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- Federal authorities announced July 16 that Minnesota Power, an ALLETE company, reached a settlement and will spend over \$500 million to resolve claims that the company violated provisions of the Clean Air Act. – *U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* (See item [3](#))
- Three armed suspects robbed a Bank of the West branch in Stockton, California, July 16 and then took three hostages, started a chase, and exchanged gunfire that resulted in two robbers and one hostage being shot and killed. – *Associated Press* (See item [6](#))
- Officials announced July 16 that an additional 12 boxes and 327 vials holding several pathogens were found in a storage room on the National Institutes for Health campus in Bethesda, Maryland. – *Washington Post* (See item [17](#))
- Fire crews worked July 17 to contain wildfires burning in Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, and Utah that combined, has burned tens of thousands of acres and prompted the evacuation of hundreds of homes. – *Associated Press* (See item [18](#))

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## Energy Sector

1. *July 17, South Bend Tribune* – (Indiana) **Indiana Michigan Power officials say ‘unlikely’ scenario led to DTSB outage.** Indiana Michigan Power authorities stated July 16 that an investigation found a decades-old, low-voltage cable overheated at one area where a majority of the downtown electrical grid’s largest cables feed into a transformer in a May 15 power failure that left businesses and residents without electricity for more than 3 days in South Bend. Officials stated that three out of five cables are required to maintain power and when the lead cable overheated, it ignited a fire and melted two of the three cables.  
Source: [http://www.southbendtribune.com/news/indiana-michigan-power-officials-say-unlikely-scenario-led-to-dtsb/article\\_85adfb6c-0d08-11e4-9d14-0017a43b2370.html](http://www.southbendtribune.com/news/indiana-michigan-power-officials-say-unlikely-scenario-led-to-dtsb/article_85adfb6c-0d08-11e4-9d14-0017a43b2370.html)
2. *July 17, Harford County Aegis* – (Maryland) **Exelon to break ground on new generating units at Perryman.** Exelon Generating will break ground July 21 on a \$120 million project to create two new electric power generating units off Chelsea Road in Perryman, Maryland. The units are expected to be completed by June 2015 and will help the State meet its long-term energy needs.  
Source: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/harford/aberdien-havre-de-grace/ph-ag-exelon-0718-20140716,0,2725486.story>
3. *July 16, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Minnesota) **US settlement with Minnesota coal-fired utility to reduce emissions, fund projects to benefit environment and communities.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Justice announced July 16 that Minnesota Power, an ALLETE company based in Duluth reached a settlement to install pollution control technology and meet emission rates to resolve claims that the company violated the New Source Review provisions of the Clean Air Act. The company will spend over \$500 million to implement the required measures, pay a civil penalty of \$1.4 million, and spend at least \$4.2 million on environmental projects.  
Source: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/8EDE3E667860955D85257D17006FCAF2>

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## Chemical Industry Sector

4. *July 16, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **Feds: Holes in tank likely factor in W.Va. leak.** The U.S. Chemical Safety Board issued a report July 16 stating that a hole in a storage tank’s floor and roof caused by water corrosion likely contributed to a January chemical spill at Freedom Industries’ Charleston facility that contaminated the water supply of 300,000 people. The board also reported that three crude MHCM tanks were damaged and the company lacked records of required tank inspections.  
Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2014/07/16/4239389/feds-holes-in-tank-likely-factor.html>

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

Nothing to report

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

5. *July 15, Reuters* – (International) **U.S. approves limited flights for F-35 fighters.** U.S. military officials granted Lockheed Martin-built F-35 fighter jets limited flight clearance July 15 following a June 23 fleet-wide grounding prompted by an engine failure on an aircraft at a Florida air base. The clearance requires engine inspections and carries unidentified flight restrictions.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/07/15/us-airshow-britain-lockheed-fighter-idUSKBN0FK00520140715>

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## **Financial Services Sector**

6. *July 17, Associated Press* – (California) **California bank robbery ends in 3 deaths.** Three robbers armed with assault rifles robbed a Bank of the West branch in Stockton July 16 and then took three hostages and fled in a stolen vehicle, starting a chase and exchange of fire that resulted in two robbers and one hostage being shot and killed. The other two hostages were also injured and several police cars and nearby homes were also hit by bullets.

