, the district also agreed to spend at least \$80,000 on a project in which a consulting engineering firm will be hired to evaluate the use of safer non-chlorine disinfectants at the facility. According to the consent agreement, in April 2010, the EPA found violations of federal Clean Air Act's Risk Management Program rules, noting the PWSD failed to document its process safety data, and failed to conduct a process hazard analysis. The facility is required to take those actions because it stores chlorine gas above the regulatory threshold amount of 2,500 pounds. PWSD No. 2 of St. Charles County is the largest water district in Missouri, serving about 75,000 people.
Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/news/2011/09/21/st-charles-county-water-district.html>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

25. *September 21, WebMD* – (International) **Some acid reflux drugs linked to C. diff.** The popular class of acid reflux medication that includes Aciphex, Dexilant, Nexium, Prevacid, Prilosec, and Protonix is associated with an increased risk of diarrhea caused by the bug *Clostridium difficile* (*C. diff*). Japanese researchers followed about 500 hospitalized patients, over half of whom were taking these drugs, called proton pump inhibitors (PPIs). Those who were taking PPIs were more than three times as likely to develop *C. diff* diarrhea as those who were not taking them. but the risk of any individual patient developing the infection was relatively low, said a

researcher from Teiko University in Tokyo. Overall, 19 of 487 PPI users developed C. diff diarrhea, compared with 4 of 329 people who did not take the acid-lowering drugs. The findings were reported at the Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy.

Source: <http://www.webmd.com/heartburn-gerd/news/20110921/some-acid-reflux-drugs-linked-to-c-diff>

26. *September 21, KXAN 36 Austin* – (Texas) **Arrest made in pharmacy fire bombing.** Burnet, Texas, police have arrest a 26-year-old Bertram man they said threw a molotov cocktail through the Lakes Area Health Mart Pharmacy’s drive-thru window. He was arrested after an eyewitness called police, officers said. Police said the fire bomb did spark a fire, but that it quickly died out and did not cause much damage to the pharmacy.

Source: <http://www.kxan.com/dpp/news/arrest-made-in-pharmacy-fire-bombing>

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27. *September 22, WCTI 12 New Bern* – (North Carolina) **Six people arrested in high school vandalism.** Six people have been arrested in connection with August’s vandalism at Ayden-Grifton High School in Ayden, North Carolina, WCTI 12 New Bern reported September 22. The announcement of the arrests was made by a Pitt County Sheriff’s Office spokesperson. All six were placed under \$10,000 bonds at the Pitt County Detention Center, and face multiple charges including breaking and entering, larceny after breaking and entering, felony conspiracy, injury to real property, injury to personal property, and 2nd degree trespassing. More than \$30,000 in damage was discovered at several of the school’s athletic fields the weekend of August 13. School officials found white spray paint on the football and baseball press boxes, the baseball field, and both dugouts.

Source: <http://www.wcti12.com/news/29265670/detail.html>

28. *September 20, WSHM 3 Springfield* – (Massachusetts) **White powder scare causes courthouse evacuation.** The Hampden County Hall of Justice was evacuated briefly September 21 after a worker opened an envelope containing a mysterious white powder in Springfield, Massachusetts. Officials said a secretary in the district attorney’s office on the third floor opened the envelope around 10:45 a.m., and came into contact with the powder. They said the woman then complained that her hands were burning after she washed them. She is said to be OK. The hazardous materials team responded, and everyone was allowed back inside shortly after. “This is the kind of thing that’s not going to affect the whole building or anything or affect more than that one particular room for the amount, less than a gram was there. So, I do not think there was any concern about it getting into the ventilation system or anything,” said a Springfield Fire Department spokesman. The area where the powder was found remained closed. At this point it is not clear what the powder is or where the letter originated from.

Source: http://www.cbs3springfield.com/story/15509748/white-powder-scare-causes-courthouse-evacuation?hpt=us_bn4

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Emergency Services Sector

29. *September 21, Ravenna Gateway News* – (Ohio) **Four firefighters briefly hospitalized after pesticide spill; Frost Road reopened.** Four firefighters and a Streetsboro, Ohio resident were hospitalized September 21 after a hazardous materials spill in a private driveway on Frost Road. Frost Road between Page and Elliman roads was closed from about noon to 3 p.m. due to the pesticide spill, according to a Streetsboro Fire lieutenant. He said the homeowner was hospitalized with chest pains and difficulty breathing following exposure to malathion, a highly toxic pesticide he was disposing of. The man was transported to Robinson Memorial Hospital in Ravenna and is in stable condition, the fire lieutenant said. Four firefighters were exposed and taken to Robinson Memorial Hospital for decontamination and medical evaluation, according to a news release from the Streetsboro Fire Department. “All four were soon released and reported back to duty at their respective stations late in the afternoon,” the fire lieutenant said. He said a neutralizer was applied to “eliminate further hazard to humans or the environment.”

