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- A 22-year-old man from Russia pleaded guilty in court in New York to his role in a global bank fraud scheme that used malware to steal more than \$3 million from U.S. bank accounts. – *Federal Bureau of Investigation* (See item [16](#))
- The North American Liberation Press animal-rights group has claimed responsibility for a series of recent attacks, including a September 26 fire in Idaho that destroyed a fur and fireworks store. – *Boise Weekly* (See item [52](#))

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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 27, Reuters* – (International) **Enbridge restarts line after oil spill.** Enbridge Inc. said September 26 it had restarted its 25,000 barrel per day Line 26 pipeline a day after closing it because of an oil spill at Berthold, North Dakota. An Enbridge spokeswoman said the Berthold pumping station and the pipeline had been restarted at 4 p.m. September 26 after being shut the night of September 25 when the leak was discovered. Filings to regulators said about 20 barrels of oil spilled when a relief valve at the pumping station broke off. A small amount the oil reached a marshy area. Line

26 runs from Berthold to Steelman, Saskatchewan, Canada. Enbridge does not expect the closure to affect scheduled deliveries on its system.

Source: <http://money.canoe.ca/money/business/canada/archives/2011/09/20110926-151855.html>

2. *September 27, Kalamazoo Gazette* – (Michigan) **Enbridge's estimated cost of Kalamazoo River oil spill cleanup exceeds its \$650 million insurance policy.** For the first time, Enbridge Energy's estimate of the cost for the cleanup of the Kalamazoo River oil spill in Michigan has surpassed the \$650 million the firm can be reimbursed through its pollution liability insurance policy. Enbridge submitted a report to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission September 26 that the entire cleanup is estimated to cost about \$700 million — 20 percent more than their previous estimate of \$585 million. The cleanup estimate also does not include fines or penalties from the government. Enbridge reported more than 800,000 gallons of oil spilled into the Kalamazoo River in July 2010. The company said it also expected to pay \$48 million related to a spill that occurred in September 2010 in Romeoville, Illinois. The Alberta, Canada-based pipeline company does not have an estimate as to how much longer the cleanup will take, a spokesman said. In July 2010, Enbridge had said the cleanup would be a multi-year operation. Crews are still working to clean up submerged oil, with a continuing focus on the area in Kalamazoo County. On September 16, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) said 766,288 gallons of oil had been recovered, and it has spent \$33.9 million thus far on cleanup costs, which the EPA has said Enbridge will repay. Enbridge said it expects to have paid about 80 to 90 percent of the estimated costs by the end of this year.

Source:

http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2011/09/enbridges_estimated_cost_to_clean.html

3. *September 26, KSBY 6 San Luis Obispo* – (California) **One person killed in crash on Hwy. 166.** The California Highway Patrol (CHP) is investigating what caused a deadly crash on Highway 166 September 26 in New Cuyama, California. The crash was reported shortly after 9:20 a.m. just east of New Cuyama in Kern County. The CHP said it involved two semi-trucks and a passenger vehicle. One of the trucks was a propane tanker, and a CHP dispatcher said all three vehicles were engulfed in flames when emergency crews arrived. One person in the passenger vehicle was killed. Both directions of Highway 166 were closed for about 5 hours while crews cleared the scene. As of 2:30 p.m., both lanes were open again.

Source: <http://www.ksby.com/news/one-person-killed-in-crash-on-hwy-166/>

4. *September 26, Associated Press* – (California) **NTSB releases report on deadly pipeline explosion.** Federal investigators solely blamed Pacific Gas & Electric Co. (PG&E) for the September 9, 2010, gas pipeline explosion that killed eight people and destroyed a suburban neighborhood in San Bruno, California, according to a final report and video released September 26. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) posted online its 140-page report and a 20-minute video, pulling together data gathered in its year-long investigation. Dozens of people were injured and more than 100 homes destroyed or damaged. The board unanimously agreed at a meeting in

August the incident was caused by "a litany of failures" by PG&E, one of the nation's largest gas companies, as well as weak oversight by regulators. The report said problems began more than 50 years ago with the installation of substandard pipe with inferior welds. PG&E did not discover the problem because it failed to conduct proper pressure tests or visual inspections. Key records are missing, and other records incorrectly describe the section pipe that ruptured as being seamless rather than welded. Destruction was significantly worsened because of PG&E's ineptness. Long after the company's control room operators knew the source of the fire was the rupture of a large transmission line, they neglected to relay that information to 911 operators or emergency responders. The fire burned at least an hour longer than it would have if PG&E had installed automatic or remote-controlled shut-off valves. The board has issued 39 safety recommendations to PG&E, gas pipeline operators, and federal and state regulators.

Source: <http://moneywatch.bnet.com/economic-news/news/ntsb-releases-report-on-deadly-pipeline-explosion/6304929/>

5. *September 26, Associated Press* – (California) **Mountain highway reopening after fuel spill.** Cleanup of 6,000 gallons of gasoline on State Route 38, a main route to Big Bear Lake, California, is nearly complete and the roadway reopened September 27. A big-rig tanker overturned September 19 in the Angelus Oaks area. The California Department of Transportation said a hazardous materials contractor had been working around the clock to remove contaminated soil. Swift initial response to the spill kept fuel from flowing into a creek that drains into the Santa Ana River. A Caltrans spokeswoman said State Route 138 reopened at 5 a.m. September 27. Highways 330 and 18 remained open as alternate routes for State Route 138 travelers in the San Bernardino Mountains.

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2011/09/26/3939963/mountain-highway-reopening-after.html>

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Chemical Industry Sector

6. *September 27, KLTV 7 Tyler* – (Texas) **I-20 reopened, acid leak cleaned up.** A sulfuric acid spill on I-20 in Gregg County, Texas, was cleaned up and all lanes east of Highway 31 were re-opened by 6 a.m. September 27. Around 6:45 p.m. September 26, the driver of an 18-wheeler noticed something leaking from his truck. He stopped at the overpass just over the railroad tracks east of 31 on I-20 East. The acid spilled across I-20 and hazardous materials crews and the Longview Fire Department responded. They closed I-20 East and diverted traffic onto 31 for hours and into the morning of September 27. One person working the scene got diluted sulfuric acid in his eye, but medics treated him on the scene.

