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- An Arizona man pleaded guilty to several charges after being arrested with grenade-like devices in his truck that he planned to use at the Mexican border. – *Tempe East Valley Tribune* (See item [12](#))
- U.S. authorities September 28 arrested and charged a Massachusetts man with plotting to damage or destroy the Pentagon and U.S. Capitol in Washington D.C. by using remote-controlled aircraft filled with plastic explosives. – *Reuters* (See item [38](#))

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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 29, WTNH 8 New Haven* – (Connecticut) **Almost all of Branford loses electricity.** A power outage that knocked out electricity to nearly all of Branford, Connecticut, September 28 was being blamed on an unspecified power line. At the height of the outage, 97 percent of customers in Branford and 15 percent in neighboring Guilford did not have electricity. A Connecticut Light & Power spokesman said September 29 the outage was caused by an unspecified problem on a power line in the area, and that power was redirected.

Source: http://www.wtnh.com/dpp/news/new_haven_cty/almost-1,600-without-power-in-branford

2. *September 29, FuelFix.com* – (Texas) **Valero calls on grid operator to shape up in Texas City.** In a letter, the CEO of refiner Valero told the electric grid operator that serves its Texas City, Texas, refinery it must do more to improve power reliability, FuelFix.com reported September 29. Valero’s Texas City refinery has been hit by four major power outages in 2011, each caused by problems with the power transmission and/or distribution equipment owned and operated by TNMP. The outages, which hit other Texas City refineries, led to equipment shutdowns and flaring as the companies scrambled to burns off dangerous emissions. In one instance, Texas City officials declared a shelter-in-place when emissions levels became dangerously high. In a letter to the CEO of TNMP and its parent company, the Valero CEO said he is concerned the companies are not doing enough preventive maintenance (PM) on the power grid. “We believe that all four of the power outages discussed above could have been prevented by a more rigorous focus on PM for TNMP’s insulators and transformer, as well as a commitment to following written procedures for maintenance work. These are serious events,” the CEO wrote.
Source: <http://fuelfix.com/blog/2011/09/29/valero-calls-on-grid-operator-to-shape-up-in-texas-city/>
3. *September 28, Central Florida News 13 Orlando* – (Florida) **Copper thief targets TECO substation, knocks out power.** Nearly 4,000 residents in Lutz, Florida, lost power the morning of September 28 because a thief stole copper from a Tampa Electric Co. (TECO) power substation. As the thief cut the copper wire, electricity to residents was also cut. “The biggest thing is they damaged some of our equipment by cutting into copper,” a TECO supervisor said. “They’ve taken the ground grid potential away and it’s burnt a lot of our electrical wiring, which is our protection.” Eight of TECO’s 10 substations have been hit by copper thieves in the past few months. Three of the substations were hit during the week of September 25. As the thieves make a few hundred dollars, TECO must pay several thousand dollars to make repairs to each of their vandalized substations.
Source: <http://www.cfnews13.com/article/news/2011/september/320826/Copper-thief-targets-TECO-substation-knocks-out-power>
4. *September 28, Providence Journal* – (Rhode Island) **Coast Guard puts East Providence spill at 70,000 gallons.** The task force responsible for cleaning up a fuel spill in East Providence, Rhode Island, announced September 28 that it has finished its emergency response and is shifting to long-term remediation, according to a news release from the U.S. Coast Guard. On August 31, a Cardi Corp. construction worker struck a high-pressure pipeline with an excavator, sending 70,000 gallons of home-heating oil into storm drains and gushing onto nearby roofs and trees. After the pipeline was repaired and all of the oil was recovered from it, officials determined 70,000 gallons had been spilled. Officials also said about 43,000 gallons of oil has been recovered, and about 1,000 gallons has been lost to evaporation.
Source: <http://newsblog.projo.com/2011/09/oil-spill-response-efforts-shi.html>

5. *September 28, WYMT 57 Hazard* – (Kentucky) **Citations issued to five mines in Kentucky.** The U.S. Department of Labor’s Mine Safety and Health Administration announced September 28 that federal inspectors issued 356 citations, orders, and safeguards during special impact inspections conducted at 16 coal mines and 4 metal/nonmetal mines during August. The coal mines were issued 272 citations, 37 orders, and 2 safeguards, while the metal/nonmetal operations were issued 45 citations. Special impact inspections, which began in force in April 2010 following the explosion at the Upper Big Branch Mine coal mine in West Virginia, involve mines that merit increased agency attention and enforcement due to their poor compliance history or particular compliance concerns, including high numbers of violations or closure orders; indications of operator tactics, such as advance notification of inspections that prevent inspectors from observing violations; frequent hazard complaints or hotline calls; plan compliance issues; inadequate workplace examinations; a high number of accidents, injuries or illnesses; fatalities; and adverse conditions such as increased methane liberation, faulty roof conditions, and inadequate ventilation.
Source: http://www.wkyt.com/wymtnews/headlines/Citations_issued_to_five_mines_in_Kentucky_130682883.html
6. *September 27, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Police: Pa. couple stole copper to pay for wedding.** Police said September 27 a couple from North Sewickley Township, Pennsylvania, cut down copper wire from 18 utility poles because they claimed they needed money to pay for their wedding. Police said the couple sold the wire to a salvage company the day after they allegedly stole it. PennPower officials told the Beaver County Times it will cost nearly \$400 each to repair each pole.
Source: <http://www.azcentral.com/offbeat/articles/2011/09/27/20110927couple-steal-copper-pay-for-wedding.html>

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Chemical Industry Sector

7. *September 29, Sunbury Daily Item* – (Pennsylvania) **Merck agrees to \$1.5 million settlement.** Merck and Co. has agreed to settle for \$1.5 million, without admitting liability, allegations it violated five federal pollution laws at its Pennsylvania plants in Riverside and West Point in Montgomery County. The pharmaceutical manufacturer was accused by the federal government in a 93-page lawsuit of violating the Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act, and Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act. Filed September 28, the suit cited several violations at Merck's Cherokee plant in Riverside, including a failure to immediately report the release of about 300 pounds of ammonia November 30, 2004, and the release of a minimum of 20,293 pounds of ethylene glycol August 2, 2007. At the same time the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) filed the lawsuit, it filed a stipulated settlement. It states Merck denies the allegations but agrees settlement without further litigation is in the public interest. The agreement says Merck has cooperated and has taken numerous corrective actions. Merck and the government agreed to discuss

record-keeping procedure for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit for the Riverside plant, at 100 Avenue C, and two items involving the West Point facility. A Merck spokesman said the alleged violations were procedural, and that there was no environmental impact. The violation at the Riverside facility “involved internal inspection procedures in incident response planning,” he said. The EPA said Merck has corrected the alleged violations and implemented best management practices for continuing environmental compliance.

Source: http://dailyitem.com/0100_news/x1190851986/Merck-agrees-to-1-5-million-settlement

8. *September 29, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* – (Pennsylvania) **West Elizabeth adhesive maker to pay for emissions, upgrades.** Eastman Chemical Resins Inc., of West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, will pay \$623,000 in civil penalties and make at least \$1.7 million worth of pollution control upgrades as part of a consent decree with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Allegheny County Health Department, officials said September 28. The maker of ingredients in glues and tapes failed many times over a decade to live up to its promises to control, monitor, and keep records of emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), according to a complaint filed September 28 in federal court by the health department and the U.S. Attorney General (AG). In doing so, it violated the Clean Air Act and state laws. The director of the health department said the penalty the company already agreed to pay to resolve the complaint is based on the amount of money Eastman probably saved by failing to use the best available controls. An Eastman spokeswoman said the firm is making pollution-control investments that may total \$2.7 million. The health department director said he and the AG are seeking court approval for a new consent decree that will include further penalties if the company doesn't live up to its new promises to better capture VOCs. Eastman has four chemical processing lines and 200 storage tanks on land along the Monongahela River, the complaint said.

