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- The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and U.S. Department of Justice filed two lawsuits against Bank of America for allegedly making misleading statements and failing to disclose important information ahead of a sale of \$850 million of residential mortgage-backed securities in 2008. – *Reuters* (See item [8](#))
- The mayor of Sweetwater and the mayor of Miami Lakes, Florida, were arrested August 6 by the FBI on charges that they were involved in alleged kickback and bribery schemes in connection with federal grants. – *Associated Press* (See item [27](#))
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Energy Sector

1. *August 7, San Francisco Bay City News* – (California) **San Francisco power outage affects more than 36,000 PG&E customers.** Officials are investigating the cause of a power outage that left 36,895 Pacific Gas and Electric customers without service August 6.
Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/San-Francisco-power-outage-affects-more-than-4713153.php>
2. *August 7, KAAL 6 Austin; Associated Press* – (Minnesota) **Storms drop damaging hail on Twin Cities.** Xcel Energy restored power to 25,000 customers August 7 out of the 44,000 that lost service August 6 after a band of severe weather brought hail, heavy downpours, and gusty winds in Minnesota.
Source: <http://www.kaaltv.com/article/stories/S3121888.shtml?cat=10151>
3. *August 7, Associated Press* – (Wisconsin) **Widespread damage reported across the Fox Valley, Southern Brown County.** We Energies' crews worked to restore service to over 50,000 customers August 7 around Wisconsin after severe storms toppled trees and took down power lines.
Source: <http://www.nbc26.com/news/218665331.html>
4. *August 6, Oregon Public Broadcasting; East Oregonian* – (Oregon) **Coal plant back online after pressure shock in pipe.** The Portland General Electric-operated Boardman Coal Plant was back online after a thermal water hammer knocked a 36-inch diameter pipe off its hangers July 1, causing \$10 million in damage.
Source: <http://www.opb.org/news/article/coal-plant-back-online-after-pressure-shock-in-pipe/>
5. *August 6, Lexington Herald-Leader; Associated Press* – (Kentucky) **One coal miner killed, two injured in Harlan County accident.** One miner died and two others were injured after being trapped in the Huff Creek Mine in Harlan County August 6. Preliminary reports showed the side of a coal pillar burst at the mine, which has been cited 4 times in 2013 for roof control plan violations.
Source: <http://www.kentucky.com/2013/08/06/2752781/one-coal-miner-killed-and-two.html>

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Chemical Industry Sector

6. *August 6, WITI 6 Milwaukee* – (Wisconsin) **Hazmat team responds to chemical company in Germantown.** Employees at the Cambridge Major Chemical Company in Germantown, Wisconsin, were evacuated after a valve on a vessel containing thermanol failed and fluid ended up on the floor, giving off vapor. A HAZMAT team responded

and the building was cleared after 4 hours.

Source: <http://fox6now.com/2013/08/06/hazmat-team-responds-to-chemical-company-in-germantown/>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

7. *August 7, World Nuclear News* – (Arkansas) **Arkansas back in action**. Both reactors at the Arkansas Nuclear One power plant in Russellville returned to operation after a 4-month refueling and refurbishment outage.

Source: http://www.world-nuclear-news.org/RS_Arkansas_back_in_action_0708131.html

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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. *August 6, Reuters* – (National) **U.S. accuses Bank of America of mortgage-backed securities fraud**. The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and U.S. Department of Justice filed two lawsuits against Bank of America for allegedly making misleading statements and failing to disclose important information about the mortgages behind a sale of \$850 million of residential mortgage-backed securities to investors in 2008.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/08/06/us-bofa-justice-idUSBRE9750ZU20130806>

9. *August 6, Reuters* – (International) **UBS to pay \$49.8 mln to settle SEC fraud charges over CDO**. Swiss bank UBS agreed to pay \$49.8 million to settle charges by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission that it misled investors about the risks involved in a 2007 bond transaction which caused \$130 million in investor losses.

