

Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report 25 September 2013

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- TD Bank agreed to pay \$52.5 million to settle U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission charges that it failed to report suspicious activity in bank accounts controlled by a Fort Lauderdale, Florida, resident who ran a \$1.2 billion Ponzi scheme. *USA Today* (See item 9)
- The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued an update September 23 reporting that the number of Hepatitis A cases associated with Townsend Farms Organic Antioxidant Blend reached 162.– *Food Safety News* (See item 23)
- Thieves broke into an unattended Station 5 fire engine while it was on a medical call the week of September 16 in Arlington, Virginia, and stole a set of keys that allow access to secure areas in the metro system. WRC-TV 4 Washington, D.C. (See item 31)
- Colorado is initiating a dam inspection program for 200 dams over 10 days after heavy rainfall led to the failure of several low-risk dams and prevented access to 20 dams by washing out access roads. *Denver Post* (See item <u>38</u>)

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Energy Sector

- September 23, Associated Press (Colorado) 2 more oil spills caused by flooding in Colorado. Flood damaged tanks spilled a total of 27,000 gallons of oil into the South Platte River in Colorado by September 23. Roughly 1,300 wells remained shut due to flooding while officials continued to assess the risk the spilled oil posed. Source: http://www.ctpost.com/business/energy/article/2-more-oil-spills-caused-by-flooding-in-Colorado-4836967.php
- 2. September 23, Associated Press (Alabama) 7 in Alabama plead guilty in Gulf oil spill settlement fraud, charges pending against 3 others. The Alabama attorney general announced seven people pleaded guilty September 23 to stealing money from an oil spill settlement fund five of which were ordered to collectively pay more than \$20,000 in restitution. Charges are pending against three others who were also indicted. Source: http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/75a0d8789adf4d1c81815c78d64da637/AL-Oil-Spill-Fraud
- 3. September 23, Bloomberg News (National) EPA won't require carbon capture at existing coal plants. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced existing coal-fired power plants will not be required to install equipment to capture and store the carbon dioxide they emit under the agency's new rules. The EPA proposed new coal-burning plants use expensive capture technology, called CCS. Source: http://www.businessweek.com/news/2013-09-23/epa-chief-says-current-coal-plants-won-t-need-carbon-capture-1
- 4. September 23, Associated Press; WEYI 25 Saginaw (Michigan) Consumers Energy pushes back Bay City coal plant shutdown. Consumers Energy announced September 20 to delay the planned shutdown of 3 coal-fired power plants in Michigan until the first quarter of 2016 from early 2015.

 Source: http://www.minbcnews.com/news/story.aspx?id=950064#.UkGp9Iakowo
- 5. September 23, San Francisco Chronicle (California) Caltrain: Full service after PG&E gas pipe struck. A gas leak was capped September 23 after construction crews struck a Pacific Gas and Electric Co. line at San Bruno and San Mateo avenues while they were realigning train tracks September 22. Caltrain service was temporarily halted while crews worked to fix the rupture.

 Source: http://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/Caltrain-full-service-after-PG-amp-E-gas-pipe-4836230.php

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Chemical Industry Sector

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

6. September 24, Allentown Morning Call – (Pennsylvania) PPL reboots Susquehanna nuclear power after radioactive leak. The operators of the Susquehanna nuclear power plant in Luzerne County restarted the plant's Unit 2 reactor September 24 after a low-level radioactive water leak was discovered inside a reactor building room the previous week. The leak was found during a maintenance outage and was corrected during the planned shutdown.

Source: http://www.mcall.com/business/mc-ppl-restarts-reactor-20130924,0,3687410.story

7. September 23, Associated Press – (California) Regulators propose to cite utility for flaw in generators at shuttered Calif. nuclear plant. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) stated in a report that the operator of the closed San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station near San Diego failed to identify a flawed design in four replacement generators that caused excessive tube wear and led to the permanent closure of the plant. The NRC also issued a notice of nonconformance to the designer of the generators, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/us-nuclear-regulators-to-cite-socal-edison-mitsubishi-for-san-onofre-steam-generator-flaws/2013/09/23/0b4bd38c-245e-11e3-9372-92606241ae9c_story.html

8. September 23, Associated Press – (South Carolina) Feds doing more oversight at SC nuclear plant. The H.B. Robinson nuclear power plant near Hartsville will receive additional U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission oversight due to several low-level incidents.