Source: <http://www.kltv.com/story/15554366/update-i-20-re-opened-after-acid-spill>

7. *September 27, Agence France-Presse* – (International) **NATO urges Libyan regime to destroy chemical weapons.** The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) urged Libya's new regime September 27 to make plans to destroy stockpiles of chemical weapons and nuclear-related agents amassed by its ousted dictator. The NTC (National Transitional Council) was in control of facilities containing Libya's remaining stockpiles of chemical and nuclear-related agents, a spokesman for NATO's Libya mission said. He told a news briefing the facilities were in the south and center of the country. The NTC chief said September 24 that "banned weapons" were under their control. "We will call for Libyan technicians and the international community to get rid of these weapons safely," he said. The United States said last month that stockpiles of mustard agents and uranium yellowcake were secure, and that a U.S. envoy was speaking with the NTC about plans to assume control of facilities housing them. The former Libyan dictator renounced weapons of mass destruction in December 2003. He joined the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons in 2004, but still needed to eliminate 11.25 tons of mustard gas when the uprising to remove him from power began in February.
Source: <http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/n.php?n=nato-urges-libyan-regime-to-destroy-chemical-weapons-2011-09-27>
8. *September 26, KRIV 26 Houston* – (Texas) **Chemical spill south of Bush Airport.** A chemical spill produced a hazardous smoke at a building south of Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston September 26. About 40 firefighters and hazardous materials teams were dispatched to Dyna Drill Technology around 11 a.m. in the 4600 block of World Houston Parkway, according to the Houston Fire Department (HFD). The leak produced a thick, yellow smoke consisting of toluene, thixon, and zonyl. Toluene can be fatal if inhaled for a prolonged period of time. Firefighters managed to get control of the spill around 3:30 p.m. Employees in the building were all accounted for, the HFD said. People exiting the building were decontaminated. The HFD also set up a rehabilitation sector.
Source: <http://www.myfoxboston.com/dpp/news/local/110926-chemical-spill-south-of-bush-airport>
9. *September 26, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Oregon; International) **Oregon export company pays \$17,000 for illegally exporting hazardous waste to Hong Kong.** Jones International Groups, Inc. agreed to pay \$17,000 for failing to comply with requirements related to the export of universal waste (spent lead-acid batteries) to Hong Kong through the Port of Portland in Oregon, according to a settlement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). On September 7, 2009, Jones, located in Hillsboro, Oregon, arranged for the export of about 129 spent lead acid batteries destined for Hong Kong. These batteries had been incorrectly identified in shipping paperwork as "mixed metal scrap" and the shipment did not identify the materials as either a hazardous waste or a "universal waste," a waste designation provided for under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The shipment was returned to the United States upon discovery of the true contents of the containers by Hong Kong officials. The EPA determined Jones violated many hazardous waste management rules designed to ensure proper management and transport of wastes. Importantly, the company failed to provide the EPA with prior

notice of its intent to export the waste to Hong Kong and, consequently, bypassed the process required for Hong Kong to consent to receive universal waste from the United States before it can leave the country.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/1c014546cb5052d8852579170072b925?OpenDocument>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

10. *September 27, Associated Press* – (Vermont) **Vt. nuke reduces power after pump fails.** Officials at Entergy Corp.'s Vermont Yankee nuclear plant in Vernon, Vermont, said September 26 they were working to repair a pump motor that failed, forcing the plant to reduce power and reconfigure its operations to avoid shutting down. An Entergy spokesman said one of two large pumps that recirculate water through the reactor failed September 25, and that the plant automatically began reducing power. The plant had to be reconfigured to operate with one pump within 8 hours, or federal rules would have required it to shut down. The plant was operating at about 38 percent power as of September 26.

Source: http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2011/09/27/business-multiutilities-vt-vermont-yankee-pump_8702669.html

11. *September 27, Nuclear Street* – (Washington) **Unintended coolant drainage during refueling prompts inspection at Washington nuclear plant.** While the Columbia Generating Station's reactor near Richland, Washington, was shut down for refueling, operators inadvertently drained water from it three times. And although conditions at the plant did not threaten public safety, the mistakes have drawn a special inspection from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Nuclear Street reported September 27. Quoting plant officials, the Tri-City Herald reported that on two occasions when operators changed the water levels, valves were open at the wrong time, resulting in 4,000 gallons collecting in a containment building sump. In one instance, the resulting conditions also caused instruments to misread water levels. In the third incident, an operator error involving a missed step in a sequence of valve openings and closures caused the water level above the fuel to drop by about an inch. NRC Region IV's administrator said in a press release: "All of these events had very low risk significance because the reactor was in a safe shut-down condition ... But they all appear to have involved poor operator controls and warrant close examination."

Source:

http://nuclearstreet.com/nuclear_power_industry_news/b/nuclear_power_news/archive/2011/09/27/unintended-coolant-drainage-during-refueling-prompts-inspection-at-washington-nuclear-plant-092701.aspx

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Banking and Finance Sector

12. *September 27, NBC Connecticut* – (Connecticut) **Bank bomb threat suspect nabbed.** Coventry, Connecticut police September 26 arrested a suspect in a series of bomb threats at local banks. Between September 22 and September 23, three reports of bombs were made at Coventry banks, police said. Two were at the First Niagara Bank, at 3534 Main Street, and the other was at First Niagara Bank at 1372 Main Street. Twice, a woman called the banks and said a bomb might be inside. The third complaint was a hand-written letter left in the night deposit box that threatened a bomb. Police identified a 45-year-old Coventry woman as the suspect. A detective and FBI agents found her driving in Coventry, apprehended her, and later arrested her. She was charged with three counts of first-degree threatening, and bond was set at \$375,000. Police said similar bomb threats were also made against First Niagara Banks in Mansfield and Cromwell, as well as bomb threats in Manchester. Those incidents are still under investigation.
Source: <http://www.nbcconnecticut.com/news/local/Coventry-Bank-Bomb-Threat-Suspect-Nabbed-130625243.html>
13. *September 27, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (Wisconsin) **SEC charges RBC Capital Markets in sale of unsuitable CDO investments to Wisconsin school districts.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) September 27 charged RBC Capital Markets LLC for misconduct in the sale of unsuitable investments to 5 Wisconsin school districts and its inadequate disclosures regarding the risks associated with those investments. According to the SEC's order, RBC marketed and sold to district-created trusts \$200 million of credit-linked notes tied to the performance of synthetic collateralized debt obligations (CDOs). The school districts contributed \$37.3 million to the investments with the remainder of the investment coming from funds borrowed by the trusts. The sales took place despite significant concerns within RBC about the suitability of the product for municipalities like the districts. Additionally, RBC's marketing materials failed to adequately explain risks associated with the investments. RBC agreed to settle the SEC's charges by paying \$30.4 million that will be distributed in varying amounts to the districts. Last month, the SEC separately charged St. Louis-based brokerage firm Stifel, Nicolaus & Co. and a former senior executive with fraudulent misconduct in connection with the same sale of CDO investments. RBC consented to the entry of the SEC's order without admitting or denying the findings. The order censured RBCI and directed that it cease and desist from committing or causing any violations and any future violations of Sections

17(a)(2) and 17(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933, which among other things prohibit obtaining money by means of an untrue statement of material fact, and engaging in any transaction, practice, or course of business that operates as a fraud or deceit upon the purchaser. RBC agreed to pay disgorgement of \$6.6 million, prejudgment interest of \$1.8 million, and a penalty of \$22 million.

