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- A Charlotte loan officer pleaded guilty to his role in a mortgage fraud scheme that manipulated and fraudulently approved more than \$158 million in government-backed loans. – *Charlotte Observer* (See item [4](#))
- Federal authorities charged nine individuals with running a ‘pump and dump’ penny stocks scheme that defrauded investors of more than \$140 million. – *Associated Press* (See item [5](#))
- Approximately 539 Cyclospora infection cases have been reported in 19 states, including one in California. – *Food Safety News* (See item [15](#))
- Authorities ordered hundreds of residents to evacuate as the Elk Complex Fire in Idaho burned 99,000 acres and destroyed over a dozen homes. – *Reuters* (See item [19](#))

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## **Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

1. *August 13, Associated Press* – (National) **Hyundai recalls 23K Santa Fe SUVs; can lose power.** Hyundai announced a recall of about 23,000 model year 2013 Santa Fe vehicles in the U.S. and Canada due to a right axle shaft that can fail, causing a loss of power while in motion or a rollaway hazard if parked.

Source:

[http://www.philly.com/philly/business/consumer\\_news/20130813\\_ap\\_9da1adb9ec1f4a12b2cf1ce53721394a.html](http://www.philly.com/philly/business/consumer_news/20130813_ap_9da1adb9ec1f4a12b2cf1ce53721394a.html)

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Financial Services Sector**

2. *August 14, CNN* – (Louisiana) **Hostage standoff inside rural Louisiana bank ends with gunman dead.** An armed gunman was killed by police after he took hostages at a Tensas State Bank branch in St. Joseph August 13. The gunman shot and critically wounded two hostages during the incident.  
Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2013/08/14/us/louisiana-bank-hostages/index.html>
3. *August 14, Glendale News-Press* – (California) **Sting nabs seven in Los Angeles-area card-skimming scheme.** Police arrested seven people in Glendale, the San Fernando

Valley, and the Los Angeles area for allegedly running a payment card skimming and fraudulent card manufacturing scheme. The suspects would then use the cards to purchase large amounts of gasoline and resell the fuel.

Source: <http://www.glendalenewspress.com/news/tn-gnp-me-sting-nabs-seven-in-los-area-card-skimming-scheme-20130814,0,1690840.story>

4. *August 13, Charlotte Observer* – (North Carolina; South Carolina) **Feds: Fraud ring targeted rural homebuyers.** A Charlotte loan officer pleaded guilty to his role in a mortgage fraud scheme that manipulated and fraudulently approved more than \$158 million in government-backed loans for properties in North Carolina and South Carolina.

Source: <http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2013/08/13/4234625/feds-fraud-ring-targeted-rural.html>

5. *August 13, Associated Press* – (International) **Feds: 9 sold worthless stocks in massive scheme.** Federal authorities charged nine individuals with running a ‘pump and dump’ penny stocks scheme that defrauded investors around the world of more than \$140 million.

Source: [http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-505123\\_162-57598360/feds-9-sold-worthless-stocks-in-massive-scheme/](http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-505123_162-57598360/feds-9-sold-worthless-stocks-in-massive-scheme/)

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## **Transportation Systems Sector**

6. *August 14, Associated Press* – (Alabama) **Pilot, co-pilot killed in UPS plane crash, Ala. mayor says.** A United Parcel Service cargo plane crashed August 14 on its approach to Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport in Alabama, killing both the pilot and co-pilot. Authorities believe the plane experienced two to three explosions related to the aviation fuel before crashing and are continuing to investigate.

Source: <http://news.msn.com/us/ups-jet-crashes-near-airport-in-birmingham-ala>

7. *August 14, KREM 2 Spokane* – (Washington) **State Route 291 could be closed through Wednesday night.** A brush fire led to the closure of State Route 291 near Spokane and Stevens Counties August 13 and authorities estimated that the roadway could be closed through August 14 due to debris on the road.

