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- An explosion inside a boiler room at the Whitlock Packaging Corp. facility in Lakeland, Florida, September 2 sent a 60,000-pound boiler tank through a wall of the plant, prompting the indefinite closure of the facility. – *Lakeland Ledger* (See item [14](#))
- About 100,000 Prince George's County residents were placed under a 48-hour boil water advisory due to a water main break in Laurel, Maryland. – *WTTG 5 Washington, D.C.* (See item [17](#))
- A gunman shot and injured a police officer after opening fire at the Greenville County Law Enforcement Center in South Carolina September 1, before turning the gun on himself and committing suicide. – *WYFF 4 Greenville* (See item [26](#))
- Goodwill Industries International representatives reported September 2 that a July payment card breach was the result of hackers using an unidentified piece of malware to breach the systems of a third-party vendor that processes payments for some members. – *Securityweek* (See item [32](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *September 2, U.S. Department of Justice* – (West Virginia) **Trans Energy Inc. to restore streams and wetlands damaged by natural gas extraction activities in West Virginia.** Trans Energy Inc., reached a settlement September 2 with the U.S. Department of Justice and the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection to restore portions of streams and wetlands at 15 sites in West Virginia that the company polluted with unauthorized fill material or dredge discharge. The company will also pay a \$3 million penalty in addition to remediation efforts at all 15 contaminated sites.
Source: <http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2014/September/14-enrd-925.html>
2. *September 2, Associated Press* – (Illinois) **Fire forces partial shutdown of N. Ill. coal plant.** The cause of a transformer fire at the Dynegy Power Station in Hennepin is under investigation after one of two power-generating units was forced to shut down September 2. The utility reported that the fire occurred in an area where electricity from the generator unit is transferred to the power grid for distribution.
Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2014/09/02/4323444/fire-forces-partial-shutdown-of.html>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

3. *September 2, IHS Jane's Defence Weekly* – (National) **Pratt & Whitney halted F135 deliveries over titanium sourcing issues.** Officials at Pratt & Whitney, a division of United Technologies, stated that the company suspended deliveries of its F-135 engines for the F-35 Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter for a 3-week period during May due to a pedigree validation issue with a titanium supplier. More than 100 aircraft were

retrofitted with a replacement fan variable arm to address the issue.

Source: <http://www.janes.com/article/42664/pratt-whitney-halted-f135-deliveries-over-titanium-sourcing-issues>

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Financial Services Sector

4. *September 3, Help Net Security* – (International) **Cybercriminals love PayPal, financial phishing on the rise.** Kaspersky Lab researchers released statistics on spam and phishing emails for the month of July, which found that phishing emails targeting financial services increased 7.9 percent during the month, with PayPal being the most targeted company. The researchers also found that the overall share of spam in all email traffic increased 2.2 percent to a total of 67 percent during July, among other findings. Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=17320>
5. *September 2, U.S. Attorney's Office, District of New Jersey* – (New Jersey) **Belleville man admits role in \$15 million mortgage fraud scheme.** A Belleville man pleaded guilty September 2 to his role in a \$15 million mortgage fraud scheme that involved overbuilt condominiums in North Wildwood. The man served as a straw buyer in the scheme and is 1 of 11 defendants charged in connection to the fraud. Source: <http://www.fbi.gov/newark/press-releases/2014/belleville-man-admits-role-in-15-million-mortgage-fraud-scheme>
6. *September 2, St. Louis Post-Dispatch* – (Missouri) **Bethalto bank employee admits embezzlement, fraud.** A former U.S. Bank employee pleaded guilty to embezzlement and fraud while she worked at the bank's Bethalto Airport branch in St. Louis, causing damages totaling \$105,827. The former employee made unauthorized debits on customers' accounts while working as a universal banker at the branch. Source: http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/employee-s-fraud-costs-bank/article_bfc86ab2-2370-5a8b-8655-fb6f1fafa080.html

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Transportation Systems Sector