Source: <http://www.thegatewaynews.com/news/article/5099290>

30. *September 21, Atlanta Journal-Constitution* – (Georgia) **Deal with Union City jail buys Fulton time on inmate overcrowding.** Fulton County, Georgia, commissioners have signed off on a new deal that should get inmates off the floor at the Rice Street jail, a situation that put the county in hot water with a federal judge. Under an agreement approved September 21, the South Fulton Municipal Regional Jail in Union City will house up to 200 Fulton inmates for \$48.75 per inmate per day, or \$50 per inmate per day if the monthly population is less than 200. But the county is only buying time. A senior U.S. district judge still expects a report by December 1 on how the commissioners plan to add thousands more jail beds in the coming years, and his threat stands to hold them in contempt if they don't come up with a solution. “Outsourcing is a temporary solution,” the judge's jail monitor, said. “It's been a temporary solution for five years now.” A sheriff's office spokeswoman said in an e-mail that the problem is incoming inmates can not be sent to outside jails until they have been through medical screening, which can take 2 days. Many have medical issues that require lower bunks, and if none are available they sleep on the floor in a plastic cradle with a mattress and bedding, referred to as a boat. The Rice Street jail holds 2,500, and studies estimate Fulton will need about 4,300 beds by 2016, and 5,000 by 2026.

Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/north-fulton/deal-with-union-city-1185879.html>

31. *September 20, ABC News* – (National) **Scientists test early earthquake warning systems.** Six months after the massive earthquake and tsunami in Japan, scientists in the United States have started testing out a new warning system to alert Americans

before a big quake. The experiments are under way in California, ground zero of seismic activity in the United States, and though it might only provide a few seconds' warning, scientists say even that can make a big difference and save lives. The National Research Council presented a 20-year road map to preparing the country for earthquakes, including quietly testing new warning systems. One early test involves a map of the state lighting up on a computer screen, with a red dot signifying an earthquake's point of origin. A clock then appears signaling a countdown to impact at key locations miles away from the starting point. The system only saves seconds at this point, and is not yet broadcast to residents or businesses. With more testing, scientists hope to create an early warning system similar to one in Japan that sends text messages and interrupts television programs when sensors detect a quake. It cost the Japanese \$500 million to create, but is credited with saving lives during the 9.1-magnitude earthquake that caused a devastating tsunami.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/scientists-test-early-earthquake-warnings/story?id=14566075>

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Information Technology Sector

32. *September 22, H Security* – (International) **Adobe publishes emergency patch to fix critical Flash vulnerabilities.** Adobe published an unscheduled emergency patch for Flash Player to address many critical security issues. The Flash Player updates, version 10.3.183.10 for desktop operating systems and 10.3.186.7 for Android, are the company's response to a recently discovered universal cross-site scripting (XSS) hole. According to Adobe, the vulnerability is already being actively exploited by attackers to bypass the same origin policy, allowing them to, for example, take actions on a user's behalf on any Web site, or steal a victim's cookies. For an attack to be successful, a victim must click on a malicious link. The company said the Authplay.dll component included in Reader and Acrobat is not affected. The updates also close five other holes. Four of the vulnerabilities are said to allow an attacker to remotely execute arbitrary code on a victim's system. A security control bypass flaw that could lead to information disclosure has also been fixed. Flash Player versions up to and including 10.3.183.7 for Windows, Mac OS X, Linux, and Solaris, as well as 10.3.186.6 and earlier for Android, are affected.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Adobe-publishes-emergency-patch-to-fix-critical-Flash-vulnerabilities-1348193.html>

33. *September 22, Help Net Security* – (International) **Fake stores dominant threat due to blackhat SEO.** "Searches for buying software online remains 90 percent malicious, redirecting users to fake stores," a Zscaler, researcher said after he analyzed the first 10 pages of Google search results for popular terms. "There has been no significant improvement on that front, with 60 different fake store domains observed in July 2011." He pointed out this is a problem shared by all search engines. Among the trust-increasing techniques used by the developers of these fake stores is the copying of the

look of a well known online store/service.

Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=1848

34. *September 22, Softpedia* – (International) **50,000 Web sites infected with spam from ‘Wplinksforwork’**. A large WordPress poisoning was discovered after the infection-spreading Web site was shut down and error messages began appearing on the compromised pages. A Google search returned 53,000 links that belong to locations that contain the error message. The error message revealed itself in place of some malicious links that were supposed to show up in the exploited HTML documents at the bottom of the page. After the location was taken out of service, error alerts appeared instead of the illegal ads. Besides the “wplinksforwork” domain, there is another malevolent address called “hemoviestube,” which appears to be not functional at the moment.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/50-000-Websites-Infected-with-Spam-From-Wplinksforwork-223004.shtml>
35. *September 21, Help Net Security* – (International) **Bluetooth vulnerabilities becoming easier to exploit**. Codenomicon warns consumers about the poor quality and security of Bluetooth equipment. Based on Codenomicon’s robustness test results using smart model based fuzzing tools, 80 percent of tests against various Bluetooth devices find critical issues. Every device failed with at least one test suite against a critical communication profile. Bluetooth is particularly vulnerable against malformed input. Such input may cause Bluetooth device operation to slow down or to show unusual behavior or crash. In a worst case scenario, malformed input can be used by an outside attacker to gain unauthorized access to the Bluetooth. When vulnerabilities are in low-level communication profiles such as L2CAP, they are not protected by the pairing process. These flaws can be exploited without the user accepting or even noticing the connection. So far, Bluetooth quality and security has not been perceived as a problem. The pairing process and conformance testing is thought to provide enough protection. Bluetooth applications have not offered access to confidential data so there has been little motivation to attack the Bluetooth interface. However, Bluetooth is becoming more and more critical. Modern car kits and healthcare equipment, for example, use Bluetooth technology.
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=11663>
36. *September 21, The Register* – (International) **Google preps Chrome fix to slay SSL-attacking BEAST**. Google has prepared an update for its Chrome browser that protects users against an attack that decrypts data sent between browsers and many Web sites protected by the secure sockets layer (SSL) protocol. The fix, which has already been added to the latest developer version of Chrome, is designed to thwart attacks from BEAST, a proof-of-concept code its creators said exploits a serious weakness in the SSL protocol millions of Web sites use to encrypt sensitive data. The creators said they have been working with browser makers on a fix since May, and public discussions on the Chromium.org Web site show Chrome developers proposing changes as early as late June. It is unknown how effective BEAST will be at quickly and secretly cracking the encryption protecting online bank passwords, Social Security numbers, and other sensitive data, but Google appears to be taking no chances. The code creators released

limited details of their attack ahead of a presentation scheduled for September 23.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/09/21/google_chrome_patch_for_beast/

37. *September 21, Infosecurity* – (International) **Facebook attacks get automated, says Imperva.** Cybercriminals have started using complex scripting techniques to automate their attacks on the Facebook social networking platform. According to Imperva researchers, with the advent of social networking, hackers have turned to sites such as Facebook to create another attack channel. However, the attacks seen to date have been typically manual, such as uploading malware or creating fake pictures. But now, according to Imperva, social engineering may be entering the next phase: automation. Recently, a new tool emerged that automates social engineering on Facebook. Unlike hacking software, this tool does not demonstrate any new theoretical security vulnerability, but its existence proves the case that automated attacks on Web 2.0 services are a real threat.
Source: <http://www.infosecurity-us.com/view/20862/facebook-attacks-get-automated-says-imperva/>

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Communications Sector

38. *September 22, encToday.com* – (North Carolina) **CenturyLink customers without Internet Wednesday morning.** CenturyLink customers throughout Kinston and Eastern North Carolina were without Internet service part of September 22. A company spokeswoman described it as a “widespread outage.” It was centered in Greenville and occurred around 9 a.m. As many as 3,700 customers were affected. A CenturyLink spokeswoman said the outage was limited to DSL and Ethernet services. “A micro-bend was found in the fiber that resulted in disruption of service,” she reported. “We are currently conducting an in-depth review to determine the root cause.” The outage was the second time in a month CenturyLink customers have been without service. Following Hurricane Irene, phone, and Internet services were out after an 18-wheeler tore through downed lines near Skinner’s Bypass. The spokeswoman said the September 22 problem, which originated in Washington, North Carolina, was not related to storm damage. Most customers had Internet restored by 1 p.m., but the morning outage did briefly hinder communication with Lenoir County Schools. Phone lines continued to work through the outage, but several schools — which are transitioning to VoIP phone systems — use the Internet to make calls. Parents calling those schools were greeted with a busy signal while the service was down. The Lenoir

County Public Schools chief technology officer said the central office was able to maintain contact with all of the schools through the outage. The Kinston interim city manager said city offices did not experienced any outages.

