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- A spark in a vacuum that pulls dust off grain caused explosions and a fire August 22 at a Bunge North America grain silo in Evendale, Ohio, blowing out the windows to the structure and sparking several hot spots. – *Cincinnati Enquirer* (See item [13](#))
- Sony PlayStation Network and Sony Online Entertainment users experienced issues and were unable to sign in August 24 after the services were hit by a distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack that was claimed to peak at 263.35 Gbps. – *Softpedia* (See item [26](#))
- Internet services were restored to hundreds of thousands of Charter Communications Inc. customers throughout the nation August 24 following a widespread outage August 23. – *WEAU 13 Eau Claire* (See item [29](#))
- An earthquake struck northern California August 24, damaging several buildings and vineyards, sparking a fire in a mobile home park, causing water main leaks, and leaving more than 15,000 customers without power in Napa, Sonoma, and Santa Rosa Counties. – *ABC News; Associated Press* (See item [31](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *August 22, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* – (Pennsylvania; New York) **Utility regulator seeks \$639,000 in penalties from electric supplier.** The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) filed a complaint against New York-based Respond Power seeking \$639,000 in penalties for allegedly misrepresenting its rates to customers or switching customers without their consent. The PUC is seeking the penalties plus refunds to consumers reflecting the difference in prices between Respond Power and local utilities, as well as the revocation of the company's license to operate in Pennsylvania. Source: <http://triblive.com/business/headlines/6659761-74/puc-consumer-power>
2. *August 22, Batavia Daily News* – (New York) **Man indicted in fatal NYSEG power station break-in.** A Silver Springs, New York man was indicted August 21 for allegedly participating in a break-in at a NYSEG power plant July 10 where one man was killed attempting to steal copper wire. The indicted man was charged for allegedly causing \$120,500 in damage to NYSEG equipment and for related charges. Source: http://www.thedailynewsonline.com/news/article_43703ca2-2a35-11e4-a011-001a4bcf887a.html

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Chemical Industry Sector

3. *August 23, KPIX 5 San Francisco* – (California; Oregon) **Coast Guard will help tow burned chemical tanker into Port of SF.** U.S. Coast Guard officials announced August 23 that a safety and assessment team will work with the owners of a disabled 485-foot chemical tanker that caught fire August 13 to ensure the safety of the ship's crew while the tanker is towed from where it is stranded 700 miles off the Oregon coast to the Port of San Francisco for repairs. The fire resulted in the loss of electrical power and propulsion and killed one crewmember on board the vessel. Source: <http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2014/08/23/coast-guard-will-help-tow-burned-chemical-tanker-into-port-of-sf/>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

4. *August 25, Quincy Patriot Ledger* – (Massachusetts) **Pilgrim back at full power after repairs.** The Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station near Plymouth returned to full power August 25 after operating at reduced power following the discovery of a steam leak August 15. Source: <http://www.enterpriseneews.com/article/20140825/NEWS/140828076/12153/NEWS>
5. *August 22, Reuters* – (New Mexico) **Air testing lapse at N.M. nuclear waste dump**

blamed on staff vacancy. A State spokesman reported August 22 that a failure to collect air samples during the first week after a February 14 radiation release at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant near Carlsbad was caused by a staff vacancy at the New Mexico Environment Department's local office.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/08/23/us-usa-radiation-newmexico-idUSKBN0GN00520140823>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Financial Services Sector

6. *August 23, KNSD 39 San Diego* – (California) **Bandit accused in four bank robberies busted.** The FBI announced August 22 that a San Diego man was arrested August 19 for allegedly conducting at least four bank robberies in San Diego between July 25 and August 18.

Source: <http://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local/San-Diego-Bank-Bandits-Ronald-Timberland-Arrested-Charged-272439651.html>

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Transportation Systems Sector

7. *August 25, KTVT 11 Fort Worth* – (Texas) **Big rig crash closes highway in Mesquite.** A crash involving an 18-wheeler semi-truck August 25 closed westbound lanes of Interstate 20 in Mesquite for several hours while eastbound lanes reopened shortly after the accident.

Source: <http://dfw.cbslocal.com/2014/08/25/big-rig-crash-closes-highway-in-mesquite/>

8. *August 24, Winston-Salem Journal* – (North Carolina) **Overtaken RV shuts down I-40 lanes.** All lanes of Interstate 40 in Forsyth County were reopened to traffic after being closed for nearly 4 hours August 24 when an RV overturned in an eastbound lane.

