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- Severe storms August 26 knocked out power to up to 165,000 customers, flooded portions of Interstates 75 and 94, and flooded other roads in the Detroit, Michigan area. – *Detroit News* (See item [1](#))
- Exxon Mobil Corp agreed to pay \$1.4 million to the U.S. government in a settlement for alleged violations of the Clean Water Act from a 2012 oil spill in Louisiana in which the company discharged 2,800 barrels of crude oil after a pipeline ruptured. – *New Orleans Times-Picayune* (See item [16](#))
- Vandals caulked the ignition switches of 20 school buses and offloaded 9,000 gallons of diesel from a fuel tank at the AJ Myers & Sons school bus company facility in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, between August 22 and August 24. – *KDKA 2 Pittsburgh* (See item [22](#))
- Time Warner Cable Inc., restored Internet services to about 14.5 million customers across the U.S. after an outage occurred during routine network maintenance August 27. – *CNN Money* (See item [28](#))

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## **Energy Sector**

1. *August 27, Detroit News* – (Michigan) **120K still without power after storms hit Metro Detroit.** Severe storms August 26 knocked out power to up to 165,000 customers, flooded portions of Interstates 75 and 94, and flooded other roads in the Detroit metro area. Around 120,000 customers were still without power early August 27.  
Source: <http://www.detroitnews.com/article/20140827/METRO08/308270047/120K-still-without-power-after-storms-hit-Detroit-area>
2. *August 26, Bakersfield Californian* – (California) **State shuts down two more oil field disposal wells in Kern.** The California Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) disclosed August 26 that it issued emergency orders August 18 closing two oil field disposal wells in Kern County after the agency was ordered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to re-examine its oversight of injection wells. DOGGR previously issued similar orders to nine other injection wells since July.  
Source: <http://www.bakersfieldcalifornian.com/business/kern-gusher/x983253674/State-shuts-two-more-oil-field-disposal-wells-in-Kern>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

Nothing to report

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

3. *August 27, Brattleboro Reformer* – (National) **New NRC rule supports indefinite storage of nuclear waste.** The board of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission voted August 26 to end a moratorium on new nuclear power plant licenses and approved guidance on nuclear waste storage that allows power plants or formerly-operating power plants to store spent fuel on-site indefinitely.  
Source: [http://www.reformer.com/localnews/ci\\_26412189/new-nrc-rule-supports-indefinite-storage-nuclear-waste](http://www.reformer.com/localnews/ci_26412189/new-nrc-rule-supports-indefinite-storage-nuclear-waste)

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

4. *August 27, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **Goodman Company recalls air conditioning and heating units due to burn and fire hazards.** Goodman Company announced a recall for around 233,500 Amana, Century, Goodman, York International, and Comfort-Aire branded air conditioning and heat

pump units due to the potential for the units' power cords to overheat, posing a burn and fire hazard to consumers.

Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2014/Goodman-Company-Recalls-Air-Conditioning-and-Heating-Units/>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Financial Services Sector**

5. *August 26, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (International) **SEC charges former Cleveland-area investment promoter with \$18 million scheme.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission filed a complaint August 26 against a former Gates Mills, Ohio investment promoter for allegedly defrauding 51 investors out of over \$18 million in securities offerings by misrepresenting the offerings, his trading record, and where the money would be invested. The investment promoter allegedly told investors that their funds would be invested in companies listed on the Mexican stock exchange but instead used their funds to invest in publicly traded securities and stole over \$6 million for personal use.  
Source: <http://www.sec.gov/litigation/litreleases/2014/lr23073.htm>
6. *August 26, Bloomberg News* – (New York) **Lippert/Heilshorn consultant charged with insider trading.** A consultant for Lippert/Heilshorn & Associates Inc., was arrested and charged in federal court in New York City August 26 for allegedly engaging in insider trading using draft press releases from clients to gain insider knowledge and make \$89,487 on one client's stocks. The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission also sued the consultant August 26 for allegedly engaging in insider trading on six other stocks to make illicit profits of over \$950,000.  
Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2014-08-26/lippert-heilshorn-consultant-charged-with-insider-trading>
7. *August 26, KYTX 19 Nacogdoches* – (Texas) **Capital One bank investigator now bank suspect.** The FBI and Tyler, Texas police arrested the corporate security consultant of a Capital One bank branch August 26 for allegedly robbing bank workers outside the bank August 11, stealing two bags of money.  
Source: <http://www.cbs19.tv/story/26371882/sources-tyler-capital-one-bank-robbery-suspect-arrested>