Source: <http://www.enctoday.com/news/customers-76457-kfpress-internet-centurylink.html>

39. *September 21, ARLnow.com* – (Virginia) **Verizon outage hits Clarendon/Courthouse area.** Hundreds of Verizon landline phone and DSL internet customers in the Courthouse/Clarendon area of Arlington, Virginia, were without service September 21 after two underground cables were accidentally cut. According to a Verizon spokesman, a contractor taking a soil sample in the area of Fairfax Drive and N. Barton Street cut through a pair of large underground cables containing 4,500 copper lines. Of those, about 1,600 active lines that carry phone and Internet service were affected, he said. The spokesman confirmed that crews were working in two 12-hour shifts to repair the lines. They have reached the cables — 20 feet below ground — but were just beginning the “very labor intensive” process of splicing all 1,600 lines together. Service will gradually be restored to customers “over the next several days,” the Verizon spokesman said.

Source: <http://www.arlnow.com/2011/09/21/verizon-outage-hits-clarendoncourthouse-area/>

40. *September 21, Radio-info.com* – (Florida; Puerto Rico) **The FCC hands down one \$15,000 pirate fine, and reduces another one to \$300.** The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) meted out a \$15,000 fine, \$5,000 above the baseline amount, to a man in Guayama, Puerto Rico. He was operating an unlicensed FM station at 88.5, and the FCC said it adjusted the amount of the forfeiture up from \$10,000 due to “the fact that [he] continued to operate after being put on notice.” The agency said that showed “a deliberate disregard” for the rules. Meanwhile, the FCC revisited an earlier \$15,000 fine involving a pirate radio operator on 94.7 in Orange Park, Florida. The operator explained that he didn’t know it was illegal, which the FCC doesn’t find persuasive. But he also pleaded financial hardship, and the FCC agreed to reduce the forfeiture from \$15,000 to \$300.

Source: <http://www.radio-info.com/news/the-fcc-hands-down-one-15000-pirate-fine-and-reduces-another-one-to-300>

41. *September 20, Corpus Christi Caller-Times* – (Texas) **Phone service restored in Aransas County.** Phone service was on the fritz September 20 in Aransas County, Texas, affecting land lines and cell phones. A fiber optic line was cut about 10:30 a.m. in the Corpus Christi area, according to the State of Texas Operations Center. AT&T technicians repaired the cut line and had everything restored by 4:50 p.m., a South Texas AT&T manager said. He said technicians are investigating where and how the line was cut. During the outage, land lines and cell phone service was unavailable, but 911 service was maintained, Rockport city officials said. Affected areas included Corpus Christi, Beeville, Refugio, Rockport, and Sinton. The problems did not affect radio communications or Internet service.

Source: <http://www.caller.com/news/2011/sep/20/phone-service-disrupted-in-aransas-county/>

42. *September 20, Contra Costa Times* – (California) **Phone service in areas of Moraga interrupted.** Phone service in the Carroll Ranch and Campolindo areas of California was interrupted September 20 when PG&E work crews drilled into an AT&T phone line. PG&E was replacing a telephone pole on Moraga Road and Buckingham Place when the line was disconnected, according to an e-mail from a spokeswoman with the town of Moraga. She said the lines were disconnected around 9 a.m., noting repair work expected to take at least 3 hours began around 4:45 p.m. An AT&T spokesman said about 250-300 customers were without land-line service, and that some Internet service may have been interrupted, too.
Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/news/ci_18939282

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Commercial Facilities Sector