Source: http://www.idahostatesman.com/2013/09/23/2777495/feds-doing-more-oversight-at-sc.html

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Financial Services Sector

- September 23, USA Today (Florida) Regulators fine TD Bank \$52.5 million in Ponzi case. TD Bank agreed to pay \$52.5 million to settle U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission charges that it failed to report suspicious activity in bank accounts controlled by a Fort Lauderdale resident who ran a \$1.2 billion Ponzi scheme. Source: http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/business/2013/09/23/td-bank-sec-settlement/2856763/
- 10. September 23, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (New York) SEC charges 10 brokers for roles in McGinn Smith Ponzi scheme. The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission charged 10 former brokers at Albany-based McGinn Smith & Co. for allegedly making misrepresentations and omissions to customers when recommending unregistered investment products used in a \$125 million Ponzi scheme run by the owners of the firm.

Source: http://www.sec.gov/News/PressRelease/Detail/PressRelease/1370539829837

- 11. September 23, Kansas City Star (Missouri) Aluminum foils security, shields credit-card crooks from detection. Police in Kansas City reported that since the weekend of September 21 thieves have three times used aluminum foil to cover satellite antennae at local businesses to prevent their credit card fraud from being detected.

 Source: http://www.kansascity.com/2013/09/23/4503405/credit-card-crooks-use-simple.html
- 12. September 23, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (New York) SEC charges independent filmmaker with insider trading. A New York City filmmaker agreed to pay more than \$1 million to settle charges filed by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission that he engaged in insider trading with a business partner who gave him confidential information learned in his job at a consulting firm, which allowed the filmmaker and a coconspirator to make more than \$2.6 million in illicit profits.

 Source: http://www.sec.gov/News/PressRelease/Detail/PressRelease/1370539826717
- 13. September 23, Alaska Native News (Alaska) Anchorage plastic surgeon indicted by Anchorage grand jury on wire fraud charges. An Anchorage plastic surgeon was indicted September 20 for allegedly engaging in wire fraud to defraud his wife and Alaska State Courts in divorce proceeding by transferring over \$4 million to a bank account in Panama in 2007 and 2008. The alleged fraud was identified when he moved the money into the account of a shell corporation in the U.S. in 2011. Source: http://alaska-native-news.com/state_news/9312-anchorage-plastic-surgeon-indicted-by-anchorage-grand-jury-on-wire-fraud-charges.html

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Transportation Systems Sector

14. September 24, Garden City Telegram – (Kansas) Blowing dust causes several

crashes. A five-vehicle accident caused Kansas Highway 27 between Greeley and Wallace counties to be closed for several hours September 23.

Source: http://www.gctelegram.com/news/9-24-13-Blowing-dust-causes-five-vehicle-accident-in-Greeley-County

15. September 24, Tampa Bay Times – (Florida) Truck hauling orange juice overturns on Tampa interstate ramp. A semi-truck hauling a load of orange juice overturned and closed a ramp from westbound Interstate 4 to southbound Interstate 275 in Tampa for over 2 hours September 24.

Source: http://www.tampabay.com/news/publicsafety/accidents/truck-hauling-orange-juice-overturns-on-tampa-interstate-ramp/2143591

16. September 24, WBNS 10 Columbus – (Ohio) EPA and ODOT respond to crash on I-71. An accident involving a semi-truck shut down all southbound lanes of Interstate 71 at East Weber Road in Columbus for over 2 hours September 24. Source: http://www.10tv.com/content/stories/2013/09/24/columbus-i-71-semi-accident.html

17. September 23, KPIX 5 San Francisco – (California) Woman plunges to her death from Highway Overpass in Novato. A woman who fell or jumped to her death from an overpass in Novato prompted authorities to close the northbound lanes of U.S. Highway 101 in Marin County for over 2 hours September 23.

Source: http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2013/09/23/body-found-on-highway-101-in-novato-shuts-traffic-in-both-directions/

18. September 23, TCPalm.com – (Florida) 1 injured in St. Lucie County turnpike crash that closed northbound lanes Monday morning. An accident shut down the northbound lanes of Florida's Turnpike in St. Lucie County for over 3 hours September 23. Around 80 gallons of diesel fuel spillage was also reported and took several hours to clean.

