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- Authorities closed and responded to the Luminant-owned Thermo mine in Hopkins County, Texas, August 13 after six workers suffered injuries when several hundred tons of hot ash and burning embers fell onto them while they were fighting a silo fire. – *KLTV 7 Tyler* (See item [1](#))
- Authorities believe an August 13 explosion that injured six workers at a Coshocton Grain facility in Ohio was caused by a spark in grain dust as rail cars were being filled with corn. – *Associated Press* (See item [13](#))
- More than 60,000 Tennessee Benefits Administration employees were notified that their personal information may have been accessed after a third-party vendor reported a breach of its computer systems. – *WSMV 4 Nashville* (See item [24](#))
- Authorities are investigating the cause of a fire that destroyed the Wellesley Island Fire Department building in Thousand Island Park, New York, along with two other businesses August 14. – *WWNY 7 Carthage* (See item [25](#))

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## **Energy Sector**

1. *August 14, KLTN 7 Tyler* – (Texas) **5 injured workers from E. Texas coal mine accident still hospitalized.** Authorities closed and responded to the Luminant-owned Thermo mine in Hopkins County, Texas, August 13 after six workers suffered injuries when several hundred tons of hot ash and burning embers fell onto them while they were fighting a silo fire.  
Source: <http://www.kptv.com/story/26275870/east-texas-coal-mine-accident-sends-hundreds-of-tons-of-embers-and-ash-on-six-workers>
2. *August 13, Washington Observer-Reporter* – (Pennsylvania) **OSHA: No citations in fatal well fire.** The federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration concluded its investigation into the February 11 explosion and fatal fire that resulted in the death of a contracted field service technician at Chevron Appalachia's Lanco well pad in Dunkard Township and determined no exact cause for the fire, resulting in no citations or violations notices. The Pennsylvania Department of Environment Protection previously issued a report into the incident attributing the cause to human error.  
Source: <http://www.observer-reporter.com/article/20140813/NEWS02/140819821>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

Nothing to report

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

3. *August 13, Associated Press* – (New York) **Faulty sensor shuts down reactor at Indian Point nuclear plant near New York City.** The Unit 3 reactor at the Indian Point nuclear power plant in Westchester County shut down automatically August 13 due to a faulty reactor pressure sensor that detected a pressure change that did not take place.  
Source: <http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/b03c8ee098b644a5be524df4e84ec317/NY--Indian-Point-Reactor-Shutdown>
4. *August 13, Associated Press* – (South Carolina) **NRC stepping up monitoring at Oconee plant.** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission stated August 13 that it was stepping up oversight of the Oconee Nuclear Station near Seneca, South Carolina, and issuing a citation due to the plant's operators failing to identify and correct a crack in a reactor containment building.  
Source: <http://www.wbtv.com/story/26272661/nrc-stepping-up-monitoring-at-oconee-plant>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

5. *August 14, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **Vornado Air recalls electric space heaters due to fire and burn hazards.** Vornado Air recalled around 79,000 VH110 Whole Room Vortex electric space heaters due to the potential for the heaters to overheat, melt, and catch fire, posing a fire and burn risk to consumers. The space heaters were sold nationwide at several retailers and online at the company's Web site and on Amazon.com.  
Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2014/Vornado-Air-Recalls-Electric-Space-Heaters/>
6. *August 13, Reuters* – (National) **Land Rover recalls 40,551 SUVs in U.S. due to air bag issue.** Jaguar Land Rover announced a recall for 40,551 model year 2010-2015 LR2 and model year 2012-2013 Range Rover Evoque vehicles due to the potential for a part in the occupant classification system to malfunction and partially or completely disable the passenger airbag.  
Source: <http://news.msn.com/us/land-rover-recalls-40551-suvs-in-us-due-to-air-bag-issue>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

7. *August 13, Reuters* – (National) **U.S. further eases F-35 flight limits; contract talks progressing.** U.S. Department of Defense officials reported August 13 that flight restrictions for over 20 Marine Corps F-35 fighter jets were eased and the test planes are now able to fly 6 hours between engine inspections for aerial refueling missions and weapons testing. Authorities continue to inspect the remainder of the fleet and impose certain restrictions, including 3-hour mandatory engine inspections that were implemented after a June 23 fire that damaged an F-35 aircraft and led to a grounding of the fleet that lasted until July 15.  
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/08/13/lockheed-fighter-idUSL2N0QJ2UY20140813>

