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- Entergy Corp. announced that the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station in Vernon, Vermont, will shut down permanently by the end of 2014, citing costs and market conditions. – *Associated Press* (See item [2](#))
- Firefighters reached 20 percent containment of California's 161,000-acre Rim Fire after the fire spread towards the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, threatening hydroelectric generators, which were temporarily shut down. – *CNN* (See item [21](#))
- Several school districts around the Midwest cancelled classes, after-school sports practices, and games, and initiated early release schedules due to a heat wave. – *Associated Press* (See item [22](#))
- Researchers spotted a zero-day vulnerability in Java 6 currently being exploited in the wild, and warned there would be no patch for the older, unsupported Java version. – *Softpedia* (See item [29](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *August 26, Sebring News-Sun* – (Florida) **Utility sub-station hit by vandals.** Authorities are investigating a fire at the Glades Electric sub-station in Lake Placid August 26. Employees found what appeared to be bullet holes in their equipment and officials determined the overall damage and loss could be upwards of \$500,000.
Source: <http://www.newssun.com/news/082813-utility-vandals>

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Chemical Industry Sector

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

2. *August 27, Associated Press* – (Vermont) **Vermont Yankee nuke plant to close by end of 2014.** Operator Entergy Corp. announced that the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station in Vernon will shut down permanently by the end of 2014, citing costs, low wholesale energy prices, and market structures. The plant will remain under U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission oversight during its decommissioning process.
Source: <http://www.wfaa.com/news/business/221310401.html>
3. *August 27, Florence Times Daily* – (Alabama) **NRC cites TVA after Browns Ferry shutdown.** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission cited the operators of the Browns Ferry nuclear power plant near Athens, Alabama, with a low-to-moderate safety violation for not following procedure while restoring power after a December 2012 outage.
Source: http://www.timesdaily.com/news/state/article_368b10f6-0eb7-11e3-89cc-001a4bcf6878.html
4. *August 26, Associated Press* – (Massachusetts) **Mass. nuclear plant in service after repairs.** The Pilgrim nuclear power plant in Plymouth returned to service August 26 following an unplanned outage August 22 caused by electrical issues.
Source: <http://www.sanluisobispo.com/2013/08/26/2651656/mass-nuclear-plant-in-service.html>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Financial Services Sector

5. *August 26, Reuters* – (Indiana) **SEC says Indiana man used Ponzi scheme to fund a reality TV show.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission charged a Noblesville man with running a \$6 million Ponzi scheme that defrauded at least 37 investors through his Guaranty Reserves Trust LLC firm.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/08/26/us-sec-ponzi-realitytv-idUSBRE97P0WV20130826>
6. *August 26, New London Day* – (Connecticut) **NL woman pleads guilty in credit card scam.** A New London woman pleaded guilty to her role in a fraudulent credit card scheme that allowed her and 10 co-conspirators to steal more than \$362,000 from victims' accounts.
Source: <http://www.theday.com/article/20130826/NWS01/130829740/1047>
7. *August 26, Cincinnati Business Courier* – (Ohio) **Business partner pleads guilty in investment fraud case.** An Auburn commodities trader pleaded guilty to defrauding investors of \$5.2 million through his firm, TS Capital Management.
Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/cincinnati/news/2013/08/26/tuberville-business-partner-pleads.html>
8. *August 23, Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel* – (Florida) **Man targeted fellow Haitians in \$30-million Ponzi scheme, prosecutors say.** Federal prosecutors charged a Georgia man with allegedly running an affinity scam targeting Haitian Americans in south Florida that defrauded investors of \$30 million.
Source: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/palm-beach/fl-haitian-ponzi-schemer-charges-20130823,0,1571711.story>

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Transportation Systems Sector

9. *August 27, WGCL 46 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **Lanes reopen on I-75 after fatal pedestrian accident.** An accident in which a semi-truck struck and killed a pedestrian prompted authorities to close all lanes of Interstate 75 northbound in Clayton County for 3 hours August 27.