Source: <http://news.msn.com/crime-justice/3-dead-after-california-bank-robbery-gunbattle>

7. *July 17, Help Net Security* – (International) **63% of businesses don't encrypt credit cards.** SecurityMetrics found in a study that 63.86 percent of businesses surveyed store unencrypted 16-digit payment cards on their systems, and 7 percent store magnetic stripe data, providing easy targets for fraud, among other findings.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=17135>

8. *July 16, U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of Florida* – (Florida) **Mortgage lender pleads guilty in multi-million-dollar mortgage fraud scheme.** The former president of KMC Mortgage Corporation of Florida pleaded guilty July 16 to working with others to recruit individuals as straw borrowers in an \$11 million fraudulent loan scheme. The scheme used radio programs in the south Florida area and targeted

members of the Haitian community there in an affinity scheme.

Source: <http://www.fbi.gov/miami/press-releases/2014/mortgage-lender-pleads-guilty-in-multi-million-dollar-mortgage-fraud-scheme>

9. *July 16, Columbia The State* – (South Carolina) **Upstate man pleads guilty in wire fraud scheme that cost victims more than \$1 million.** A Spartanburg man pleaded guilty July 16 to running a check kiting scheme in South Carolina that used several bank accounts and automotive dealerships that defrauded victims of over \$1 million. Source: <http://www.thestate.com/2014/07/16/3567676/upstate-man-pleads-guilty-in-wire.html>

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## **Transportation Systems Sector**

10. *July 16, KSTU 13 Salt Lake City* – (Utah; Wyoming) **Witnesses pull critically-injured driver from burning semi after fiery crash.** One person was injured after a DATS Trucking, Inc., semi-truck was struck from behind by an Estes Express Lines semi-truck causing a fire and prompting the closure of Interstate 80 in Summit County, Utah, 11 miles from the Wyoming border, for several hours July 16. Source: <http://fox13now.com/2014/07/16/semi-trucks-collide-catch-fire-i-80-closed-in-summit-county-avoid-area/>

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## **Food and Agriculture Sector**

11. *July 16, NBC News* – (National) **Applebee's pulls salad after Minnesota E. coli cases.** U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention officials reported two additional cases in two unidentified States that are connected to an E. coli O111 outbreak that has sickened at least 13 individuals. At least 7 cases were linked to Applebee's restaurants in Minneapolis, while the remaining 6 of the original 13 cases appeared to have no connection with the restaurant chain. Source: <http://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/applebees-pulls-salad-after-minnesota-e-coli-cases-n157576>
12. *July 16, Food Poisoning Bulletin* – (Kansas) **Kansas measles outbreak associated with restaurant.** At least 11 measles cases have been reported in Sedgwick and Johnson counties in Kansas as part of an outbreak associated with Sal's Japanese Steakhouse in Wichita after an employee was diagnosed with the disease in July. Patrons who ate at the restaurant on several dates in June and July and develop symptoms associated with the disease are advised to seek medical attention. Source: <http://foodpoisoningbulletin.com/2014/kansas-measles-outbreak-associated->

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13. *July 16, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (South Carolina) **King of Pops Charleston SC issues allergen alert on undeclared: Soy, milk, egg and wheat.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced July 16 that Charleston-based King of Pops issued a recall for its banana puddin’ pops and keylime pie pops due to undeclared milk, wheat, egg, and/or soy caused by mislabeling. The issue was discovered during routine inspection by the South Carolina Department of Agriculture.  
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm405366.htm>

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## **Water and Wastewater Systems Sector**

