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Energy Sector

1. *July 10, United Press International* – (Louisiana) **Work started to seal leaking U.S. gas well.** A natural gas well off the coast of Louisiana was expected to be shut within 24 hours after the Talos Energy-owned Ship Shoal 225 B-2 well was reportedly leaking. Roughly six barrels worth of hydrocarbons were released when it lost control of the well and released a 4 mile wide by three quarters of a mile long sheen into the ocean.
Source: http://www.upi.com/Business_News/Energy-Resources/2013/07/10/Work-started-to-seal-leaking-US-gas-well/UPI-12241373459492/
2. *July 10, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* – (Pennsylvania) **FirstEnergy closing two W.Pa. coal-fired plants.** FirstEnergy announced the closure of two additional coal-fired power plants in southwest Pennsylvania July 9 as part of a series of plant closings that will shut down a total of 10 coal-fired plants within 18 months. The company stated it was too costly to bring their coal-fired plants in compliance with tougher laws by upgrading to meet new federal mercury and toxic air pollution standards.
Source: <http://triblive.com/business/headlines/4331674-74/plants-company-coal#axzz2Ya0a2kLY>
3. *July 9, KAKE 10 Wichita* – (Kansas) **Man, son-in-law die in Kansas oilfield accident.** Two men died in an accident at a Kansas saltwater disposal lease site July 8. Authorities are investigating the incident but believe the men were overcome by hydrogen sulfide gas while they were working on a leaky valve of a saltwater disposal system in an underground cellar.
Source: <http://www.kake.com/news/headlines/Oilfield-Work-Leads-To-Two-Deaths-In-Claflin-214712061.html>

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Chemical Industry Sector

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

4. *July 9, Grand Haven Tribune* – (Michigan) **Explosion, fire at GH factory.** A transformer explosion and fire at the Engine Power Components facility in Grand

Haven July 9 caused an evacuation. The plant manager said the facility would likely be closed for several days due to a loss of power.

Source: <http://www.grandhaventribune.com/article/policefire/561771>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Financial Services Sector

5. *July 10, Philadelphia Inquirer* – (National) **N.J. man pleads guilty in \$41.2 million Ponzi scheme.** The head of Carr Miller Capital based in Marlton, New Jersey, pleaded guilty to running a Ponzi scheme that stole \$41.2 million from investors in several States.

Source:

http://www.philly.com/philly/news/local/20130710_N_J_man_pleads_guilty_in_41_2_million_Ponzi_scheme.html

6. *July 9, Shoreline-LakeForestPark Patch* – (California) **California rapper pleads guilty in credit-card fraud that targeted Shoreline business.** A California man pleaded guilty to participating in a credit card fraud scheme where he purchased over 27,000 stolen credit card numbers between January 2011 and February 2012.

Source: <http://shoreline.patch.com/groups/police-and-fire/p/california-rapper-pleads-guilty-in-creditcard-fraud-that-targeted-shoreline-business>

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Transportation Systems Sector

7. *July 10, KNBC 4 Los Angeles* – (California) **60 Freeway closes after 3 big rigs collide, 1 catches fire.** A stretch of 60 Freeway eastbound in Ontario, California, was closed for several hours July 10 after two separate crashes, one of which caused crews to clean up 80,000 gallons of spilled fuel.

Source: <http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/3-Big-Rigs-Collide-Catch-Fire-Closes-60-Freeway-214876881.html>

8. *July 9, Associated Press* – (New York) **NYPD to study gas dispersal in New York City subways.** The New York Police Department and Long Island's Brookhaven National Laboratory began a three day study to research how chemical weapons could be dispersed through the New York City subway system by dispersing low level concentrations of harmless gases at several subway and street-level locations in Manhattan for 30 minutes each morning.