Source: <http://www.krem.com/news/wildfire/Brush-fire-closes-State-Route-291--219483951.html>

8. *August 14, WDTV 5 Weston; Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **Star City Bridge reopened after being hit by barge.** A runaway barge carrying rock/shale hit the Star City Bridge in Monongalia County, West Virginia, and prompted authorities to close the bridge for several hours August 13.

Source: <http://www.wdtv.com/wdtv.cfm?func=view&section=5-News&item=5-NEWS-UPDATE-Star-City-Bridge-Reopened11293>

9. *August 14, WTVF 5 Nashville* – (Tennessee) **Two people hurt in Lebanon train crash.** A crash between a train operated by the Nashville & Eastern Railroad company and a truck closed both directions of Briskin Lane in Lebanon, Tennessee, for several hours August 13.  
Source: <http://www.newschannel5.com/story/23125557/two-people-hurt-in-lebanon-train-crash>
10. *August 13, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Mudslides keep North Cascades Highway closed.** Mudslides from intense thunderstorms the weekend of August 10 prompted authorities to close a 10-mile section of North Cascades Highway in Wenatchee, Washington, indefinitely. Officials from the Washington Department of Transportation stated that the highway may not reopen until the week of August 19.  
Source: <http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2013/aug/13/mudslides-keep-north-cascades-highway-closed/>
11. *August 13, KXII 12 Sherman* – (Texas) **FedEx truck hits work convoy truck on US75 near Howe.** A two vehicle accident involving a FedEx truck shut down a portion of Highway 75 south near Howe, Texas, for several hours August 13.  
Source: <http://www.kxii.com/news/headlines/Southbound-Highway-75-reopens-after-2-vehicle-accident-219420601.html?ref=601>
12. *August 13, KOLD 13 Tucson; KMSB 11 Tucson* – (Arizona) **Accident closes down eastbound lanes I-10 near Kolb.** An August 13 accident closed down the eastbound lanes of Interstate 10 near Kolb Road in Tucson with no estimated time of reopening the interstate.  
Source: <http://www.tucsonnewsnow.com/story/23127289/an-accident-east-of-tucson-closes-down-the-eastbound-lanes-of-i-10>
13. *August 13, KCEN 6 Temple* – (Texas) **Both I-35 SB lanes close for hours after fiery truck crash.** A fiery accident involving an 18-wheeler crashing into a concrete barrier closed both southbound lanes on Interstate 35 near Dallas for several hours August 13. The highway sustained severe damage causing crews to tear up and repave one of the lanes.  
Source: <http://www.kcentv.com/story/23124538/i-35-traffic-stalls-for-hours-after-truck-crashes-catches-fire>
14. *August 13, Salem Statesman Journal* – (Oregon) **Two confirmed dead in Highway 22 crash, traffic being diverted.** Two people were killed in a fatal head-on collision that closed both directions of Highway 22 in Marion County for several hours while officials assessed and cleared the scene August 13.  
Source: <http://www.statesmanjournal.com/article/20130813/UPDATE/130813032/Two-confirmed-dead-Highway-22-crash-traffic-being-diverted>

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## **Food and Agriculture Sector**

15. *August 14, Food Safety News* – (National) **Cyclospora cases reach 539, including one in California.** According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention approximately 539 Cyclospora infection cases have been reported in 19 states, including one in California. The California case was likely acquired out of State and it is not yet clear whether the cases from all of the States are part of the same outbreak. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/08/cyclospora-infections-from-sea-to-shining-sea/#.Ugts6pKko0c>

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## **Water and Wastewater Systems Sector**

