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Energy Sector

1. *July 26, KJRH 2 Tulsa* – (Oklahoma) **PSO officials say power crews will work through rain to restore outages for thousands in Tulsa Co.** Public Service Company of Oklahoma crews continued work July 26 to restore service to the remaining 22,000 customers after severe storms knocked out power. Electricity was expected to be restored by July 27.
Source: http://www.kjrh.com/dpp/news/local_news/psa-officials-say-power-crews-will-work-through-rain-to-restore-outages-for-thousands-in-tulsa-co
2. *July 25, New Hampshire Union Leader* – (New Hampshire) **Copper stolen in rash of thefts at nine PSNH substations.** Police are searching for copper thieves responsible for stripping sections of wiring from 9 Public Service Company of New Hampshire substations since July 16, causing thousands of dollars in damage to the facilities.
Source: <http://www.unionleader.com/article/20130725/NEWS03/130729438>
3. *July 25, IDG News Service* – (National) **Oil, gas field sensors vulnerable to attack via radio waves.** Researchers from IOActive found a host of vulnerabilities in sensors used in the energy industry to monitor industrial processes and also found the sensors were susceptible to attack from 40 miles away using radio transmitters. Fixing the sensors would require firmware updates and configuration changes.
Source:
https://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9241109/Oil_gas_field_sensors_vulnerable_to_attack_via_radio_waves
4. *July 25, Associated Press* – (International) **Halliburton pleads guilty to destroying evidence.** The U.S. Department of Justice announced July 25 that Halliburton Energy Services agreed to plead guilty to destroying evidence in connection with the 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill that killed 11 workers and spilled millions of gallons of oil into the Gulf. The company agreed to pay the maximum fine, be on probation for 3 years, and continue to cooperate with the government's criminal investigation.
Source: <http://news.msn.com/crime-justice/halliburton-pleads-guilty-to-destroying-evidence>
5. *July 25, Associated Press* – (International) **Fire out at natural gas well off Louisiana coast.** Undersea sands and sediment blocked a natural gas well that blew out of control in the Gulf of Mexico July 23, and helped put out the fire July 25. The well still has to be secured to ensure it does not start leaking again.
Source:
<http://www.montgomeryadvertiser.com/viewart/20130725/NEWS/130725014/Fire-out-natural-gas-well-off-Louisiana-coast->
6. *July 25, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Arkansas) **Arkansas refinery cited for willful and repeat violations after follow-up OSHA inspection found workers exposed to hazards.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Martin Operating Partnership LP with 5 safety and health

violations and a proposed penalty of \$126,900 when several deficiencies were discovered in the employer's process safety management program, among other workplace hazards, after an inspection at their Smackover refinery in Arkansas.

Source:

https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=24441

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Chemical Industry Sector

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

7. *July 26, Associated Press* – (Vermont) **Vermont Yankee: High radiation readings were false alarms.** The operators of the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant in Vernon reported to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission that it had twice detected high radiation levels on the plant's refueling floor, readings that were later found to be false. The problem was addressed when operators replaced four radiation detectors.

Source: <http://digital.vpr.net/post/vermont-yankee-high-radiation-readings-were-false-alarms>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

Nothing to report

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Financial Services Sector

8. *July 25, Associated Press* – (New York; New Jersey) **NYC man pleads guilty to securities fraud in NJ.** A Russian national living in New York City pleaded guilty to his role in a securities fraud ring that broke into trading accounts at several brokerage firms and made unauthorized trades that benefited the ring, stealing about \$1 million.