Source: http://abclocal.go.com/wabc/story?section=news/local/new_york&id=9166582

9. *July 9, Lake Elsinore-Wildomar Patch*— (California) **215 Freeway reopens following crash.** All lanes of Interstate 215 southbound in Perris were closed for nearly 10 hours after a big rig struck and damaged a bridge July 9.
Source: <http://lakeelsinore-wildomar.patch.com/groups/police-and-fire/p/215-freeway-closed-for-24-hours-following-crash>
10. *July 9, WNEM 5 Bay City* – (Michigan) **Fake FedEx driver arrested by police.** The Tuscola County Sheriff's Department arrested a suspect July 8 wearing a FedEx uniform that he took from a FedEx truck he had stolen and used to burglarize a business.
Source: http://www.wnem.com/story/22795290/fake-fedex-driver-arrested-by-police?hpt=ju_bn5
11. *July 9, Softpedia* – (National) **FAA's Civil Aviation Registry vulnerable to hackers, report finds.** The Office of the Inspector General for the U.S. Department of Transportation issued a report that states the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has not implemented needed security controls to make sure the systems of the Civil Aviation Registry cannot be breached. The reported stated the FAA was not in compliance with policies for PII encryption and account access controls.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/FAA-s-Civil-Aviation-Registry-Vulnerable-to-Hackers-Report-Finds-366697.shtml>
12. *July 9, KOMO 4 Seattle* – (Washington) **1 injured, 1 arrested after Highway 509 racing crash.** Highway 509 in south Seattle was blocked for 5 hours following an incident in which two vehicles were racing when one vehicle losing control and crashed leaving one driver injured.
Source: <http://www.komonews.com/news/local/1-injured-1-arrested-after-Highway-509-racing-crash-214741481.html>
13. *July 9, KCOY 12 Santa Maria* – (California) **Fatal accident on Highway 101 in Santa Barbara leaves one dead.** One person died and another was injured in a fatal accident in which a flatbed truck towing a trailer collided with a vehicle closed Highway 101 southbound at Dos Pueblos Canyon in Santa Barbara July 9.
Source: <http://www.kcoy.com/story/22795091/chp-on-scene-of-fatal-accident-on-highway-101-in-santa-barbara>
14. *July 9, WATE 6 Knoxville* – (Tennessee) **Tractor trailer crash creates rush hour snarl on Alcoa Highway.** A wreck involving an overturned tractor-trailer and several cars closed both southbound lanes of Alcoa Highway in Knoxville for over 2 hours July 9.
Source: <http://www.wate.com/story/22790873/alcoa-highway-shut-down-due-to-tractor-trailer-crash>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

15. *July 10, San Francisco Examiner* – (California) **Tainted meatballs found in more S.F. neighborhoods.** Authorities are attempting to identify suspects in connection with hundreds of poisoned meatballs that were discarded along city streets in San Francisco in an apparent attempt to sicken dogs.
Source: <http://www.sfexaminer.com/sanfrancisco/tainted-meatballs-found-in-more-sf-neighborhoods/Content?oid=2505302>
16. *July 10, Food Safety News* – (Nebraska; Iowa) **Cyclospora outbreak sickens 26 in Nebraska and Iowa.** Around 26 people in Nebraska and Iowa have recently fallen ill with infections of the parasite Cyclospora. Health officials are investigating the source of the disease, which is contracted through contaminated food or water.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/07/cyclospora-outbreak-sickens-26-in-nebraska-and-iowa/#>
17. *July 9, Food Safety News* – (National) **Pomegranate seeds in frozen berry mix have infected 143 with hepatitis A.** Three more illnesses were reported July 9 in the multistate hepatitis A outbreak linked to pomegranate seeds from Turkey, bringing the case count up to 143.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/07/pomegranate-seeds-in-frozen-berry-mix-have-infected-143-with-hepatitis-a/#>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

18. *July 10, Associated Press* – (Minnesota) **Water main breaks near Target Center.** City officials estimate the 16-inch water main pipe break July 9 near the Target Center in downtown Minneapolis spilled 90,000 gallons in the second major water main break in the city for 2013. The break and spill caused a sinkhole and prompted traffic detours in the area.
Source: <http://www.dglobe.com/event/apArticle/id/DA7EAKC81/>
19. *July 10, Associated Press* – (Rhode Island) **Burrillville lake beach to reopen.** Water sample test results from Spring Lake Beach in Burrillville showed no continuing problems, allowing authorities to reopen the beach nearly a week after 92 people were sickened by bacteria spread through water contaminated with human feces.
Source: <http://www.boston.com/news/local/rhode-island/2013/07/10/burrillville-lake-beach-reopen/OilqtAbrY89d6OvjNqCd2O/story.html>
20. *July 10, Sarasota Herald-Tribune* – (Florida) **Clark Road partially reopens in Sarasota.** July 9 construction crews struck and ruptured a 12-inch reclaimed water line which caused a sinkhole and caused traffic delays in the eastbound lanes of Clark Road in Sarasota County.
Source: <http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20130709/BREAKING/130709650/-1/news?Title=UPDATE-Clark-Road-closed-eastbound>