Source: <http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/11272/1178448-455.stm>

9. *September 28, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Massachusetts; Vermont; Rhode Island) **Six New England companies settle with EPA for pesticide violations.** Six companies based in New England that produce pesticide products have agreed to pay more than \$34,000 to settle claims by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) they failed to properly submit annual production reports to the agency, as required by federal law. The Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) requires pesticide manufacturers to submit annual production reports to the EPA. According to the settlements, each of the six companies has failed on at least one previous occasion to properly submit this data. The companies and what they paid to settle include, the Old Mill Troy, Inc. of North Troy, Vermont, Harrison Specialty Company of Canton, Massachusetts, and Creative Chemicals of Canton, which paid \$9,720 each; EFD International, Inc. d/b/a Specialty Products of East Providence, paid \$4,455; Traveler's Supply Inc. of Chicopee, Massachusetts paid \$990; and FCS-Chemsupply Inc., d/b/a Chemstation-Boston of Weymouth, Massachusetts received no penalty in exchange for cancelling its establishment registration and agreeing not to produce any pesticides or pesticide devices, or seek re-registration for at least 5 years. The companies have addressed all violations and paid their fines. Penalties were based

on many factors, including type of violation and business size.

Source: <http://www.environmental-expert.com/news/six-new-england-companies-settle-with-epa-for-pesticide-violations-258823>

10. *September 28, Annapolis Capital* – (Maryland; Pennsylvania) **Chemical containers washing up in bay.** Weeks after Tropical Storm Lee, refuse it flushed into rivers is turning up in the Chesapeake Bay in Maryland, the Annapolis Capital reported September 28. Authorities have found about 10 large chemical containers washed down from a flooded plant in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. They have been found on both sides of the Bay Bridge, at Herring Bay in south county, and at Fort Armistead Park at the Anne Arundel County-Baltimore City line. They have also been found at Hart-Miller Island in Baltimore County. The containers are from Univar, a chemical distribution company. During Tropical Storm Lee, Swatara Creek rose above its banks and breached a fence at the plant, said the firm's vice president of corporate communications. He said many empty containers stored outside the building washed away. A Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) spokesman said the containers had held chlorine or sulfur dioxide. He noted they were in an area where containers are stored while waiting for integrity testing or for disposal — not in an area where filled containers are kept. A Univar officials said the containers were of various sizes — standard-sized drums, "intermediate bulk containers" and 1-ton containers. At first, Univar focused on plucking containers out of Swatara Creek. Now, it is working on the Susquehanna River and the Chesapeake Bay. The containers found recently are the large ones. The MDE spokesman described them as cylinders about 6 feet long and 3 feet in diameter, weighing 1,100 pounds when empty. Some have yellow or green paint on them. Univar hired a contractor to retrieve the containers, and has been working with the MDE and the U.S. Coast Guard. The Univar official said the firm has about 20 more containers to find.

Source: <http://www.hometownannapolis.com/news/top/2011/09/28-10/Chemical-containers-washing-up-in-bay.html>

11. *September 28, Deseret News* – (Utah) **Fire destroys Gilsonite mine processing plant in Bonanza.** An early morning fire destroyed one of two American Gilsonite Co. processing plants in Bonanza, Utah, September 28. Gilsonite is used in the manufacture of acid, alkali, and waterproof coatings. The fire began about 12:30 a.m., according to the Uintah Fire District executive director. It was unknown whether the plant was in operation at the time, but there were American Gilsonite employees in the area. It took firefighters from Jensen, Naples, and Vernal more than 8 hours to extinguish the fire. Investigators with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management were in Bonanza September 28, and officials with the federal Mining Safety and Health Administration were expected to arrive later. The Utah State Fire Marshal's Office is also expected to send an investigator.

Source: <http://www.deseretnews.com/article/700183328/Fire-destroys-Gilsonite-mine-processing-plant-in-Bonanza.html>

12. *September 28, Tempe East Valley Tribune* – (Arizona; International) **A.J. man indicted in case of bombs meant for border.** An Apache Junction, Arizona man who was a former member of a group with neo-Nazi ties is facing up to 10 years in federal

prison and a \$250,000 fine for bomb-related offenses. The 28-year-old pleaded guilty September 27 in U.S. district court to possession of unregistered destructive devices and the unlawful transportation of explosive material. He will be sentenced December 13. The convict was charged with the crimes in January when he was pulled over in Apache Junction and officers discovered a grenade-like device in his truck. A search of his home turned up about a dozen of the devices. The U.S. attorney's office said the convict created them using polyvinyl chloride in a container filled with gunpowder, ball bearings, and an improvised fusing system. The convict, who was a member of the neo-Nazi-linked National Alliance and formerly in the National Socialist Movement, had planned to take the bombs to the Mexico border, according to court documents. Authorities said he used ball bearings to make them more dangerous. The investigation leading up to the convict's indictment was led by the FBI and members of the Phoenix Joint Terrorism Task Force.

Source: http://www.eastvalleytribune.com/local/apache_junction/article_47ed9b98-ea15-11e0-8622-001cc4c002e0.html

13. *September 27, Easton Express-Times* – (Pennsylvania) **Nicos Polymers fire damage estimated at \$9 million, police say.** A massive fire that destroyed Nicos Polymers Group in Plainfield Township, Pennsylvania, in August caused about \$9 million in damage, Plainfield Township police said September 27. Police said they spent a month sifting through the wreckage of the plastics plant at 730 Bangor Road (Route 191), but a cause has not been determined. Smoke from the massive August 2 blaze could be seen throughout the Lehigh Valley. It took about 200 firefighters from more than 50 companies almost 24 hours to extinguish the fire, which engulfed all of the 180,000-square-foot facility. Nicos recycled post-industrial plastic and turned it into raw materials shipped to customers, who then use them to create products. The damage estimate covered the building along with the equipment and products inside, police said. Township police and the Pennsylvania State Police fire marshal are investigating the fire.

Source: http://www.lehighvalleylive.com/slate-belt/index.ssf/2011/09/nicos_polymers_fire_damage_est.html

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

14. *September 29, Fredericksburg Free Lance-Star* – (Virginia) **Shaking caused plant shutdown.** In a letter to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), the operator of the North Anna Nuclear Generating Station near Mineral, Virginia, that went offline after the August 23 earthquake now says it was a combination of factors related to the tremor that took the station offline, the Fredericksburg Free Lance-Star reported September 29. According to a spokesman for Dominion, the company that owns the plant, the the units tripped seconds before off-site power was lost when sensors detected a slight power reduction as a result of the quake vibrations. Both reactors remain shut down as follow-up work and in-house inspections continue. The NRC said

the two units will remain idle until they are satisfied that they are safe to bring back online. The agency outlined a battery of tests and inspections that must be performed on both units before and after start-up.

Source: <http://fredericksburg.com/News/FLS/2011/092011/09292011/655109>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

15. *September 28, WQAD 8 Moline* – (National) **More manufacturers recall firepot gel fuel.** Five more companies recalled products connected to the recent incidents of injuries associated with pourable gel fuel and gel fuel pots September 28. More than 2 million gel fuel bottles made by nine manufacturers were recalled September 1, after reports that more than 60 people were burned and at least 2 killed because fire pots in which the fuel was burned had exploded. Flames from the sticky, burning fuel are not always visible, adding to the risk. More companies announced recalls of the fuel September 29, including Luminosities/Windflame, Fuel Barons, Smart Solar, Red Flame, and Bond Manufacturing.