Source: <http://www.sec.gov/news/press/2011/2011-191.htm>

14. *September 26, Bloomberg* – (Georgia) **Carter’s ex-executive Elles pleads not guilty to fraud charges.** A former sales executive at Carter’s Inc. September 26 pleaded not guilty in Atlanta, Georgia, to charges he reported inflated sales at the world’s biggest maker of children’s clothing. A U.S. magistrate judge granted \$100,000 bail after his arraignment on 32 counts including securities fraud, wire fraud, causing the filing of false financial statements, and falsifying corporate books and records. The 57-year-old former executive vice president “induced” customers such as Kohl’s Corp. to make “substantial purchases” of Carter’s products at unauthorized millions of dollars in discounts that he did not disclose, according to the indictment filed September 21. He allegedly hid those discounts, causing the company to overstate profit, prosecutors said. He also aided others, some of whom U.S. prosecutors have not identified, according to the indictment. The U.S. Securities Exchange Commission (SEC) sued the ex-executive in December 2010. He faces up to 10 years in prison if convicted, an assistant U.S. attorney said in court. The executive’s employment “terminated in March 2009,” Carter’s vice president of investor relations said in an e-mailed statement.
Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2011-09-26/carter-s-ex-executive-elles-pleads-not-guilty-to-fraud-charges.html>
15. *September 26, Associated Press* – (National) **Feds returning funds to online Ponzi scam victims.** Federal authorities said September 26 they are returning \$55 million to people ripped off by an Internet-based Ponzi scam. The Justice Department and Secret Service announced that they are returning the funds to 8,400 victims who invested on sites run by AdSurf Daily Inc. The company’s founder of Quincy, Florida, has been indicted in connection with the investigation but has pleaded not guilty and is awaiting trial. He is accused of drawing in investors by promising returns of 125-150 percent on their money if they would view Web sites for a few minutes each day. The U.S. attorney’s office in Washington D.C. obtained money to repay victims through forfeiture of numerous bank accounts, real estate, luxury vehicles, and watercraft.
Source:
http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5itDhHyJl_Zm41GxHTTr3KKGXuSx_Pw?docId=e1638f9cc9f949f1b78e76050c210376
16. *September 23, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (International) **Nikolay Garifulin pleads guilty in Manhattan federal court to involvement in global bank fraud scheme that used “Zeus trojan” to steal millions.** The U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York announced a 22-year old man from Russia pleaded guilty September 23 to conspiracy to commit bank fraud and possess false identification documents for his role in a global bank fraud scheme that used hundreds of phony bank accounts to steal more than \$3 million from U.S. accounts compromised by computer malware attacks. The man was the last of 27 defendants arrested on federal charges to

plead guilty to participating in the scheme. The cyber-attacks began in Eastern Europe, and included the use of a malware known as the “Zeus trojan.” It was typically sent as seemingly benign e-mail to computers at small businesses and municipalities in the United States. Once the e-mail was opened, the malware embedded itself in users' computers, and recorded keystrokes as they logged into bank accounts. The hackers used the stolen data to take over the bank accounts, and made unauthorized transfers of thousands of dollars at a time to receiving accounts controlled by co-conspirators. These receiving accounts were set up by a “money mule organization” responsible for retrieving and transporting or transferring the stolen money overseas. To carry out the scheme, the money mule organization recruited individuals who had entered the United States on student visas, providing them with fake foreign passports, and instructing them to open false-name accounts at U.S. banks. Once these fake accounts were successfully opened and received the stolen funds, the “mules” were instructed to transfer the proceeds to other accounts, most of which were overseas, or to withdraw the proceeds and transport them overseas as smuggled bulk cash. The convict who pled guilty September 23 faces a maximum penalty of 45 years in prison.

Source: <http://www.fbi.gov/newyork/press-releases/2011/nikolay-garifulin-pleads-guilty-in-manhattan-federal-court-to-involvement-in-global-bank-fraud-scheme-that-used-zeus-trojan-to-steal-millions-of-dollars-from-u.s.-bank-accounts>

17. *September 23, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (Arizona) **Wanted: “Can You Hear Me Now Bandit”**. The Phoenix FBI Special Agent in Charge in Arizona announced the FBI’s Bank Robbery Task Force is seeking the public’s assistance in identifying the “Can You Hear Me Now Bandit.” In nine of the robberies, the suspect presented the teller with a demand note. In two other robberies, he made a verbal demand for money. The subject is described as a white or Hispanic male, early 20s to early 30s, 5’3” to 5’10”, 150 to 180 pounds, short black hair, wearing black plastic or aviator sunglasses. He started off wearing jeans with a long sleeve, button-down shirt and a black hat with the “Famous,” “Etnies,” or “O’Neill” logo on the front, and “skater”-type shoes. In later robberies, the suspect wore a black suit with a neck tie and a black fedora or cowboy hat. During the last four robberies, he wore a pageboy hat with jeans and a long-sleeve, button-down shirt. In some robberies, the suspect appears to be on a cell phone. Wells Fargo and U.S. Bank are offering up to \$10,000 for information leading to the identification and conviction of the robber.

Source: http://www.fbi.gov/phoenix/press-releases/2011/wanted-can-you-hear-me-now-bandit?utm_campaign=email-Immediate&utm_medium=email&utm_source=fbi-in-the-news&utm_content=33826

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Transportation Sector

18. *September 27, Associated Press* – (California) **Plane intercepted during Obama's Calif. visit**. A military jet fighter intercepted a biplane that violated restricted airspace during the U.S. President's visit to Northern California. A North American Aerospace Defense Command spokesman said the F-15 was already in the air when it was dispatched to intercept the aircraft September 26. The 1942 Stearman was escorted

back to Watsonville Airport. A 30-mile no-fly zone was imposed because of the President's visit to the Silicon Valley company LinkedIn. People near Santa Cruz and the harbor saw the F-15 circle the vintage plane several times at low altitude. A Federal Aviation Administration spokesman said the pilot could have his license suspended. Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/article/Plane-intercepted-during-Obama-s-Calif-visit-2190710.php>

