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- The FBI stated that a suspect known as the “No Boundaries Bandit” was responsible for the August 25 robbery of a TCF Bank branch in River Forest, the twelfth bank robbery linked to the suspect in the Chicago metro area. – *Chicago Sun-Times* (See item [9](#))
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- A 3-alarm fire August 28 tore through Hilltop United Methodist church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, which houses two congregations and the Allentown Senior Citizens Center, causing an estimated \$1.5 million in damage. – *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* (See item [26](#))

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## Energy Sector

1. *August 28, Lexington Herald-Leader* – (Kentucky) **Coal company fines total \$245,000 in environmental cases in Bell, Pike counties.** Apollo Fuels in Bell County and Coal Operator 1 LLC in Pike County were both cited by federal and State regulators for violating environmental rules in eastern Kentucky including allegedly burying stream areas without a permit at a surface coal mine and illegally discharging contaminants into a creek. Proposed fines totaled \$245,000 against the two companies.  
Source: [http://www.kentucky.com/2014/08/28/3400443\\_coal-company-fines-total-245000.html?rh=1](http://www.kentucky.com/2014/08/28/3400443_coal-company-fines-total-245000.html?rh=1)
2. *August 28, Reuters* – (Ohio) **Power producer Duke Energy to retire coal-fired plants in Ohio.** Duke Energy Corp., announced August 28 that it will retire Units 5 and 6 September 1 at its WC Beckjord Station in New Richmond, Ohio, as part of their plan to stop coal-fired power generation at the site by January 2015.  
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/08/28/duke-energy-powerstation-idUSL3N0QY54C20140828>
3. *August 28, Great Falls Tribune* – (Montana) **Refinery employees, city firefighters treated for chemical exposure.** A Great Falls firefighter and two Calumet Refinery employees were transported to an area hospital August 27 due to low-level exposure to hydrogen sulfide at the Montana refinery. The hydrogen sulfide was confined to the property and officials stated that the public was not at risk for exposure.  
Source: <http://www.greatfallstribune.com/story/news/local/2014/08/28/refinery-employees-city-firefighters-treated-chemical-exposure/14741505/>
4. *August 27, Buffalo News* – (New York) **Tonawanda Coke settles OSHA case tied to plant explosion.** Tonawanda Coke Corp., and Kirchner LLC reached a \$115,370 settlement with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) over alleged safety violations at the company's River Road plant in New York related to a January 31 explosion that injured 3 workers. The company has either corrected or is in the process of fixing issues identified by OSHA.  
Source: <http://www.buffalonews.com/business/tonawanda-coke-settles-osh-a-case-tied-to-plant-explosion-20140827>

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## Chemical Industry Sector

5. *August 28, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Rhode Island) **Clean Air settlement with R.I. Chemical Manufacturer will minimize emissions.** Mereco Technologies Group, Inc., agreed to pay \$60,000 in penalties to settle U.S. Environmental Protection Agency allegations claiming that the Rhode Island chemical manufacturer failed to comply with federal and State air pollution regulations. The settlement will also require the company to apply for a Rhode Island Clean Air Act

permit, develop a plan to reduce emissions, and update its business policies and procedures.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/257EEFC72DC72D6A85257D4200580981>

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

6. *August 29, Connecticut Day* – (Connecticut) **NRC issues ‘white’ finding on Millstone.** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission issued a preliminary ‘white’ finding for a safety violation at the Millstone Power Station’s Unit 3 turbine-driving auxiliary feedwater pump, which could lead to increased inspections. The plant’s operator stated that the issue was caused by an incorrect bearing in the pump between August 2013 and January 2014.

Source: <http://www.theday.com/article/20140828/NWS01/140829678/1047/NWS>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Financial Services Sector**

7. *August 29, Softpedia* – (International) **New BlackPoS strain disguises as antivirus service.** Researchers with Trend Micro identified a new variant of the BlackPoS point-of-sale (PoS) malware that disguises itself as an antivirus product and contains other changes to improve efficiency and avoid detection. The malware can reach PoS systems by the infection of company servers, breaching network communication, or infecting the PoS device before deployment.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/New-BlackPoS-Strain-Disguises-As-Antivirus-Service-456982.shtml>

8. *August 28, Reuters* – (Georgia) **Ex-LPL broker ordered to pay \$1.9 million in U.S. SEC fraud suit.** A Buford man who previously worked as a broker for LPL Financial LLC was ordered by a federal judge to pay over \$1.9 million for diverting clients’ funds for his personal use. The man previously agreed to a court order with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission related to the fraud.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/08/28/us-sec-broker-fraud-idUSKBN0GS26K20140828>

9. *August 27, Chicago Sun-Times* – (Illinois) **FBI: No Boundaries Bandit who robbed Northlake bank strikes in River Forest.** The FBI stated that a suspect known as the “No Boundaries Bandit” was responsible for the August 25 robbery of a TCF Bank branch in River Forest, the twelfth bank robbery linked to the suspect in the Chicago metro area.