Source: http://www.tcpalm.com/news/2013/sep/23/turnpike-crash-port-st-luciemonday/

19. September 23, WBRC 6 Birmingham – (Alabama) I-20 East near Heflin partially reopened Monday evening after major wreck. An accident involving four semi-trucks prompted authorities to close part of Interstate 20 East near Heflin for more than 12 hours September 23.

Source: http://www.myfoxal.com/story/23502590/i-20-east-near-heflin-partially-re-opened-monday-evening-after-major-wreck

- 20. September 23, KDVR 31 Denver (Colorado) Dust storm closes I-70, causes multiple crashes. A severe dust storm prompted officials to close both directions of Interstate 70 between Limon and Burlington for several hours September 23.

 Source: http://kdvr.com/2013/09/23/dust-storm-closes-i-70-causes-multiple-crashes/
- 21. September 23, U.S. Department of Labor (New Jersey) UPS Inc. cited for repeat,

serious safety hazards at Secaucus, NJ, processing and distribution center; fined \$45,500 by US Department of Labor's OSHA. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited UPS Inc. for one repeat and one serious safety hazard found at the company's processing and distribution center in Secaucus. Proposed penalties totaled \$45,500.

Source:

https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEA_SES&p_id=24840

For another story, see item <u>31</u>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

22. September 24, Food Safety News – (North Carolina; South Carolina) 89 ill with Salmonella, 13 hospitalized following church barbeque. North Carolina county and State health officials updated the number of victims of a Salmonella outbreak that followed a fundraising barbecue held September 7 at a church in Shelby to 89 likely cases and 13 hospitalized.

Source: http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/09/update-salmonella-victims-now-total-71-with-13-hospitalized-after-nc-church-barbecue/

23. September 24, Food Safety News – (National) CDC: Hepatitis A outbreak now at 162 cases in 10 States. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued an update September 23 reporting that the number of Hepatitis A cases associated with Townsend Farms Organic Antioxidant Blend totals 162, with 71 people having been hospitalized.

Source: http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/09/cdc-hepatitis-a-outbreak-now-at-162-cases-in-10-states/

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

24. September 24, WLNE 6 New Bedford – (Rhode Island) First water test comes back clear of E. coli, two to go. A Kent County water tank that tested positive for E. coli September 20 was taken off-line and secured while officials searched for the cause of the contamination. The first of three water sample tests came back negative for E. coli and authorities are still waiting on the results of two additional tests before the boil water advisory can be lifted.

Source: http://www.abc6.com/story/23512789/first-water-comes-back-clear-of-e-coli

25. September 24, City of Valdosta – (Georgia) Major changes for Valdosta wastewater infrastructure. The city of Valdosta and the Georgia Environmental Protection Division entered an agreement September 23 detailing a consent order addressing permit violations of the Mud Creek and Withlacoochee Water Pollution Control Plant

from 2009-2013. The consent order identifies the timelines in which specified city improvement projects will be completed.

Source: http://www.wctv.tv/home/headlines/Valdosta-Wastewater-Plant-224972062.html

26. September 23, McAllen Monitor – (Texas) Rio Grande City plans to revamp sewage life stations. Rio Grande City will make improvements to its sewage system by reconstructing 7 of its 9 sewer lift stations to keep the sewer system on par with the area's growth.

Source: http://www.themonitor.com/news/local/article_2eb22740-24c2-11e3-8e7e-0019bb30f31a.html

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

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Government Facilities Sector

27. September 23, WAVE 3 Louisville – (Kentucky) All clear given after bomb threat forces courthouse evacuation. The county courthouse and nearby government buildings in Bullitt County, Kentucky, were evacuated for more than 3 hours September 23 after a bomb threat. Authorities conducted a search and gave an all clear once nothing suspicious was found.