Source: <http://www.wqad.com/news/wqad-more-manufacturers-recall-firepot-gel-fuel-20110928,0,3511368.story?track=rss>

16. *September 28, Muncie Star Press* – (Indiana) **DOL fines Yorktown foundry.** The Cast Metals Technology aluminum foundry in Yorktown, Indiana, agreed the week of September 26 to pay a \$10,120 fine for violations of the Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Act. The foundry was accused of 3 non-serious and 11 serious violations, including not recording occupational hearing injuries, exposing workers to carbon monoxide and formaldehyde, allowing cigarette smoking around combustible liquids, and allowing workers to enter confined spaces without a written protection program. The firm already corrected most of the violations and is taking steps to correct all of them, an Indiana Department of Labor spokeswoman said. Cast Metals, also known as CM-TEC, operates foundries in Indiana, Ohio, and Pennsylvania that produce aluminum, iron, high-alloy steel, and stainless steel castings.

Source: <http://www.thestarpress.com/article/20110929/NEWS01/109290338>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Banking and Finance Sector

17. *September 29, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (Illinois; International) **Former CME group software engineer indicted for theft of Globex computer trade secrets while allegedly planning business to improve electronic trading exchange in China.** A former senior software engineer for Chicago-based CME Group, Inc., was indicted September 29 for allegedly downloading and removing computer source code and other proprietary information while at the same time pursuing business plans to improve an electronic trading exchange in China. The defendant, who was arrested in July, was charged with two counts of theft of trade secrets in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury. The indictment seeks forfeiture of computers and related equipment that were seized from the suspect. According to the indictment, the engineer began working for CME Group in 2000, and was a senior software engineer at the time of his arrest. His responsibilities included writing computer code and, because of his position, he had access to the software programs that supported CME Group's Globex electronic trading platform. The source code and algorithms that made up the supporting programs were proprietary and confidential business property of CME Group, which instituted internal measures to safeguard and protect its trade secrets. Between December 8, 2010, and June 30, 2011, the engineer allegedly downloaded more than 1,000 computer files containing CME computer source code from CME's secure internal computer system to his CME-issued work computer; he then transferred many of these files from his work computer to his personal USB flash drives; and then transferred many of these files from his USB flash drives to his personal computer at home. During the same time, he downloaded and printed CME internal manuals and guidelines describing how many of the computer files that comprise Globex operate, the indictment alleged. The engineer and two unnamed business partners allegedly developed business plans to form a business referred to as the Tongmei Futures Exchange Software Technology Company (Gateway), with the purpose of increasing trading volume at the Zhangjiagang, China, chemical electronic trading exchange. The indictment alleges the engineer was to become Gateway's president, and that he engaged in contract negotiations on behalf of Gateway with the Zhangjiagang Free Trade Board for Gateway to provide computer source code to the exchange. Each count of theft of trade secrets carries maximum penalty of 10 years in prison, and a \$250,000 fine.

Source:

http://7thspace.com/headlines/395472/former_cme_group_software_engineer_indicted_for_theft_of_globex_computer_trade_secrets_while_allegedly_planning_business_to_improve_electronic_trading_exchange_in_china.html

18. *September 29, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority* – (National) **FINRA orders Raymond James & Associates, Inc. and Raymond James Financial Services, Inc. to pay \$1.69 million in restitution for charging unfair commissions.** The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority September 29 (FINRA) ordered Raymond James & Associates, Inc. (RJA) and Raymond James Financial Services, Inc. (RJFS) to pay restitution of \$1.69 million to more than 15,500 investors who were charged unfair and unreasonable commissions on securities transactions. FINRA also fined RJA \$225,000 and RJFS \$200,000. FINRA found that from January 1, 2006 to October 31, 2010, RJA and RJFS used automated commission schedules for equity transactions that charged more than 15,500 customers nearly \$1.69 million in excessive commissions on more than 27,000 transactions involving, in most instances, low-priced securities. The firms'

supervisory systems were inadequate because they created inflated schedules and rates without consideration of the factors necessary to determine the fairness of the commissions, including the type of security and the size of the transaction. FINRA required the firms to revise their automated commission schedules to conform to the requirements of the Fair Prices and Commissions Rule. The firms also must calculate and repay extra overcharges from November 1, 2010, through the date they revised their schedules.

Source:

[http://www.finra.org/Newsroom/NewsReleases/2011/P124536?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+FINRANews+\(FINRA+News\)&utm_content=Google+Reader](http://www.finra.org/Newsroom/NewsReleases/2011/P124536?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+FINRANews+(FINRA+News)&utm_content=Google+Reader)

19. *September 28, San Francisco Chronicle* – (California) **Hells Angels accused of mortgage fraud.** A Bay Area mortgage broker was charged September 27 with conspiring to arrange more than \$10 million in fraudulent home loans for clients who included two leaders of the Hells Angels, federal prosecutors in California said. A newly unsealed federal grand jury indictment accuses the motorcycle club leaders, the mortgage broker, and five other defendants of taking part in a scheme to defraud banks by falsifying loan applications for real estate in San Francisco and several North Bay communities in 2006 and 2007. The applications misrepresented the borrowers' incomes, bank balances, and employment histories, and falsely stated they would live at the properties, some of which were later used for marijuana growing, the indictment said. Seven defendants have pleaded not guilty. The eighth, a 63-year-old from San Pablo, an accountant and tax preparer, has not been apprehended, prosecutors said. Among those charged was a 30-year-old man from San Francisco, who owned a company called Xanadu Global Investments and also worked at several San Francisco mortgage brokerage firms, prosecutors said. The indictment said he and his clients submitted fraudulent applications for loans, some for more than \$1 million, to buy property in Santa Rosa, Petaluma, and Healdsburg. The clients included two local Hells Angels leaders prosecutors said.
- Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/09/28/BAL61LAD15.DTL>

20. *September 28, KAJ 18 Kalispell* – (Montana) **Bike Bandit strikes again.** The robber who likes to wear a helmet during his holdups and escape on a motorcycle has struck again in Lakeside, Montana. Flathead County Sheriff's detectives said a man matching the same description as the suspect who robbed the Glacier Bank branch office in Lakeside hit the same bank around 2:30 p.m. September 28. Detectives said the suspect entered the bank wearing a helmet, demanded cash, and made his getaway on a motorcycle. They are not sure if a weapon was displayed, but no one was hurt. Deputies were searching a wide area in the mountains west of Lakeside for the suspect the afternoon of September 28. A detective commander said that includes logging roads in the Bierney Creek area, which go deep into the mountains west of Flathead Lake. The Flathead County sheriff said investigators are sure this is the same suspect that is wanted in the earlier holdups. Earlier in September, the FBI put forth a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the "Bike Bandit," who had already committed 5 holdups. Those include the robbery in Lakeside November 2010, robberies in Big Fork

September 2010, at Muralt's Truck Stop at the Wye west of Missoula in September 2009, the First Valley Bank in Seeley Lake April 2010, and May 2011 in St. Regis.
Source: <http://www.kajl8.com/news/bike-bandit-strikes-again/>