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## **Financial Services Sector**

8. *August 13, Tampa Tribune* – (Florida) **Spring Hill man pleads guilty in bank-robbery spree.** A Spring Hill man pleaded guilty August 12 to six counts of bank robbery related to a series of robberies that took place in the Tampa Bay area from February 14 to February 18.  
Source: <http://tbo.com/news/crime/spring-hill-man-pleads-guilty-in-bank-robbery-spre-20140813/>

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## **Transportation Systems Sector**

9. *August 14, WISH 8 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **Tanker crash to shut SR 32 in Westfield for 8 hours.** Indiana officials reported that State Road 32 in Westfield will be shut down for at least 8 hours while crews clean up the site of a rollover accident involving a semi-truck transporting diesel.  
Source: <http://wishtv.com/2014/08/14/diesel-spill-shuts-sr-32-in-westfield/>
10. *August 13, WDSU 6 New Orleans* – (Louisiana) **Mississippi River traffic reopened after ships collide in overnight crash.** The U.S. Coast Guard has reopened the Mississippi River to all traffic near the International Matex Tank Terminals in Louisiana August 13 after two tanker ships and a barge collided August 12 and spilled 580 gallons of oil into the water. Crews cleaned up the oil and authorities are investigating the incident.  
Source: <http://www.wdsu.com/news/local-news/new-orleans/mississippi-river-traffic-reopened-after-ships-collide-in-overnight-crash/27461560>
11. *August 13, KPIX 5 San Francisco* – (California) **Crews mop up fuel spill from overturned big-rig on Hwy 9 near Castle Rock State Park.** Crews contained a diesel spill after a semi-truck overturned and caused a small spill on Highway 9 near Castle Rock State Park in Santa Clara County August 13, prompting authorities to close lanes for several hours.  
Source: <http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2014/08/13/overturned-big-rig-spills-fuel-blocks-lane-near-castle-rock-state-park-santa-clara-saratoga-chp-jam-traffic-lane-closed/>
12. *August 13, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **Bridge south of Williston closed Wednesday.** The North Dakota Department of Transportation announced August 12 that U.S. Highway 85 south of Williston will be closed August 13 for repair work.  
Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/Bridge-south-of-Williston-closed-Wednesday-5685329.php>

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## **Food and Agriculture Sector**

13. *August 14, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Ohio grain bin blast injures 6, closes facility.** Authorities believe an August 13 explosion that injured six workers at a Coshocton Grain facility in Ohio was caused by a spark in grain dust as rail cars were being filled with corn. The facility closed indefinitely while authorities investigate and crews demolish three sets of concrete silos that suffered structural damage from the blast.  
Source: <http://www.timesleaderonline.com/page/content.detail/id/564538/Ohio-grain-bin-blast-injures-6--closes-facility.html>
14. *August 14, Associated Press* – (Utah) **Lye in restaurant tea badly burns woman's throat.** A patron of a Dickey's Barbecue Pit restaurant in South Jordan, Utah, was transported to an area hospital with severe burns in her mouth and throat August 10

after she drank tea from the beverage bar which was later determined to have been laced with lye, an industrial cleaning chemical. Authorities are investigating the incident.

Source: <http://www.seattlepi.com/news/us/article/Lye-in-Utah-restaurant-s-tea-severely-burns-woman-5688597.php>