21. *July 9, Oregonian* – (Oregon) **Fanno spill releases 500 gallons of sewage in southwest Portland neighborhood.** Ongoing Fanno Creek sewage line problems were reportedly the cause of a July 8 500-gallon sewage spill from a manhole cover in Portland which occurred while the pressure sewer was being refilled. Portland Environmental Services workers disinfected the area with lime while Clean Water Service crews worked July 8-9 to remove the sewage, re-grade the road, and repair erosion damage.
Source: http://www.oregonlive.com/washingtoncounty/index.ssf/2013/07/fanno_spill_releases_500_gallo.html
22. *July 9, KTVI 2 St. Louis* – (Missouri) **Sewage spills into Deer Creek.** The St. Louis Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) asked people to stay away from Deer Creek for 48 to 72 hours near the area where approximately 8,000 gallons of sewage spilled July 8, impacting some 1,900 feet of the creek's bank, after a 12-inch sanitary sewer main became blocked by debris. Workers brought in pumps and set up a dam to contain the sewage but not before the spill killed an unknown number of fish.
Source: <http://fox2now.com/2013/07/09/sewage-spills-into-deer-creek/>
23. *July 9, Bergen Record* – (New Jersey) **\$800M sought for upgrades to Passaic Valley wastewater plant.** The Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission is seeking \$800 million in federal grants to make repairs and improvements to its plant following the damage done by Superstorm Sandy and millions of gallons of raw sewage which leaked into the Passaic River. Desired repairs include moving crucial equipment to higher ground, building its own power generation plant, and building a flood wall around the 140 acre Newark campus' perimeter.
Source: http://www.northjersey.com/news/214706871_800M_sought_for_upgrades_to_Passaic_Valley_wastewater_plant_800M_for_upgrades.html?page=all

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

24. *July 9, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Former abortion doc pleads guilty in pill mill case.** A former Philadelphia doctor pleaded guilty July 9 to selling painkiller prescriptions from his street-corner medical clinic. He sold more than a half-million Oxycodone tablets and over 800,000 Xanax pills often through monthly refills.
Source: <http://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/local/Former-Abortion-Doc-Pleads-Guilty-in-Pill-Mill-Case-214799071.html>

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Government Facilities Sector

25. *July 10, WITI 6 Milwaukee* – (Wisconsin) **Safety building reopens following fire, courthouse to remain closed.** The Milwaukee County Safety Building reopened July 10 after an electrical fire in the basement over the weekend of July 6 forced the building's closure. The county courthouse remained on schedule to reopen by July 15.
Source: <http://fox6now.com/2013/07/10/milwaukee-co-safety-building-reopens-following-electrical-fire/>
26. *July 9, Akron Beacon Journal* – (Ohio) **Wadsworth High School and YMCA evacuated after chemical spill.** Students and staff were evacuated and classes were cancelled July 9 at Wadsworth High School after an apparent chlorine spill during a delivery. Wadsworth YMCA was also ordered to evacuate.
Source: <http://www.ohio.com/news/wadsworth-high-school-and-ymca-evacuated-after-chemical-spill-1.411862>
27. *July 9, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner* – (Alaska) **Official: Weather aids crews on Stuart Creek wildfire, but threat remains.** Firefighters reached 15 percent containment July 9 of Alaska's Stuart Creek 2 Fire after it burned 82,274 acres and kept an evacuation watch in effect from 16 mile to 32 mile near Fairbanks.
Source: http://www.newsminer.com/news/local_news/official-weather-aids-crews-on-stuart-creek-wildfire-but-threat/article_da832042-e8d1-11e2-8365-001a4bcf6878.html
28. *July 9, KGTV 10 San Diego* – (California) **Crews battle Chariot Fire for fourth consecutive day: Thousands of acres burned in Mount Laguna area.** Crews reached 40 percent containment of California's Chariot Fire that burned 7,055 acres by July 9. Damage inspection teams were out July 10 to inspect the 120 structures that were destroyed.
Source: <http://www.10news.com/news/crews-battle-chariot-fire-for-fourth-consecutive-day-thousands-of-acres-burned-in-mount-laguna-area-cal-fire-070813>
29. *July 9, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Arson fire killed Saddleback College student, officials say.** Officials determined a July 8 fire at Saddleback College in Orange County that killed one student was intentionally set and fueled by a liquid accelerant. Investigators were still determining who started the fire.
Source: <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-saddleback-college-fire-20130709,0,4639319.story>
30. *July 9, Reuters* – (New Jersey) **NJ woman charged with mailing threats to high court.** A New Jersey woman was charged July 9 after sending over 50 threatening letters to the U.S. Supreme Court and several other national and local targets including former U.S. presidents and legislatures from May 4 to June 21.
Source: <http://news.msn.com/crime-justice/nj-woman-charged-with-mailing-threats-to-high-court>

Emergency Services Sector

31. *July 9, CNN* – (Florida) **Miami police exhibited pattern of excessive force, Justice Dept. says.** The U.S. Department of Justice released a report July 9 after conducting an investigation into the Miami Police Department concluding the department engaged in excessive use of force in officer-involved shootings. The Justice Department found that officers intentionally shot at people on 33 separate occasions from 2008 through 2011 and did not conduct timely investigations into the shootings.
Source: http://www.cnn.com/2013/07/09/us/miami-police-force/index.html?hpt=ju_c2
32. *July 8, Associated Press; Spokane Spokesman-Review* – (Washington) **Pend Oreille County, Wash., sheriff: 10 inmates blamed in weekend jail dust-up.** Ten inmates from a Pend Oreille County, Washington jail face additional charges after a July 7 riot where a corrections officer was assaulted by an inmate while two jail cells were flooded and two inmate-on-inmate fights took place before officers regained control.
Source:
<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/b541acac7e12463fac0db5fa9328779c/WA--Jail-Disturbance>