Source: <http://franklinpark.suntimes.com/2014/08/28/no-boundaries-bandit-bank-robber-wanted/>

10. *August 27, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Police seek clothes-swapping Washington bank robber.** The FBI and police are searching for a suspect dubbed the “Quick Change Bandit” thought responsible for three bank robberies in the Puget Sound area of Washington between August 16 and August 18.

Source: [http://www.oregonlive.com/pacific-northwest-news/index.ssf/2014/08/police\\_seek\\_clothes-swapping\\_w.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/pacific-northwest-news/index.ssf/2014/08/police_seek_clothes-swapping_w.html)

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## **Transportation Systems Sector**

11. *August 29, USA Today* – (Massachusetts) **Another plane diverts over reclining seat dispute.** An American Airlines flight from Miami to Paris, France, diverted to Boston’s Logan Airport August 27 after a dispute between two passengers and a flight attendant that resulted in one passenger being subdued and handcuffed by two plain-clothes Federal Air Marshals during the flight.

Source: <http://www.wusa9.com/story/news/nation/2014/08/29/reclined-seat-dispute-diverts-flight-boston/14790979/>

12. *August 29, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **At least 14 injured in shuttle bus crash at O’Hare Airport.** At least 14 individuals were injured when a shuttle bus crashed into a median on its way to terminals at O’Hare International Airport in Chicago August 29. All lanes of the Interstate 190 entrance were closed for 2 hours while officials worked to clear the scene.

Source: <http://cltv.com/2014/08/29/at-least-2-injured-in-shuttle-bus-crash-at-ohare-airport/>

13. *August 28, Santa Barbara Noozhawk* – (California) **Teen killed in crash that shut down Northbound Highway 101.** Northbound lanes of Highway 101 in Santa Barbara reopened August 28 after closing for more than 7 hours due to a fatal accident involving a semi-truck and wrong-way driver August 27. The teenage driver of the vehicle was killed after clipping the front end of the semi-truck and flipping over.

Source:

[http://www.noozhawk.com/article/fatal\\_crash\\_shuts\\_down\\_northbound\\_highway\\_101](http://www.noozhawk.com/article/fatal_crash_shuts_down_northbound_highway_101)

14. *August 28, Durango Herald* – (Colorado) **2 die in area highway accidents.** One person was killed and 2 others were injured in a 3-vehicle crash on U.S. Highway 160 near Cortez August 28 that prompted the closure of all lanes for more than 2 hours. In a separate incident a motorcyclist was killed after colliding with a vehicle on U.S. Highway 550 near Silverton.  
Source: <http://www.durangoherald.com/article/20140828/NEWS01/140829544/Fatal-accident-closes-Hwy-550->

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## **Food and Agriculture Sector**

15. *August 28, WTSP 10 St. Petersburg* – (Florida) **Roaches, temperatures violations close Clearwater restaurant.** Country Harvest Restaurant in Clearwater reopened the week of August 25 after Florida health inspectors ordered a temporary emergency closure after an inspection revealed 25 health code violations in the restaurant's kitchen. The restaurant underwent a deep-cleaning and was cleared to reopen by State inspectors.  
Source: <http://www.wtsp.com/story/news/investigations/2014/08/28/country-harvest-restaurant-clearwater-roaches-moldy-olives/14715467/>
16. *August 28, Food Safety News* – (International) **Texas Cyclospora cases linked to Mexican cilantro.** The Texas Department of State Health Services reported August 28 that at least 126 Cyclospora-related sicknesses in Texas since May 1 were connected to fresh cilantro imported from Mexico, and announced that the outbreak was considered over. At least 21 of the cases related to the outbreak were traced to four restaurants in North Texas that served cilantro sourced from Puebla, Mexico.  
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2014/08/texas-cyclospora-cases-linked-to-cilantro-from-mexico>
17. *August 28, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (Arizona; Nevada; New Mexico) **Dole Fresh Vegetables announces allergy alert and voluntary limited recall of DOLE-branded spinach due to possible contamination by walnuts.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced August 28 that Dole Fresh Vegetables issued a voluntary recall for limited amounts of its 6-ounce bags of DOLE Baby Spinach and 8-ounce bags of DOLE Spinach due to possible contamination with walnuts. The products were distributed in Arizona, Nevada, and New Mexico.  
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm412156.htm>

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## **Water and Wastewater Systems Sector**

18. *August 29, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Online list IDs Pa. water wells harmed by drilling.** The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection released details of 243 incidents where natural gas drilling operations contaminated private drinking water wells, with most cases occurring in northeastern counties. Impacts on wells

included methane gas contamination, dry wells, wastewater or pollutant spills, or other issues that rendered wells undrinkable.

