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- Heavy rain closed portions of Interstate 17 and other major roads in Phoenix, Arizona, August 19 and prompted at least a dozen rescues of residents and motorists trapped in vehicles and homes, flooded a school, and swept away hundreds of cactuses from a farm while flights were delayed up to 2 hours due to the storm. – *Associated Press* (See item [8](#))
- Firefighters reached 35 percent containment August 19 of the Junction Fire in California near the south entrance to Yosemite National Park, and mandatory evacuations were lifted for California State Route 41 and all areas west of the highway. – *Los Angeles Times* (See item [18](#))
- Authorities in Aurora, Colorado, charged three juvenile males August 19 in connection with attempting to detonate a pipe bomb at Mrachek Middle School August 9, prompting the cancellation of classes after the device was discovered August 11. – *KUSA 9 Denver* (See item [21](#))
- Mizado Cocina, a restaurant in New Orleans, Louisiana, notified about 8,000 customers that their payment card information may have been breached after the business discovered that a hacker installed malware known as Backoff on the restaurant's point of sale system May 9. – *New Orleans Times-Picayune* (See item [31](#))

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## **Energy Sector**

1. *August 20, Scranton Times-Tribune* – (Pennsylvania) **DEP fines Cabot \$76,000 for January well leak.** The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection announced August 19 that it issued a \$76,546 fine against Cabot Oil & Gas Corp., July 23 for a January 5 gas leak on the Huston J1 well in Brooklyn Township in Susquehanna County. A contractor failed to warm the wellhead before replacing equipment and caused damage to the wing valve allowing gas to escape into the atmosphere.  
Source: <http://thetimes-tribune.com/news/dep-fines-cabot-76-000-for-january-well-leak-1.1738409>
2. *August 20, WLWT 5 Cincinnati; Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Officials: Cause of Duke Energy fuel spill appears to be human error.** The U.S. Coast Guard reported that the cause of a nearly 5,000-gallon Duke Energy oil spill into the Ohio River appeared to be human error after someone left a valve open at the Beckjord Generating Station in New Richmond August 18. A 15-mile stretch of the river reopened while a no-wake zone remained in place.  
Source: <http://www.wlwt.com/news/work-to-contain-fuel-spill-from-duke-energy-plant-continues/27616124>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

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

Nothing to report

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

3. *August 19, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Illinois) **OSHA cites Illinois vehicle manufacturer McLaughlin Body Co. for exposing workers to amputation hazards.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited commercial, agricultural, and military vehicle components manufacturer McLaughlin Body Co., for nine serious violations at the company's East Moline and Rock Island facilities for exposing workers to amputation hazards. Proposed fines totaled \$43,000.  
Source:  
[https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=NEWS\\_RELEA](https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEA)

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

4. *August 19, Defense News* – (National) **US Air Force grounds 82 F-16Ds after cracks discovered.** The U.S. Air Force’s Air Combat Command (ACC) announced August 19 that 82 fighters from its 157-plane F-16D Fighting Falcon fleet were grounded following a fleet-wide inspection order that was initiated after canopy sill longeron cracks were found between the front and rear pilot seats during a routine post-flight inspection. The ACC is working with Lockheed Martin engineers to determine the cause of the cracks and how to repair the jets.

Source: <http://www.defensenews.com/article/20140819/DEFREG02/308190027/US-Air-Force-Grounds-82-F-16Ds-After-Cracks-Discovered>

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## **Financial Services Sector**

5. *August 19, South Florida Sun Sentinel* – (Florida) **Ponzi ‘feeder’ admits \$20M role in fraud.** A Coral Springs man pleaded guilty in federal court August 19 to directing over \$20 million of investors’ funds into a \$1.4 billion Ponzi scheme before it collapsed in 2009.

Source: [http://articles.sun-sentinel.com/2014-08-19/news/fl-frank-preve-rothstein-pleads-20140819\\_1\\_rothstein-fraud-ponzi-scheme-scott-rothstein](http://articles.sun-sentinel.com/2014-08-19/news/fl-frank-preve-rothstein-pleads-20140819_1_rothstein-fraud-ponzi-scheme-scott-rothstein)

6. *August 19, Bellingham Herald* – (Washington) **‘Alabama Band Bandit’ bank robber caught in Everett.** The suspect known as the “Alabama Band Bandit” was arrested August 19 in Everett. The Woodinville man is suspected in the robbery of five banks in western Washington during July.