19. *September 27, Mid Hudson News Network* – (New York) **Repair to Port Jervis Metro-North line to cost \$50 million.** It will cost some \$50 million to rebuild the Port Jervis, New York Metro-North Rail Line, a small stretch of which was destroyed by flooding caused by Tropical Storm Irene in August. In all, there are 50 washouts adding up to two miles of right-of-way that no longer exists. A consultant's report on the repair work and schedule was presented to the MTA Metro-North Railroad Committee September 26. The Railroad president hopes to have the track reopened in December allowing service to resume, with some bus service continuing until the spring when work will resume to put in place stabilization measures to protect the railroad from future flooding. The total cost of the busing of commuters during restoration will be \$10 million. The report by consultant AECOM found that continuously welded rail, wooden ties, and fasteners were in good condition; the signal system suffered water damage with signal and fiber optic cables in many areas left exposed and in need of reburying and testing. Five of 16 bridges, both above and below water, suffered undermining to abutments and piers and an old stone arch bridge has settled, but damage to bridges was not as extensive as originally thought. Source: http://www.midhudsonnews.com/News/2011/September/27/MN_repair_cost-27Sep11.html
20. *September 27, Associated Press* – (California) **Freight train derails, LA commuter line disrupted.** Two freight cars have rolled off Union Pacific tracks in the San Fernando Valley in California the evening of September 26, forcing some Los Angeles rail commuters onto buses between Newhall and Burbank the morning of September 27. A police spokesman said the freight cars rolled off the tracks at about 10 p.m. in the Pacoima area. The cars did not topple over. Because Metrolink's Antelope Valley Line shares that track, buses were shuttling passengers between the Newhall and Burbank stations. It is unclear when the track will be repaired. Source: <http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/article/Freight-train-derails-LA-commuter-line-disrupted-2190745.php>
21. *September 27, WPXI 11 Pittsburgh* – (Pennsylvania) **Heavy rains prompt some flooding in Beaver County.** The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDot) has closed a bridge that was covered in water overnight from September 26 into September 27 when heavy rains caused flash flooding in Beaver County. The worst flooding was reported in Industry and Koppel, officials said. Downed trees and washed-out roads were reported in Industry September 27, while the Koppel Bridge has been closed until PennDOT crews can make sure it is safe. The bridge is flanked by jersey barriers that were containing water that flowed over them during the storms. The storm system was expected to move across the state later in the day September 27. Route 68 in Industry was also shut down for a short period of time due to heavy rains.

In Lawrence County, the water level was up almost a foot along Fifth Street in Ellwood City. Strong winds also caused trees to fall onto several buildings, including the First Baptist Church on Fountain Avenue.

Source: <http://www.wpxi.com/news/29312930/detail.html>

22. *September 27, Occupational Health & Safety* – (Idaho; California) **Hazardous fungicide, bactericide leads to firm's \$207,200 fine.** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is proposing a \$207,200 civil penalty against J.R. Simplot Company of Boise, Idaho, for alleged violations of Department of Transportation Hazardous Materials Regulations. FAA alleges Simplot, a food processing and agricultural company, offered a non-standard fiberboard box containing a 5-gallon plastic jug of bactericide and fungicide to United Parcel Service (UPS) for transportation by air from Union Gap, Washington, to New Harmony, Utah, on October 28, 2009. According to U.S. Department of Transportation regulations, the mixture of hydrogen peroxide and peroxyacetic acids is classified as an oxidizer, which is a hazardous material. FAA alleges the package was not declared to contain hazardous materials, and that the materials offered were not properly classed, described, packaged, marked, labeled, and in proper condition for shipment under the hazardous materials regulations. Additionally, the agency alleges the quantity of liquid in the shipment exceeded the maximum amount that can be transported on a cargo aircraft. Employees at UPS's Ontario, California, sorting facility discovered the leaking package.

Source: <http://ohsonline.com/articles/2011/09/27/hazardous-fungicide-bactericide-leads-to-firms-207200-fine.aspx?admgarea=news>

23. *September 26, Associated Press* – (Hawaii) **22 large solar panels stolen from Big Island FAA navigation facility.** Police on Hawaii's Big Island are investigating the theft of about two dozen solar panels from a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) facility in Puna. They said sometime between September 13-17, a dozen panels were stolen and two damaged at the FAA navigation facility. Between September 18-22, a vehicle was used to ram the front gate to remove 10 more panels. The FAA navigation facility sends signals to commercial airlines flying in the Pacific region.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/3a285dd8cf194f538498ea033326564e/HI--Solar-Panel-Theft/>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

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Agriculture and Food Sector

24. *September 27, Craig Daily Press* – (Colorado) **Rancher turns himself into authorities.** A Moffat County, Colorado rancher suspected of violating state cattle branding statutes turned himself into authorities September 26. The 51-year-old Little Snake River man was booked into the Moffat County Jail on several felonies, including suspicion of theft, theft of certain animals, wrongful branding, and concealing estrays. A warrant for his arrest was issued September 20 in Moffat County District Court. The man is suspected of being in possession of 36 cows and 31 calves belonging to nine different owners. He is also suspected of misbranding calves as his own. Authorities estimated the value of the stray cows and calves at \$68,000, according to an arrest affidavit. The warrant followed a joint investigation by sheriff's office deputies and an inspector from the Department of Agriculture's Brand Inspection Division. According to the affidavit, a man was hunting prairie dogs July 22 near Moffat County Road 110 when he noticed a cow with his brand among a herd of cattle belonging to the suspect. The man contacted a Colorado Brand Inspector. Of 831 cattle, authorities reported Pilgrim was in possession of 67 cows and calves allegedly belonging to other area ranchers.
Source: <http://www.craigdailypress.com/news/2011/sep/27/rancher-turns-himself-authorities/>
25. *September 27, Lafayette Advertiser* – (Louisiana) **Johnston Street businesses work through fire cleanup.** Investigators with the Lafayette Fire Department in Louisiana are trying to determine what caused a fire to break out just after 8 a.m. September 25 at the restaurant Pimon Thai. The fire began above the ceiling in the kitchen and caused extensive damage. Some of the businesses affected by a fire September 25 remained closed September 26, while others were able to resume normal operations. No injuries were reported in the fire. No one was in the restaurant when the fire broke out.
Source: <http://www.theadvertiser.com/article/20110927/NEWS01/109270324>
26. *September 27, Channel 3000* – (Wisconsin) **Oscar Mayer plant cited for 12 'serious' OSHA violations.** Federal officials have cited Kraft's Oscar Mayer meat packing plant in Madison, Wisconsin, for several safety violations, saying workers were exposed to hazardous chemicals, among other violations, Channel3000.com reported September 26. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) cited the subsidiary for 13 violations, 12 of which investigators described as serious. OSHA's inspection said the company did not do enough to prevent workers from being exposed to chemicals, failed to put guardrails to keep employees safe from falling hazards, and had improper guards on some machines. The safety agency is proposing fining Oscar Mayer \$69,500 for the violations. The company must fix all of the problems by October 6, and it has until then to contest them. OSHA officials said they have inspected facilities owned by Kraft Foods Inc. more than 100 times nationwide in the past 5 years, including eight times in Madison.
Source: <http://www.channel3000.com/money/29305837/detail.html>
27. *September 26, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania; National) **Pa. company recalls pureed pork products.** K. Heeps Inc. of Allentown, Pennsylvania, recalled about 5,550 pounds of pureed pork products that may contain foreign materials, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service said