 $\textbf{Source:}\ \underline{http://www.wave3.com/story/23505889/bomb-threat-causes-evacuation-of-bullitt-county-courthouse}$

- 28. September 23, FoxNews.com (International) Navy calls off search for 2 missing crew members in Red Sea helicopter crash. The U.S. Navy called off a search September 23 for 2 missing crew members after a MH-60S Knighthawk helicopter crashed into the Red Sea while trying to land September 22. Authorities are still investigating the crash but believe it unlikely the missing crew members survived. Source: http://www.foxnews.com/us/2013/09/23/navy-helicopter-crashes-in-red-sea-5-onboard/
- 29. September 23, Charlottesville Daily Progress (Virginia) Bomb threat shutters PVCC. Piedmont Virginia Community College's main campus was evacuated and classes were cancelled September 23 after an emailed bomb threat. Police searched the campus and gave an all clear after nothing suspicious was found. Source: http://www.dailyprogress.com/news/bomb-threat-shutters-pvcc/article_c8404b86-24cb-11e3-a185-001a4bcf6878.html
- 30. September 23, Associated Press (Illinois) Chicago park shooting: 2 charged in attack that wounded 13. Two men were charged September 23 in connection with a

September 19 shooting at Chicago's Cornell Square Park that left 13 people injured. Police are still searching for others involved and believe the shooting was gang-related. Source: http://www.abc15.com/dpp/news/national/chicago-park-shooting-2-charged-in-attack-that-wounded-13

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Emergency Services Sector

31. September 23, WRC-TV 4 Washington, D.C. – (Virginia) Keys with metro access stolen from Va. fire engine. Thieves broke into a Station 5 fire engine that was left unattended during a medical call the week of September 16 in Arlington, Virginia and stole a set of keys that allow access to secure areas in the metro system. Officials have taken measures to prevent future thefts and are continuing to investigate.

Source: http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/Keys-With-Metro-Access-Stolen-

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Information Technology Sector

from-Va-Fire-Engine-224957012.html

32. September 24, IDG News Service – (International) Twitter fixes Tweet button issue that downloaded a torrent file. An issue that caused the share content to Twitter buttons on some Web sites September 23 to instead download an unknown torrent file was fixed by Twitter September 24. Twitter stated that the file was not found to be malicious.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9242607/Twitter_fixes_Tweet_button_issue_that_downloaded_a_torrent_file

33. September 23, Softpedia – (International) BLYPT backdoor malware targets U.S. users via Java exploit. Trend Micro researchers identified a new family of backdoor malware dubbed BLYPT targeting regular Internet users in the U.S. via drive-by downloads and hijacked Web sites. The malware utilizes a Java vulnerability that was patched in March.

Source: http://news.softpedia.com/news/BLYPT-Backdoor-Malware-Targets-US-Users-via-Java-Exploit-385378.shtml

34. September 23, IDG News Service – (International) Apache Struts security update disables vulnerable feature. The Apache Software Foundation released a new version of the Apache Struts development framework September 20 that addresses two security vulnerabilities.

Source: http://www.pcworld.com/article/2049242/apache-struts-security-update-disables-vulnerable-feature.html

35. September 23, IDG News Service – (International) Gmail hit by message delivery delays, close to 50 percent of users affected. An undisclosed issue caused some users

of Google's Gmail service to experience email delivery delays for up to almost 9 hours September 23. The disruption also affected Google Docs and Presentation applications for a shorter amount of time.

Source: http://www.networkworld.com/news/2013/092313-gmail-hit-by-message-delivery-274100.html

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

36. September 23, Big Island Now – (Hawaii) Repairs to damaged Hawaiian Telcom line complete. Hawaiian Telcom reported a September 22 fiber-optic line break in a remote area which affected cellular and regular telephone services throughout the Big Island was repaired September 23.

Source: http://bigislandnow.com/2013/09/23/hawtel-outage-hits-south-and-west-areas-of-big-island/

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Commercial Facilities Sector

37. September 24, WPDE 15 Florence – (South Carolina) Myrtle Beach hotel pool evacuated, 18 treated at hospital. Eighteen people were taken to the hospital after a muriatic acid and chlorine mixed at the Landmark Resort Pool in Myrtle Beach, causing respiratory problems for the pool's patrons. The pool was evacuated and cleaned.

Source: http://www.carolinalive.com/news/story.aspx?id=950385#.UkGqH4akq0g

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Dams Sector

38. September 23, Denver Post – (Colorado) Colorado launching massive emergency dam inspection program. Colorado is initiating a dam inspection program for 200 dams over 10 days after heavy rainfall led to 9 low-risk dams that breached, the overflowing of an uncounted number of small ponds, and 20 other dams that can only be reached by helicopter due to the wash out of the roads below them.

Source: http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_24153355/colorado-launching-massive-emergency-dam-inspection-progam



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