Source: <http://www.cbsatlanta.com/story/23262677/traffic-detoured-after-pedestrian-killed-on-interstate>

10. *August 27, Merced Sun Star* – (California) **Big rig catches fire on Highway 99 after head-on crash with pickup.** A semi-truck caught on fire following an accident and shut down northbound lanes of Highway 99 in Delhi, California, for more than 2 hours August 26.
Source: <http://www.mercedsunstar.com/2013/08/27/3187541/big-rig-catches-fire-on-highway.html>
11. *August 27, Nashville Tennessean* – (Tennessee) **Hwy 52 cleared after fatal crash.** A fatal collision closed Highway 52 in Sumner County for nearly 3 hours August 26.
Source: <http://www.tennessean.com/article/20130827/NEWS/308270044/UPDATE-Hwy-52-still-closed-after-fatal-crash>
12. *August 26, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **Route 152 in Joppa closed after major accident.** A three-vehicle accident closed Route 152 in Joppa for over 2 hours August 26.
Source: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/harford/fallston-joppa/ph-ag-old-mountain-collision-0828-20130826,0,4929313.story>
13. *August 26, Idaho State Journal* – (Idaho) **Crash brings HAZMAT team: Semi accident closes road, spills about 200 gallons of chemical.** A semi-truck rolled and spilled a large amount of a dust-control chemical it was carrying, prompting the closure of a portion of Highway 34 in Grace for 3 hours August 26.
Source: http://www.idahostatejournal.com/members/crash-brings-hazmat-team-semi-accident-closes-road-spills-about/article_51dfc4b4-0ea3-11e3-834c-001a4bcf887a.html
14. *August 26, Hanover Evening Sun* – (Pennsylvania) **Overtaken tanker closes Iron Ridge Road for 8 hours.** A semi-truck and trailer overturned and prompted authorities to close Iron Ridge Road in Heidelberg Township for about 8 hours August 26. The trailer was carrying 5,500 gallons of road tar which needed to be off-loaded before the tanker could be righted.
Source: http://www.eveningsun.com/localnews/ci_23946663/overtaken-tanker-closes-iron-ridge-road-8-hours
15. *August 26, WKBN 27 Youngstown* – (Ohio) **Cortland woman killed in head-on crash.** A fatal head-on collision involving a semi-truck shut down Route 5 in Johnston Township for nearly 4 hours while the scene was cleared August 26.
Source: <http://www.wkbn.com/2013/08/26/cortland-woman-killed-in-head-on-crash/>
16. *August 26, News 9 Oklahoma City* – (Oklahoma) **Semi crash creates morning commute mess on eastbound I-40.** A semi-truck and an SUV crashed and closed the eastbound lanes of Interstate 40 in Oklahoma City for over 2 hours August 26.
Source: <http://www.news9.com/story/23254185/semi-crash-creates-morning-commute-mess-on-eastbound-i-40>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

17. *August 27, Food Safety News* – (National) **CDC: Not all Cyclospora cases linked to Taylor Farms de Mexico.** The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention stated that not all of the more than 600 current Cyclospora cases reported in 22 States and New York City are directly related to each other. Findings in Texas differ from results found in Iowa and Nebraska, which linked some Cyclospora cases to eating a bagged salad mix from Taylor Farms at certain restaurants.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/08/cdc-suggests-not-all-610-cyclospora-cases-linked-to-taylor-farms-lettuce/>

18. *August 26, Associated Press* – (National) **ConAgra recalls cookie dough because of peanuts.** Kroger's Break 'N Bake chocolate chip cookie dough packages were recalled by ConAgra, Inc., because the products contain peanuts. Peanut butter cup cookie dough was inadvertently packed into the packages, posing a danger to people with peanut allergies.

Source: <http://news.msn.com/us/conagra-recalls-cookie-dough-because-of-peanuts>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

19. *August 26, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Washington) **EPA focusing on industrial stormwater compliance, targeting a serious threat to Puget Sound water quality.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced August 26 it would enforce actions against four Seattle-area companies for violating the Clean Water Act after investigations indicated the companies discharged industrial stormwater into Puget Sound during varying periods. Penalties for the companies ranged from \$33,750 to \$600,000.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/0DD4BD2F905BCAE885257BD3006EA57B>

20. *August 26, WTOP 103.5 FM Washington D.C.* – (Maryland) **10,000 gallons of sewage overflow in Hyattsville.** A log stuck in a sewer main caused a 10,000 gallon spill of untreated sewage into the Beaverdam Branch Basin in Hyattsville August 26.