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Information Technology Sector

33. *July 10, SC Magazine* – (International) **Microsoft fixes Internet Explorer, .Net Framework, and Silverlight with seven patches.** Microsoft's July 2013 Patch Tuesday release addressed 34 vulnerabilities in Windows, .Net Framework, Internet Explorer, Silverlight, GDI+, and Windows Defender.
Source: <http://www.scmagazineuk.com/microsoft-fixes-internet-explorer-net-framework-and-silverlight-with-seven-patches/article/302398/>
34. *July 10, Softpedia* – (International) **One critical, four high-risk vulnerabilities fixed in Chrome 28.** Google released Chrome 28 for multiple platforms, addressing one critical use-after-free vulnerability and four high-risk vulnerabilities.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/One-Critical-Four-High-Risk-Vulnerabilities-Fixed-in-Chrome-28-366862.shtml>
35. *July 10, IDG News Service* – (International) **Konami follows Nintendo as victim of illicit login attacks in Japan.** Konami reported successful illicit login attempts to 35,252 Konami ID accounts, which contain users' names and contact information.
Source:
https://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9240682/Konami_follows_Nintendo_as_victim_of_illicit_login_attacks_in_Japan
36. *July 9, Threatpost* – (International) **Adobe's July patch release fixes bugs in Flash, Shockwave, Coldfusion.** Adobe released a monthly round of security

updates for Flash, ColdFusion, and Shockwave, closing remotely exploitable vulnerabilities in each.

Source: <https://threatpost.com/adobes-july-patch-release-fixes-bugs-in-flash-shockwave-coldfusion>

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Communications Sector

37. *July 9, Associated Press* – (South Dakota) **Verizon restores cell service for 2 Black Hills communities.** Verizon reported July 5 that it completed the installation of a tower to provide cellular coverage to customers in the towns of Hisega and Johnson Siding, ending 2 weeks without regular service after a contract on an AT&T tower ended.

Source: <http://www.mitchellrepublic.com/event/article/id/81474/group/homepage/>

38. *July 9, Great Falls Tribune* – (Montana) **Lightning strike knocks KXGF 1400 AM off air.** The general manager of STARadio, operator of KXGF 1400 AM, reported it expected to have the radio station back on line after its 300-foot radio transmitter tower received a direct hit from a lightning strike July 8. The station was expected to be back on the air July 10.

Source:

<http://www.greatfalls Tribune.com/article/20130709/BUSINESS/307090019/Lightning-strike-knocks-KXGF-1400-AM-off-air>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

39. *July 10, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **One injured in fire at Denver pet grooming shop.** A fire at the southeast Denver pet grooming shop, Bill's Clips and Collars, left one injured and killed two animals July 9. The cause remains under investigation.

Source: http://www.denverpost.com/breakingnews/ci_23630821/one-injured-fire-at-denver-pet-grooming-shop

40. *July 10, Associated Press* – (Indiana) **Apartment fire kills resident of E. Ind. apartment complex, injures 2 firefighters.** A July 9 fire at the Turtle Creek Apartments in Connersville injured two firefighters and killed one resident.

Source:

<http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/view/story/78199a05712f462ba79eb81b5e52a20d/I>

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41. *July 10, Philadelphia Courier Times* – (Pennsylvania) **Man injured, four apartments damaged in Horsham fire.** Four units at the Maple Hill Apartments in Horsham were rendered uninhabitable after a July 9 cooking fire which also injured a resident.
Source: http://www.phillyburbs.com/my_town/willow_grove/woman-injured-four-apartments-damaged-in-horsham-fire/article_e35f78a9-5428-5891-8c0b-ceal621819db.html
42. *July 10, Associated Press* – (Rhode Island) **Providence apartment fire displaces 13 people.** A second July 2013 fire in a Providence apartment building displaced 13 and was under investigation.
Source: <http://www.boston.com/news/local/rhode-island/2013/07/10/providence-apartment-fire-displaces-people/grNsAcJ3XzrXeGdt0xGLEn/story.html>
43. *July 8, Athens Patch* – (Georgia) **One murdered, another seriously injured at Tivoli Apartments.** The Athens-Clarke County Police Department and other State agencies are investigating a July 8 shooting at Tivoli Apartments that left one man dead and another wounded.
Source: <http://athens.patch.com/groups/editors-picks/p/one-murdered-another-seriously-injured-at-tivoli-apartments>

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