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## **Transportation Systems Sector**

8. *August 27, Sarasota Herald-Tribune* – (Florida) **I-75 NB likely closed till evening after crash.** Northbound lanes on Interstate 75 near Fruitville Road in Sarasota remained closed August 27 as crews continued to clean up after a four-vehicle crash involving a tanker that spilled an estimated 250-500 gallons of gasoline into the roadway and a ditch next to the Interstate.  
Source: <http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20140827/ARTICLE/140829718>
9. *August 26, KCPQ 13 Tacoma* – (Washington) **80-gallon fuel spill on West Seattle Bridge ramp leads to massive cleanup effort.** The eastbound West Seattle Bridge ramp to State Route 99 in Washington was closed for several hours when a semi-truck spilled 80 gallons of fuel onto the roadway and caused two other multiple-vehicle collisions due to the spillage.  
Source: <http://q13fox.com/2014/08/26/80-gallon-fuel-spill-forces-closure-of-west-seattle-bridge-ramp/>
10. *August 26, USA Today* – (Illinois) **United flight diverts over ‘Knee Defender’ fight.** A United Airlines flight en route from Newark, New Jersey, to Denver was delayed when it diverted to Chicago O’Hare International Airport August 24 after a disturbance was caused by two passengers.  
Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/todayinthesky/2014/08/26/knee-defender-fight-united-flight-diverted/14609109/>
11. *August 26, KMGH 7 Denver* – (Colorado) **Truck crash closes I-25 at Highway 402 near Loveland.** Northbound lanes on Interstate 25 near Loveland were closed for more than 6 hours August 26 when a semi-truck crashed and leaked fuel onto the highway below.  
Source: <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/local-news/truck-crash-closes-i-25-at-highway-402-loveland>
12. *August 26, Associated Press; KING 5 Seattle* – (Oregon) **Seattle-bound Amtrak delayed 8 hours after hitting semi.** An Amtrak train headed to Seattle from Los Angeles carrying 280 passengers was delayed for more than 8 hours in Salem, Oregon, August 25 when the train collided with a semi-truck, resulting in mechanical issues.  
Source: <http://www.king5.com/story/news/local/2014/08/26/seattle-bound-amtrak-strikes-semi/14610649/>

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## **Food and Agriculture Sector**

13. *August 27, Buffalo News* – (New York) **Chlorine leak contained on Ganson Street.** The ADM Milling Co. facility in Buffalo was evacuated for several hours August 27 after elevated levels of chlorine gas were detected in a storage room and the plant’s equipment automatically shut down operations. Crews contained the leak and employees were allowed to return after the air quality was restored to safe levels.

Source: <http://www.buffalonews.com/city-region/buffalo/chlorine-leak-contained-on-ganson-street-20140827>

14. *August 27, Food Safety News* – (Utah) **Utah reports 45 Campylobacter illnesses linked to raw milk dairy.** Utah health officials are investigating 45 cases of Campylobacter infections with onset dates between May 9 and July 21 that are associated with the consumption of raw milk or cream purchased at Ropelato Dairy in Weber County. The Utah Department of Agriculture and Food suspended the dairy's license August 4, prohibiting it from selling raw milk after several samples from the farm tested positive for Campylobacter.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2014/08/utah-reports-45-campylobacter-illnesses-linked-to-weber-county-raw-milk>

15. *August 25, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Alabama) **Pritchard, Alabama, lumber producer cited for exposing workers to fall and amputation hazards.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited PJ Lumber Co., for 13 serious safety and health violations at the company's Pritchard lumber mill for exposing workers to high noise levels, falls, amputations, and other hazards. Proposed penalties total \$50,085.

Source:

[https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=NEWS\\_RELEASES&p\\_id=26583](https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=26583)

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## **Water and Wastewater Systems Sector**

16. *August 27, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **ExxonMobil to pay \$1.4 million to settle alleged violation of the Clean Water Act in 2012 Torbert oil spill.** Exxon Mobil Corp agreed to pay \$1.4 million to the U.S. government in a settlement for alleged violations of the Clean Water Act stemming from a 2012 oil spill in Louisiana in which the company discharged 2,800 barrels of crude oil after a pipeline ruptured. The company is also facing additional incurred costs to respond to the oil spill and replace segments of the ruptured pipelines.