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Transportation Sector

21. *September 28, Washington D.C. Hill* – (National) **TSA found 800 guns in luggage in 2011.** The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has discovered more than 800 guns in 2011 in bags passengers attempted to bring through airport security, the agency said September 28. The weekend of September 24 and 25, 10 guns were found, as well as throwing knives in a passenger's bag at Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport, and inert grenades carried by a passenger at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, the agency said on its Web site blog. The most often reason given by passengers who are caught, a TSA blogger wrote, "I forgot what was in my bag."
Source: <http://thehill.com/blogs/transportation-report/tsa/184451-tsa-800-guns-have-been-found-in-airport-luggage>
22. *September 28, WXXA 23 Albany* – (New York) **TSA investigating loaded gun at airport.** The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) found a loaded gun and a replica gun in carry-on bags at Albany International Airport in Albany, New York September 26. Officials said the loaded gun was with a passenger headed to Detroit, Michigan. The replica was with a passenger headed to Charlotte, North Carolina. Police and TSA said security officers pulled a loaded hand gun from a 54-year-old woman's purse. Police said she was headed back home to Montana, and claims she did not know the gun was with her. She is charged with criminal possession of a weapon, a misdemeanor. Officials said the TSA is investigating if she flew to Albany with the gun. Police said the replica gun that was found belonged to a small child, noting that while they do not think there was any criminal intent, they took it away.
Source: <http://www.fox23news.com/mostpopular/story/TSA-investigating-loaded-gun-at-airport/dTyx56eso02BrgNtefBhdQ.csp>
23. *September 28, WPBF 25 Tequesta* – (Florida) **Derailed train causing Tri-Rail delays.** Tri-Rail passengers dealt with delays September 28 because of a derailed freight train in Pompano Beach, Florida. A South Florida Regional Transportation Authority spokeswoman said a CSX train derailed late September 27, causing delays of up to 2 hours. She said the delays were expected to continue throughout the day September 28, and into the evening rush hour. She said some late afternoon and evening trains may be canceled as well.
Source: <http://www.wpbf.com/news/29328702/detail.html>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

24. *September 28, KSPR 33 Springfield* – (Missouri) **Springfield, MO woman indicted for stealing mail, bank fraud scheme.** A Springfield, Missouri woman was indicted by a federal grand jury September 28 for a bank fraud scheme that involved stealing checks from the mail, and using stolen identities to pass them at local businesses. The 22-year-old woman of Springfield, was charged in a 20-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Springfield. The indictment alleges that, between April 17 and August 6, 2011, the woman stole checks from business and residential mailboxes in the Springfield area. She allegedly altered the checks and forged the mail theft victims' names then passed, or attempted to pass, the checks at local businesses to purchase electronic equipment such as computers and iPods. She allegedly used counterfeit identification cards in the names of the mail theft victims to pass the forged checks and defraud the banks on which the checks were drawn. She later returned the merchandise, the indictment says, for a cash "refund" of the purchase price.

Source: http://articles.kspr.com/2011-09-28/bank-fraud-scheme_30215225

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Agriculture and Food Sector

25. *September 29, Food Safety News* – (National) **Too early to know 'root cause' of Listeria outbreak.** The nation's top disease trackers and food regulators said it is too early for them to know the "root cause" of the deadly cantaloupe Listeria outbreak, which they expect to worsen in terms of the number of cases and deaths. The director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) took questions about the outbreak from the media in a conference call September 28. The top CDC/FDA brass, along with the deputy director of the enteric disease branch at the CDC, and the senior advisor to the FDA's office of foods, answered reporters' questions for about an hour. Because the Listeria bacteria that can cause infection can have a relatively long incubation period, the CDC expects to see the number of outbreak cases and fatalities to continue to rise into October. Currently, 13 deaths among 72 cases have been confirmed, and at least three more deaths in Kansas, Wyoming, and New Mexico may be part of the outbreak. Two of the case patients are pregnant women who are recovering.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/09/cdcfda-want-to-prevent-listeria-outbreak-from-happening-again/>

26. *September 28, Pottstown Mercury* – (Pennsylvania) **Police: Break-ins targeting Boyertown restaurant owner.** Police are investigating three break-ins in 3 days at My Girl's Family Restaurant in Boyertown, Pennsylvania, including one September 27 where the alleged perpetrator intentionally leaked gas in the building "with the apparent intent to cause a fire or explosion," police said. Boyertown police said a call for an odor of gas at 45 S. Reading Avenue was made to 911 around 6:45 p.m. Fire officials and police responded and found the restaurant "had been broken into and gas intentionally

leaked," the police chief wrote in a press release. Police said extreme vandalism was done to the restaurant during the first two break-ins. Police are investigating whether the "perpetrator or perpetrators are targeting a former owner of the restaurant, mistakenly believing he is still the owner or partner." Police said businesses and residents in the first block of South Reading Avenue were evacuated for about 2.5 hours, including the five apartments located above the building My Girl's Restaurant occupies.

Source:

<http://pottsmmerc.com/articles/2011/09/28/news/doc4e8362fba02a9433600498.txt>

27. *September 28, Reuters* – (Texas) **Texas ranchers suffer \$152 million in wildfire losses.** The wildfires that have roared across Texas in the past 9 months have caused \$152 million in direct losses to the state's farmers and ranchers, economists at Texas A&M University estimated September 28. The losses will continue to stack up, the director of homeland security and emergency management programs said at the Texas Agri-Life Extension Service. "Structures, equipment, livestock, fences, pasture, and timber continue to be lost on a daily basis," he said. The most significant loss for most has been the destruction of nearly 6,000 miles of agricultural fencing, enough to span the continent from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific more than two and a half times. Fencing is one of the biggest expenses of the farming and ranching industry. The Agri-Life extension service reported the average cost of a four-to six-wire fence with steel posts, the most common type for plains ranchers, is about \$10,000 per mile. More than 1,500 horses, cattle, sheep, and goats have been killed by the wildfires, he said. Some 198 agricultural structures have been destroyed, as well as assorted pieces of agricultural equipment, and 2.9 million acres of pasture land. Some 3.7 million acres have burned in Texas since wildfire season began in November 2010, making it the most destructive in state history.

Source: <http://news.yahoo.com/texas-ranchers-suffer-152-million-wildfire-losses-220043000.html>

28. *September 28, Orange County Register* – (California) **Chemical leak sends 8 to hospital.** A hazardous-materials team was sent September 28 to a food-processing center in Anaheim, California, where an apparent carbon-monoxide leak sent eight people to a hospital, authorities said. Fire crews responded about 3 p.m. to an industrial park in the 300 block of North Euclid Way after an investigation by Occupational Safety and Health Administration officials turned up high readings of carbon monoxide at L&L Foods Inc., an Anaheim fire marshal said. Several dozen people were evacuated from the building, and eight people were transported to a hospital. Authorities did not outline the extent of their injuries but said they were not believed to be life-threatening. A hazardous-materials team was checking the building to determine the source of the carbon monoxide.

Source: <http://www.ocregister.com/news/carbon-319482-monoxide-people.html>

29. *September 28, Associated Press* – (National) **Major seafood processor agrees to civil penalty.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) said a Seattle-based seafood company will pay a \$2.5 million civil penalty to settle allegations it violated clean water law at processing plants in Alaska, the Associated Press reported

September 28. The EPA said in a news release tht Trident Seafoods Corp. also agreed to invest more than \$30 million in in waste controls. An EPA complaint contends Trident had more than 480 Clean Water Act violations at 14 of its on-shore and off-shore Alaska facilities. The EPA said the agreement requires Trident to invest \$30 million to \$40 million or more in controlling waste, including construction of a fish meal plant in Naknek, that can handle at least 30 million pounds of seafood waste annually. The EPA said Trident also agreed to monitor seafloor waste piles at other facilities.