Source: <http://online.wsj.com/article/AP87192da5c69c4937bbbd234175da43da.html>

9. *July 25, Threatpost* – (International) **Microsoft: 88 percent of Citadel botnets down.** Microsoft reported that 88 percent of botnets created by the Citadel banking trojan have been taken down following operations to disrupt them in June.
Source: <https://threatpost.com/microsoft-88-percent-of-citadel-botnets-down/101503>

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Transportation Systems Sector

10. *July 26, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* – (New Jersey) **Passenger plane headed to Pittsburgh fills with smoke, returns to Newark.** Republic Airlines flight 4890 returned to land at Newark International Airport shortly after takeoff July 25 when its cabin filled with smoke.
Source: <http://triblive.com/news/adminpage/4421316-74/plane-harrison-passengers#axzz2aAVbpRd2>
11. *July 26, WTAJ 10 Altoona* – (Pennsylvania) **Part of highway closed after tractor trailer catches fire.** One westbound lane of Interstate 70 near Breezewood in Fulton County remained closed July 26 after a tractor trailer caught fire after pulling over July 25.
Source: http://wearecentralpa.com/fulltext-news?nxd_id=483452
12. *July 25, Seattle Times* – (National) **FAA directs airlines to inspect device that caused 787 fire.** The Federal Aviation Administration ordered airlines operating the Boeing 787 Dreamliner to remove or inspect the emergency locator transmitter on their aircraft following a fire on an Ethiopian Airlines 787 parked at London's Heathrow Airport.
Source: http://seattletimes.com/html/businesstechnology/2021470098_787adxml.html
13. *July 25, KCPQ 13 Tacoma* – (Washington) **Highway 97 closed near 2,000-acre wildfire at Satus Pass.** U.S. Route 97 closed indefinitely in both directions July 25 near the Satus Pass between Goldendale and Toppenish due to a 2,000-acre wildfire burning nearby.
Source: <http://q13fox.com/2013/07/25/us-97-closed-near-1200-acre-wildfire>
14. *July 25, Sacramento Bee* – (California; Nevada) **Westbound I-80 reopens near Nevada state line after mudslide.** A mudslide closed westbound Interstate 80 near the State line between California and Nevada for about 6 hours July 25.
Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2013/07/25/5597122/mudslides-close-westbound-i-80.html>
15. *July 25, Southampton Patch* – (New York) **Woman dies in County Road 39 accident; lane reopens.** A woman was killed in a fatal accident that closed County Road 39 in Southampton for about 5 hours July 25, causing traffic backups and delays.
Source: <http://southampton.patch.com/groups/police-and-fire/p/county-road-39-closed-as-cops-investigate-jitney-accident>

Food and Agriculture Sector

16. *July 25, Associated Press* – (Illinois) **Dozens of teen workers sprayed with fungicide.** About 70 teenagers were sent to an Illinois hospital for treatment and decontamination after they were accidentally sprayed with fungicide while working in a corn field near Pesotum July 25. The teenagers were detasseling corn when the chemical drifted over them from an airplane that was crop dusting an adjacent field.
Source: <http://news.msn.com/us/dozens-of-teen-workers-sprayed-with-fungicide>
17. *July 25, Food Safety News* – (National) **Cases in Cyclospora outbreak rise to 285.** The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported July 25 at least 285 people have become ill in the Cyclospora outbreak predominantly affecting the Midwest. Authorities have not determined a source but believe one of several fresh vegetables is the cause.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/07/cases-in-cyclospora-outbreak-rise-to-285/>
18. *July 25, Food Safety News* – (National) **153 now ill in hepatitis A outbreak.** The hepatitis A outbreak linked to Townsend Farms Organic Antioxidant frozen berry mix has sickened at least 153 people in 9 western States. The contaminated pomegranate seeds imported from Turkey were sold at Costco stores.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/07/153-now-ill-in-hepatitis-a-outbreak/>
19. *July 25, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Arkansas) **Arkansas poultry processor cited for violations by US Department of Labor's OSHA for exposing workers to chemical hazards.** The Pilgrim's Pride Corp.-owned De Queen poultry processing plant in Little Rock was cited by the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration with 11 safety violations and proposed penalties totaling \$170,000 after discovering the company was exposing workers to hazardous chemicals.
Source:
https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=24432
20. *July 25, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Wisconsin) **OSHA fines Echo Lake Foods \$150,000 after 27 safety violations found at Burlington and Franksville, Wis., frozen food production plants.** A U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health inspection of Echo Lake Foods Inc.'s Burlington and Franksville frozen food production plants prompted the agency to cite the company with 27 safety violations carrying fines of \$150,000 after the agency discovered multiple safety management and other safety hazards at the plants.
Source:
https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=24438

Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

21. *July 26, Sacramento Bee* – (California) **Water restrictions lifted after N. Natomas repair.** City officials lifted water restrictions for the city of North Natomas after repairs were completed to a water main in a drainage canal levee which ruptured July 22.
Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2013/07/26/5597787/water-restrictions-lifted-after.html>
22. *July 25, WCTV 2 Tallahassee* – (Georgia) **Nearly eight million gallons of raw sewage... straight into area river.** The City of Valdosta reported that since the beginning of 2013, nearly 20 million gallons of raw sewage has spilled and entered into the Withlacoochee River, including a July 25 spill from the Withlacoochee Wastewater Treatment Plant. Despite a \$20 million plan to relocate the plant by August 2015, a temporary solution is being researched in the repurposing of some tanks to provide temporary storage.
Source: <http://www.wctv.tv/news/georgianews/headlines/8-Million-Gallon-Spill-At-Withlacoochee-Wastewater-Treatment-Plant-216916961.html>
23. *July 25, Tullahoma News* – (Tennessee) **Damage set at \$30k as wastewater plant hit by lightning.** A July 21 lightning strike to the Tullahoma Utilities Board wastewater treatment plant did not interrupt services but did cause \$30,000 in damages and will cost even more to repair. The strike directly affected electronic meters like flow meters and pump motors.
Source: <http://www.tullahomanews.com/?p=16942>
24. *July 25, Hillsboro Tribune* – (Oregon) **Water main leak complicates Air Show, Fair traffic.** The Washington County Joint Water Commission worked to repair a leak discovered July 23 in a 66-inch water transmission line, prompting the closure of multiple lanes of Evergreen Road in each direction. A 15 million gallon reservoir was filled as an additional back-up supply for the Hillsboro area to prevent a loss in service to customers.
Source: <http://www.pamplinmedia.com/ht/117-hillsboro-tribune-news/157671-water-main-leak-complicates-air-show-fair-traffic>
25. *July 25, Port City Daily* – (North Carolina) **Sewer spill totaling 1,000 gallons reported off River Road.** The Cape Fear Public Utility Authority responded July 24 to a 1,000 gallon wastewater overflow into nearby surface waters after a private telecommunications crew conducting a fiberoptic cable installation struck a 10-inch pressurized force main near Wilmington. Preliminary water quality monitoring in the area water showed minimal impact and was continued to be monitored by the Cape Fear Public Utility Authority.
Source: <http://portcitydaily.com/2013/07/25/sewer-spill-totaling-1000-gallons-reported-off-river-road/>
26. *July 24, WHAM 13 Rochester* – (New York) **Downtown water main break floods State Street.** Rochester crews worked to repair a July 24 20-inch water line break which spilled hundreds of thousands of gallons of water onto State Street, prompting

road closures and an immediate response by repair crews.

Source: <http://www.13wham.com/news/features/featured/stories/downtown-water-main-break-floods-state-street-432.shtml>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

27. *July 26, Columbus Dispatch* – (Ohio) **Legionnaires' outbreak claims 2 more lives.** Wesley Ridge Retirement Community in Reynoldsburg superheated their water systems July 25 for the second time after two more patients died from Legionnaires' disease, bringing the total deaths to 4 and those sickened to 35. Preliminary results from testing showed the bacteria in more than one location at the facility, but health officials are still investigating the cause of the illness.

Source: <http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2013/07/24/Two-more-deaths-blamed-on-Legionnaires-outbreak.html>

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Government Facilities Sector

28. *July 26, CNN* – (Washington, D.C.) **Vandals splatter Lincoln Memorial with green paint.** Park officials closed the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. July 26 for cleanup after vandals splashed green paint on the base of the statue.

