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- Approximately 15,000 residents in Nashville, Tennessee, were with little or no water after a 30-inch water main broke July 30, affecting several pump stations in the area and prompting crews to build a temporary bypass around the Thompson Lane pumping station until permanent repairs are made. – *WKRN 2 Nashville* (See item [15](#))
- Five suspects, including one security guard, were arrested over a number of days in connection with the July 21 armed robbery of \$181,000 from the Caesars Atlantic City casino in New Jersey. – *Reuters* (See item [28](#))
- Federal authorities arrested a Texas man July 28 suspected of sending more than 500 hoax letters filled with white powder to locations worldwide, prompting lockdowns and emergency responses since 2008. – *South Begenite* (See item [29](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *July 31, Forum of Fargo-Moorhead* – (North Dakota) **Oil, saltwater spill in Mountrail County.** The North Dakota Oil and Gas Division announced July 31 that a July 29 Statoil Oil & Gas L.P. spill of 427 barrels of oil and 142 barrels of saltwater was contained and recovered at the Anderson 28-33 3H well site near Ross after an alleged valve failure. This is the second release in July for the company after a pipeline leaked an estimated 75 barrels of saltwater in McKenzie County.
Source: <http://www.jamestownsun.com/content/oil-saltwater-spill-mountrail-county-0>
2. *July 30, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (California) **U.S. EPA requires AllenCo to pay penalty for federal violations.** AllenCo Energy, Inc., will pay \$99,000 for violations of federal environmental laws in a July 30 settlement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency initiated by a November 2013 inspection of its Los Angeles facility that found the company was in violation of the Clean Air Act. The penalty is in addition to ongoing work identified in an April consent agreement after the facility voluntarily shut down operations November 2013.
Source:
<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/29A72B267D4B4F1285257D25006A2FC1>

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Chemical Industry Sector

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

3. *July 30, Associated Press* – (Connecticut) **Millstone plant powering back up.** The Millstone nuclear power plant in Waterford began powering up July 30 after it was shut down in an unplanned outage the weekend of July 26-27 due to a faulty water pump. The cause of the water pump issue was found to be a piece of metal in an opening that caused a low flow of water.
Source: <http://connecticut.cbslocal.com/2014/07/30/millstone-plant-powering-back-up/>
4. *July 30, Carlsbad Current-Argus* – (New Mexico) **MSHA issues 52 citations at WIPP.** The Mine Safety and Health Administration issued 52 violations to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) near Carlsbad between January and June due to issues including missing safety guards on equipment and exposed electrical wiring, according to U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) documents released the week of July 28. The DOE stated that corrective actions have been implemented at the WIPP and only one citation remains open while an equipment safety guard is being manufactured.
Source: http://www.currentargus.com/carlsbad-news/ci_26242898/msha-issues-52-citations-at-wipp

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

5. *July 31, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (International) **Harris Products Group recalls welding torch handles due to fire hazard.** Harris Products Group announced a recall of around 13,350 welding torch handles in the U.S. and Canada due to the potential for the handles to leak oxygen or fuel, posing a fire hazard. The recall includes welding torch handles sold under the Harris Products Group and Lincoln Electric brand names.
Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2014/Harris-Products-Group-Recalls-Welding-Torch-Handles/>

6. *July 30, USA Today* – (National) **Hyundai recalling 880,000 Sonatas that can roll away.** Hyundai announced a recall for over 880,000 model year 2011-2014 Sonata vehicles due to a transmission shift cable that can detach from the shift lever pin, which could cause the vehicles to appear to be in ‘park’ when they are not, posing a rollaway hazard.
Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/cars/2014/07/30/hyundai-sonata-recall/13377795/>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Financial Services Sector

7. *July 30, Reuters* – (National) **Bank of America ordered to pay \$1.27 bln for Countrywide fraud.** A federal judge ordered Bank of America to pay a \$1.27 billion penalty after the bank was found liable for defective loans sold by the former Countrywide Financial Corp., to government-controlled mortgage companies. A former Countrywide executive was also found liable for her role in the fraud and ordered to pay \$1 million in penalties.
Source: <http://www.foxbusiness.com/industries/2014/07/30/bank-america-ordered-to-pay-127-bln-for-countrywide-fraud/>

8. *July 30, Odessa American* – (Texas) **One pleads guilty in mortgage fraud conspiracy case.** A woman pleaded guilty July 29 to her role in a same-day property flip fraud scheme in which she worked with three other defendants in Odessa and Midland to create fraudulent property sales that inflated resale prices on around 800 properties and involved \$45 million in loans. The three other accused include a realtor and two real

estate company owners who were allegedly also part of the scheme.
Source: http://www.oaoa.com/news/article_e7e76c18-183a-11e4-bfa8-001a4bcf6878.html

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Transportation Systems Sector