Source: <http://www.bellinghamherald.com/2011/09/28/2205702/major-seafood-processor-agrees.html>

30. *September 28, Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association* – (National) **Carbon dioxide cooling may reduce Salmonella risk.** Rapidly cooling eggs with carbon dioxide could decrease the risk posed by Salmonella, according to recent research, the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association reported September 28. A cooling process developed through research at Purdue University appears to not only inhibit bacterial growth, but also alter the pH in the eggs sufficiently to increase the activity of lysozyme, an enzyme that lyses gram-positive bacteria, a university announcement states. The gas is drawn into the egg shell during cooling, reversing the pH rise that occurs as carbon dioxide escapes from freshly laid eggs. The announcement indicates increasing such lysozyme activity would increase egg safety. A professor of food science who is one of the study authors said previous evaluations of use of the carbon dioxide cooling process have indicated the treatment would cost 3 to 7 cents for every dozen eggs, with the largest portion of that cost coming from delivery of the gas. A commercial version of the cooling system could bring egg temperatures to 45 degrees in less than 2 minutes, preventing population explosions among the small numbers of Salmonella organisms deposited near or on the yolk membranes in about 1 in 10,000 eggs, he said. He said additional research indicated egg quality was substantially improved among eggs treated with the rapid cooling method, and a report on those findings was under review.
- Source: <http://www.avma.org/onlnews/javma/oct11/111015o.asp>

31. *September 28, Mason City Globe Gazette* – (Iowa) **Fire breaks out at Pfizer Animal Health.** The Charles City, Iowa Fire Department responded to a report of a fire in the generator room at Pfizer Animal Health at 2:49 p.m. September 28. The fire was contained to electrical components of the generator, according to a press release from the fire department. A maintenance person was working in the room when an arc created the fire. Firefighters cut the power to the generator, and the fire was extinguished within 10 minutes. No injuries were sustained to workers or firefighters. Damage is considered to be moderate due to the electrical malfunction that occurred. Crews were back at the station and back in service at 3:50 p.m. Assisting the Charles City Fire Department was the Charles City Police Department, Floyd County Search and Rescue, and AMR Ambulance.
- Source: http://globegazette.com/news/local/fire-breaks-out-at-pfizer-animal-health/article_fe72eec2-ea1a-11e0-8d8e-001cc4c03286.html?mode=story

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Water Sector

32. *September 29, Intelligencer; Wheeling News-Register* – (West Virginia) **Boil order in effect after water break.** A waterline break in a construction area on Jefferson Avenue will force Moundsville, West Virginia residents to boil their water for up to 48 hours, the Intelligencer/Wheeling News-Register reported September 29. According to the Moundsville city manager, the break was reported early September 27, and full service was returned to city residents by 9 p.m., though by that time 1.5 million gallons of water had been lost due to hydrants having to be opened and flushed to relieve pressure in the break area. Although water was restored to customers and a chemical analysis was being completed September 28, the results of that analysis were not available immediately, so Moundsville residents were asked to boil their water for at least 48 hours.
Source: <http://www.news-register.net/page/content.detail/id/559997/Boil-Order-in-Effect-After-Water-Break.html?nav=510>
33. *September 29, Pottsville Republican & Herald* – (Pennsylvania) **Heavy rain overwhelms Abingtons sewer system.** Heavy rain in Pennsylvania September 27 and 28 overwhelmed the sewer system used by three municipalities in the Abingtons community, sending thousands of gallons of untreated wastewater into a nearby creek. Stormwater that infiltrated the system through cracked and broken pipes pushed the typical flow of 4 million gallons per day to 14 million gallons, the Abington Regional Wastewater Authority executive director said. he said some of the overflow was pumped into spare tanks at the facility, but about 6,000 gallons of untreated wastewater was dumped into Leggetts Creek September 27, and more than 10,000 gallons went into the creek September 28. It is the second time in September the treatment facility has dumped untreated wastewater into Leggetts Creek because of stormwater infiltration.
Source: <http://republicanherald.com/heavy-rain-overwhelms-abingtons-sewer-system-1.1210816>
34. *September 29, Portland Press Herald* – (Maine) **Sewer gases blamed in deaths of workers.** Maine's chief medical examiner determined that two men whose bodies were pulled from a sewage pump tank in Kennebunkport, Maine, September 27 died from inhaling sewer gases. Autopsies September 28 of the men showed they died from "hydrogen sulfide toxicity in a confined space with terminal inhalation of sewage," a press release from Kennebunkport police stated. The men were working on a submersible pump in the tank at the Lodge at Turbots Creek. The concrete tank, with its floor 9 feet below the ground, is roughly 4 feet high by 5 feet wide by 6 feet long, accessed by a manhole. The men were experienced workers who had installed and serviced sewer pumps across the state. Neither one was wearing special breathing apparatus when the bodies were recovered, officials said. One of them was wearing a Tyvex suit. Officials were awaiting a report from a contractor who was hired to inspect the tank to determine what may have happened. When the bodies were found, the

1,000-gallon tank they were in was overflowing, even though it had been pumped out less than an hour earlier, suggesting that wastewater from the municipal sewer system had flowed back into the private system, which serves the 26-room hotel where the men were working. The men apparently were replacing the pump for the tank, but the pump they had was the wrong size so they were waiting for a replacement to be delivered, the police chief said. There were no witnesses to the incident. The men were outside the tank while it was being pumped by another contractor, and were in it when he returned from dumping his load, 30 to 45 minutes later.

Source: http://www.pressherald.com/news/sewer-gases-blamed-in-deaths-of-workers_2011-09-29.html

35. *September 28, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment* – (Colorado) **Cotter ordered to build bypass pipeline at its Schwartzwaldler mine.** On September 27, the Water Quality Control Division at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment amended its June 1, 2010 notice of violation/cease and desist order, and required Cotter Corporation to build a bypass pipeline at its Schwartzwaldler Mine in Jefferson County to minimize the discharge of uranium-laden water into Ralston Creek. The division learned in 2010 that discharge from the mine property contained elevated levels of uranium that exceed surface water standards under the Colorado Water Quality Control Act. Water sampling at the site from June 2010 through July 2011 showed concentrations of uranium in the groundwater and surface water that continue to cause or contribute to an exceedance of the 30 micrograms per liter stream standard. The amended order requires Cotter to submit a plan no later than October 7 for the design and construction of the temporary structure that will divert Ralston Creek steam flows past the Schwartzwaldler facility. Construction is to be completed by January 31, 2012.

Source: http://www.waterworld.com/index/display/news_display/1509987602.html

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

36. *September 29, KSAT 12 San Antonio* – (Texas; International) **Data breach exposes millions of TRICARE patients.** A massive data breach could affect millions who have received care from military facilities in San Antonio, Texas, since 1992. TRICARE, a health care program that serves active and retired military, released a statement about the breach on their Web site. According to the statement, on September 14, 2011, Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) reported a data breach involving personally identifiable and protected health information impacting an estimated 4.9 million military clinic and hospital patients. The data was contained on backup tapes from an electronic health care record used in the military health system to capture patient data from 1992 through September 7, 2011. The information may include Social Security numbers, addresses and phone numbers, and some personal health data such as clinical notes, laboratory tests, and prescriptions, the release stated. TRICARE said in the statement the risk of harm to patients is low because retrieving

the data would require knowledge and access to specific hardware, software and knowledge of the system and data structure. According to the release, the incident is being investigated, and SAIC and TRICARE are reviewing data-protection security policies and procedures to prevent similar breaches in the future.

Source: <http://www.ksat.com/news/29336557/detail.html>

37. *September 28, Jefferson Post* – (North Carolina) **Formaldehyde spill at Ashe Memorial Hospital HAZMAT responds.** A formaldehyde spill at Ashe Memorial Hospital in North Carolina, at about 8 a.m. September 28 necessitated the activation of the hospital's hazardous materials response plan, said the Ashe Memorial Hospital's chief executive officer (CEO). He said many areas in the facility were temporarily closed as haz-mat response teams performed containment and clean up procedures. They included imaging, the laboratory, surgical services, medical records, and quality and compliance departments. "Several employees have received first aid and have been decontaminated due to exposure to the spill," he said. "Other employees from the affected areas have been evaluated and moved to other areas in the facility." The CEO said no patients were exposed to the spill; a minimum number of patients were impacted with rescheduled appointments for exams and elective procedures. He confirmed at 2:34 p.m. September 28 that "the hazardous material had been resolved. The material has been safely removed from the facility and affected departments will reopen no later than 3:30 p.m. September 28."