Source: <http://www.bellinghamherald.com/2014/08/19/3809829/alabama-band-bandit-bank-robber.html>

7. *August 19, WBAL 11 Baltimore* – (Maryland) **Man arrested on credit card fraud, theft charges.** A New York City man was arrested August 19 at a Target store in Glen Burnie for allegedly using over 100 suspected cloned payment cards to purchase around \$17,000 worth of gift cards.

Source: <http://www.wbalv.com/news/man-arrested-on-credit-card-fraud-theft-charges/27617400>

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## **Transportation Systems Sector**

8. *August 20, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **Flood leads to dramatic rescues in Phoenix area.** Heavy rain and flooding closed portions of Interstate 17 and several other major roads in Phoenix August 19 while flights from Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport were delayed up to 2 hours due to the storm. The storm prompted at least a dozen rescues of residents and motorists trapped in vehicles and homes, flooded a school, and swept away hundreds of cactuses and other plants from a farm.  
Source: <http://news.msn.com/us/floods-force-dramatic-rescues-in-phoenix-area>
9. *August 20, Atlanta Journal-Constitution* – (Georgia) **One westbound lane of I-20 still closed after fiery wreck.** One lane of westbound Interstate 20 in Carroll County reopened to traffic about 3 hours after a FedEx semi-truck rear-ended a bus, causing both vehicles to overturn and catch fire August 20. Both drivers were injured and taken to the hospital.  
Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/news/i-20-in-carroll-county-shut-down-by-wreck-involvin/ng5xf/>
10. *August 18, Visalia Times-Delta* – (California) **Big rig rollover crash closes Paige Avenue on-, off-ramp.** A semi-truck carrying 30,000 pounds of frozen meat overturned and crashed near an off-ramp on Highway 99 in Tulare August 17, prompting authorities to close the ramp and causing northbound traffic delays for more than 8 hours until the road was cleared.  
Source: <http://www.visaliatimesdelta.com/story/news/local/2014/08/19/big-rig-rollover-crash-closes-paige-avenue-ramps/14273319/>

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## **Food and Agriculture Sector**

11. *August 20, Pottstown Mercury; Chester County Daily Local News* – (Pennsylvania) **Hazmat team responds to chemical spill in West Pikeland.** A farm tractor pulling an 800-gallon tank filled with a nitrogen-based pesticide flipped onto its side and spilled about 500 gallons of the chemical onto Route 113, storm drains, and the property of a Sunoco gas station in West Pikeland August 19. Crews contained the spill and the Chester County HAZMAT team determined the release posed no human health threat.  
Source: <http://www.pottsmmerc.com/general-news/20140820/hazmat-team-responds-to-chemical-spill-in-west-pikeland>
12. *August 19, Food Safety News* – (National) **12-ounce bottles of Corona Extra beer recalled for possible glass particles.** Victor, New York-based Constellation Brands Beer Division issued a voluntary recall for select packages of its 12-ounce bottles of Corona Extra beer due to the possibility that they may contain small particles of glass. The recall was initiated after the company's routine quality control inspections detected defects in certain bottles, provided by a third-party manufacturer, which could cause small particles of glass to break off and fall into the bottle.  
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2014/08/12-ounce-bottles-of-corona-extra->

[beer-recalled-for-possible-glass-particles](#)

13. *August 19, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (International) **nSPIRED Natural Foods, Inc. voluntarily recalls certain retail lots of Arrowhead Mills Peanut Butters, Maranatha Almond Butters and Peanut Butters and specific private label nut butters because of possible health risk.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced August 19 that nSpired Natural Foods, Inc. issued a recall for certain lots of its Arrowhead Mills Peanut Butters, MaraNatha Almond Butters and Peanut Butters, and specific private label nut butters due to possible Salmonella contamination. The company received reports of four illnesses potentially associated with the products, which were packaged in glass and plastic jars and sold via Internet sales throughout the United States, Canada, Hong Kong, United Arab Emirates, and Dominican Republic. Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm410533.htm>

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## **Water and Wastewater Systems Sector**

14. *August 20, Rutland Herald* – (Vermont) **Fair Haven issues boil-water order.** Authorities issued a boil water advisory to residents living in Fair Haven August 19 after finding E.coli in the water supply. Town officials reported that the issue was expected to be fixed within 24-48 hours. Source: <http://www.rutlandherald.com/article/20140820/THISJUSTIN/708209914>