Source: [http://www.nola.com/business/baton-rouge/index.ssf/2014/08/exxonmobil\\_to\\_pay\\_14\\_million\\_p.html](http://www.nola.com/business/baton-rouge/index.ssf/2014/08/exxonmobil_to_pay_14_million_p.html)

17. *August 26, Salina Post* – (Kansas) **Boil water advisory issued for City of Miltonvale in Cloud Co.** The Kansas Department of Health and Environment issued a boil water advisory for the city of Miltonvale August 26 due to a loss of water pressure. The advisory will remain in effect until water pressure is restored and other conditions are met.

Source: <http://salinapost.com/2014/08/26/boil-water-advisory-issued-for-city-of-miltonvale-in-cloud-co/>

18. *August 27, WTIC 61 Hartford* – (Connecticut) **Water restored after water main break in Bloomfield.** Water service was restored to residents in Bloomfield ,

Connecticut, August 27 after a 12-inch water main broke and prompted the Metropolitan District Commission to shut off service August 26.

Source: <http://foxct.com/2014/08/26/possible-water-main-break-in-bloomfield/>

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## **Healthcare and Public Health Sector**

19. *August 27, Dallas Morning News* – (Texas) **Commissioner accuses Xerox of “reckless” misuse of Medicaid data.** The commissioner of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission stated that the agency filed a second lawsuit August 26 against Xerox Corp., for allegedly failing to protect patient confidentiality and for improperly retaining large quantities of medical records. The announcement comes several months after the State announced the first lawsuit against Xerox over allegations that the company paid out hundreds of millions of dollars for unnecessary dental work.

Source: <http://trailblazersblog.dallasnews.com/2014/08/janek-accuses-xerox-of-reckless-misuse-of-medicaid-data.html/>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

20. *August 27, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **Preston County courts remain closed due to water and sewer issues in courthouse.** Preston County courts and judicial offices remained closed August 26 due to water and sewer issues that were detected August 25.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/ba9820f82c3e49eea7929965fc24329e/WV--Courts-Closed>

21. *August 26, KTRK 13 Houston* – (Texas) **Students on school bus involved in wreck in west Houston.** Nineteen students and the driver of a Nancy’s School Bus Service Transport bus en route to Paul Revere Middle School in Houston were taken to area hospitals with minor injuries August 26 after the driver lost control of the vehicle and crashed into a tree in the median of the road.

Source: <http://abc13.com/news/students-on-school-bus-involved-in-wreck/281470/>

22. *August 25, KDKA 2 Pittsburgh* – (Pennsylvania) **Thief nabs \$27K of fuel from school bus company, clogs ignitions.** Pennsylvania State Police are investigating after vandals caulked the ignition switches of 20 school buses and offloaded 9,000 gallons of diesel from a fuel tank at the AJ Myers & Sons school bus company facility in Latrobe between August 22 and August 24. Crews worked to clean the clogged ignition switches so the buses could be used for transporting students August 25.

Source: <http://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2014/08/25/thief-nabs-27k-of-fuel-from-school-bus-company-clogs-ignitions>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

23. *August 26, Herald of Everett* – (Washington) **2 arrested after attempted theft of copper at Marysville radio tower.** Two Snohomish County men were arrested August 25 for allegedly trying to steal copper wire from a radio tower in Marysville that maintains communications for all of the county's police and fire agencies as well as for the U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Navy.

Source: <http://www.heraldnet.com/article/20140826/NEWS01/140829267/Two-arrested-after-attempted-theft-of-copper-at-Marysville-radio-tower>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

24. *August 27, Softpedia* – (International) **Updated NetTraveler backdoor has encrypted configuration file.** Researchers at Kaspersky Labs identified an updated variant of the NetTraveler (also known as Travnet or Netfile) malware being used in a spearphishing campaign that contains an encrypted configuration file. The NetTraveler malware has been used for as long as 10 years and is frequently used in attacks targeting diplomatic, government, military, and activist groups.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Updated-NetTraveler-Backdoor-Has-Encrypted-Configuration-File-456602.shtml>

25. *August 27, Help Net Security* – (International) **470 million sites exist for 24 hours, 22% are malicious.** Blue Coat researchers reported the results of an analysis of over 660 million unique hostnames requested by users and found that 71 percent of hostnames were sites that appeared for only 1 day, with around 22 percent found to be malicious sites used in short-lived attacks or botnet management. The largest number of 1-day sites were legitimate sites used by major online organizations.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=17297>

26. *August 27, The Register* – (International) **Ouch...right in the VIDEO GAME: Lizard Squad attacks Xbox, Twitch.** Attackers calling themselves Lizard Squad launched distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks against video game-streaming service Twitch and the Microsoft Xbox Live service August 26, disrupting service on Twitch for a time but failing to impact Xbox Live service.

Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/08/27/lizard\\_squad\\_hacking\\_rampage/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/08/27/lizard_squad_hacking_rampage/)

27. *August 26, IDG News Service* – (International) **HP recalls 6M laptop power cords that can pose fire hazards.** Hewlett-Packard announced a recall of over 6 million LS-15 AC power cords used with HP and Compaq branded laptops due to the



potential for the power cords to overheat, melt, and pose a fire or burn hazard. The recall covers around 5.6 million units in the U.S. and 446,000 in Canada.

Source: <http://www.computerworld.com/article/2599124/computers-all/hp-recalls-6m-laptop-power-cords-that-can-pose-fire-hazards.html>

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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

28. *August 27, CNN Money* – (National) **Time Warner Cable comes back from nationwide Internet outage.** Time Warner Cable Inc., which serves about 14.5 million homes, restored Internet services to customers across the U.S. after an outage occurred during routine network maintenance August 27. Cable TV and phone services were not affected during the outage.

Source: <http://money.cnn.com/2014/08/27/media/time-warner-cable-outage/index.html>

29. *August 26, Reuters* – (National) **TWC to pay \$1.1M to settle FCC probe.** Time Warner Cable Inc., agreed to pay \$1.1 million August 25 in a settlement with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) after admitting that it violated the requirements for reporting network outages in 2013 and agreed to follow a 3-year compliance plan with the FCC to properly report all network outages in the future. The FCC requires that service providers promptly report network outages that last longer than 30 minutes, especially if it may affect emergency response facilities or up to 900,000 minutes of disrupted Internet or phone usage.

Source: <http://www.foxbusiness.com/industries/2014/08/26/time-warner-cable-to-pay-11-mln-to-settle-outage-reporting-violation/>

30. *August 26, Elko Daily Free Press* – (Nevada) **Internet, voicemail services interrupted for Frontier customers.** Many Frontier Communications customers in Elko remained without Internet or voicemail service August 26 due to an unidentified problem with equipment owned by Level Three Communications. The outage also affected services at the Elko County Sheriff's Office.

Source: [http://elkodaily.com/news/internet-voicemail-services-interrupted-for-frontier-customers/article\\_f4701e0a-2d73-11e4-9fc7-0019bb2963f4.html](http://elkodaily.com/news/internet-voicemail-services-interrupted-for-frontier-customers/article_f4701e0a-2d73-11e4-9fc7-0019bb2963f4.html)

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

31. *August 27, KOIN 6 Portland*– (Oregon) **Firefighters injured in Oregon City fire.** A



3-alarm fire spread through a commercial building in Oregon City August 27, burning through three businesses before firefighters could extinguish the blaze. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Source: <http://portlandtribune.com/pt/9-news/231366-95684-firefighter-injured-in-oregon-city-fire>

32. *August 26, Pasadena Citizen* – (Texas) **Firefighters battled massive warehouse fire in South Houston.** Authorities are investigating after at least five businesses were destroyed by an August 26 fire that spread through a South Houston warehouse and caused a partial building collapse. No injuries were reported.  
Source: [http://www.yourhoustonnews.com/pasadena/news/firefighters-battled-massive-warehouse-fire-in-south-houston/article\\_c4bb1669-e262-5c49-acd0-b0c5025eb944.html](http://www.yourhoustonnews.com/pasadena/news/firefighters-battled-massive-warehouse-fire-in-south-houston/article_c4bb1669-e262-5c49-acd0-b0c5025eb944.html)
33. *August 26, WESH 2 Daytona Beach* – (Florida) **Wet 'n Wild employee rushed to hospital.** An employee of the Wet 'n Wild water park in Orlando was critically injured after being trapped underwater while cleaning a pool August 26. A portion of the park was closed while authorities investigated the incident which was later turned over to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.  
Source: <http://www.wesh.com/news/pd-person-taken-to-hospital-from-wet-n-wild-water-park/27733784>
34. *August 26, NJ.com* – (New Jersey) **Fire prompts evacuation at Garden State Plaza mall.** A Macy's store at the Westfield Garden State Plaza mall in Paramus was evacuated and closed for several hours August 26 due to a small rooftop fire.  
Source: [http://www.nj.com/bergen/index.ssf/2014/08/fire\\_prompts\\_evacuation\\_at\\_garden\\_state\\_plaza\\_mall.html](http://www.nj.com/bergen/index.ssf/2014/08/fire_prompts_evacuation_at_garden_state_plaza_mall.html)

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