Source: <http://in.reuters.com/article/2013/08/06/ubs-sec-settlement-idINL1N0G714220130806>

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Transportation Systems Sector

10. *August 7, Stockton Record* – (California) **Motorcyclist dies in big-rig crash.** One a fatal accident involving a motorcyclist and a tractor trailer truck that closed the connector ramp from northbound Highway 99 to westbound Highway 120 in Manteca, California, for 2 hours August 6.
Source: http://www.recordnet.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20130807/A_NEWS/308070324
11. *August 7, WTVD 11 Durham* – (North Carolina) **Man dies in accident with lawnmower in Johnson County.** An accident in which a large tractor rolled on top of a man and killed him closed a stretch of North Carolina's Highway 42 in Selma for several hours August 6.
Source: <http://myfox8.com/2013/08/07/man-dies-in-accident-with-lawnmower-in-johnston-county/>
12. *August 6, Frederick News-Post* – (Maryland) **Delays expected to continue on U.S. 15 north due to water main break.** A water main break prompted authorities to close the right shoulder and right lane of northbound Route 15 in Frederick for several hours August 6.
Source: http://www.fredericknewspost.com/locations/local/frederick_county/frederick/article_7e07b900-fe97-11e2-a9ce-001a4bcf6878.html
13. *August 6, Southern California City News Service* – (California) **Fatal motorcycle crash temporarily shuts down 110 Freeway in central Los Angeles.** One person died in a fatal accident involving a motorcycle and several vehicles that shut down two lanes of the northbound Harbor (110) Freeway and an offramp in Los Angeles for nearly 3 hours August 6.
Source: http://www.dailynews.com/ci_23803824/fatal-motorcycle-crash-temporarily-shuts-down-110-freeway?source=most_viewed
14. *August 6, San Jose Mercury News* – (California) **San Jose man arrested on suspicion of DUI following fatal crash.** A fatal single-vehicle collision closed northbound Interstate 880 on the Bascom Avenue offramp and the north Bascom Avenue onramp to northbound Interstate 880 in San Jose for about 4 hours August 6. The driver was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence and vehicular manslaughter.
Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/crime-courts/ci_23803933/san-jose-man-arrested-suspicion-dui-following-fatal

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Food and Agriculture Sector

15. *August 6, Food Safety News* – (National) **Cyclospora outbreak hits 480.** The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that at least 480 people have been found ill from Cyclospora infections since June across 16 States. The agency's number did not include the updated count of 171 individuals sick with the illness in Texas.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/08/cyclospora-outbreak-hits-480/>
16. *August 6, Food Safety News* – (Arizona) **Arizona E. coli outbreak investigation jumps to 33 cases; 15 hospitalized.** According to the Maricopa County Health Department, an ongoing E. coli O157:H7 outbreak that has been linked to Federico's Mexican Restaurant in Litchfield Park has potentially doubled in size to 33 cases with 15 hospitalizations being investigated.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/08/arizona-e-coli-outbreak-investigation-jumps-to-30-12-hospitalized/>
17. *August 6, San Jose Mercury News* – (International) **Ginger candies tainted with lead recalled by San Jose importer.** Tests by the California Department of Public Health revealed traces of lead that exceeded State guidelines in ginger hard candies imported from Vietnam by San Jose-based Evershing International Trading. The company issued a recall and urged consumers who already own the candies to discard them.
Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_23808236/ginger-candies-tainted-lead-recalled-by-san-jose
18. *August 6, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (Michigan) **Heeren Brothers recalls cantaloupe because of possible health risk.** Approximately 5,400 Athena Cantaloupes were recalled by Heeren Brothers Produce because of their potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. The produce was distributed to small, independent grocers in Michigan July 23-26.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm364129.htm>
19. *August 6, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Nebraska) **Farmers Cooperative cited by US Labor Department's OSHA for exposing workers to grain explosion hazard at Wilber, Neb., grain elevator.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Farmers Cooperative for two safety violations at its grain elevator in Wilber after an inspection and proposed fines of \$45,500.
Source: https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=24492

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

20. *August 7, Louisville Courier-Journal* – (Kentucky) **Pond Creek sewage spill reached 30,000 gallons.** The Louisville Metropolitan Sewer District stopped a raw sewage spill August 7 after 30,000 gallons leaked into Pond Creek beginning August 6. Repairs and

cleanup began and citizens were warned to stay out of the creek for 48 hours.