- September 26. The recall affects 4.5 pound boxes of Imperial Sysco "Puree Shaped Meats Country Style Pork and Binder Product." The boxes have the mark "EST. 9379" inside the USDA inspection mark. They were produced June 16 and shipped to California, Florida, Illinois, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, New Jersey, Ohio, Texas, Utah, and Virginia as well as Pennsylvania for institutional use. The department said two consumers reported finding small metal fragments in the products that may have come from blending equipment at the plant. There have been no reports of injuries. Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/chi-ap-pa-porkproductsrecal,0,5275384.story>
28. *September 26, WOAI 4 San Antonio* – (Texas) **Fire destroys Pedicab, La Tuna suffers major damage.** A fire September 26 ripped apart two popular bars in San Antonio, Texas. The fire broke out just before 6 a.m. near the intersection of Probandt and Cevallos. The La Tuna Grill suffered major damage, but the Pedicab Bar is a total loss. An employee at La Tuna said he heard an explosion and then saw the flames. The fires were hard to fight because both of the buildings have tin roofs. Firefighters explained water just rolls off a tin roof, so they have to fight the fire from the inside. One firefighter was treated for smoke inhalation at the scene. Firefighters believe the fire started at Pedicab Bar, and then spread to La Tuna Grill. An arson team is still investigating, but the cause could have been a water heater. Source: <http://www.woai.com/news/local/story/Fire-destroys-Pedicab-La-Tuna-suffers-major-damage/gID0HBHMr02oEca-gGJpnw.csp>
29. *September 26, Billings Gazette* – (Wyoming; Colorado; National) **2 more listeria cases reported in Wyoming.** Wyoming state health officials are investigating whether the death of a Sheridan County, Wyoming woman the week of September 19 is related to contaminated cantaloupes from Colorado. A Wyoming Department of Health spokeswoman said September 26 the woman died from exposure to listeria. She said two other nonfatal cases of listeriosis in Laramie County have been tied to the cantaloupes. More than 20 people have fallen ill and some have died in a number of states from exposure to the tainted cantaloupe. Health officials are advising people not to eat "Rocky Ford" cantaloupe from Jensen Farms of Granada, Colorado. Source: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming/article_2235b842-e865-11e0-982b-001cc4c03286.html
30. *September 26, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (California) **U.S. EPA orders 13 Chino dairies to control manure runoff.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is ordering 13 Chino area dairies in California to comply with Clean Water Act requirements to prevent dairy manure waste and other pollutants from reaching local waterways. Among the violations discovered at the dairies subject to EPA's orders were: failure to construct or maintain controls necessary to prevent manure and other contaminants from discharging into waterways; failure to take reasonable steps to minimize or prevent discharges; failure to develop and implement Engineered Waste Management Plans; and failure to conduct proper routine inspections of the facility. "To protect the Santa Ana River watershed, we're taking action to ensure these dairies are prepared for the upcoming winter rains, when animal waste could flow from their dairies into nearby creeks and streams," EPA's Regional

Administrator for the Pacific Southwest said.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/d0cf6618525a9efb85257359003fb69d/0fdbab7c7ab964d28525791700614ae0!OpenDocument>

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Water Sector

31. *September 26, Jersey Journal* – (New Jersey; New York) **Raw sewage flows into Hudson County's waterways, says the federal Environmental Protection Agency.** Some 36 percent of the 224 New Jersey sites where the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) said raw sewage is flowing into rivers and streams are located in Hudson County, New Jersey. At more than 200 places, outdated sewer systems pour more than 23 billion gallons of raw sewage into the water each year, according to the EPA. The Newark Star-Ledger reported September 25 that Bayonne has 28 of these sites, and Jersey City 21. The North Bergen Municipal Authority has 10; the North Hudson Sewerage Authority has 8 in Hoboken; and there are 7 in Harrison while Kearny has 5; and Guttenberg and East Newark have 1 each. Most cities and towns have separate pipes that carry sewage to treatment plants and storm water to rivers, streams, and the ocean. But in older municipalities, the same pipe carries storm water and sewage to the treatment plant. When it rains, the combined pipes quickly fill to capacity, flowing directly into the Hackensack and Passaic Rivers, and other waterways, according to the Star-Ledger. Some of the sewage flows through rivers and streams and spills into the New Jersey-New York Harbor, the newspaper stated. The total price-tag to fix the problem is \$8 billion.
Source: http://www.nj.com/jjournal-news/index.ssf/2011/09/raw_sewage_flows_into_hudson_c.html
32. *September 26, Associated Press* – (Nebraska) **Cairo residents warned to boil water.** Residents in Cairo, Nebraska, were warned to boil water or buy bottled water after E. coli was found in the town's water supply. KHAS 5 Hastings reported September 26 the water supply in the town of about 700 people is being tested to determine the source of the contamination and correct it.
Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/article/Cairo-residents-warned-to-boil-water-2189559.php>
33. *September 26, Burlington Patch* – (Massachusetts) **DEP: Burlington water under water-boil order after E-Coli found in system.** The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection directed the town of Burlington to issue a boil water order for the entire water system September 26. The town posted on its Web site an advisory for all residents to boil water before consumption after a weekly water test came out positive for E. coli bacteria. The alert noted the boil water order would remain in place until two full rounds of system-wide testing show no total coliform is present.

Source: <http://burlington.patch.com/articles/epa-burlington-under-water-boil-order-after-e-coli-found-in-system>

34. *September 26, Associated Press* – (Missouri) **Water tower victimized by shooter.** Poplar Bluff city officials are offering a \$5,000 reward in the search for the person who shot a water tower in the southeast Missouri town. The Poplar Bluff Daily American Republic reported the 500,000-gallon tower in Poplar Bluff was put back into service September 15 after maintenance. A resident saw water coming out of the tower September 17, and a bullet hole was found as the cause of the leak. Crews drained the water and the bullet was sent to a crime lab for analysis. The tower was repaired, and crews began filling the tank September 27. The tower could be back in service by September 30.
Source: http://www.stltoday.com/news/state-and-regional/missouri/article_04053327-68f4-5cda-bce4-e90570094e13.html
35. *September 26, KWKT 44 Waco* – (Texas) **Wastewater line breaks, spills 100,000 gallons.** Crews were still cleaning up after a 16-inch main wastewater line broke September 24 spilling more than 100,000 gallons of sewage in Bosque Square Shopping Center in Waco, Texas. "There probably was some run off into some storm drains, which in that area I believe would flow into Fish Pond Creek, and then eventually that would flow back into Lake Waco," said a representative of Waco Water Public Relations. "Compared to the size of the lake, this is a drop in the bucket so it's not going to effect drinking water at all." There were no reports of closed businesses near the area, and all residential use was maintained as normal. The wastewater was contained, but the clean-up and disinfecting process was ongoing September 26.
Source: <http://www.kwkt.com/news/wastewater-line-breaks-spills-100000-gallons>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