Source: http://www.cnn.com/2013/07/26/politics/lincoln-memorial-vandalized/index.html?hpt=hp_t2

29. *July 25, Associated Press* – (California) **Stanford University computer system apparently hacked.** Stanford University officials are investigating the source and impact of an apparent information technology breach and asked their email and computer network users to change their passwords July 24. The attack appeared to be similar to recent cyberattacks on other organizations.

Source: <http://www.nbcbayarea.com/news/tech/Stanford-Computer-System-Apparently-Hacked-Students-Faculty-Told-to-Change-Passwords-216927021.html>

30. *July 25, KFOR 4 Oklahoma City* – (Oklahoma) **Testing company to pay \$1M settlement for OKC school exam outage.** CTB/McGraw-Hill reached a settlement with the Oklahoma State Education Department to pay \$1.23 million after an April incident when students struggled to take exams after the company's testing site was down for days due to server problems.

Source: <http://kfor.com/2013/07/25/testing-company-agrees-to-1-2-million-settlement-for-exam-outage/>

31. *July 25, Associated Press* – (Rhode Island) **Scarborough, 2 more beaches closed.** High bacteria counts in water samples prompted the closure of 3 additional beaches in Rhode Island by State health officials. Scarborough State Beach, Goddard and Memorial State Park in Warwick, and Peabody's Beach in Middletown were closed to

swimming until bacterial counts drop to safe levels.

Source: http://www.wpri.com/dpp/news/local_news/providence/3-rhode-island-beaches-closed-to-swimming-scarborough

32. *July 25, KTVB 7 Boise* – (Idaho) **Wildfires currently burning in Idaho.** Firefighters in central and southern Idaho are battling roughly 10 wildfires covering over 35,000 acres, prompting road and trail closures. Dry conditions and hot temperatures have helped the fires grow rapidly.
Source: <http://www.ktvb.com/news/slideshows/Wildfires-currently-burning-in-Idaho-216974841.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

33. *July 25, Robertson County Times* – (Tennessee) **Greenbrier Police car burglarized, assault rifle stolen in Goodlettsville.** Police arrested a suspect in connection to a string of break-ins targeting police cars in several Tennessee counties after an AR-15 assault rifle was stolen July 22 from a Greenbrier Police cruiser in Goodlettsville. Along with multiple weapons, ammunition and additional law enforcement equipment were taken in the burglaries.
Source: <http://www.tennessean.com/article/20130725/ROBERTSON01/130725027/1997/ROBERTSON>
34. *July 25, KNTV 11 San Jose* – (California) **Emergency systems break down in two Bay Area counties.** In a 24-hour span, two Bay Area counties experienced disruptions in their emergency systems, including Contra Costa County's system that sent out a countywide evacuation alert after a gas leak that was only supposed to reach a three-square block area July 24. In San Mateo County, the backup emergency line went down, forcing 9-1-1 calls to be rerouted through multiple locations while repairs were made to the system.
Source: <http://www.nbcbayarea.com/news/local/Emergency-Systems-Break-Down-in-Two-Bay-Area-Counties-217034861.html>

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Information Technology Sector

35. *July 26, Help Net Security* – (International) **Record malware growth in China, Ukraine, and Saudi Arabia.** A midyear report by NQ Mobile found that 51,000 new mobile malware threats were identified in the first half of 2013, and that infections in China, Ukraine, and Saudi Arabia increased greatly, among other findings.
Source: https://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2546

36. *July 25, Help Net Security* – (International) **TOR-based botnets on the rise.** Researchers at ESET found and analyzed two botnets with their command and control (C&C) centers hidden in The Onion Router (TOR) network to avoid detection. The researchers noted that TOR-based botnet C&C is becoming more common.
Source: https://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2545

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Internet Alert Dashboard

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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

