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- Several explosions at the Blue Rhino propane plant in Tavares, Florida, July 29 left 8 injured, including at least 4 in critical condition as authorities evacuated nearby homes for 4 hours and investigated the cause of the explosions. – *Associated Press* (See item [1](#))
- Firefighters battled several fires in Oregon that were grouped into two clusters, including the Douglas Complex Fire that burned 13,400 acres with 2 percent containment and the Whiskey Complex Fire that burned 2,400 acres with 5 percent containment July 29. – *Roseburg News Review Today* (See item [23](#))
- Police are investigating a radio communication tower collapse in Contra Costa County, California, July 29 that caused an estimated \$1 million in damages and could be the work of vandals. – *KGO-TV 7 San Francisco* (See item [29](#))
- The Arkansas Department of Health and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention confirmed that a patron of Willow Springs Water Park in Arkansas contracted a rare case of parasitic meningitis found present in the water at the park, prompting the closure of the park July 26. – *Reuters* (See item [30](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *July 30, Associated Press* – (Florida) **Explosions rock Florida propane gas plant.** Several explosions at the Blue Rhino propane plant in Tavares, Florida, July 29 left 8 injured, with at least 4 in critical condition. Authorities believe equipment malfunction or human error may have caused the explosions that also led to the 4-hour evacuation of nearby homes.
Source: <http://news.msn.com/us/explosions-rock-florida-propane-gas-plant>

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Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

2. *July 29, WKZO 590AM Kalamazoo* – (Michigan) **Cook Nuclear Plant shuts down temporarily.** The Cook Nuclear Power Plant in Bridgman was taken offline July 28 after the failure of a steam supply valve.
Source: <http://wincountry.com/news/articles/2013/jul/29/cook-nuclear-plant-shuts-down-temporarily/>
3. *July 29, Rochester Democrat and Chronicle* – (New York) **Ginna back online after generator problem.** The Ginna nuclear power plant in Wayne County returned to service July 29 following a 4-day outage caused by an incorrectly set protective electrical relay.
Source:
<http://www.democratandchronicle.com/article/20130729/BUSINESS/307290038/ginna-online>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

4. *July 30, Associated Press* – (National) **Nissan recalling 13,000 Versa Note hatchbacks.** Nissan announced a recall of about 13,000 model year 2014 Versa Note vehicles due to bolts that may not be strong enough to secure rear seats and the car's body.
Source: <http://www.wltx.com/news/article/244334/2/Nissan-Recalling-13000-Versa-Note-Hatchbacks-?odyssey=tab%7Ctopnews%7Cbc%7Clarge>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Financial Services Sector

5. *July 27, New York Daily News* – (New York; New Jersey) **New Jersey man arrested for possession of \$23,000 in fake \$100 bills.** A New Jersey man was arrested at New York's Kennedy Airport after \$23,000 of counterfeit \$100 bills was found in his possession.
Source: <http://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/new-jersey-man-caught-23-000-fake-100-bills-article-1.1410647>

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Transportation Systems Sector

6. *July 30, Durham-Middlefield Patch* – (Connecticut) **Route 68 in Durham reopens after crash.** A tractor-trailer crash shut down Route 68 in Durham, Connecticut, for over 8 hours July 29.
Source: <http://durham.patch.com/groups/breaking-news/p/tractor-trailer-crash-shuts-down-route-68-in-durham>
7. *July 30, Softpedia* – (International) **Fake GPS signal sends super-yacht off course.** The University of Texas at Austin conducted an experiment off the coast of Italy aimed to determine the difficulty of carrying out a GPS spoofing attack at sea and they were able to send false signals to the vessel's GPS navigation system that overrode the real GPS signals.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Fake-GPS-Signal-Sends-Super-Yacht-Off-Course-371964.shtml>
8. *July 30, Cincinnati Enquirer* – (California) **Head-on collision kills passenger.** A fatal collision involving a tow truck and a car closed Mariposa Road in Escalon for several hours July 29.
Source: http://www.recordnet.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20130730/A_NEWS/307300314
9. *July 30, Cincinnati Enquirer* – (Ohio) **Two medical helicopters respond to Clermont Co. crash.** A crash involving a motorcycle and a car closed New Richmond Road in Clermont County for 3 hours July 29. Two people suffered serious injuries and were airlifted to the University of Cincinnati Medical Center.
Source: <http://news.cincinnati.com/article/20130730/NEWS/307300016/Two-medical-helicopters-respond-to-Clermont-Co-crash>