36. *September 26, Silicon Valley Mercury News* – (California) **Death of Oakland woman killed by nursing mistake prompts controversy, investigations.** A 66-year-old woman died at an Oakland, California, hospital after receiving care from a temporary replacement nurse following a California Nurses Association strike September 22. A cancer patient at the Alta Bates Summit Medical Center since July, she died September 24 a few hours after investigators said one of the replacement nurses administered a "nonprescribed dosage of medication." The hospital had temporarily hired 500 replacement nurses on a 5-day contract to continue service when the California Nurses Association staged their 1-day strike. The hospital sent staff nurses who had gone on strike home when they arrived for work September 23. Nursing union leaders painted the deceased as the victim of a staff lockout that prompted the hospital to cut corners by hiring replacement nurses who were not up to par. Hospital administrators, on the other hand, said the death was an "extraordinarily rare" but extremely serious tragedy, promising cooperation with multiple investigations and asking that the death not be

used for political means in the two parties' ongoing contract battle.
Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_18976485

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Government Facilities Sector

37. *September 26, CNN* – (Maryland) **University chemistry lab fire injures 2.** A September 26 explosion caused by a chemical reaction at a University of Maryland-College Park chemistry lab caused minor injuries to two students and forced authorities to evacuate the 4-story building, according to the Prince George's Fire Department. Initial reports described an explosion and fire inside the building, but the fire department spokesman said in a post to the department's Twitter account that there was no fire. The department's hazardous materials team was preparing to go into the building, he said. Two students were being treated at the scene for first-degree chemical burns and superficial cuts, he said on the social networking service.
Source: http://www.cnn.com/2011/09/26/us/maryland-lab-explosion/index.html?hpt=us_c2
38. *September 26, CNET* – (International; Massachusetts) **Harvard Web site hacked with pro-Syria message.** The home page of Cambridge, Massachusetts-based Harvard University was hacked September 26 in what was described as a "sophisticated" attack that briefly defaced the site with a message accusing the U.S. of supporting the uprising against Syria's president. Accompanying an image of the Syrian President was a message that said "SyRiAn ELeCTronic ARMy WeRe HeRE," according to a screenshot captured by the BBC. The defacement included an anti-U.S. diatribe that accused the United States of supporting a "policy of killing" in Syria, the BBC reported. A Harvard spokesman said the university is examining the hack to improve network security. "The university's homepage was compromised by an outside party September 26. We took down the site for several hours in order to restore it," he told the BBC. "The attack appears to have been the work of a sophisticated individual or group."
Source: http://news.cnet.com/8301-1009_3-20111923-83/harvard-web-site-hacked-with-pro-syria-message/
39. *September 26, KYTV 3 Springfield* – (Missouri) **Child care center at Fort Leonard Wood evacuated.** A gas leak happened at the Fort Leonard Wood U.S. Army base in Missouri September 26 around 1 p.m. in the post Child Development Center (CDC). The director smelled gasy, pulled the fire alarm, and followed standard evacuation procedures. All CDC personnel and children were evacuated to the School Age Services building, and all parents were notified, said the program operations specialist for Fort Leonard Wood Child, Youth, & School Services. The Fort Leonard Wood Fire Department found a gas leak in the furnace. The fire department notified LB&B and it responded and repaired the leak. At the initial notification of the gas leak, the CDC had more than 175 staff and children in the facility.
Source: <http://www.ky3.com/news/ky3-child-care-center-at-fort-leonard-wood-evacuated-20110926,0,7518209.story>

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Emergency Services Sector

40. *September 26, CNN* – (California) **California cop pleads not guilty to murder in beating.** A Fullerton, California, police officer pleaded not guilty September 26 after being charged in the beating death of a mentally ill homeless man, an official in a local prosecutor's office said. The 10-year veteran of the Fullerton police department was charged with second-degree murder and involuntary manslaughter. His next scheduled court date is for a pretrial hearing November 4. His bail remains at \$1 million after the judge denied the defendant's request to reduce that amount.
Source: http://www.cnn.com/2011/09/26/justice/california-police-beating/index.html?hpt=us_c2
41. *September 26, KRQE 13 Albuquerque* – (New Mexico) **3 men jailed in police station drive-by.** Three men are in jail after allegedly opening fire on an Albuquerque, New Mexico, police station, KRQE 13 Albuquerque reported September 26. Police said all three men were drunk, when they drove past the Northeast Substation and fired a shot minutes before the start of the graveyard shift around 9:50 p.m. September 25 when several police officers were waiting outside of the substation in marked cars. "Police followed the vehicle to next intersection ... where they did a high-risk felony stop on the vehicle," said an officer. Two of the men resisted arrest, one was tased. All three face 11 counts of assault with intent to commit a violent felony; each count reflects a possible victim.
Source: <http://www.krqe.com/dpp/news/3-men-jailed-in-police-station-drive-by>
42. *September 26, WPXI 11 Pittsburgh* – (Pennsylvania) **Teen charged with impersonating officer.** Police in Springdale Township, Pennsylvania, said a local teen posed as a police officer and tried to pull people over on Route 28, WPXI 11 Pittsburgh reported September 26. According to a criminal complaint, a woman called state police just before midnight September 25, saying the car behind her had blue emergency lights on and some sort of siren was sounding. The woman said the car was driving so erratically at one point she even had to swerve to miss it. On the way to the call, police spotted that car, a black Crown Victoria, described as an old police car in the report. Officers pulled the car over. Inside they found the man and a passenger, along with handcuffs, a plastic pistol, sheriff's patch, Mace, a metal baton, and portable radios. Police charged the man with possessing instruments of crime, impersonating a public servant, and recklessly endangering another person.
Source: <http://www.wpxi.com/news/29307697/detail.html>

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Information Technology Sector