Source: <http://www.pressconnects.com/story/news/local/pennsylvania/2014/08/29/gas-drilling-water-contamination/14792457/>

19. *August 28, ABC News* – (Louisiana) **Brain-eating amoeba found in Louisiana water supply.** The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals stated that the *Naegleria fowleri* amoeba was detected in the water system in St. John the Baptist Parish, serving around 12,577 people in three towns. There were no reports of infections and the system will be flushed with higher levels of chlorine for 60 days to ensure that any amoeba is destroyed.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/Health/brain-eating-amoeba-found-louisiana-water-supply/story?id=25160247>

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## **Healthcare and Public Health Sector**

20. *August 28, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (New York) **EPA takes action to protect public from hazardous waste fines SUNY Downstate Medical Center for improper storage and handling of hazardous waste.** SUNY Downstate Medical Center was issued a legal complaint by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency August 28 and faces fines up to \$156,710 for violating federal hazardous waste laws in two buildings in its Brooklyn, New York campus. An investigation determined the hospital generated and improperly stored chemical wastes in corroded and leaking containers.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/14E560483C6A0D0985257D42005AC2D9>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

21. *August 28, WKRN 2 Nashville* – (Tennessee) **Water main break keeps 2 Coffee County schools closed.** Union Elementary School and Coffee County Middle School in Tennessee remained closed August 28 following a water main break on State Route 53/Woodbury Highway that prompted the early dismissal of classes August 27.

Source: <http://www.wkrn.com/story/26384895/water-main-break-coffee-county-schools>

22. *August 28, Waterloo Cedar Falls Courier* – (Iowa) **Two Waterloo schools cancel day due to power outage.** A power outage caused by a fault in an underground line prompted the dismissal and cancellation of classes at Lou Henry Elementary and Hoover Middle schools in Waterloo August 28. Utility crews spent more than 3 hours restoring service.

Source: [http://wcfcourier.com/news/local/education/two-waterloo-schools-cancel-day-due-to-power-outage/article\\_297699c1-dab3-5411-8a2e-96e69029a865.html](http://wcfcourier.com/news/local/education/two-waterloo-schools-cancel-day-due-to-power-outage/article_297699c1-dab3-5411-8a2e-96e69029a865.html)

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## **Information Technology Sector**

23. *August 29, Softpedia* – (International) **Hackers steal customer payment data from ClamCase.** Keyboard and iPad case manufacturer ClamCase stated that attackers compromised the company's systems and obtained an undisclosed number of customers' personal information including names, addresses, and payment card data. The company stated that the attack occurred between April 15 and August 6 and is offering identity theft prevention services to affected customers.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Hackers-Steal-Customer-Payment-Data-From-ClamCase-456961.shtml>
24. *August 29, The Register* – (International) **KER-CHING! CryptoWall ransomware scam rakes in \$1 MEEELLION.** Dell SecureWorks researchers published an analysis of the CryptoWall ransomware and found that it continues to be the largest ransomware threat, extorting at least \$1 million from victims. The researchers detected around 625,000 systems infected with the ransomware between mid-March and late August, encrypting over 5.25 billion files, among other findings.  
Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/08/29/cryptowall\\_analysis/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/08/29/cryptowall_analysis/)
25. *August 29, Help Net Security* – (International) **Phishers targeting crypto currency and retail sites.** The Anti-Phishing Working Group (APWG) released its report for the second quarter of 2014 (Q2) and found that the number of phishing attacks was the second-highest number since recording began in 2008, with online payment services and cryptocurrency sites being frequent targets, among other findings.  
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=17308>

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### **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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26. *August 29, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* – (Pennsylvania) **Fire rips church that was 'heartbeat' of city's Allentown section.** A 3-alarm fire August 28 tore through Hilltop United Methodist church in the Allentown neighborhood of Pittsburgh which houses two congregations and the Allentown Senior Citizens Center. Officials reported that workers performing maintenance on the church's roof may have accidentally sparked the fire that left an estimated \$1.5 million in damage.  
Source: <http://www.post-gazette.com/local/city/2014/08/28/Fire-hits-Allentown-church-and-senior-center/stories/201408280309>
27. *August 28, Fresno Bee* – (California) **Three-alarm fire hits apartment building in central Fresno.** An August 28 fire that started between the Cameron Park and Dakota Gardens apartment complexes in central Fresno spread to the structures and sparked a 3-alarm blaze that displaced 19 residents and caused damage to 7 units in the 2 buildings. Total damage was estimated at \$80,000.  
Source: [http://www.modbee.com/2014/08/28/3509135\\_two-alarm-fire-hits-apartment.html](http://www.modbee.com/2014/08/28/3509135_two-alarm-fire-hits-apartment.html)
28. *August 28, Softpedia* – (International) **Dairy Queen confirms breach of payment systems.** Dairy Queen officials confirmed that systems in a limited number of stores were infected with Backoff point-of-sale (PoS) malware, and customers' personal information, including payment card information, may have been exposed.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Dairy-Queen-Confirms-Breach-of-Payment-Systems-456832.shtml>
29. *August 28, Elyria Chronicle-Telegram* – (Ohio) **Lorain church destroyed in fire; pastor vows to rebuild.** Authorities are investigating an August 28 fire that caused a roof collapse at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lorain and destroyed the building and its contents, including an organ valued at nearly \$1 million.  
Source: <http://chronicle.northcoastnow.com/2014/08/28/lorain-church-destroyed-fire-pastor-vows-rebuild/>

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