14. *July 17, Texomashomepage.com* – (Oklahoma) **Water in small Oklahoma town contaminated with E.coli.** Residents of Ryan, Oklahoma, were placed under a boil advisory after results from routine water tests came back positive for E.coli July 10. Authorities are investigating the source of the contamination and hope to lift the boil advisory during the week of July 21.  
Source: <http://www.texomashomepage.com/story/d/story/water-in-small-oklahoma-town-contaminated-with-eco/10097/Pl6jCYwAKUiScDUQoXudnQ>
15. *July 17, KNAU 88.7/91.7 FM Flagstaff; Arizona News* – (Arizona) **Post-wildfire bacteria levels in Oak Creek heightened after monsoon flooding.** Residents living in Coconino Country were advised not to drink water from or swim in Oak Creek in Slide Rock State Park after water test results showed that there was a higher than normal level of E.coli in the water due to the bacteria being present in runoff from areas burned by the Slide Fire.  
Source: <http://knau.org/post/post-wildfire-bacteria-levels-oak-creek-heightened-after-monsoon-flooding>
16. *July 16, KIRO 7 Seattle* – (Washington) **Contaminated water causes closure of 3 swimming areas.** Three western Washington swimming areas, Dash Point, Twanoh State Park, and Horseshoe Lake Park, were closed the week of July 14 due to water contamination after fecal bacteria contamination was found at Dash Point State Park and over 200 people became ill likely due to norovirus at Horseshoe Lake Park.  
Source: <http://www.kirotv.com/news/news/contaminated-water-causes-closure-3-swimming-areas/ngghP/>

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## **Healthcare and Public Health Sector**

17. *July 16, Washington Post* – (Maryland) **FDA found more than smallpox vials in storage room.** Authorities continue to investigate after the U.S. Food and Drug

Administration announced July 16 that officials found an additional 12 boxes and 327 vials holding several pathogens in a storage room on the National Institutes for Health campus in Bethesda, Maryland, after vials of smallpox were found in July. The vials contained microbes of influenza, dengue, and rickettsia, among others, and showed no signs of leakage.

Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/fda-found-more-than-smallpox-vials-in-storage-room/2014/07/16/850d4b12-0d22-11e4-8341-b8072b1e7348\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/fda-found-more-than-smallpox-vials-in-storage-room/2014/07/16/850d4b12-0d22-11e4-8341-b8072b1e7348_story.html)

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

18. *July 17, Associated Press* – (National) **Washington wildfire burns through alp-like terrain.** Fire crews worked to contain wildfires burning in Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, and Utah that combined, has burned tens of thousands of acres and prompted the evacuation of hundreds of homes, the closure of a 35-mile stretch of U.S. Highway 2 in Leavenworth, Washington, and caused the governor's offices in both Washington and Oregon to declare states of emergency.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/washington-firefighters-battle-heat-high-winds-24587836>

19. *July 17, Idaho Statesman* – (Idaho) **CDHD: People sickened at Eagle Island have norovirus.** The Central District Health Department announced July 16 that test samples found that norovirus was the cause of an outbreak at Eagle Island State Park in Idaho which caused more than 100 people to fall ill and prompted the closure of the park. The swimming areas will remain closed for 2 weeks while park staff and health officials lower lake levels and disinfect impacted facilities.

Source: <http://www.idahostatesman.com/2014/07/16/3283196/cdhd-people-sickened-at-eagle.html>

20. *July 16, Associated Press* – (International) **Mississippi dad pleads guilty to helping Army son launder bribes from Afghanistan contractors.** A Mississippi man pleaded guilty July 16 to his role in a money laundering scheme and working with two former members of the U.S. Army who accepted \$250,000 in bribes in exchange for steering work to favored contractors in Afghanistan. The man accepted a hope chest containing \$100,000 in cash from a co-conspirator and deposited the money into his bank account so both individuals could use the funds for personal use.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2014/07/16/mississippi-dad-pleads-guilty-to-helping-army-son-launder-bribes-from/>

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## Emergency Services Sector

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## Information Technology Sector