43. *September 27, SC Magazine UK* – (International) **MySQL hack leads to BlackHole exploit.** The MySQL Web site was hacked September 26 with a redirect to a malicious domain added. According to a blog post by the CEO of the Web application company Armorize, it redirected to a domain hosting the BlackHole pack that exploits the visitor's browser and plugins to secretly install malware. "The visitor doesn't need to click or agree to anything; simply visiting mysql.com with a vulnerable browsing platform will result in an infection", he wrote. According to a security blogger, he was on "a fairly exclusive Russian hacker forum" the week of September 18 and stumbled upon a member selling root access to mysql.com. The blogger noted MySQL is "a prime piece of real estate for anyone looking to plant an exploit kit." It boasts almost 400,000 visitors per day. "He offered to sell remote access to the first person who paid him at least \$3,000 via the site's Escrow service" according to the security blogger. He said it was possible that 120,000 visitors to the site could have been exposed to the exploit kit.
Source: <http://www.scmagazineuk.com/mysql-hack-leads-to-blackhole-exploit/article/212902/>
44. *September 27, IDG News Service* – (National) **Scammers pretend to be friendly office printers.** Hackers have found a new hook to trick people into opening malicious attachments: sending e-mails that purport to come from office printers, many of which now have the ability to e-mail scanned documents, IDG News Service reported September 27. The e-mails invariably contain a Trojan downloader that can be used to download other malware or steal documents from the computer. They have the subject line "Fwd: Scan from a HP Officejet" and read "Attached document was scanned and sent to you using a Hewlett-Packard HP Officejet 05701J" and then "Sent by Morton." A senior analyst at Symantec said it is common for the scammers to spoof the sender's name and make it appear the e-mail came from the same domain as the one that belongs to the recipient. The attachment is a ".zip" file, which experts think seems odd. Most printers with e-mail sending ability can't send a ".zip" file; those printers mostly send image files. Although Windows has the ability to open ".zip" files, there is evidence the scammers are trying to obscure the ".zip" extension for those who use third-party tools to unzip the content. In some archiving tools, the malicious attachment appears to have a ".doc" or ".jpg" file extension.
Source:
http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9220315/Scammers_pretend_to_be_friendly_office_printers
45. *September 26, Ars Technica* – (International) **Mac trojan pretends to be Flash player installer to get in the door.** Hot on the heels of Mac malware posing as a PDF, Ars Technica reported September 26 a new piece of malware posing as a Flash player installer. Security firm Intego was the first to post about the new malware on its blog, noting although the company has only received one report so far from a user who downloaded it, the malware does exist in the wild and may trick Mac users who don't yet have Flash installed. The malware in question is a trojan horse called Flashback (OSX/flashback.A). If those users also have their Safari settings to automatically open safe files, an installer will show up on their desktops as if they are legitimately installing Flash. Continuing through the installation process will result in the trojan

deactivating certain types of security software and installing a dynamic loader library (dyld) that can auto-launch, "allowing it to inject code into applications the user launched." The trojan then reports back to a remote server about the user's MAC address, and allows the server to detect whether the Mac in question has been infected or not.

Source: <http://arstechnica.com/apple/news/2011/09/mac-trojan-pretends-to-be-flash-player-installer-to-get-in-the-door.ars>

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Communications Sector

46. *September 26, KKTV 11 Colorado Springs* – (Colorado) **Comcast service restored after crash.** Things should be back to normal for Comcast customers in Colorado Springs, Colorado, after a September 26 crash near the intersection of Cascade and Harrison led to an outage for 12,000-15,000 customers. It appears a yellow car hit a utility pole and a stone wall. At least four Comcast vehicles responded. Service was expected to be restored by midnight. Comcast said it does not appear Colorado Springs Utilities (CSU) were disrupted, but their fiber was damaged. CSU must repair the pole before Comcast can fix its equipment, a task that could take up to 2 hours. The cable provider said this affected roughly 10 percent of their customers in Colorado Springs. Affected customers were on the northwest side of Colorado Springs, including the U.S. Air Force Academy, and Rockrimmon area.

Source:

http://www.kktv.com/news/headlines/Crash_Causes_Comcast_Outage_130600458.html?ref=458

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Commercial Facilities Sector

47. *September 27, WBAL 11 Baltimore* – (Maryland) **Fire crews spend hours battling auto shop blaze.** City fire crews spent hours battling a three-alarm fire at an auto repair shop that started late in the afternoon September 26 in Baltimore. The rubble continued to smolder early September 27, and fire crews were still putting water on hot spots of what was left of the building to make sure the fire did not flare up again. By the afternoon, the building had been condemned. Units arrived at the scene September 26 to find a two-story brick building engulfed by fire on the first and second floors. The

fire was brought under control later in the evening. City officials said they will need to take the remaining walls of the building down because they are unstable.

Source: <http://www.wbaltv.com/r/29307026/detail.html>

48. *September 26, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Apartments evacuated after workers cut gas pipe.** Firefighters evacuated about two dozen apartment units September 26 in Glendale, California after a construction crew cut a 2-inch gas line, sending fumes directly into the building. Residents vacated the apartment building just after 1 p.m. as a precaution while firefighters and utility employees worked on the gas line, officials said. Hours later, they evacuated a second apartment building, the fire battalion chief said. Residents in another building were asked to remain indoors as crews worked. Crews took several hours to stop the gas leak, officials said. Most gas leaks can be repaired within 10 to 15 minutes, the fire battalion chief said, but in this case, the gas line had been ruptured in three spots, requiring crews to dig up three areas. Police blocked four intersections during the repairs.

Source: <http://www.glendalenewspress.com/news/tn-gnp-0927-gas,0,6592310.story>

49. *September 26, KRIV 26 Houston* – (Texas) **Explosions heard before building fire.** Residents of a townhouse complex near the Houston Galleria in Houston, Texas told firefighters they heard explosions before a fire consumed one of the buildings September 24. Firefighters arrived after 10 p.m. to the complex and found heavy flames and smoke coming from a two-story residential building. They said the fire appeared to have started in a garage. After making a fast attack and searching for occupants, the level of the fire was increased to two-alarm status. Difficulty with establishing water lines and minor building collapses made the firefighting effort more difficult. Two firefighters were hurt and taken to hospitals. Firefighters have not released a cause for the fire, but arson investigators will try to determine that. As a safety measure, a section of the building may be demolished.

Source: <http://www.myfoxboston.com/dpp/news/local/110925-explosions-townhouse-building-fire>

50. *September 26, DCist* – (District of Columbia) **Fire in True Reformer building on U Street leads to evacuation.** At about 4:30 p.m. September 26, Washington, D.C. firefighters responded to the scene of a fire at The Reformer Building. The massive response included a large ladder truck, and forced a closure of U Street during rush hour. It took about 15 minutes to knock down the bulk of the fire. Fire crews remained on the scene for well over an hour to ensure that the fire did not start up again. Based on a preliminary look at the building, it appears as if the fire started on the basement floor, then spread upwards to the first floor walls and ceilings. There were a few dozen people evacuated from the building after alarms went off.