Source: <http://www.wtop.com/46/3433263/10000-gallons-of-sewage-overflow-in-Hyattsville>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

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Government Facilities Sector

21. *August 27, CNN* – (California) **Yosemite wildfire grows, threatens reservoir, power station.** Firefighters reached 20 percent containment of California's 161,000-acre Rim Fire August 26. The fire spread towards the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir and potentially threatens San Francisco's hydroelectric generators, which were temporarily shut down. Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2013/08/27/us/california-yosemite-wildfire/>
22. *August 26, Associated Press* – (National) **Heat prompts early dismissals in Midwest schools.** Several school districts around the Midwest cancelled classes, after-school sports practices, and games, and initiated early release schedules due to a heat wave the week of August 26. Source: <http://news.msn.com/us/heat-prompts-early-dismissals-in-midwest-schools>
23. *August 26, Billings Gazette* – (Montana) **Fire closes Rosebud Battlefield State Park.** Montana State Parks officials closed Rosebud Battlefield State Park after a lightning-caused fire re-ignited August 26. The park will be closed until fire suppression and cleanup work is completed. Source: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/fire-closes-rosebud-battlefield-state-park/article_ef484168-51fc-5a05-9261-1daae778bce3.html
24. *August 26, Charleston Gazette* – (West Virginia) **Power outage knocks out power to Kanawha courthouse, downtown businesses.** The Kanawha County Courthouse closed August 26 after a transformer's fuse blew in Charleston prompting a power outage. Service was restored about 3 hours later. Source: <http://www.wvgazette.com/News/201308260268>
25. *August 26, KERO 23 Bakersfield* – (California) **Fish Fire near Porterville burning 1,450 acres, 7% contained, supplies packed in by mule and horse.** Firefighters reached 7 percent containment of the 1,450-acre Fish Fire burning near Springville August 25. Source: <http://www.turnto23.com/news/state/fish-fire-a-lightning-fire-ne-of-springville-burning-1000-acres-5-contained-082513>
26. *August 26, KRNV 4 Reno* – (California) **American Fire in Placer County now 83% contained.** Crews reached 83 percent containment August 26 of the 24,408-acre fire burning in Placer County, California. Several roads around the area remain closed. Source: <http://www.mynews4.com/news/local/story/American-Fire-in-Placer-County-now-83-contained/qjuIwdtJwkWwQ3N7XcVXLg.csp>

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Emergency Services Sector

27. *August 26, Associated Press; Des Moines Register* – (Iowa) **Iowa Juvenile Home cited for drug program problems.** Authorities cited the Iowa Juvenile Home for 15 violations in its substance-abuse treatment program, including a lack of oversight and failure to track children's progress in their treatment. The home provides housing, treatment, and schooling to youths with serious behavioral problems and is exempt from certain fines and penalties.

Source:

<http://www.tribtown.com/view/story/2997279ab54149a0887ab8a9ca52c8b9/IA--Iowa-Juvenile-Home>

28. *August 26, WCAU 10 Philadelphia* – (Pennsylvania) **Ex-councilman in Pa. pleads guilty to \$400K theft.** A former Moosic borough councilman pleaded guilty August 26 to stealing nearly \$400,000 from the Greenwood Hose Company 1 by forging fire company checks from September 2006 to January 2013 while he served as the president.

Source: <http://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/local/Ex-Councilman-in-Pa-Pleads-Guilty-to-400K-221242851.html>

Information Technology Sector

29. *August 27, Softpedia* – (International) **Java 6 zero-day spotted in the wild, users advised to update to Java 7.** Researchers at F-Secure spotted a zero-day vulnerability in Java 6 currently being exploited in the wild. Users are advised to update to Java 7 as there will be no patch for the no-longer-supported Java 6.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Java-6-Zero-Day-Spotted-in-the-Wild-Users-Advised-to-Update-to-Java-7-378432.shtml>