10. *July 29, Associated Press* – (Florida) **4 hospitalized after small pesticide spill at Miami International Airport.** Four people were hospitalized after a small pesticide container spilled at Miami International Airport July 29. A HAZMAT team responded and contained the substance.
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2013/07/29/4-hospitalized-after-small-pesticide-spill-at-miami-international-airport/>
11. *July 29, WSAZ 3 Huntington* – (Ohio) **Ohio 73 reopen after crash in West Portsmouth area.** A five-vehicle crash closed both directions of State Route 73 in West Portsmouth, Ohio, for nearly 3 hours July 29.
Source: <http://www.wsaz.com/news/headlines/BREAKING-NEWS-ALERT--217457801.html>
12. *July 29, KHNL 13 Honolulu* – (Hawaii) **Likelike Hwy reopened after multiple accidents; HPD reports high number of accidents.** Authorities closed Likelike Highway after multiple accidents near and inside the Wilson Tunnel in the Kailua-bound direction in Honolulu for several hours July 29.
Source: <http://www.hawaiiinewsnow.com/story/22961647/likelike-hwy-closed-due-to-multiple-accidents>
13. *July 29, South Hampton Patch* – (New York) **Jitney, Garbage truck collide in Southampton.** A collision involving a Hampton Jitney and a garbage truck prompted authorities to close County Road 39A in Southampton for nearly 2 hours July 29.
Source: <http://southampton.patch.com/groups/breaking-news/p/jitney-garbage-truck-collide-in-southampton-closing-down-party-of-39>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

14. *July 29, Food Safety News* – (National) **Parasite continues to run the table: 373 illnesses in 15 States.** The Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy has reported 20 more cyclospora infections, raising the total number of illnesses to 373 in 15 States.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/07/parasite-continues-to-run-the-table-353-illnesses-in-15-states/>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

15. *July 30, New London Day* – (Connecticut) **Norwich water treatment plant discharged raw sewage into Thames River during storm.** Heavy rainfall July 25 forced the Rose Alley pump station in Norwich to send millions of gallons of untreated sewage diluted with rainwater into the Thames River for about 35 hours.
Source: <http://www.theday.com/article/20130730/NWS01/307309944/1044>

16. *July 29, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **Thousands of gallons of sewage flow into stream.** Between 20,000 to 30,000 gallons of sewage flowed into an unnamed tributary of Snyder Creek July 27 after workers damaged a pumping station at the Modern Manor Mobile Home Court in Iowa City.
Source: <http://www.kimt.com/2013/07/29/thousands-of-gallons-of-sewage-flow-into-stream/>
17. *July 29, WTVA 9 Tupelo* – (Mississippi) **Boil water notice issued in Lee County.** North Lee Water Association officials issued a boil water notice to several neighborhoods around Saltillo July 29 after the Mt. Vernon Water tank suffered electrical problems and a loss of pressure in the system.
Source: http://www.wtva.com/news/local/story/Boil-water-notice-issued-in-Lee-County/2YJxxh0EBEKUA1A_-Fy7Zw.csp

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

18. *July 29, WKYT 27 Lexington* – (Kentucky) **Arrest made after early morning fire at Danville nursing home.** Police arrested a man with a possible connection to a July 29 fire at Charleston Health Care in Danville. The facility was safely evacuated and the fire was extinguished with minimal damage.
Source: <http://www.wkyt.com/news/headlines/Arrest-made-after-early-morning-fire-at-Danville-nursing-home-217382051.html>

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Government Facilities Sector

19. *July 30, Associated Press* – (Arkansas) **Arkansas school district arming more than 20 teachers, staff.** Over 20 teachers, administrators, and other school employees in Clarksville, Arkansas, will be allowed to carry a gun on the school's campus after completing 53 hours of training. The State law allows licensed, armed security guards on campus.
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2013/07/30/arkansas-school-district-arming-more-than-20-teachers-staff/>
20. *July 29, KOIN 6 Portland* – (Oregon) **Courthouse remains closed after hazmat situation.** The Columbia County courthouse in Portland was evacuated July 26 and closed through July 30 after an overheated battery back-up box for the telephone system damaged the building. Crews ventilated and cleaned up the courthouse and plan on reopening once the computer systems are restored.
Source: <http://www.koin.com/2013/07/29/columbia-courthouse-remains-closed-after-fire/>

21. *July 29, Associated Press* – (Washington, D.C.) **Woman arrested in Washington cathedral vandalism.** Authorities arrested a woman July 29 after green paint was found splattered inside two chapels at the Washington National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., and authorities believe she may be connected to two similar incidents that took place on the National Mall July 26.
Source: <http://news.msn.com/crime-justice/woman-arrested-in-washington-cathedral-vandalism>
22. *July 29, Great Falls Tribune* – (Montana) **Forest Service: 8,000-plus acre fire in Bob Marshall Wilderness eating up old fuels.** Crews continued to battle Montana's Red Shale Fire that burned 8,613 acres by July 29. The fire was fueled by dead timber left behind from a fire 25 years ago and grew significantly.
Source: http://www.greatfallstribune.com/article/20130729/NEWS01/307290022/Forest-Service-8-000-plus-acre-fire-Bob-Marshall-Wilderness-eating-up-old-fuels?nclink_check=1
23. *July 29, Roseburg News ReviewToday* – (Oregon) **Douglas Complex grows to 13,400 acres; Tiller fires spread across 2,400 acres.** Firefighters battled several fires in Oregon that were grouped into two clusters including, the Douglas Complex Fire that burned 13,400 acres with 2 percent containment and the Whiskey Complex Fire that burned 2,400 acres with 5 percent containment July 29. Evacuations were ordered for several dozen homes.
Source: <http://www.nrtoday.com/news/7497649-113/fires-fire-complex-douglas>
24. *July 29, KTVZ 21 Bend* – (Oregon) **Campers, hikers recall harrowing fire escape.** Several campgrounds in Oregon evacuated July 28 due to the Browns Creek Fire near the Wickiup Reservoir that burned over 100 acres.
Source: <http://www.ktvz.com/news/fire-alert/campers-hikers-recall-harrowing-fire-escape/-/426752/21237356/-/105do3m/-/index.html>
25. *July 28, WAFB 9 Baton Rouge* – (Louisiana) **Toothpaste causes shut down and evacuation of courthouse.** Officials evacuated and closed the St. Charles Parish Courthouse in Hahnville, Louisiana July 29 after an inmate sent a suspicious package to a judge's office. Authorities tested a white flaky substance on the document and determined it was safe once they discovered the envelope was sealed with toothpaste.
Source: <http://www.bayoubuzz.com/louisiana-news/baton-rouge-news/item/510821-toothpaste-causes-shut-down-and-evacuation-of-courthouse>