37. *July 25, Albany Times Union* – (New York) **Time Warner struggles to fix cable outages.** Time Warner customers from the Capital Region up to Albany experienced Internet, phone, and cable TV service outages June 25 for more than 17 hours with no estimated time reported for restoration of services or the cause of the outages.
Source: <http://www.timesunion.com/business/article/Time-Warner-struggles-to-fix-cable-outages-4687376.php>
38. *July 24, Buffalo News* – (Maryland; Pennsylvania; Virginia) **‘Software issue’ caused cellphone outages for some Sprint customers in Md., Pa., Va.** An unknown number of Sprint customers in Maryland, central Pennsylvania, and Virginia lost cellular services for 90 minutes July 24 due to an unspecified software issue.
Source: http://articles.herald-mail.com/2013-07-24/news/40778205_1_cellphone-service-sprint-customers-service-outage

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Commercial Facilities Sector

39. *July 26, WISH 8 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **Fireworks may have caused apartment fire.** Officials reported a July 26 fire displaced 43 residents and destroyed 16 apartment units at the Woodbridge Apartments in Indianapolis. Indianapolis Fire Department investigators were looking into whether fireworks landing on an apartment balcony were the cause of the fire.
Source: http://www.wishtv.com/dpp/news/local/marion_county/man-saves-residents-from-apartment-fire
40. *July 26, WSBTV 2 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **23 families displaced by Marietta apartment fire.** The Marquis Place Apartments complex in Marietta was condemned July 26 after

a July 25 fire forced more than 70 people to evacuate the apartment building. Investigators from the Marietta Fire Department were looking into the blaze that destroyed 15 apartment units and shut power to eight others, and believed the fire started in an attic.

Source: <http://www.wsbtv.com/news/news/local/23-families-displaced-marietta-apartment-fire/nY4zn/>

41. *July 26, WGCL 46 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **DeKalb County 11-year-old saves baby in apartment fire.** A grease fire inside a DeKalb County apartment complex forced 14 people out of their homes July 25 and prompted the hospitalization of 8 individuals with smoke inhalation or burn injuries.
Source: <http://www.cbsatlanta.com/story/22936903/dekalb-county-11-year-old-saves-baby-in-apt-fire>
42. *July 25, KTVI 2 St. Louis* – (Missouri) **Pipe bomb found at a Mehlville apartment complex.** A pipe bomb was discovered at Covington Place Apartments in Mehlville by a maintenance man July 25, prompting the St. Louis County Police's bomb and arson unit to safely dispose of the device.
Source: <http://kplr11.com/2013/07/25/pipe-bomb-found-at-a-mehlville-apartment-complex/>
43. *July 25, Shreveport Times* – (Louisiana) **Highland office evacuated due to fire.** A fire at the Motor Hotel in Shreveport, housed in a multistory office building, led to an evacuation and caused significant water and smoke damage July 25. The cause of the fire was under investigation.
Source:
<http://www.shreveporttimes.com/article/20130725/NEWS01/307250026/Highland-office-evacuated-due-fire>

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Dams Sector

44. *July 25, KGET 17 Bakersfield* – (California) **No damage to Isabella Dam from earthquake.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reported a July 24 earthquake left no evidence of damage to the Isabella Dam after instrumentation used to record the event found no increased likelihood of the dam's failure. The Corps is in the process of designing several safety modifications for the auxiliary and main dams and construction is scheduled to begin in 2017.
Source: http://www.kget.com/news/local/story/No-damage-to-Isabella-Dam-from-earthquake/hqcM9_uWw0qgfR0FvdEJVQ.csp
45. *July 25, Litchfield County Register Citizen* – (Connecticut) **Torrington, Norfolk expected to receive nearly \$2 million for flood dam repairs.** Approval of \$2 million in State bond funding for the repair and maintenance of seven flood dams in Norfolk and Torrington was expected July 26.

Source:

<http://www.registercitizen.com/articles/2013/07/24/news/doc51f09efd79ccf247885686.txt>

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