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## **Healthcare and Public Health Sector**

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

16. *August 20, Merrillville Post-Tribune* – (Indiana) **Fire shuts building at Lake government center.** Building A at the Lake County Government Center in Crown Point reopened August 20 after it was evacuated August 19 due to a small fire that was found when workers reported a suspicious smell coming through the building's ventilation system. Welders inadvertently sparked the fire August 18 while working on converting former office space into a 9-1-1 center. Source: <http://posttrib.suntimes.com/news/lake/29354885-418/fire-closes-building-at-lake-government-center.html>

17. *August 20, Associated Press* – (Indiana) **Power outages from storms close South Bend high school, delay openings in Indianapolis area.** Clay High School in South Bend was closed August 20 after storms knocked out electricity to the building and to more than 20,000 homes and businesses around Indiana.  
Source: <http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/b03c86a1652f487fab42c3b9fc787d85/IN--Indiana-Storms>
18. *August 19, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Junction fire near Yosemite 35% contained as firefighters make progress.** Firefighters reached 35 percent containment August 19 of the Junction Fire, which was downgraded in size to 612 acres near the south entrance to Yosemite National Park in the Sierra foothills. Mandatory evacuations were lifted for California State Route 41 and nearly all areas west of the highway.  
Source: <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-firefighters-make-progress-junction-fire-20140819-story.html>
19. *August 19, Associated Press* – (Wyoming) **Gas leaks close Campbell County Courthouse.** Construction workers accidentally ruptured a gas line forcing the closure of the Campbell County Courthouse in Gillette August 19. The building was reopened to county workers after about 4 hours but remained closed to the public.  
Source: <http://www.kulr8.com/story/26321692/gas-leaks-closes-campbell-county-courthouse>
20. *August 19, WHNS 21 Greenville* – (South Carolina) **Power outage prompts Springfield Elementary evacuation; no school Wednesday.** Classes were cancelled August 20 at Springfield Elementary School in Greenwood County due to a power outage August 19 that prompted an evacuation of students and staff.  
Source: <http://www.foxcarolina.com/story/26318790/students-evacuated-after-power-outage-at-springfield-elementary>
21. *August 19, KUSA 9 Denver* – (Colorado) **3 juveniles charged in pipe bomb incident.** Aurora authorities charged three juvenile males August 19 in connection with attempting to detonate a pipe bomb at Mrachek Middle School August 9, prompting the cancellation of classes after the device, which only briefly ignited, was discovered August 11.  
Source: <http://www.9news.com/story/news/local/2014/08/19/3-juveniles-charged-in-pipe-bomb-incident/14307353/>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

22. *August 19, McAlester News-Capital* – (Oklahoma) **Sheriff's office loses radio connection, temporarily.** The Pittsburg County Sheriff's office and dispatch station experienced radio disruptions for 4 hours August 17 due to an electrical outage at a repeater station off State Highway 113.

Source: [http://www.mcalesternews.com/news/article\\_16d46c4a-27d8-11e4-9ece-001a4bcf887a.html](http://www.mcalesternews.com/news/article_16d46c4a-27d8-11e4-9ece-001a4bcf887a.html)

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## **Information Technology Sector**

23. *August 20, The Register* – (International) **Cryptolocker flogged on YouTube.** Two researchers reported that cybercriminals have been observed to use purchased ad space on YouTube in order to redirect users to malicious sites serving the Cryptolocker ransomware. The researchers are scheduled to present at the Virus Bulletin 2014 conference detailing how legitimate ad networks could be used to spread malware. Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/08/20/cryptolocker\\_flogged\\_on\\_youtube/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/08/20/cryptolocker_flogged_on_youtube/)
24. *August 20, Securityweek* – (International) **Vulnerability in WordPress Mobile Pack exposes password-protected posts.** Researchers with dxw Security identified and reported a vulnerability in the Mobile Pack plugin for WordPress that could allow access to password-protected posts. The vulnerability was reported July 24 and closed August 19 with the release of Mobile Pack version 2.0.2. Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/vulnerability-wordpress-mobile-pack-exposes-password-protected-posts>
25. *August 19, IDG News Service* – (International) **‘Reveton’ ransomware upgraded with powerful password stealer.** Avast researchers analyzed a new variant of the Reveton ransomware that now includes the Pony password and virtual currency stealer and a Papras family password stealer that can also disable security programs. The new variant was also programmed to check if an infected user had visited the Web sites of 17 German banks. Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/article/2466981/reveton-ransomware-upgraded-with-powerful-password-stealer.html>
26. *August 19, SC Magazine* – (International) **Bug in iOS Instagram app fixed, impacts Facebook accounts.** IOActive researchers reported that an issue in the Instagram app for iOS could leave users open to having their Facebook access token intercepted over public Wi-Fi due to the app sending the token in plain text. The issue was fixed in Instagram version 6.0.4 and users were advised to update to the latest version. Source: <http://www.scmagazine.com/bug-in-ios-instagram-app-fixed-impacts-facebook-accounts/article/367039/>