Source: <http://www.journalnow.com/news/local/overtaken-rv-shuts-down-i-40-lanes>

lanes/article_e449758c-2bd7-11e4-ba7b-001a4bcf6878.html

9. *August 24, Times of San Diego* – (California) **7 Hurt in El Cajon after SUV crashes into MTS Bus.** Six passengers and the driver of an SUV were injured in El Cajon August 23 when the SUV crashed into a Metropolitan Transit System bus.
Source: <http://timesofsandiego.com/crime/2014/08/24/7-hurt-el-cajon-mts-bus-crashes-suv/>
10. *August 24, KTCT 11 Fort Worth* – (Arizona) **Bomb threat tweets cause AA plane to be diverted.** An American Airlines flight en route to San Diego from Dallas was diverted to Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport August 24 due to a security-related issue when a hacker group called Lizard Squad tweeted to the airline about reports of an explosive onboard. The 185 passengers and crewmembers on board were evacuated off the plane as federal authorities investigated and determined the aircraft was clear.
Source: <http://dfw.cbslocal.com/2014/08/24/hackers-bomb-threat-tweets-cause-american-airlines-plan-to-be-diverted/>
11. *August 23, KYW 1060 AM Philadelphia* – (Delaware) **I-495 bridge reopens over Christina River in Wilmington.** All lanes of Interstate 495 in Wilmington reopened to traffic August 24 after being shut down for 2 months due to unsafe tilting of the span over the Christina River. Crews worked to strengthen the bridge and completed a load test prior to reopening.
Source: <http://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2014/08/23/i-495-bridge-reopens-over-christina-river-in-wilmington/>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

12. *August 25, WHAG 25 Hagerstown* – (Pennsylvania) **More than 30 cattle stolen from Pa. farm.** Police are investigating after 18 cows were stolen from a farm in St. Thomas Township between August 20 and August 21, then an additional 15 cattle were stolen from a farm in Antrim Township August 22. The stolen cattle were estimated to total between \$30,000 and \$35,000 in losses, while \$2,500 in tools were also stolen from the farms.
Source: <http://www.your4state.com/story/d/story/over-30-cattle-stolen-from-a-farm/41104/xbqxf04puUe12qIdLAWbkQ>
13. *August 24, Cincinnati Enquirer* – (Ohio) **Grain silo fire could take days to extinguish.** Authorities reported that a spark in a vacuum that pulls dust off grain was the cause of a series of explosions and a fire August 22 at a Bunge North America grain silo in Evendale, and that a system which runs water throughout the structure in case of a fire did not work. Firefighters remained at the scene to extinguish hot spots through August 24 and authorities must inspect the 214-foot tall structure that had all of its windows blown out during the explosions.

Source: <http://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/2014/08/22/fire-explosion-reported-at-evendale-factory/14440237/>

14. *August 22, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Nestlé Prepared Foods Company announces allergy alert and voluntary recall of Lean Cuisine Culinary Collection Chicken with Peanut Sauce.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced August 22 that Nestlé Prepared Foods Company issued a recall for a small quantity of Lean Cuisine Culinary Collection Chicken with Peanut Sauce due to undeclared shrimp caused by mislabeling.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm411170.htm>
15. *August 21, Associated Press; Auburn Star* – (Indiana) **Indiana farm worker killed after being pinned in manure pit.** A worker was killed at Irish Acres commercial dairy farm near Butler, Indiana, August 21 after a tractor dropped into a manure pit and the man was unable to escape.
Source: <http://www.indystar.com/story/news/2014/08/21/indiana-farm-worker-killed-pinned-manure-pit/14413419/>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

16. *August 25, KSDK 5 St. Louis* – (Missouri) **Boil water advisory lifted.** A boil water advisory was lifted for residents in Manchester, Town and Country, and Ballwin August 25 after being issued August 24 due to a power outage that affected a water treatment plant.
Source: <http://www.ksdk.com/story/news/local/2014/08/24/boil-water-west-st-louis-county/14531829/>
17. *August 25, WOFL 35 Orlando* – (Florida) **3,000 people under boil water advisory in Mount Dora.** A boil water advisory was issued to 3,000 residents in Mount Dora after a water main broke August 24. Crews worked to fix the problem but the precautionary advisory remained in effect until further notice.
Source: <http://www.myfoxorlando.com/story/26360305/3000-people-under-boil-water-advisory-in-mount-dora>
18. *August 25, West Jefferson Post* – (North Carolina) **Wastewater incident occurs in West Jefferson.** An estimated 8,000 gallons of untreated wastewater escaped from a manhole at a wastewater treatment plant in West Jefferson August 21, with around 6,000 gallons spilling into a tributary of the Little Buffalo Creek after pumps stopped running and water began to back up. Authorities were notified and are working to investigate the incident.
Source: http://www.jeffersonpost.com/news/home_top-news/50382640/Wastewater-incident-occurs-in-West-Jefferson