15. *August 13, Honolulu Star-Advertiser* – (Hawaii) **Vandalism prompts Hilo ice factory to shut down.** Officials halted operations at an Alii Ice factory in Hilo after vandals damaged vehicles and shattered glass at the facility between August 12 and 13. Authorities are investigating the incident.  
Source: [http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/breaking/20140813\\_Vandalism\\_prompts\\_Hilo\\_ice\\_factory\\_to\\_shut\\_down.html](http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/breaking/20140813_Vandalism_prompts_Hilo_ice_factory_to_shut_down.html)
16. *August 13, Food Safety News* – (International) **McCormick recalls Ground Oregano for possible salmonella contamination.** McCormick & Company Inc., issued a voluntary recall for 1,032 cases of 0.75-ounce bottles of its Ground Oregano due to possible Salmonella contamination. The recalled was issued after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration notified the company of potential contamination following routine testing.  
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2014/08/mccormick-recalls-ground-oregano-for-possible-salmonella-contamination>
17. *August 12, KFSM 5 Fort Smith* – (Arkansas) **High levels of mercury found in Lake Ouachita fish.** The Arkansas Department of Health advised against the consumption of fish from Lake Ouachita due to high levels of mercury that can pose human health risks.  
Source: <http://5newsonline.com/2014/08/12/high-levels-of-mercury-found-in-lake-ouachita-fish/>

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## **Water and Wastewater Systems Sector**

18. *August 14, Monroe Evening News* – (Michigan) **Advisory issued for Sterling State Park Beach water.** State officials issued a swimming advisory August 13 at Sterling State Park Beach in Michigan until further notice after receiving water sample results August 12 showing levels of E. coli bacteria that exceeded acceptable standards. The health department will resample the water August 14.  
Source: <http://www.monroenews.com/news/2014/aug/13/advisory-issued-sterling-state-park-beach/>
19. *August 13, Washington Post* – (Maryland) **WSSC issues boil-water advisory for southern Prince George's after main break.** The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission issued a boil water advisory as a precaution for approximately 10,000 customers in southern Prince George's County August 13 due to a 12-inch water main

break. The advisory is expected to remain in effect for 48 hours until the water main is repaired.

Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/wssc-issues-boil-water-advisory-for-south-pr-georges-after-water-main-break/2014/08/13/67bb02c8-22e6-11e4-86ca-6f03cbd15c1a\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/wssc-issues-boil-water-advisory-for-south-pr-georges-after-water-main-break/2014/08/13/67bb02c8-22e6-11e4-86ca-6f03cbd15c1a_story.html)

20. *August 13, Weatherford Democrat* – (Texas) **Willow Park boil water advisory continues.** A boil water advisory remained in effect for the city of Willow Park in Texas after an 8-inch water line broke August 12 resulting in a loss of pressure in the Fox Hunt water tower. The advisory was expected to remain in effect through August 14 while officials awaited test results.  
Source: [http://www.weatherforddemocrat.com/news/article\\_8874bbfe-2358-11e4-8def-0019bb2963f4.html](http://www.weatherforddemocrat.com/news/article_8874bbfe-2358-11e4-8def-0019bb2963f4.html)

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

21. *August 14, Lake County News* – (California) **Firefighters slow growth of Lodge Complex.** Firefighters reached 50 percent containment of the 11,300-acre Lodge Complex Fire burning in Mendocino County's Wilderness Lodge/Eel River Canyon area August 13. Evacuation orders continued, 12 people were injured, and 16 structures remained threatened.  
Source: [http://www.lakeconews.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=37991](http://www.lakeconews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=37991)
22. *August 14, WAPT 16 Jackson* – (Mississippi) **Students injured in school bus crash released from hospitals.** A Hinds County school bus was forced off the road and into a ditch by another vehicle August 13, leaving six students and the driver injured near Norrell Road and Old Highway 80.  
Source: <http://www.wapt.com/news/central-mississippi/hinds-county-school-bus-involved-in-crash/27461712>
23. *August 13, U.S. Forest Service* – (California) **Beaver Fire in Siskiyou County now around 32,000 acres, 30 percent contained.** Crews reached 30 percent containment August 13 of the 32,028-acre Beaver Fire in Siskiyou County. A mandatory evacuation order remained in effect for areas around Highway 96, the Horse Creek area, and the 12 Road.  
Source: [http://www.times-standard.com/breakingnews/ci\\_26328907/beaver-fire-](http://www.times-standard.com/breakingnews/ci_26328907/beaver-fire-)