7. *September 3, KKCO 11 Grand Junction* – (Colorado) **Suspicious object prompts I-70 closure.** All east and westbound lanes of Interstate 70 near De Beque were closed for nearly 5 hours September 2 after a Colorado Department of Transportation worker discovered a suspicious device on the roadway. A bomb squad rendered the device safe after removing it and determining that it was likely a piece of equipment used in the energy industry. Source: <http://www.nbc11news.com/home/headlines/Suspicious-object-prompts-I-70-closure-273690011.html>

8. *September 3, KTVU 2 Oakland* – (California) **Massive chain reaction crash shuts down Highway 17.** Northbound and southbound lanes of Highway 17 through the Santa Cruz Mountains in Scotts Valley remained closed September 3 while crews worked to clean the roadway after a series of chain reaction crashes involving 12 vehicles prompted authorities to shut down the highway.
Source: <http://www.ktvu.com/news/news/local/massive-chain-reaction-crash-shuts-down-highway-17/nhFDt/>
9. *September 3, Seattle Times* – (Florida) **Third flight diverted, woman removed over seat dispute.** A Delta flight from New York headed towards West Palm Beach diverted to Jacksonville September 2 after a passenger became combative and demanded the airplane land after an altercation with another passenger and flight attendants.
Source: http://seattletimes.com/html/nationworld/2024441533_apxplanedivertedseatrecliner.html
10. *September 2, Wausau Daily Herald* – (Wisconsin) **One death in crash on Highway 29 near Edgar.** One person was killed and another individual was injured in an accident on Highway 29 in the Town of Rib Falls that prompted the closure of the highway for nearly 5 hours September 1-2 after an all-terrain vehicle collided with two passenger vehicles.
Source: <http://www.wausaudailyherald.com/story/news/local/2014/09/02/traffic-incident-closes-highway-near-edgar/14951197/>
11. *September 2, Reno Gazette-Journal* – (Nevada) **Pyramid Highway open again after crash.** All lanes of Pyramid Highway near Sutcliffe Highway in Nevada were closed for more than 5 hours September 2 due to an accident that left 2 people injured.
Source: <http://www.wbay.com/story/26432366/2014/09/02/crash-involving-school-bus-closes-hwy-29>
12. *September 2, KHOU 11 Houston* – (Texas) **Hundreds of beers spill onto Katy Freeway in 18-wheeler crash.** Crews spend about 5 hours clearing the scene of an accident involving a semi-truck and a car on Katy Freeway in Houston September 2. The semi-truck jackknifed and rolled over, spilling dozens of cases of beer onto the freeway.
Source: <http://www.khou.com/story/traffic/2014/09/02/hundreds-of-beers-spilled-onto-katy-freeway-in-18-wheeler-crash/14954223/>
13. *September 1, KTVU 2 Oakland* – (California) **Hwy 84 reopens after 2 bicyclists collide.** State Highway 84 in Woodside was closed for more than 2 hours September 1 after two bicyclists were hospitalized when they collided into each other.
Source: <http://www.ktvu.com/news/news/local/major-vehicle-accident-closes-section-highway-84/nhDJX/>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

14. *September 3, Lakeland Ledger* – (Florida) **Natural gas explosion blows boiler through wall at Lakeland packaging facility.** A natural gas explosion inside a boiler room at the Whitlock Packaging Corp. bottling facility in Lakeland, Florida, September 2 sent a 60,000-pound boiler tank through a wall of the plant and onto nearby train tracks, prompting the evacuation of employees and indefinite closure of the facility until crews can assess the damage.
Source: <http://www.theledger.com/article/20140902/news/140909911>
15. *September 3, KIWA 1550 AM Sheldon* – (Iowa) **Smoldering corn thought to have been caused by spontaneous combustion.** Authorities believe spontaneous combustion sparked a September 1 fire that broke out inside a grain storage facility at the Farmers Co-Op Society in Sioux Center. Crews worked to remove 2.7 million bushels of corn from the building.
Source: <http://kiwaradio.com/local-news/millions-of-bushels-of-grain-could-go-up-in-flame-in-sioux-center/>
16. *September 3, Monroe Evening News* – (Michigan) **Silo stabilized; Lewis Ave. opens.** A metal grain silo under construction at the Ida Farmers Co-Op elevator in Michigan was stabilized September 3 after crews determined it was at risk of collapsing when 2 hydraulic jacks inside the structure failed September 2, causing the structure to lean.
Source: <http://www.monroenews.com/news/2014/sep/03/unstable-silo-closes-lewis-ave-ida/>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