9. *July 30, WITI 6 Milwaukee* – (Wisconsin) **Gas leak prompts evacuations: Sheriff's officials close Hwy. 33 in Town of Trenton for two hours.** Contract workers struck and ruptured a 4-inch gas pipe on Highway 33 in the Town of Trenton in Washington County July 30 prompting the temporary evacuation of residents and businesses within a half-mile radius and the 2-hour closure of Highway 33 while crews repaired the pipe.
Source: <http://fox6now.com/2014/07/30/gas-leak-prompts-evacuations-sheriffs-officials-close-hwy-33-in-town-of-trenton-for-two-hours/>
10. *July 30, Arizona Republic* – (Arizona) **Officials: Plane evacuation caused by malfunctioning A/C.** A U.S. Airways Express flight from Albuquerque, New Mexico, made an emergency evacuation once it landed at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport July 29 due to reports of smoke in the lavatory produced by a malfunctioning air conditioning unit.
Source: <http://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/phoenix/2014/07/30/phoenix-plane-evacuation-smoke-malfunctioning-ac-abrk/13386103/>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

11. *July 30, WHO 13 Des Moines* – (Iowa) **HAZMAT crews respond to Boone chemical leak.** Crews shut off the flow to a 1,500-gallon anhydrous ammonia tank at the West Central Co-Op in Boone July 29 after the tank began to leak from a hose line. HAZMAT crews inspected the tank and surrounding area for harmful chemicals before clearing the scene.
Source: <http://whotv.com/2014/07/30/hazmat-crews-respond-to-boone-chemical-leak/>
12. *July 30, KLFY 10 Lafayette* – (Louisiana) **Grain silo damaged in attempted robbery.** Authorities are searching for a suspect who forced their way into the Louisiana Rice Mill in Crowley in an attempted robbery July 24, causing damage to a grain silo that spilled several million pounds of rice onto the ground.
Source: <http://www.klfy.com/story/26154562/grain-silo-damaged-in-attempted-robbery>
13. *July 29, WICS 20 Springfield* – (Illinois) **Pipe bomb: Investigation updates, bomb details.** Federal authorities are investigating after a 7-inch long pipe bomb that

appeared to be set on fire was found along a wall outside the Brewhaus bar in Springfield, Illinois, July 28, prompting authorities to use a Percussion-Actuated Nonelectric (PAN) disrupter to destroy the explosive. Police recovered PVC fragments and soil and powder samples from the scene in an effort to determine the source of explosive device.

Source: http://www.wics.com/news/top-stories/stories/vid_18368.shtml

14. *July 28, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **SW Wisc Dairy Goat Products Coop issues voluntary recall of Raw Goat Milk Mild Cheddar Cheese Lot Code 103-114 because of possible health risk.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced July 28 that SW Wisc Dairy Goat Products Coop issued a recall for one lot of its Raw Milk Mild Cheddar Cheese due to the possibility it is contaminated with Shiga toxin producing Escherichia coli (STEC) O111:H8 bacteria. The product was sent distributors in Wisconsin and Georgia who shipped the products to retailers in the Midwest and Southwest regions of the U.S.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm407355.htm>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

15. *July 31, WKRN 2 Nashville* – (Tennessee) **Service restored to most after massive water main break.** Approximately 15,000 residents in Nashville, Tennessee, were with little or no water after a 30-inch water main broke July 30 in a space difficult to access, affecting several pump stations in the area. Crews worked to build a temporary bypass around the Thompson Lane pumping station in order to provide water and until permanent repairs are made.

Source: <http://www.wkrn.com/story/26152692/water-main-break-causes-outages-in-nashville>

16. *July 30, Minneapolis Star Tribune* – (Minnesota) **E. coli levels close Lake Independence beaches.** Hennepin County officials closed the main beach and the campground beach at Baker Park Reserve in Lake Independence, as well as two beaches at YMCA Camp Ihduhapi July 30 due to high levels of E. coli found in the water.

Source: <http://www.startribune.com/local/north/269310021.html>

17. *July 29, Atlanta Journal-Constitution* – (Georgia) **5 burned in Forsyth County chemical spill.** Five contract workers at the Forsyth County Fowler Water Reclamation Facility in Cumming sustained minor injuries July 29 when residual gas was released while they were unloading sodium hydroxide from a truck at the water plant.

Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/news/5-burned-in-forsyth-county-chemical-spill/ngqdh/>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

18. *July 30, Saginaw News* – (Michigan) **Covenant reopens emergency room after gas leak.** The Emergency Care Center and the 900 Cooper building of Covenant Healthcare hospital in Saginaw were evacuated for several hours July 29 after a construction crew hit a gas line outside the hospital causing a leak. Emergency response was temporarily diverted to another area hospital while crews repaired the line.