### **Internet Alert Dashboard**

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at [soc@us-cert.gov](mailto:soc@us-cert.gov) or visit their Web site: <http://www.us-cert.gov>

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

27. *August 20, Harrisburg Patriot News* – (Pennsylvania) **Comcast outage leaves downtown Harrisburg customers without phone or internet service.** About 2,800 Comcast customers in downtown Harrisburg were without phone and Internet service when the company was experiencing routing-type issues that caused the outage August 20. Employees at the Martin Luther King Government Center also lost Internet connectivity in the outage.

Source:

[http://www.pennlive.com/midstate/index.ssf/2014/08/comcast\\_phone\\_internet\\_down\\_h\\_a.html](http://www.pennlive.com/midstate/index.ssf/2014/08/comcast_phone_internet_down_h_a.html)

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

28. *August 20, Associated Press* – (New York) **Macy's to pay \$650,000 in shopper-profiling probe.** Macy's entered into an agreement with the New York Attorney General's office August 19 to settle allegations that the retailer's loss prevention procedures at its Herald Square store in Manhattan in New York City were discriminatory and displayed racial profiling. The retailer will pay \$650,000 in fines and will adopt new policies on employee training, police access to security camera monitors, and against profiling.
- Source: <http://news.msn.com/us/macys-to-pay-dollar650000-in-shopper-profiling-probe>
29. *August 20, WHIO 7 Dayton* – (Ohio) **Stonebridge Apartment Homes fire not believed suspicious.** Fifty residents were displaced and 18 units were damaged by an August 19 fire that engulfed the Stonebridge Apartment Homes complex in Beavercreek, Ohio. Authorities are investigating the cause of the blaze, which is believed to have started on the second story balcony.
- Source: <http://www.whio.com/news/news/local/fire-breaks-out-stonebridge-apartment-homes/ng5kL/>
30. *August 20, Maryville Daily Times* – (Tennessee) **Maryville man arrested in Walmart bomb threat.** Maryville police arrested and charged a suspect August 19 believed to be connected to a bomb threat that forced a more than 2-hour evacuation of a Walmart store and nearby gas station in Maryville July 26.
- Source: [http://www.thedailytimes.com/news/maryville-man-arrested-in-walmart-bomb-threat/article\\_964c4fbc-d700-5ecf-a887-2fe6f8649353.html](http://www.thedailytimes.com/news/maryville-man-arrested-in-walmart-bomb-threat/article_964c4fbc-d700-5ecf-a887-2fe6f8649353.html)
31. *August 19, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **Restaurant Mizado Cocina says customer credit card data breached by hacker.** The New Orleans restaurant Mizado Cocina notified about 8,000 customers that their payment card information, including names, card numbers, and CVV security codes, may have been breached after the business discovered that a hacker installed malware known as Backoff on the



restaurant's point of sale system May 9. The restaurant's IT company replaced affected computer hardware and the business's point of sale system was secured July 18.

Source:

[http://www.nola.com/business/index.ssf/2014/08/restaurant\\_mizado\\_cocina\\_says.html](http://www.nola.com/business/index.ssf/2014/08/restaurant_mizado_cocina_says.html)

32. *August 18, KYTX 19 Nacogdoches* – (Texas) **Warrant issued in deadly skating rink stabbing.** Police in Greenville, Texas, are searching for a suspect believed to have fatally stabbed two individuals and injured several others during an apparent dispute at the Greenville Skate Safari roller rink in August 16.

Source: <http://www.cbs19.tv/story/26297081/greenville-skating-ring-stabbing-killed-victims-identified>

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