19. *August 23, New England Cable News* – (Massachusetts) **Boil water order lifted after E. coli contamination.** Authorities lifted a boil water advisory in Wellesley August 23 that was issued after E. coli was found in the water August 21.
Source: <http://www.necn.com/news/new-england/Boil-Water-Order-Lifted-After-E-Coli-Contamination-272424761.html>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

20. *August 24, Times of San Diego* – (California) **Medical Records of 6,000-plus patients taken from Oceanside Hospital.** Tri-City Medical Center in Oceanside reported that approximately 6,500 hospital records of patients who were admitted or transferred to the hospital between December 1, 2013 and May 13, 2014 were removed without authorization August 8. The hospital reported the incident to the police and is working to notify patients whose records may have been exposed.
Source: <http://timesofsandiego.com/business/2014/08/24/medical-records-6000-patients-taken-oceanside-hospital/>

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Government Facilities Sector

21. *August 25, USA Today* – (Virginia) **Army: Shooter at Fort Lee was soldier who shot self.** U.S. Army officials briefly placed its Fort Lee base near Richmond on lockdown August 25 after an active-duty soldier reportedly barricaded herself inside an office of the Army's Combined Arms Support Command headquarters before turning a weapon on herself in an attempted suicide.
Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2014/08/25/shooter-fort-lee-richmond/14557881/>
22. *August 25, KGAN 2 Cedar Rapids* – (Iowa) **UI dorm evacuated, student hospitalized.** Slater Hall dormitory on the University of Iowa's Iowa City campus was evacuated for about 4 hours August 24 after police found an undisclosed chemical in a student's room while investigating reports that the student that was found unresponsive in a lounge within the building. The student was transported to an area hospital and students were allowed to return to their rooms after police deemed the area safe.
Source: <http://www.cbs2iowa.com/news/features/top-stories/stories/ui-dorm-evacuated-student-hospitalized-29430.shtml>
23. *August 25, Redding Record Searchlight* – (California) **Trailer sparked 650-acre fire near Weaverville.** Firefighters reached 25 percent containment on a wildfire near Weaverville that grew to 650 acres, while Trinity County police lifted mandatory evacuation orders for about 150 residents August 25.
Source: <http://www.redding.com/news/local-news/crews-battling-fire-west-of->

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Emergency Services Sector

24. *August 25, KSL 1160 AM Salt Lake City* – (Utah) **Some stolen police equipment recovered.** Two people were arrested after stealing \$10,000 worth of SWAT uniforms, ammunition, weapons, and other police equipment August 22 from an undercover Heber City Police Department detective's car.
Source: http://www.ksl.com/?sid=31282313&nid=148&fm=latest_videos
25. *August 22, New York Daily News* – (New York) **NYPD cop faces jail time for credit card scams, taking payoffs from identity thief.** A New York Police Department (NYPD) officer pleaded guilty to taking payoffs from an identity thief in return for assisting him in payment card fraud by giving the fraudster a fake driver's license and providing him with NYPD records containing personal information.
Source: <http://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/nyc-crime/nypd-faces-17-years-prison-credit-card-scams-article-1.1914010>

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Information Technology Sector

26. *August 25, Softpedia* – (International) **263.35 Gbps of traffic aimed at one Sony server during DDoS attack.** Users of Sony's PlayStation Network and Sony Online Entertainment services experienced issues and were unable to sign in August 24 after the services were hit by a distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack that was claimed by the attacker to peak at 263.35 Gbps. A separate group attempted to take credit for the attack and tweeted a bomb scare regarding a Dallas-to-San Diego flight that was carrying a Sony executive.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/263-35-Gbps-of-Traffic-Aimed-At-One-Sony-Server-During-DDoS-Attack-456205.shtml>
27. *August 25, Softpedia* – (International) **FlashPack exploit kit shared through social media buttons add-on.** Researchers with Trend Micro observed the FlashPack exploit kit being distributed to users through social media sharing buttons on Web sites. The exploit kit attempts to exploit vulnerabilities in Adobe Flash and is mostly targeting users in Japan at present.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/FlashPack-Exploit-Kit-Shared-Through-Social-Media-Buttons-Add-On-456317.shtml>
28. *August 23, Softpedia* – (International) **MeetMe social network systems breached.** Social network MeetMe reported that it was compromised by attackers between August 5 and August 7 who were able to obtain an unspecified number of users'

encrypted user names, passwords, and email addresses. The company advised users to change their passwords as a precaution.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/MeetMe-Social-Network-Systems-Breached-456085.shtml>