Source: http://www.jeffersonpost.com/view/full_story/15797465/article-Formaldehyde-spill-at-Ashe-Memorial-Hospital--HAZMAT-responds?instance=home_news_lead

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Government Facilities Sector

38. *September 29, Reuters* – (Washington, D.C.; International) **U.S. man charged in Pentagon, Capitol explosive plot.** U.S. authorities September 28 arrested and charged a Massachusetts man with plotting to damage or destroy the Pentagon and U.S. Capitol in Washington D.C. by using remote-controlled aircraft filled with plastic explosives. The man, 26, a U.S. citizen, was also charged with attempting to provide support and resources to al-Qa'ida to carry out attacks on U.S. soldiers overseas, the U.S. attorney's office in Boston said. He was arrested after an undercover operation. The statement said the public was never in danger from the devices, which were controlled by undercover FBI employees. If convicted, the alleged plotter faces up to 15 years in jail for providing support to foreign terrorists, up to 20 years on a charge of attempting to destroy national defense premises, and up to 20 years on a charge of attempting to damage and destroy buildings owned by the United States. Authorities said the physics graduate from Northeastern University in Boston began planning to commit a violent "jihad" against the US in early 2010, calling Americans "enemies of Allah." The man, allegedly modified mobile phones to act as electrical switches for improvised explosive devices. He is accused of supplying the phones to undercover FBI agents, whom he believed were members of, or recruiters for, al-Qa'ida. The man allegedly told a

cooperating witness he planned to attack the Pentagon using "small drone airplanes" filled with explosives and guided by GPS equipment. He later expanded the plot to include an attack on the Capitol, and hoped to follow the aerial assault with a ground assault involving six people armed with automatic weapons, the affidavit said. Authorities said he traveled to Washington, D.C., to conduct surveillance and take photographs of his targets, and identified sites at East Potomac Park, near the Capitol, from which he planned to launch his explosive-filled aircraft. He then delivered two thumb drives to the agents with detailed attack plans with step-by-step instructions. An F-86 Sabre remote-controlled aircraft was delivered to the suspect's Framingham, Massachusetts, storage unit in August, according to the affidavit. His arrest came immediately after he took possession of various weaponry from the undercover agents — including explosives, grenades, and AK-47 assault rifles — and locked them in his storage unit, the affidavit said.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/09/29/us-usa-security-idUSTRE78R6KS20110929?feedType=RSS&feedName=domesticNews>

39. *September 29, Politico* – (International) **DOJ: U.S. guard tried to pass photos to China.** A former contract guard at a U.S. consulate in China has been charged with attempting to pass secrets to the country. The U.S. guard, 31, had been trying to share photographs and other information related to national defense to China from March to August 2011, the Department of Justice said September 28. Prosecutors said he lied when he told the FBI that a letter he wrote to Chinese officials stating his “interest in initiating a business [arrangement]” was done with the intent to help the FBI, and when he said the reason he was photographing the consulate was to help the agency. His alleged attempts to pass photographs and other data to China were made “with the intent and reason to believe that these materials would be used to the injury of the United States and to the advantage of a foreign nation,” the Justice Department stated in its press release. The suspect was first charged August 31 with two counts of making false statements, and he was arrested September 1. On September 21, he failed to appear at a Washington D.C. hearing and fled, but 3 days later the FBI tracked him down in Los Angeles. He will return to Washington for his arraignment.

Source: <http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0911/64687.html>

40. *September 28, Reuters* – (Arizona) **Tucson police evacuate federal building over truck.** Authorities closed a 3-block stretch of Tucson, Arizona, and evacuated a nearby federal building September 28 after a suspicious vehicle was spotted by U.S. Marshals, police said. A search of the vehicle, a white box truck, turned up several metal boxes of ammunition and duffel bags filled with clothing, a Tucson police spokeswoman told Reuters. "There's no indication that there are any explosives inside the vehicle." She said investigators were speaking to a "person of interest" about the truck, and that the man was cooperating with investigators. He was not taken into custody. Police later gave the all-clear and opened a major street to traffic, but kept part of the area roped off as they processed the vehicle. A bomb squad was initially called to the scene at about 11 a.m. local time after U.S. Marshals noticed the truck had been parked for an extended time near a building that houses federal bankruptcy court, the spokesman said. About 30 people were evacuated from that building.

Source: <http://news.yahoo.com/tucson-police-evacuate-federal-building-over-truck->

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41. *September 28, Gaithersburg Gazette* – (Maryland) **Student error caused UM lab explosion, fire official says.** Two University of Maryland, College Park, students who were burned by acid in an explosion September 26 in a school laboratory had incorrectly conducted a chemical experiment, a fire official said. The students were using nitric and sulfuric acids, which normally do not cause such a violent reaction; however, when introduced into a chemical waste container, the reaction caused an explosion with fire, a spokesman for the Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department said. The fire was extinguished and the students in the laboratory were able to escape. He said the two students injured, both young women, were transported to an area hospital where they were treated for first- and second-degree chemical burns on their faces, arms, and front of their bodies.

Source: <http://www.gazette.net/article/20110926/NEWS/709269972/1029/student-error-caused-um-lab-explosion-fire-official-says&template=gazette>

42. *September 28, KKCO 11 Grand Junction* – (International) **District 51 Internet/phone services out.** Mesa County Valley School District 51 in the Grand Junction, Colorado area was dealing with "technical difficulties" September 28. A construction crew working at the administrative offices accidentally cut the line that feeds Internet to the entire district. The Bresnan Communications Fiber wire was cut — stopping Internet and digital phone service. Each school has an analog phone line hooked into fax machines the district was using to communicate. In addition, two way wireless radios were at each school with a direct connection to a school safety resource officer. Local police and fire departments were notified. Parents were not able to call the school. Cell phones were being used by teachers and staff to communicate with the district, but they could not call out from the building. There was no estimate when the services would be restored.

Source:

http://www.nbc11news.com/home/headlines/DEVELOPING_NOW_District_51_internetphone_services_out_130713573.html

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Emergency Services Sector

43. *September 29, Boulder Daily Camera* – (Colorado) **Colo. student develops Twitter app for disasters.** A University of Colorado (CU) graduate student developed an Android application for Twitter to help people use a common language while tweeting during disasters, the Boulder Daily Camera reported September 29. Twitter has become popular during disasters because it offers a concise and efficient communication medium, he said. But, he said, a need to standardize the syntaxes used on Twitter has surfaced particularly for the emergency personnel, affected individuals, concerned

loved ones, information officers, and journalists who use it to provide and monitor information and collaborate on rescue efforts. His application uses syntax developed in 2009 by a doctoral student of CU's Project EPIC (Empowering the Public with Information in Crisis) research group. Nearly 3,000 tweets using the "Tweak the Tweet" syntax were posted in the weeks following Haiti's 2010 earthquake. The graduate student's app helps provide a solution to better streamline emergency tweets. When those messages are selected, corresponding tweets that could include a user's status, needs or offers to help are queued for posting online. The app has been downloaded in 20 countries.

Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/topic/technology-and-communications/colo-student-develops-twitter-app-disasters>

44. *September 28, WSOC 9 Charlotte* – (North Carolina) **Paramedics to be stationed inside N.C. airport terminal.** The Charlotte City Council has decided to spend \$500,000 annually to station paramedics inside the Charlotte Douglas International Airport in Charlotte, North Carolina every day from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., WSOC 9 Charlotte reported September 28. Charlotte Douglas police will keep their EMT certifications, and will remain at the scene of emergency calls, but will serve now on as backup. The decision was made to cut down on response times after data was compiled that showed medics respond to about 1,000 emergency calls a year at the airport, and roughly 600 of those end up with trips to the hospital.