16. *August 13, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **44,000 gallons of sewage overflows near Goucher College.** Public works officials identified and addressed August 5 complaints of sewage odors near Goucher College August 12 when they stopped a 44,000 gallon sewage overflow caused by a tree root blocking a sewer pipe. Source: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/baltimore-county/towson/bs-md-co-sewage-spill-20130813,0,1522045.story>
17. *August 13, Inquisitr* – (Texas) **Grand Prairie water main break: city in danger of running out of water.** The city of Grand Prairie declared an emergency August 12 after a 60-inch pipe ruptured and spilled out half of the city's water supply, a loss of more than 20 million gallons of water. The loss and declaration prompted some local businesses and restaurants to close and others to make preparations in case the city's water supply runs out. Source: <http://www.inquisitr.com/902663/grand-prairie-water-main-break-city-in-danger-of-running-out-of-water/>

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## **Healthcare and Public Health Sector**

18. *August 13, KZTV 10 Corpus Christi* – (Texas) **Two patients exposed to contaminated IV medications die.** Authorities are investigating the cause of death of two patients exposed to contaminated IV fluid at Doctor's Regional Hospital and Bay Area Medical Center in Corpus Christi. The contaminated medication was manufactured by Specialty Compounding, LLC and caused 17 patients from both hospitals to contract Rhodococcus Equi after receiving the contaminated fluid from their IVs. Source: <http://www.kztv10.com/news/two-patients-exposed-to-contaminated-iv-medications-die/>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

19. *August 14, Reuters* – (Idaho; Utah) **Wildfire threatens two Idaho mountain towns; evacuations ordered.** Officials ordered hundreds of residents to evacuate as Idaho's Elk Complex Fire burned 99,000 acres and destroyed over a dozen homes. Crews reached less than 5 percent containment August 13 as they battled a 400-acre wildfire that erupted in Utah and prompted the evacuation of 400 homes near Park City.  
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/08/14/us-usa-fires-idaho-idUSBRE97C10J20130814>
20. *August 13, Threatpost* – (National) **NHTSA servers back online after attack.** The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration restored their servers August 12 after 10 of their servers were hacked August 6 which knocked their Web site offline. The documents on the hacked servers were publicly available information and no personal or confidential business information was leaked.  
Source: <https://threatpost.com/nhtsa-servers-back-online-after-attack/101984>
21. *August 13, KYTV 3 Springfield* – (Missouri) **Bomb threat closes courthouse for rest of day.** Officials evacuated and closed the Pulaski County Courthouse August 13 after a phoned bomb threat. The sheriff's department gave an all clear after conducting a search.  
Source: <http://www.ky3.com/news/ky3-pulaski-county-courthouse-bomb-threat-20130813,0,2095004.story>
22. *August 13, Sacramento Bee* – (California) **Placer County fire grows to 1,900 acres, is 5 percent contained.** Firefighters reached 5 percent containment August 13 of the 1,900-acre American Fire burning north of Foresthill in Placer County.  
Source: <http://www.mercedsunstar.com/2013/08/13/3162124/sacto-911-update-american-fire.html>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

23. *August 13, WRC 4 Washington, D.C.* – (Washington, D.C.) **Two D.C. ambulances catch fire while on emergency call.** Two Washington, D.C. ambulances caught fire August 13 as they were responding to separate emergency calls. The emergency response fleet has suffered an array of problems over the past few years as the department continues to enforce safety reminders to personnel.  
Source: <http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/DC-Ambulance-Catches-Fire-While-on-Emergency-Call-219413221.html>