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Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at 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

29. *August 24, WEAU 13 Eau Claire* – (National) **Charter: Internet services restored following outage.** Internet services were restored to hundreds of thousands of Charter Communications Inc. customers throughout the nation August 24 following a widespread outage August 23.
Source: <http://www.weau.com/home/headlines/Charter-Communications-working-on-internet-outage-272445941.html>
30. *August 22, WRAL 5 Raleigh* – (North Carolina) **Goldsboro police: Man stole \$80,000 in equipment from cellphone tower.** A man in Pikeville was charged with felony possession of stolen goods August 21 for allegedly stealing more than \$80,000 worth of equipment from a cellphone tower in Goldsboro.
Source: <http://www.wral.com/goldsboro-police-man-stole-80-000-in-equipment-from-cellphone-tower/13914958/>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

31. *August 24, ABC News; Associated Press* – (California) **Strong California quake causes injuries, damage.** A magnitude-6.0 – 6.1 earthquake dubbed the South Napa Earthquake struck August 24, damaging several commercial and government buildings, sparking a fire in a mobile home park, damaging vineyards, causing dozens of water main leaks, and leaving more than 15,000 customers without power in Napa, Sonoma, and Santa Rosa Counties. At least 120 individuals were treated for injuries, and Napa Valley Unified School District schools were closed August 25.
Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/northern-california-cleaning-strongest-earthquake-25-years/story?id=25110109>
32. *August 25, Scranton Times-Tribune* – (Pennsylvania) **CO leak closes Dunmore hotel**

- after evacuation.** More than 200 guests were evacuated from a Best Western Plus Hotel in Dunmore August 24 due to a carbon monoxide leak stemming from a furnace inside the building. Twenty-nine people were transported to area hospitals and the hotel closed indefinitely until inspectors determine the building is safe.
Source: <http://thetimes-tribune.com/news/co-leak-closes-dunmore-hotel-after-evacuation-1.1741081>
33. *August 25, KMGH 7 Denver; WEWS 5 Cleveland* – (Colorado) **Chemical degreaser in Dairy Queen shake allegedly sickens Colorado mother and son.** An employee of a Dairy Queen restaurant in Thornton inadvertently filled a container that was soaking in a cleaning solution with vanilla syrup and used it to prepare at least three patrons' orders August 21. One child was transported to an area hospital as a precaution after he ingested a milk shake that was contaminated with the chemical.
Source: <http://www.newsnet5.com/news/national/chemical-degreaser-in-dairy-queen-shake-allegedly-sickens-colorado-mother-and-son>
34. *August 23, Mason City Globe Gazette* – (Iowa) **Walmart roof collapses; one man rescued from nearby trailer.** A heavy rainstorm caused a partial roof collapse at a Walmart store in Mason City August 23, prompting the rescue of an employee who became trapped inside a semi-truck's trailer parked outside the rear of the building. The store was evacuated and remains closed until structural engineers inspect the damage.
Source: http://globegazette.com/news/local/portion-of-walmart-roof-collapses-after-heavy-rains/article_0ca09072-c1db-5418-ac31-e9451eeb4051.html
35. *August 23, Softpedia* – (International) **Backoff PoS malware impacts more than 1,000 businesses.** The U.S. Department of Homeland Security issued an advisory August 22 encouraging retailers to evaluate their payment systems to determine if their assets may be vulnerable or compromised by a recently discovered point of sale (PoS) malware dubbed BackOff which is believed to have affected over 1,000 businesses since October 2013. The malware was recently leveraged to attack United Parcel Service (UPS) systems in 51 locations across the U.S.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Backoff-PoS-Malware-Impacts-More-than-1-000-Businesses-456106.shtml>
36. *August 22, WCSH 6 Portland* – (Maine) **Data breach discovered at OTTO's Portland locations.** OTTO Pizza reported August 22 that about 900 of its customers were notified that the company suffered a point-of-sale attack between May 1 and August 13 at its Portland locations and hackers may have accessed some customers' payment card information. The hard drives of the affected terminals were replaced and additional firewall and monitoring software was installed after the breach was detected.
Source: <http://www.wcsh6.com/story/news/local/portland/2014/08/22/data-breach-discovered-at-ottos-portland-locations/14450607/>

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