21. *July 17, The Register* – (International) **Pushdo trojan outbreak: 11 THOUSAND systems infected in just 24 hours.** Bitdefender researchers reported that a new campaign to spread the Pushdo botnet malware compromised over 11,000 systems within a 24-hour period, with the majority of infected users in Asia and some in the U.S., U.K., and France. The Pushdo botnet has previously been used in spam campaigns and to distribute malware such as Zeus and SpyEye.  
Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/07/17/pushdo\\_trojan\\_outbreak/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/07/17/pushdo_trojan_outbreak/)
22. *July 17, Softpedia* – (International) **Cisco patches critical issue in wireless residential gateway products.** Cisco released patches for several Cisco Wireless Residential Gateway products, closing a vulnerability that could allow attackers to use malicious HTTP requests to crash the Web server and inject commands or execute code with elevated privileges.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Cisco-Patches-Critical-Issue-in-Wireless-Residential-Gateway-Products-451109.shtml>
23. *July 17, Softpedia* – (International) **SQL injection risk in vBulletin receives prompt patch.** vBulletin released a patch for its forum software which closes a SQL injection vulnerability that was identified and disclosed by Romanian Security Team.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/SQL-Injection-Risk-in-vBulletin-Receives-Prompt-Patch-451090.shtml>
24. *July 17, Softpedia* – (International) **Critical vulnerabilities fixed in Drupal 7.29 and 6.32.** The Drupal Security Team advised all users to update to versions to 7.29 or 6.32 in order to close vulnerabilities that could allow attackers to perform denial of service (DoS) attacks cross-site scripting (XSS) attacks.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Critical-Vulnerabilities-Fixed-in-Drupal-7-29-and-6-32-451074.shtml>
25. *July 17, Threatpost* – (International) **Five vulnerabilities fixed in Apache Web Server.** The Apache Software Foundation released version 2.4.10-dev of its Apache Web Server, closing five vulnerabilities, including a buffer overflow vulnerability and several denial of service (DoS) vulnerabilities.  
Source: <http://threatpost.com/five-vulnerabilities-fixed-in-apache-web-server/107278>



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26. *July 17, KTVI 2 St. Louis* – (Missouri) **Three injured in apartment fire; 100 evacuated.** A fire broke out on the second floor of a St. Louis apartment building July 17, prompting an evacuation of more than 100 residents who were allowed to return to their homes after firefighters confirmed the damage was contained to 1 unit. Three people were treated for smoke inhalation.  
Source: <http://fox2now.com/2014/07/17/three-injured-in-apartment-fire-100-evacuated/>
27. *July 16, WPVI 6 Philadelphia* – (Pennsylvania) **2 shot on crowded playground in West Oak Lane.** Police reported that two gunmen allegedly fired at least 11 shots into a crowd of about 50 people outside of the Simons Recreation Center in the West Oak Lane area of Philadelphia July 16, injuring two teens. Authorities are investigating the incident.  
Source: <http://6abc.com/news/double-shooting-by-west-oak-lane-recreation-center/192826/>
28. *July 16, WFAA 8 Dallas* – (Texas) **Five injured in massive Fort Worth apartment fire.** Authorities are investigating the cause of a July 16 fire at the La Jolla Terrace Apartments complex in Fort Worth that injured 5 people and displaced at least 35 residents. The blaze destroyed 24 units and three buildings suffered damage.  
Source: <http://www.wfaa.com/news/local/tarrant/Two-injured-in-massive-Fort-Worth-apartment-fire-267310351.html>
29. *July 16, KARK 4 Little Rock* – (Arkansas) **24 units destroyed in apartment complex fire that injured deputy.** One person was injured and 45 residents were displaced by a July 16 fire in building C of the Village Square Apartments complex in Hot Springs. The fire, which caused a partial building collapse and destroyed 24 units inside the structure, is under investigation.  
Source: <http://www.arkansasmatters.com/story/d/story/update-24-units-destroyed-in-apartment-complex-fir/42689/M5UptVtEDUCSBQ-wpHvVpw>



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