Source: <http://blogs.courier-journal.com/watchdogearth/2013/08/07/pond-creek-sewage-spill-tops-50000-gallons/>

21. *August 7, Marietta Times* – (Ohio) **Odor control to continue at Marietta plant.** Marietta Wastewater Treatment Plant officials requested \$40,000 in funding from the city council August 6 to purchase additional odor-reducing chemicals for wastewater treatment while it waits for the completion of upgrades to the plant. Local businesses and restaurants complained about the odor's impact on their businesses and the planned upgrades will include improvements to help eliminate odors.
Source: <http://www.newsandsentinel.com/page/content.detail/id/576819/Odor-control-to-continue-at-Marietta-plant.html>
22. *August 6, KWCH 12 Wichita* – (Kansas) **Flooding damages Newton's wastewater treatment plant.** Heavy rainfall August 5 damaged all automated water control systems at the city of Newton's water supply and wastewater treatment plant. Flooding further challenged the wastewater treatment plant's ability to process all of the sewage, along with sewage lift stations which lost power and began operating on back-up generators.
Source: <http://www.kwch.com/news/kwch-kah-flood-waters-damage-newtons-wastewater-treatment-plant-20130806,0,3699503.story>
23. *August 6, Los Altos Patch* – (California) **'Musty' smelling water safe to drink.** The California Water service Co. assured customers that the Santa Clara Valley Water District was working to address complaints about a 'musty' odor coming from the water and reported that it was safe to drink.
Source: <http://losaltos.patch.com/groups/around-town/p/musty-smelling-water-safe-to-drink>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

24. *August 7, KELO 11 Sioux Falls* – (South Dakota) **Overnight fire at Watertown senior living complex.** Two residents were treated for minor injuries after the Sunchase Apartment Complex senior living facility in Watertown, South Dakota, was destroyed in a fire August 6. Officials are investigating the cause.
Source: <http://www.keloland.com/newsdetail.cfm/overnight-fire-at-watertown-senior-living-complex/?id=151625>
25. *August 6, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **Twin pharmacists plead guilty to health care fraud.** Two brothers who once owned West Orange Pharmacy in New Jersey pleaded guilty August 6 to defrauding patients, Medicaid, and insurance companies for the past 15 years and profiting \$1.5 million. The two brothers, along with another conspirator, participated in a number of schemes designed to cheat customers and insurance companies.
Source: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/twin-pharmacists-plead-guilty-health->

[183156069.html](#)

26. *August 5, KSDK 5 St. Louis* – (Missouri) **MO HealthNet sends personal information of more than 1,300 participants to wrong address.** MO HealthNet notified 1,357 participants that their personal information was mailed to an incorrect address by one of their contractors, Infocrossing, Inc. The contractor said a software programming error caused the mix-up.
Source: <http://www.ksdk.com/news/article/391339/3/MO-HealthNet-Personal-information-mailed-to-wrong-address->

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Government Facilities Sector

27. *August 7, Associated Press* – (Florida) **FBI arrests 2 Fla. mayors on extortion charges.** The mayor of Sweetwater and the mayor of Miami Lakes were arrested August 6 by the FBI on bribery-related charges. Agents alleged that both mayors were involved in kickback and bribery schemes in connection with federal grants.
Source: <http://news.msn.com/crime-justice/fbi-arrests-2-fla-mayors-on-extortion-charges>
28. *August 7, Red Bluff Daily News* – (California) **Salmon River Complex update.** Firefighters reached 11 percent containment of California's Salmon River Complex fires August 6 after it burned a combined 5,252 acres. The Boulder and Shelly Fires were expected to combine into one fire as they continued to threaten 50 structures.
Source: http://www.redbluffdailynews.com/news/ci_23812321/salmon-river-complex-update
29. *August 7, Sierra Sun Times* – (California) **Power Fire in Stanislaus National Forest update for Tuesday, Evening, August 6, 2013.** Firefighters reached 12 percent containment of California's Power Fire after it burned through 500 acres in Stanislaus National Forest August 7. Officials reopened Highway 108 and cautioned drivers.
Source: <http://goldrushcam.com/sierrasuntimes/index.php/news/mariposa-daily-news-2013/157-august/9338-power-fire-in-stanislaus-national-forest-update-for-tuesday-evening-august-6-2013->
30. *August 6, Reuters* – (National) **16 wildfires blamed on exploding shooting targets.** The use of exploding shooting targets, often made up of canisters containing two chemicals that blend and explode when struck by a bullet, were banned in 5 States by the U.S. Forest Service August 5 after authorities blamed the devices for sparking 16 wildfires since 2012.
Source: <http://news.msn.com/us/16-wildfires-blamed-on-exploding-shooting-targets>
31. *August 6, WYMT 57 Hazard* – (Kentucky) **Magoffin Co. school reopens after tornado damage.** Officials reopened the newly remodeled Salyersville Grade School in Magoffin County after being closed for a little more than a year when a 2012 tornado ripped through the county and severely damaged the school.