43. *September 22, WJLA 7 Arlington* – (Maryland) **Columbia apartment fire injures seven, displaces 34.** Three people were hospitalized September 22 after a two-alarm apartment fire in Columbia, Maryland. Flames broke out on the first floor of a 3-story building about 1:30 a.m. Howard County fire officials said crews used ladders to rescue several residents trapped on the higher floors. Seven people were injured in the fire, with four treated at the scene while two adults and a child were transported to a local hospital. In total, 10 units were affected, and 34 residents were displaced by the fire.
Source: <http://www.wjla.com/articles/2011/09/columbia-apartment-fire-injures-three-displaces-34-66890.html>
44. *September 21, Network World* – (Massachusetts; International) **1 in 3 in Massachusetts had personal data compromised.** Personal information on about one-third of Massachusetts residents has been compromised, according to the state's attorney general (AG), citing statistics gleaned from the tough data breach reporting law there. About 2.1 million of the state's roughly 6.6 million residents had some form of personal data put at risk in 1,166 reported theft incidents the AG said, according to a report in the Boston Globe. She was citing numbers gathered from the start of 2010 through August 2011. She said she is reviewing the data to see whether the law, which imposes heavy fines for non-compliance by entities entrusted with this information, is cutting back on breaches that lead to compromises. The AG said a combination of hacking, errors by employees, and a growing body of personal data stored electronically by businesses will put that data at more risk over time. The largest breach in the time period the AG is reviewing involved information on about 800,000 people that was lost by a vendor hired to destroy it. Even information on 210,000 residents entrusted to a state agency was put at risk. The types of data covered by the law include credit card and bank account numbers, Social Security numbers, and medical records. The AG said the compromised records were not necessarily exploited. Of the 1,166 breaches since 2010, 41 percent have occurred in the past 8 months. A quarter of the compromises stem from hacking, but the data was also put in jeopardy by loss of laptops and paper documents, sending information to the wrong recipient, and

unauthorized viewing of files by employees. Many of the reported incidents were small, with just one person being affected in 30 percent of the cases.

Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2011/092111-massachusetts-data-compromised-251099.html>

45. *September 21, San Francisco Bay City News* – (California) **Gas leak prompts evacuation of office building.** PG&E crews were restoring service late September 21 to about 70 customers impacted by a gas leak in downtown San Francisco earlier in the day. The fire department was notified at about 2 p.m. that a construction crew working at the intersection of Post and Mason streets had hit a 10-inch gas main, a fire spokeswoman said. One office building at the intersection — 490 Post Street — was evacuated, a PG&E spokesman said. He said occupants in other buildings on the corner were advised to shelter in place. A PG&E crew was on the scene within minutes to begin making repairs and gas service was shut off to about 70 customers by 3:14 p.m. Crews completed repairs to the gas main by 5:15 p.m. and began relighting pilot lights for impacted customers at 6:30 p.m.

Source: <http://sfappeal.com/news/2011/09/construction-crew-ruptures-gas-main-near-post-and-mason-streets.php>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

46. *September 22, Duluth News Tribune* – (Minnesota) **Pagami Creek firefighting force tops 830 people.** More than 830 people were helping stamp out the remnants of the Pagami Creek fire September 22 in the Superior National Forest in Minnesota. Crews have more than 30 percent of the fire contained thanks to help from several aircraft, bulldozers, firetrucks, and more. But more than an inch of rain since September 18 has been the biggest factor, along with cool weather. Fire officials September 21 once again redefined the fire's boundary and downgraded the total acres to 93,669 acres, down from the original estimate of 100,000 acres. About 9,274 acres outside the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) was burned over by the fire. Most of the BWCAW is now open to the public, except for entry points and routes that lead into the fire area. Nearly all roads are open, except for small forest and county roads north of Minnesota Highway 1 and Lake County Highway 7. The fire started August 18 with a lightning strike and grew into a major fire September 11 and 12.

Source: <http://www.duluthnewstribune.com/event/article/id/210000/>

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Dams Sector

47. *September 22, Belleville News-Democrat* – (Illinois) **Levee repairs: \$161 million project could be delayed indefinitely.** Work on a \$161 million project to improve 64 miles of flood protection levees in Madison, St. Clair, and Monroe counties in Illinois

could be delayed indefinitely because the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has not disclosed criteria for issuing required construction permits, the Belleville News-Democrat reported September 22. The Southwestern Illinois Flood Protection District Council has so far sought — but not yet received — guidance from the Corps on what is required for the necessary permits, the district’s chief engineer said. A spokesman for the Corps’ St. Louis district office said the agency presented a schedule on permits that is “a very aggressive timeline” to the council. “However, that timeline depends on the package that they submit for the permitting process,” he said. “And we don’t have that in hand yet ... We can’t give rock solid dates until we have that.”

Source: <http://www.bnd.com/2011/09/22/1870034/levee-repairs-could-be-delayed.html>

48. *September 22, KTIV 4 Sioux City* – (Nebraska) **Levee coming down in South Sioux City.** The levee in South Sioux City, Nebraska, is finally coming down, KTIV 4 reported September 22. It will take more than \$210,000 and several weeks to complete. The chair of the Dakota County Commission said it will take a team effort to pay for the levee’s removal. Sixty percent will be paid by Dakota County and 40 percent will be paid by the city of South Sioux City. They plan to have the levee completely down by November 1.

Source: <http://www.ktiv.com/story/15523323/levee-coming-down-in-south-sioux-city>

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