30. *August 27, Softpedia* – (International) **New DirtJumper variant capable of bypassing DDOS mitigation systems.** Arbor Networks researchers identified a new variant of the DirtJumper distributed denial of service (DDoS) malware which includes new features including the ability to bypass some DDoS mitigation mechanisms.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/New-DirtJumper-Variant-Capable-of-Bypassing-DDOS-Mitigation-Systems-378564.shtml>

31. *August 27, Softpedia* – (International) **Chinese cybercriminals leverage G-20 Summit in espionage campaigns.** Researchers at Rapid7 identified recent attacks by Chinese hacker group the Calc Team (also known as APT-12) using three similar pieces of malware in spearphishing campaigns using the upcoming G-20 Summit as bait.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Chinese-Cybercriminals-Leverage-G-20-Summit-in-Espionage-Campaigns-378552.shtml>

32. *August 27, Softpedia* – (International) **FBI warns of “search for missing children” spear phishing emails.** The FBI warned users of a spearphishing campaign using three malicious files in emails and documents purporting to be from its National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/FBI-Warns-of-Search-for-Missing-Children-Spear-Phishing-Emails-378537.shtml>
33. *August 26, Threatpost* – (International) **Phony Adobe plug-in malware bypasses Craigslist spam controls.** Researchers at Solera Networks discovered a spam campaign on Craigslist that uses malware on compromised machines to post spam advertisements.
Source: <http://threatpost.com/phony-adobe-plug-in-malware-bypasses-craigslist-spam-controls>

Internet Alert Dashboard

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Communications Sector

34. *August 26, Laurinburg Exchange* – (North Carolina) **Downtown loses cable services.** Time Warner Cable customers in Scotland County and surrounding areas, lost cable, Internet, and telephone services for more than five hours after a semi-truck damaged a fiber optic cable August 26.
Source: http://www.laurinburgexchange.com/news/home_top/2399449/Downtown-loses-cable-services

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Commercial Facilities Sector

35. *August 27, Associated Press* – (Florida) **Man found dead, 2 injured after shooting at Westchase Apartments in Jacksonville.** One man died and two others were injured in a shooting at the Westchase Apartments August 26.
Source: <http://www.wptv.com/dpp/news/state/anton-white-found-dead-2-injured-after-shooting-at-westchase-apartments-in-jacksonville>
36. *August 27, Associated Press* – (Texas) **21 measles cases linked to megachurch in Texas.** Officials reported August 27 that a visitor to the Eagle Mountain International Church in Newark, Texas, who contracted measles overseas was responsible for starting the outbreak which has affected at least 21 people. The church is hosting vaccination clinics in an attempt to contain the outbreak.

Source: <http://news.msn.com/us/21-measles-cases-linked-to-megachurch-in-texas>

37. *August 27, Wichita Eagle* – (Kansas) **Apartment fire on South Oliver injures 5.** Five people were injured as 70 residents were displaced by a fire at Ashley Lane Apartments in Wichita August 27. Firefighters worked to prevent the blaze from spreading to other buildings.

Source: <http://www.kansas.com/2013/08/27/2966537/apartment-fire-on-south-oliver.html>

38. *August 27, WISH-TV 8 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **Fire damages several apartments on northwest side.** Seven units at Annaberry Park Apartments in Indianapolis sustained an estimated \$100,000 in damages and at least 16 people were displaced in an August 27 fire. An investigation is ongoing into the cause of the fire.

Source: <http://www.wishtv.com/news/local/fire-damages-several-apartments-on-northwest-side>

39. *August 26, New Jersey Herald* – (New Jersey) **Fire damages Budd Lake apartments.** Sixteen apartments in a building at Hensyn Village, a Budd Lake apartment complex, were evacuated August 25 after a fire started in a lower-floor unit.

Source: <http://www.njherald.com/story/23261969/fire-damages-budd-lake-apartments>

40. *August 26, Raleigh News & Observer* – (North Carolina) **Raleigh fire investigators seeking cause of weekend apartment fire.** Raleigh fire investigators are still investigating the cause of a fire at the Camden Crest Apartments August 24 which displaced 29 households and destroyed the 30-unit apartment building in northwest Raleigh.

Source: <http://www.newsobserver.com/2013/08/26/3138646/raleigh-fire-investigators-seeking.html>

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