Source: http://dcist.com/2011/09/fire_at_reformer_building_on_u_stre.php#photo-1

51. *September 26, KTNV 13 Las Vegas* – (Nevada) **Police release video of chemical incident at Walmart.** Police have released new video from a suspicious incident at a Walmart the week of September 19 in Las Vegas, Nevada, KTNV 13 Las Vegas reported September 26. Authorities hope the video will help them make an arrest. Five suspects were caught on camera mixing chemicals together. The incident led to the

evacuation of the store.

Source: <http://www.ktnv.com/news/local/130604293.html>

52. *September 26, Boise Weekly* – (Idaho; Oregon; International) **Animal-rights group claims responsibility for fireworks-fur shop arson.** In a letter obtained by the Associated Press, a group called the North American Liberation Press has claimed responsibility for an arson that torched the Rocky Mountain Fireworks and Fur Co., north of Caldwell, Idaho, September 26. The fire broke out around 5 a.m. at the facility on Highway 20-26, damaging the store that sells fireworks and fur. Crews from Caldwell, Eagle, Middleton, Parma, and Star battled the fire, while morning rush-hour traffic was diverted away from Exit 26 of Interstate 84. The FBI, Bureau of Alcohol, Firearms, and Tobacco, and Canyon County Sheriff's Office are investigating. On September 3, the North American Liberation Press claimed responsibility for destroying fencing at an Oregon elk farm. In June, the group targeted a Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, fur shop, soaking racks of clothing with chemicals. Source: <http://www.boiseweekly.com/CityDesk/archives/2011/09/26/animal-rights-group-claims-responsibility-for-fireworks-fur-shop-arson>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

53. *September 27, CNN* – (District of Columbia) **Engineers to rappel down Washington Monument.** Engineers were slated to rappel down the sides of the Washington Monument September 27 in Washington D.C., looking for damage caused by the August earthquake. The National Park Service announced September 26 that experts have completed an interior assessment of the monument and found it to be structurally sound. "The heaviest damage appears to be concentrated at the very top of the monument, in what is called the pyramidion, where large cracks of up to 1.25 inches wide developed through stone and mortar joints," said the superintendent of the National Mall and Memorial Parks. Daylight is visible through some of the cracks, and a substantial amount of rain water has gotten into the monument, which could cause further damage. To get a closer look at the outside of the structure, architect/engineer/rappellers from the firm of Wiss, Janney and Elstner, the architectural firm hired by the National Park Service, will scale the outside of the structure to get a closer look. Source: <http://edition.cnn.com/2011/09/27/us/washington-monument-repair/>
54. *September 27, Jacksonville Florida Times-Union* – (Georgia) **Spotty rain isn't enough to put out Okefenokee fire.** The rains that have fallen over the Okefenokee Swamp the past week appear to have missed the spots where they would do the most good, a U.S. Fish and Wildlife office said September 26. "We've had more in places we don't need and little in places we do," said the supervisory ranger of the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge. The heaviest rains fell on the south end of the swamp where the nearly 5-month-old 309,079-acre Honey Prairie Fire had already burned and

reburned, while little rain fell on the extreme western side where the fire has been most active, he said. For example, a gauge at the Eddy Tower on the south end of the 400,000-acre refuge recorded about 5 inches of rain September 20-22, while one on the west side collected about 1.5 inches in same period, he said. That may be enough to keep a vegetable garden alive, but not near enough to put out the fire. The rain and higher humidity has at least kept the fire from chewing up thousands of acres of dry swamp in a day as it has on several occasions since lightning started the blaze April 28. The fire has grown by only about 400 acres in the week's time, according to the estimates late last week. As of September 26, the team that is continuing to contain the fire had 110 personnel assigned and two helicopters.

Source: <http://jacksonville.com/news/georgia/2011-09-26/story/spotty-rain-isn-t-enough-put-out-okfeenokee-fire>

55. *September 26, Missoula Missoulian* – (Montana) **Bitterroot National Forest wildfire grows to 10,792 acres.** The Up Top Fire in Montana was pushed to the north and east by 25 mile-per-hour winds September 25 and grew by another 1,100 acres. The fire is one of three burning in the 41 Complex in the Sapphire Mountains about 8 miles east of Hamilton, in the Bitterroot National Forest. The Up Top Fire grew to 10,792 acres and continued to burn actively on both sides of Skalkaho Highway. Smoke from the fire was visible the weekend of September 24 and 25 in the valley. Two helicopters dropped 56,200 gallons of water on hot spots along the Skalkaho Highway corridor September 25. The helicopters were using a 5,000-gallon portable water tank set up on the highway as their main water source. So far, aircraft have dropped more than 500,000 gallons of water and about 100,000 gallons of retardant on the 41 Complex fires. Skalkaho Highway remained closed between mile posts 14 and 26, and fire crews continue to clear hazard trees, burning and rolling debris, and rocks that are falling from the fire area onto the highway. The area closure around the Up Top and 41 fires remains in place. Railroad Creek Road #711 and the Butterfly Road #364 remain closed.

Source: http://missoulian.com/news/state-and-regional/article_7c01b678-e86f-11e0-b5a6-001cc4c002e0.html

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Dams Sector

56. *September 27, KMEG 14 Sioux City* – (South Dakota) **North levee in Dakota Dunes is down.** The North Levee in the Dakota Dunes section of Union County, South Dakota, has been completely removed, the manager of the Dakota Dunes Community Improvement District said in a September 27 letter. Repairs will now focus on the plugged storm sewers on East/West Pinehurst, and Monterey Trail. This work will involve removing storm water inlets on the road, and replacing some pipe. Work was expected to begin the week of September 26 and should be finished within 25 days. The manager also reported that during October, crews would work on removal of portions of the southern levee behind Bayhill, Pebble Beach, and houses on Spanish Bay.

Source: <http://www.kmeg14.com/story/15551839/north-levee-in-dakota-dune-is-down>

57. *September 27, abs-cbnNEWS.com* – (International) **Ipo Dam opens 3 gates.** Three gates at the Ipo Dam in Manila, Philippines, were opened as the dam's water level rose to dangerous points September 26, ABS-CBN reported. Dam administrators advised residents along the Angat River to prepare for flooding. A red alert was issued over La Mesa Dam in Quezon City since the morning of September 27. The dam's water level increased to 79.59 meters, close to its spilling level at 80.5 meters. Authorities were continuing to monitor other dams across Luzon such as the Ambuklao Dam in Benguet, and the San Roque Dam in Pangasinan. Floodgates of the Magat Dam in Isabela were opened despite being below spilling level.

Source: <http://www.abs-cbnnews.com/nation/regions/09/27/11/ipo-dam-opens-3-gates>

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