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24. *August 13, WSMV 4 Nashville* – (Tennessee) **State employees notified of stolen personal information.** More than 60,000 Tennessee Benefits Administration employees who took part in a 2013 wellness screening were notified that their personal information may have been accessed after a third-party vendor, Onsite Health Diagnostics, reported a breach of its computer systems. The vendor stated that the breach took place between January and April and that a new computer system with new securities was put in place.  
Source: <http://www.wsmv.com/story/26265101/state-employees-notified-of-stolen-personal-information>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

25. *August 14, WWNY 7 Carthage* – (New York) **Fire destroys Thousand Island Park fire station.** Authorities are investigating the cause of a fire that destroyed the Wellesley Island Fire Department building in Thousand Island Park, New York, along with two other businesses August 14. Officials reported that damage estimates could reach \$1 million.  
Source: <http://www.wnytv.com/news/local/Fire-Destroys-Thousand-Island-Park-Fire-Station-271209841.html>
26. *August 14, Chester County Daily Local News* – (Pennsylvania) **Justice center shut down due to main water break Wednesday.** The Chester County Justice Center in Pennsylvania reopened August 14 after closing August 13 due to a break in a 12-inch water main which caused water pressure to drop. Crews repaired the broken line in East Bradford restoring water pressure.  
Source: <http://www.dailylocal.com/general-news/20140813/chesco-justice-center-closed-yesterday-open-today>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

27. *August 14, Securityweek* – (International) **Vulnerabilities found in Disqus plugin for WordPress.** A researcher identified and reported three vulnerabilities in the Disqus plugin for WordPress, including a cross-site request forgery (CSRF) issue that could allow an attacker to inject an exploit. The vulnerabilities were addressed June 29 in Disqus version 2.7.6, and a new version containing additional fixes was also released as version 2.7.7.  
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/vulnerabilities-found-disqus-plugin-wordpress>
28. *August 13, Ars Technica* – (International) **Internet routers hitting 512K limit, some**



**become unreliable.** LastPass, Liquid Web, eBay, and other services reported outages or isolated disruptions August 12 that were believed to be related to the growth of routable networks lists, also known as border gateway protocol (BGP) tables, beyond 512K, overwhelming some older routers and switches.

Source: <http://arstechnica.com/security/2014/08/internet-routers-hitting-512k-limit-some-become-unreliable/>

### 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: <http://www.it-isac.org>

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## Communications Sector

Nothing to report

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

29. *August 14, Indianapolis Star* – (Indiana) **Underground explosions rattle downtown.** Hundreds of people were evacuated from at least one office complex, a government building, and several restaurants in downtown Indianapolis August 13 after a series of explosions caused by the failure of an Indianapolis Power & Light Co. underground network protector. Crews switched customers to a different power source after more than 7 hours, and businesses were expected to reopen August 14.

Source: <http://www.indystar.com/story/news/2014/08/13/transformer-explosions-reported-downtown/14007705/>

30. *August 14, Washington Post* – (Washington, D.C.) **The Smithsonian's Natural History Museum reopens after IT network repairs Thursday morning.** A Smithsonian Natural History Museum representative reported that the museum was closed for part of August 14 due to emergency repairs following an IT network malfunction during construction work that affected museum operations.

Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/the-smithsonians-natural-history-museum-closes-for-it-network-repairs-thursday-morning/2014/08/14/985b3caa-23b2-11e4-958c-268a320a60ce\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/the-smithsonians-natural-history-museum-closes-for-it-network-repairs-thursday-morning/2014/08/14/985b3caa-23b2-11e4-958c-268a320a60ce_story.html)

31. *August 13, WTTG 5 Washington, D.C.* – (Maryland) **Germantown playground damaged after fire.** Authorities are searching for a suspect who set fire to a playground at the Cedar Valley community park in Germantown August 13, causing more than \$100,000 in damage.

Source: <http://www.myfoxdc.com/story/26275900/germantown-playground-damaged->



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## **Dams Sector**

32. *August 14, Jackson Clarion-Ledger* – (Mississippi) **Work starts on \$600,000 project to repair reservoir dam.** A \$600,000 project to repair a leak in the Ross Barnett Reservoir in Mississippi began August 14 which includes cleaning up a sand dune and preparing it for water migration.

Source: <http://www.clarionledger.com/story/news/2014/08/14/reservoir-dam-leak/14052365/>

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