Source: <http://www.emsworld.com/article/article.jsp?id=18408&siteSection=1>

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Information Technology Sector

45. *September 29, IDG News Service* – (International) **Russian firm unveils tool to crack BlackBerry passwords.** A Russian security company upgraded a phone-password cracking suite with the ability to figure out the master device password for Research in Motion's BlackBerry devices. Elcomsoft said September 29 that before it developed the product, it was believed there was no way to figure out a device password on a BlackBerry smartphone or PlayBook tablet. BlackBerry smartphones are configured to wipe all data on the phone if a password is typed incorrectly 10 times in a row, the company said. Elcomsoft said it figured a way around the problem using a BlackBerry's removable media card, but only if a user has configured their smartphone in a certain way. For the software to be successful, a user must have enabled the feature to encrypt data on the media card. The feature is disabled by default, but Elcomsoft said about 30 percent of BlackBerry users have it enabled for extra security. The company's software can then analyze the encrypted media card and use a brute-force method to figure out a password. Elcomsoft said it can recover a seven-character password in less than an hour if the password is all lower-case or all capital letters. The software does not need access to the actual BlackBerry device but just the encrypted media card. The new feature is wrapped into Elcomsoft's Phone Password Breaker. The software can also recover plain-text passwords used to access encrypted backup files for Apple's iPhone, iPad, and iPod Touch devices. To crack those passwords, a user does need to have the Apple device in hand.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9220390/Russian_firm_unveils_tool_to_crack_BlackBerry_passwords

46. *September 29, Help Net Security* – (International) **25% of tested Google Chrome extensions allow data theft.** Twenty-seven out of 100 tested Google Chrome extensions have been found vulnerable to data (passwords, history, etc.) extraction attacks through specially crafted malicious Web sites or by attackers on public WiFi networks. A trio of security researchers manually analyzed 50 of the most popular Chrome extensions and added to that list 50 more chosen by random. "We looked for JavaScript injection vulnerabilities in the cores of the extensions (the background, popup, and options pages); script injection into a core allows the complete takeover of an extension," explained one of the researchers. To prove their claim, they performed proof-of-concept attacks devised to take advantage of the vulnerabilities. Over 25 percent of the tested extensions were found to be vulnerable, and among them are 7 that used by more than 300,000 users. However, 49 of the 51 vulnerabilities found can be patched by simply adapting the extensions to use one of two offered content security policies.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=11709>

47. *September 28, Computerworld* – (International) **Mozilla puts Firefox 7 on memory diet, patches 11 bugs.** Mozilla September 27 patched 11 vulnerabilities in the desktop edition of Firefox as it upgraded the browser to version 7. Ten of the vulnerabilities were rated "critical," the company's most serious threat rating; the sole exception was labeled "moderate." Because Mozilla now bundles virtually security patches almost exclusively with each version upgrade, users stuck on Firefox 6 or earlier must update to quash the bugs. Two of the critical vulnerabilities patched were in Firefox's implementation of WebGL, a 3-D rendering standard that Firefox and Google's Chrome comply with. One of the pair was reported to Mozilla by a researcher with Context Information Security, a company that has cited serious security issues with WebGL. The other was credited to a member of Google's security team. Firefox has received several patches specific to WebGL since Context recommended users and administrators disable the standard in Mozilla's browser and in Chrome. Mozilla also released Firefox 3.6.23 September 27, a security update that patched four vulnerabilities.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9220369/Mozilla_puts_Firefox_7_on_memory_diet_patches_11_bugs

48. *September 28, H Security* – (International) **Skype for iOS updates address XSS vulnerability.** Skype released updates to its popular VoIP app for Apple's iOS mobile operating system. While not officially documented in the list of changes, a spokesperson for the company confirmed to H Security that version 3.5.84 of Skype for iOS addresses a previously reported vulnerability that could allow an attacker to gain access to a victim's contact list using a cross-site scripting exploit.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Skype-for-iOS-updates-address-XSS-vulnerability-1350769.html>

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Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at sos@us-cert.gov or visit their Web site: <http://www.us-cert.gov>

Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <https://www.it-isac.org>

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Communications Sector

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Commercial Facilities Sector

49. *September 29, Huffington Post* – (California) **Fire at Haight And Fillmore streets displaces 31 residents.** A four-alarm fire that ripped through the apartments above a Walgreens in San Francisco late September 27 displaced 31 residents and caused \$2.15 million in damage, according to a department spokeswoman. It took firefighters nearly an hour and a half to contain the fire. While the flames were thought to have ignited in a third-floor apartment, its cause is still under investigation.
Source: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/09/29/fire-haight-fillmore_n_986529.html
50. *September 29, WCSC 5 Charleston* – (South Carolina) **Affidavit: Murder suspect admits to stabbing Walmart employee.** An 18-year-old man facing murder charges told police he stabbed a man multiple times outside a Walmart in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, WCSC 5 Charleston reported September 29, The Mount Pleasant Police Department charged him with the murder of 20-year-old Walmart employee the afternoon of September 28. Court documents indicate the suspect provided police with a written statement saying he had a physical altercation with the worker, which led to the stabbing outside a Walmart in the Oakland Market shopping center on US 17 North. Police said that after the stabbing, the employee staggered back into Walmart's lobby where he collapsed and later died. Police caught the suspect in the town of Awendaw shortly after the fight. Police closed the Walmart for several hours while they were investigating, but it reopened the night of September 28.
Source: <http://www.live5news.com/story/15571545/stabbing>
51. *September 28, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Bomb squad detonates grenade in area park.** Bomb squad officers detonated a grenade in a park in Beavercreek, Ohio, September 28 after a man discovered it packed with some of his mother's belongings. The man was helping his mother move when he discovered a grenade and mortar round packed in a box he was transporting for her. The man pulled into a parking lot and

called police. The Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Bomb Squad safely moved the explosive from the man's vehicle to Rotary Park and detonated it, Beavercreek police said.

Source: <http://www.whiotv.com/news/29333829/detail.html>

52. *September 28, KOTV 6 Tulsa* – (Oklahoma) **Bomb squad on scene of explosion near OKC church.** An explosion occurred outside of a Oklahoma City, Oklahoma restaurant and church September 28. It happened inside a dumpster behind Penn Avenue Church of the Nazarene, a church that ministers to the homeless and addicts. Patrons at the nearby Hungry Frogs Restaurant said the building shook from the impact. A bomb robot found evidence of an explosive device. Investigators are now trying to put the device back together to figure out exactly what type of bomb it was. The area was closed off for several hours while investigators gathered evidence.
Source: <http://www.newson6.com/story/15568095/explosion-rocks-metro-restaurant>
53. *September 28, St. Louis Riverfront Times* – (Illinois) **Bomb at Illinois Islamic Center turns out to be burned Qurans, hate propaganda.** A bomb scare inside a mosque north of Centralia, Illinois, September 27 is being investigated as a hate crime. Central Illinois' WJBD radio reports a church member found a box in the bushes outside the center and brought it inside thinking it was a donation for the food bank. Soon other church members grew suspicious and called authorities who, in turn, called in the bomb squad. Some 25 nearby residents were evacuated from the scene as the bomb squad used a water cannon to blast open the package. The package contained burned Qurans, anti-Islamic propaganda, and newspaper clippings.
Source:
http://blogs.riverfronttimes.com/dailyrft/2011/09/bomb_scare_at_illinois_islamic_center.php
54. *September 28, Associated Press* – (California) **White powder found in CBS mailroom in Los Angeles.** Los Angeles police determined a white powder found September 28 in a letter addressed to the "Dancing With the Stars" television show was harmless, authorities said. The suspicious white powder was found around 2 p.m. in a mail room at CBS Television City, a large studio complex, according to a spokesman for the Los Angeles Police Department. A hazardous materials team gathered the powder and tested it before declaring it harmless. White powder has repeatedly been discovered in the mail at CBS' Television City. A similarly harmless envelope of white powder was sent to the same TV show in November 2010, days before the finale. In August 2010, an envelope addressed to a late night host was packed with white powder and a threatening letter. That letter came from overseas, and the powder was also found to be harmless.
Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2011/09/28/3946236/white-powder-found-in-cbs-mailroom.html>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