## **Information Technology Sector**

24. *August 14, The Register* – (International) **Philips’ smart lights left in the dark by dumb security.** A researcher published a paper showing how the Philips Hue “smart lighting” system can be easily compromised and controlled by an attacker within wireless network range due to poor authentication methods.  
Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2013/08/14/switch\\_off\\_your\\_neighbours\\_lights\\_with\\_an\\_app/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2013/08/14/switch_off_your_neighbours_lights_with_an_app/)
25. *August 14, Help Net Security* – (Texas) **Hacker hijacks baby monitor camera, terrorizes family.** A couple in Houston reported that an attacker hijacked an Internet-connected baby monitor, yelling through its speakers and controlling its camera.  
Source: <https://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=15406>
26. *August 14, Softpedia* – (International) **Hackers abuse Google Cloud Messaging service in Android malware attacks.** Researchers at Kaspersky found that cybercriminals are using a loophole in Google Cloud Messaging to use the service as a command and control server for their Android malware.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Hackers-Abuse-Google-Cloud-Messaging-Service-to-Distribute-Android-Malware-375327.shtml>
27. *August 14, Softpedia* – (International) **Facebook and Twitter accounts of the New York Post hacked by Syrian Electronic Army.** Hacktivists from the Syrian Electronic Army compromised several Twitter and Facebook accounts belonging to the New York Post after gaining access by breaching the systems of social media optimization service SocialFlow through phishing.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Facebook-and-Twitter-Accounts-of-the-New-York-Post-Hacked-by-Syrian-Electronic-Army-375292.shtml>
28. *August 13, Krebs on Security* – (International) **Microsoft patches plug 23 security holes.** Microsoft released its monthly Patch Tuesday bundle of updates for several of its products, closing 23 security vulnerabilities, 3 of which were rated “critical.”  
Source: <https://krebsonsecurity.com/2013/08/microsoft-patches-plug-23-security-holes/>
29. *August 13, IDG News Service* – (International) **Impact of Xerox character-substitution bug wider than thought.** Xerox found that a character-substitution bug that incorrectly replaced numbers on documents printed under certain setting affects document printed under additional settings. Xerox advised users to reset settings to default and apply a patch scheduled for release in the next few weeks.  
Source: <https://www.networkworld.com/news/2013/081313-impact-of-xerox-character-substitution-bug-272816.html>



## Internet Alert Dashboard

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30. *August 14, WHNS 21 Greenville* – (South Carolina) **Dozens left homeless after Anderson apartment fire.** An August 13 fire at the Azalea Apartments in Anderson left all 40 units of the complex uninhabitable, displacing between 70 and 100 people. The 30-year old building was without a sprinkler system and while only two units were damaged by the fire, the remaining units suffered from smoke, heat, and water damage, partially due to the building's design.  
Source: <http://www.foxcarolina.com/story/23131663/apartment-fire-displaces-families-in-anderson>
31. *August 14, Detroit Free Press* – (Michigan) **Arson investigators to seek cause of Detroit apartment building fire.** Detroit Fire Department Arson Unit investigators will work to determine the cause of an August 14 Detroit apartment fire which displaced 12 families.  
Source: <http://www.freep.com/article/20130814/NEWS01/308140068/Wyoming-apartment-building-fire-Detroit-arson>
32. *August 13, Santa Rosa Press Democrat* – (California) **Fire damages west Santa Rosa apartment complex.** Improperly discarded cigarette butts helped start an apartment building fire at the Marlow Road Apartments complex in Santa Rosa which damaged several units, displaced 58 individuals, and caused an estimated \$200,000 in damages.  
Source: <http://www.pressdemocrat.com/article/20130813/articles/130819867>
33. *August 13, WESH 2 Orlando* – (Florida) **Neighbors hurt when woman attempts suicide in Altamonte Springs.** A woman attempting suicide by carbon monoxide poisoning caused 10-12 people to be evacuated from 16 units at the Timberlake Apartments in Altamonte Springs after she lit a charcoal grill in her bathroom. Four evacuees were taken to the hospital as a result of the August 13 incident.  
Source: <http://www.wesh.com/news/central-florida/seminole-county/apartments-in-altamonte-springs-evacuated-for-co-levels-during-suicide-attempt/-/17597106/21449098/-/ejcmh3/-/index.html>



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## **Dams Sector**

34. *August 13, Associated Press* – (Oregon) **Dam built in the 1930s to help salmon will now be removed.** Removal of a 1930s dam originally built to boost salmon runs in the Sandy River will begin August 15 to improve fish habitat. The \$800,000 project will be financed by the Portland Water Board and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and should be complete by November 2013.

Source: <http://www.katu.com/news/local/Old-earthen-dam-being-removed-to-improve-fish-habitat-219491711.html>

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