Source:

http://www.mlive.com/news/saginaw/index.ssf/2014/07/covenant_closes_emergency_room.html

19. *July 29, WDAY 6 Fargo* – (North Dakota) **Essentia Health informs patients of information breach.** About 430 Essentia Health patients in Fargo were notified the week of July 21 of a security breach after they were invited to an educational event through an outside marketing firm who had been given their personal information without their permission or knowledge.

Source: <http://www.wday.com/content/essentia-health-informs-patients-information-breach>

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Government Facilities Sector

20. *July 31, KUSA 9 Denver* – (Colorado) **Heavy rain damages Weld County schools.** A July 29 storm dumped several inches of rain causing water damage to 8 schools in Windsor, Colorado, prompting school officials to clear debris and use fans and vacuums to clean up the damage prior to the start of the school year August 14.

Source: <http://www.9news.com/story/news/local/2014/07/30/heavy-rain-damages-weld-county-schools/13393029/>

21. *July 30, KESQ 42 Palm Springs* – (California) **Indio COD campus reopens after water leak.** The Indio College of the Desert campus in California reopened July 30 after closing July 29 due to a water leak that forced power and water to be shut off in the building while repairs were made.

Source: <http://www.kesq.com/news/the-indio-cod-campus-closed-due-to-water-leak/27215874>

22. *July 30, Fresno Bee* – (California) **French fire in Madera County grows to 5,600 acres.** Twelve campgrounds were closed and 28 structures remain threatened in Madera County by the French Fire which grew to 5,600 acres by July 30.

Source: <http://www.fresnobee.com/2014/07/30/4047247/french-fire-in-madera-county-grows.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

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Information Technology Sector

23. *July 31, Securityweek* – (International) **Innominate patches vulnerability in mGuard industrial security routers.** Innominate Security Technologies fixed a vulnerability in its mGuard series of industrial security routers that could have allowed an unauthenticated attacker to obtain configuration information. The routers are frequently used in the manufacturing, healthcare, and communications industries, and users were advised to update their firmware to close the vulnerability.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/innominate-patches-vulnerability-mguard-industrial-security-routers>

24. *July 31, The Register* – (International) **POW! Apple smites Macbook Air EFI firmware update borkage.** Apple released a firmware update for 2011 and later MacBook Air systems that addresses an issue encountered by users in an EFI firmware update released the week of July 21 that caused MacBooks to become unresponsive.
Source:
http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/07/31/apple_macbook_air_sleep_patch_repatched/

25. *July 30, Softpedia* – (International) **Pushdo botnet continues to stay strong.** Researchers with Bitdefender reported that they have recorded a steady increase in the number of infected systems attempting to contact the command and control servers for the Pushdo malware botnet, with around 200,000 unique IP addresses observed.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Pushdo-Botnet-Continues-to-Stay-Strong-452835.shtml>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

26. *July 30, WRC 4 Washington, D.C.* – (Washington, D.C.) **Day care evacuated due to partial building collapse next door.** A day care in the Northeast quadrant of Washington, D.C., was evacuated July 30 when one of the two buildings next to the facility partially collapsed during demolition. Pepco shut off power to the building while crews worked to stabilize the structural collapse.
Source: <http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/Day-Care-Evacuated-Due-to-Partial-Building-Collapse-Next-Door-269279621.html>
27. *July 30, Associated Press* – (Nevada) **Bellagio robbery suspect is convict from Kansas.** Clark County authorities arrested a suspect July 26 believed to be connected to the July 25 armed robbery of \$43,500 from the Bellagio casino in Las Vegas. Officials reported that the suspect may also be responsible for the July 22 robbery of a south Las Vegas City National Bank.
Source: <http://news.msn.com/crime-justice/bellagio-robbery-suspect-is-convict-from-kansas>
28. *July 30, Reuters* – (New Jersey) **Five arrested for Atlantic City casino heist.** New Jersey State Police reported July 30 that five suspects, including one security guard, were arrested over a number of days in connection with the July 21 armed robbery of \$181,000 from the Caesars Atlantic City casino. Authorities stated that much of the stolen cash was recovered, along with articles of clothing used during the robbery.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/07/30/us-usa-new-jersey-heist-idUSKBN0FZ2M720140730>
29. *July 29, South Bergenite* – (International) **Feds: Pre-Super Bowl white powder letter hoaxer in custody.** Federal authorities arrested July 28 a Texas man suspected of sending more than 500 hoax letters filled with white powder to locations worldwide, including U.S. government offices, aerospace companies, schools, daycares, and hotels, and prompting lockdowns and emergency responses since 2008. Officials believe the suspect is connected to letters sent to at least 5 hotels and 2 post offices in towns surrounding MetLife Stadium in New Jersey in January, prior to the 2014 Super Bowl.
Source: <http://www.northjersey.com/news/crime-and-courts/feds-pre-super-bowl-white-powder-letter-hoaxer-in-custody-1.1059038>

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