Source: <http://www.wkyt.com/wymt/home/headlines/Magoffin-Co-school-reopens-after-tornado-damage-218589291.html>

32. *August 6, KABC 7 Los Angeles* – (California) **Falls Fire smolders near Lake Elsinore, evacuations lifted.** Crews reached 30 percent containment of the 1,500-acre Falls Fire in Riverside County August 6. All mandatory evacuation orders were lifted for surrounding counties.

Source:

http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=weather/wildfire_center&id=9196865

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Emergency Services Sector

33. *August 6, Associated Press; Topeka Capital-Journal* – (Kansas) **Man who escaped from minimum-security prison in Hutchinson turns himself in to authorities.** An inmate who escaped from a Hutchinson facility turned himself in August 6 after breaking out of the minimum-security unit August 3.

Source:

<http://www.dailyjournal.net/view/story/f1c75a23c7a347f28a3b0cbce527f9ec/KS--Escapee-Returns>

34. *August 6, Associated Press* – (Kentucky) **Auditor finds misspending, intimidation in agency.** Auditors released a report August 6 that found a hostile workplace, misuse of taxpayer money, and intimidation of employees at Kentucky Emergency Management. The agency disputed the findings which are under review by the State governor, the Kentucky attorney general's office, the U.S. Office of Homeland Security, and the Kentucky Executive Branch Ethics Commission.

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2013/08/06/5627071/auditor-finds-misspending-intimidation.html>

35. *August 6, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **New breakdowns reported in LAFD's 911 computer systems.** City officials announced that the Los Angeles Fire Department's 9-1-1 system failed 5 times in July, blaming the failure on a computer software error in their database. The software glitch was corrected but the possibility of future crashes remains.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/news/local/lafddata/la-me-lafd-computer-crashes-20130806,0,4572677.story>

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Information Technology Sector

36. *August 7, Threatpost* – (International) **Fort Disco brute-force attack campaign targets CMS websites.** A researcher at Arbor Networks reported that a botnet called

- Fort Disco is active in attacks targeting Web sites built on content management systems (CMS) to gain control of systems. Fort Disco is currently made up of around 25,000 compromised Windows machines.
Source: <https://threatpost.com/fort-disco-brute-force-attack-campaign-targets-cms-websites/101723>
37. *August 7, Help Net Security* – (International) **Expect more Android security issues in 2013.** Trend Micro released their second quarter 2013 Security Roundup Report which found that the number of malicious and high-risk Android apps has grown rapidly from the previous quarter, to 718,000 from 509,000. Malware targeting online banking also grew, increasing 29 percent from the first quarter.
Source: https://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2555
38. *August 7, Softpedia* – (International) **Malware disguised as “F-Secure Security Pack” browser extension.** F-Secure warned users that cybercriminals are using the company’s name to distribute a malicious browser extension called “F-Secure Security Pack” that makes social media posts on users’ networks without permission.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Malware-Disguised-as-F-Secure-Security-Pack-Browser-Extension-373860.shtml>
39. *August 7, Softpedia* – (International) **Four critical security holes fixed in Firefox 23.** Mozilla released the newest version of its browser, Firefox 23, closing 13 security vulnerabilities, 4 of which were rated critical.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Four-Critical-Security-Holes-Fixed-in-Firefox-23-373746.shtml>
40. *August 6, Computerworld* – (International) **Digital stakeout of Chinese hacker gang reveals 100+ victims.** Two researchers from Dell SecureWorks presented findings of their surveillance of the “Beijing Group” Chinese hacking team during its campaign using the Comfoo remote access trojan (RAT) to target IT, energy, government, and communications organizations. The surveillance gave insight into the group’s methods and patterns, including their attempts to target makers of videoconferencing hardware for use in eavesdropping.
Source: <https://www.networkworld.com/news/2013/080613-digital-stakeout-of-chinese-hacker-272592.html>
41. *August 6, The Register* – (International) **Xerox copier flaw changes numbers in photocopied docs.** A student researcher discovered a flaw in some Xerox printers can alter numbers when printing from .pdf documents at certain quality settings.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2013/08/06/xerox_copier_flaw_means_dodgy_numbers_and_dangerous_designs/

Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@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

42. *August 7, Iroquois County Times-Republic* – (Illinois; Indiana) **Fiber optic cable cut causes outages.** A fiber optic cable cut in the Gilman area affected Internet services for between 20,000 and 30,000 Mediacom modem customers from Watseka, Illinois, to parts of Indiana.

Source: http://www.newsbug.info/iroquois_countys_times-republic/article_4bbc54e4-ff26-11e2-b844-0019bb2963f4.html

43. *August 6, KHQA 7 Quincy* – (Illinois) **U.S. Cellular customers complain of service problems.** U.S. Cellular customers in the Quincy area were without cellular phone service August 6 in the second widespread outage in 2 weeks, but did not receive word on the cause behind the outage.

Source:

<http://www.connecttristates.com/neighborhood/story.aspx?id=925272#.UgKAmJK1FKA>

44. *August 6, WPTV 5 West Palm Beach* – (Florida) **Comcast experiencing widespread outage.** Comcast alerted its customers in the West Palm Beach area August 6 that it was aware of and addressing a widespread outage and would inform customers when service returns.

Source: <http://www.wptv.com/dpp/news/comcast-experiencing-widespread-outage>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

45. *August 6, KWTX 10 Waco* – (Texas) **Street closed, store evacuated after gas line break.** A Burlington Coat Factory store was evacuated and a local road closed in Waco August 6 for several hours after a mislabeled 2-inch gas line was cut by a crew operating a backhoe. A hazardous material team was called in to monitor air quality.

Source: <http://www.kwtx.com/home/headlines/218510421.html>

46. *August 5, KGW 8 Portland* – (Oregon) **Personal data dumped at Sylvan Learning Center.** Beaverton Police responded to a call August 2 about seven large boxes filled with files containing the personal information of clients of a nearby Sylvan Learning

Center found intact in a dumpster. Police encouraged customers to check their credit reports and banking accounts to ensure they were not victims of identity theft.

Source: <http://www.kgw.com/news/Credit-card-SS-info-found-in-Beaverton-dumpster-218413761.html>

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Dams Sector

47. *August 6, Menomonee Falls Patch* – (Wisconsin) **Close the dam gates! Repairs planned for Lepper Dam.** The village of Menomonee Falls approved a \$192,195 project to repair the Lepper Dam, including replacing the gates, filling in cracks, chemical grouting, and cementing the dam, and will address the recent failures of previous repair work. Mill Pond, where the Lepper Dam sits, will also be dredged and the silt and sediment which built up behind the dam removed.

Source: <http://menomoneefalls.patch.com/groups/politics-and-elections/p/close-the-dam-gates-repairs-planned-for-lepper-dam>

48. *August 6, WDDE 91.1 FM Dover* – (Delaware) **Work begins to address storm damage to New Castle dike system.** The 250-year-old Red Lion dike is the first of five protective dikes along the Delaware River to receive repair work beginning August 5 after Hurricane Sandy significantly weakened the dike in 2012. Repairs to the Red Lion dike are expected to last until November 2013, cost approximately \$7 million, and are being completed to avoid large-scale flooding issues which would also affect sewer and railroad infrastructure and cause transportation issues.

Source: <http://www.wdde.org/48088-new-castle-dike-repairs>

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