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Emergency Services Sector

26. *July 29, WKYT 27 Lexington; WYMT 57 Hazard* – (Kentucky) **DEA helicopter crashes in Breathitt County.** A Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) helicopter flying on a mission as part of the Kentucky State Police marijuana eradication team crashed

July 29 in Breathitt County, injuring a DEA pilot and a Kentucky trooper.
Source: <http://www.wkyt.com/wymt/home/headlines/Helicopter-crash-in-Breathitt-County-217394171.html>

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Information Technology Sector

27. *July 30, The Register* – (International) **Syrian Electronic Army hijacks Reuters' Twitter feed.** Members of the Syrian Electronic Army hacktivist group gained unauthorized access to the official Reuters Twitter account for a time July 29 and used it to tweet propaganda.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2013/07/30/reuters_twitter_pwned/
28. *July 30, Help Net Security* – (International) **Sharp increase in blended, automated attacks.** Quarterly attack statistics from FireHost found that cross-site request forgery (CSRF) and SQL injection attacks increased 16 percent and 28 percent in the second quarter of 2013, and that attacks are becoming more automated, among other findings.
Source: <https://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=15311>

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Communications Sector

29. *July 30, KGO-TV 7 San Francisco* – (California) **East Bay radio tower collapse linked to vandals.** East Bay Regional Park District Police are investigating a radio communication tower collapse in Contra Costa County July 29 that resulted in an estimated \$1 million in damages and may be the work of vandals.
Source: http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/local/east_bay&id=9189612

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Commercial Facilities Sector

30. *July 30, Reuters* – (Arkansas) **Ark. water park closes over 'brain-eating amoeba.'** The Arkansas Department of Health and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention confirmed the week of July 22 a patron of Willow Springs Water Park contracted a rare case of parasitic meningitis found present in the water at the Arkansas water park, prompting the voluntarily closure of the park July 26.
Source: <http://news.msn.com/us/ark-water-park-closes-over-brain-eating-amoeba>

31. *July 29, KEYE TV 42 Austin* – (Texas) **Two injured, three in custody after Burnet apartment shootout.** A gunfire exchange left two people were injured and three others arrested after a fight at the Main St. Commons apartments in Burnet July 24.
Source: <http://www.keyetv.com/news/features/top-stories/stories/three-arrested-following-late-night-shootings-burnet-10835.shtml>
32. *July 29, WSB-TV 2 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **1 killed, 1 injured in Gwinnett Co. apartment shooting.** Gwinnett County police are investigating a July 29 incident at a Norcross apartment complex that left one man with a head trauma injury and another dead. Neither one of the men were residents of the apartments.
Source: <http://www.wsbtv.com/news/news/local/1-killed-1-injured-gwinnett-co-apartment-shooting/nY63x/>
33. *July 29, North End Patch* – (Massachusetts) **North End apartment building evacuated for high CO levels.** High levels of carbon monoxide led to the evacuation of the 3 Jerusalem Place apartments in the North End July 29. Officials vented the space for over 2 hours before allowing residents to return to the building.
Source: <http://northend.patch.com/groups/police-and-fire/p/north-end-apartment-building-evacuated-for-high-co-levels>
34. *July 29, Associated Press* – (California) **1 injured in Huntington Beach riot following U.S. Open of Surfing.** Over 100 police officers responded after a riot broke out after the U.S. Open for Surfing in Huntington Beach July 28 and a crowd of people began looting businesses and shops around in the area.
Source: <http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2013/07/29/1-injured-in-huntington-beach-riot-following-u-s-open-of-surfing/>

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Dams Sector

35. *July 30, WAAY 31 Huntsville* – (Alabama) **Wilson Dam closing to traffic for spillway work.** Officials announced the closure of the Wilson Dam in Florence to traffic July 30 and will reopen July 31 to permit work on the spillway that will allow water to drain from the dam into the Pickwick Lake.
Source: http://www.waaytv.com/news/local/wilson-dam-closing-to-traffic-for-spillway-work/article_a32697dc-f87b-11e2-9348-0019bb30f31a.html

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