55. *September 28, Lufkin Daily News* – (Texas) **Threat of wildfires to continue through end of year.** Above-average temperatures and below-average moisture levels that have contributed to one of the worst droughts in Texas history are expected to continue through the fall, meaning the threat of dangerous wildfires will continue through the end of the year, according to a recent wildfire risk assessment report. The Southern Area Fire Risk Assessment report predicts that drought conditions will linger from Texas eastward along the Gulf Coast with occasional rains, but that fires will continue, due to human ignitions and dry lightning, and occasionally become large, with winds or burn-out operations. The most likely scenario is the drier weather pattern continues between rain and precipitation events exceeding 10 days, along with moderately windy conditions, escalating fire behavior, the report said.
Source: http://lufkindailynews.com/news/local/article_5ca1d164-e982-11e0-bb38-001cc4c03286.html
56. *September 28, Associated Press* – (California) **100K plants seized from clandestine forest gardens.** Anti-drug agents September 28 seized more than 100,000 marijuana plants from clandestine gardens hidden in mountain forests near California's northern border. The Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office said the raid with U.S. Forest Service agents netted more than 31,000 plants. Authorities said three to four suspects appear to have fled the site a week earlier, leaving behind a large tent and food. The Siskiyou Daily News reported that earlier in September, raids of five gardens near Happy Camp pulled in more than 70,000 plants. Agents found abandoned tents and living areas at the sites. All the plants seized in the raids — possibly worth hundreds of millions of dollars on the street — were slated to be destroyed.
Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2011/09/28/3945679/100k-plants-seized-from-clandestine.html>
57. *September 28, KVUE 24 Austin* – (Texas) **Wildfire burns near Hamilton Pool; destroys part of movie set.** Firefighters in Texas made progress on a wildfire burning in Southwest Travis County along Hamilton Pool Road, KVUE 24 Austin reported September 28. The fire sparked during a lightning storm September 27 on private property near Reimer's Ranch Park. It is now considered 75 percent contained. The Texas Forest Service (TFS) said the wildfire burned through nearly 200 acres. It never reached any nearby homes, but it did burn through part of the movie set from the 2003 filming of "The Alamo." The TFS said flames destroyed between eight or nine buildings on the set. Investigators said it is possible a lightning strike is to blame. Crews are expected to look at the damage to determine the official cause September 28. The TFS is also planning to send out aircraft.
Source: <http://www.kvue.com/entertainment/Wildfire-burns-near-Hamilton-Pool-destroys-part-of-movie-set-130694333.html>

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58. *September 29, Southeast Missourian* – (Missouri) **Corps gets closer to finishing temporary fix at Birds Point levee.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is scheduled to complete interim repairs early October on one of three spots in Missouri's Birds Point-New Madrid Floodway levee that it blasted in May. The other breaches — made in a controversial move to alleviate massive spring flooding — are expected to be finished by November 30, Corps officials reported September 28. Crews began working June 16 to repair a total of nearly 15,000 feet of levee — 9,000 at the upper breach, 800 feet at the center, and 4,700 feet at the lower one, according to a project update document.
Source: <http://www.semissourian.com/story/1768234.html>
59. *September 28, Associated Press* – (Midwest) **Reduction in Missouri River flow ahead of schedule.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said recent dry weather along the Missouri River in Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, and Missouri reduced the amount of water flowing into the Missouri River and should allow it to hit its fall target of releasing 40,000 cfs on October 2. The Associated Press reported September 28 that the Corps gradually reduced the amount of water released from the six dams upstream since August 19. Throughout the summer, roughly 160,000 cubic feet of water per second was released from the dam near Yankton, South Dakota, creating flooding all along the lower Missouri River.
Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/article/Reduction-in-Missouri-River-flow-ahead-of-schedule-2192860.php>
60. *September 28, Agence France-Presse* – (International) **Brazil court orders halt to work on \$11 bln mega-dam.** A federal court in Brazil ordered a halt in construction at the controversial \$11 billion Belo Monte hydroelectric dam, saying it would disrupt fishing by local indigenous people, Agence France-Presse reported September 28. A Para state federal judge barred Norte Energia from "building a port, using explosives, installing dikes, building canals, and any other infrastructure work that would interfere with the natural flow of the Xingu River, thereby affecting local fish." The Belo Monte dam is portrayed by Brazil's government as a key piece of its plan to boost national energy production needed for one of the world's fastest-growing emerging economies. It would be the third biggest dam in the world, after China's Three Gorges construction and the Itaipu dam on the border of Brazil and Paraguay. The construction ban should be valid from the date that Norte Energia receives notification, likely the week of October 3, a federal justice spokesman said. If the company fails to comply, it would be fined about \$109,500 a day, officials said. Construction that does not affect local fishing, including home building, can continue, the judge also ruled. The company still may appeal the ruling.
Source:
<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5hoz175EyofcdcgxFwmweUWn fKaBA?docId=CNG.a74b73b5ae6d1ed2253441687f7eeda4.dc1>
61. *September 28, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Flood-ravaged Pa. communities get more rain.** The Wilkes-Barre Citizens Voice reported that some Harveys Lake residents were evacuated late September 28 after water topped the Twin Lakes Dam along Bowman's Creek in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. Roadways in Luzerne,

Lackawanna, and Wyoming counties were closed by rising waters September 27, and three of four flood gates along Solomon Creek in Wilkes-Barre were closed because of threats from flash flooding after nearly 2 inches of rain fell. More than a dozen people near Hazleton, which received 4.5 inches of rain September 27, were rescued overnight after the Nescopek Creek overflowed its banks — the same area flooded last month by Tropical Storm Irene. Schuylkill County officials said more than 20 homes were evacuated in Pine Grove when the Swatara Creek overflowed its banks. The flood-weary community received 5.1 inches of rain with more likely to come, the National Weather Service said.

Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/article/Flood-ravaged-Pa-communities-get-more-rain-2192400.php>

62. *September 27, Maine Center for Public Interest Reporting* – (Maine) **Inspecting dams as required by law is nearly impossible, Maine official says.** The director of the Maine Emergency Management Agency, responsible for the safety of about 100 potentially hazardous dams, admitted to a legislative committee September 26 the dams are not being inspected when the law says they should be, the Maine Center for Public Interest Reporting (MCPIR) reported September 27. However, he also said he was confident in the assurance he got from the chief dam inspector that none of the dams pose a danger. The director was responding to an investigative news story by the MCPIR in August that revealed the state had records of on-time inspections of only 10 percent of the 93 dams in the state classified as high or significant hazard. The story, he said, “might leave the reader somewhat concerned, but that is not the case,” he said, because the state dam inspector keeps in touch with dam owners and visits the dams on a regular basis. But the inspector does not do the legally required engineering inspections when he makes those visits.

Source: <http://bangordailynews.com/2011/09/26/politics/inspecting-dams-as-required-by-law-is-nearly-impossible-state-official-says/>

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