17. *September 3, WTTG 5 Washington, D.C.* – (Maryland) **Boil water advisory issued for parts of Prince George's County.** About 100,000 Prince George's County residents were placed under a 48-hour boil water advisory due to a water main break in Laurel.
Source: <http://www.myfoxdc.com/story/26431714/boil-water-advisory-for-parts-of-prince-georges-county>
18. *September 3, WGME 13 Portland; CNN* – (Maine) **Oil spill blackens southern coast of Maine.** The U.S. Coast Guard is investigating an oil spill that stretched 150 yards near Cape Porpoise in Kennebunkport which was discovered September 1. Authorities reported that most of the oil was absorbed by booms and do not believe the spill caused any other damage.
Source: <http://www.19actionnews.com/story/26432293/oil-spill-blackens-southern-coast-of-maine>

19. *September 2, Toledo Blade* – (Ohio) **Public health advisories stay for 2 beaches.** A swimming advisory remained in effect for two Lake Erie beaches in South Bass Island State Park and Maumee Bay State Park in Ohio September 2 after high levels of algal toxin was found in the water sample drawn August 25.
Source: <http://www.toledoblade.com/local/2014/09/02/Public-health-advisories-stay-for-2-beaches.html>
20. *September 2, KMTV 11 Twin Falls/KSVT 14 Twin Falls* – (Idaho) **City of Hansen water boil advisory.** Residents living in the city of Hansen in Idaho were issued a boil water advisory September 2 until further notice due to a water main break. The water system will be shut down for over an hour to conduct repairs.
Source: <http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2014/09/01/dam-near-waverly-springs-a-leak.html>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

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Government Facilities Sector

21. *September 3, WBAY 2 Green Bay* – (Wisconsin) **Crisis team available to Pulaski students after crash.** One person was killed and seven others were injured, including six students, after a car crashed into the back of a Pulaski School District bus on Highway 29 westbound and Saint Augustine Road in Wisconsin September 2 closing westbound lanes of the highway for about 5 hours.
Source: <http://www.wbay.com/story/26432366/2014/09/02/crash-involving-school-bus-closes-hwy-29>
22. *September 3, Orangeburg Times and Democrat* – (South Carolina) **CEMS classes resume today.** Classes at Carver-Edisto Middle School in South Carolina resumed September 3 after students were evacuated and classes were cancelled September 2 due to a water main break.
Source: http://thetandd.com/news/cems-classes-resume-today/article_a91d67e0-3305-11e4-b8bc-001a4bcf887a.html
23. *September 2, Associated Press* – (Missouri) **Ex-Mamtek CEO pleads guilty to theft, fraud.** The former chief executive officer (CEO) of Mamtek U.S. Inc., pleaded guilty September 2 to charges in connection to deceiving the city of Moberly in Missouri to issue \$39 million in bonds in 2010 for an artificial sweetener plant that never materialized. The company defaulted on the debt in August 2011 and the former CEO defaulted on his bonds after an investigation determined another fake company was

being used to submit invoices.

Source: <http://www.kansascity.com/news/article1353186.html>

24. *September 2, KOTV 6 Tulsa* – (Oklahoma) **Storms cause damage at Bartlesville schools.** Bartlesville Public Schools in Oklahoma were closed September 2 after storms knocked out power. Employees worked to clean up Bartlesville Mid-High School after a portion of the roof was damaged in the storms.
Source: <http://www.newson6.com/story/26425357/heavy-storms-cancel-classes-damage-bartlesville-schools>

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Emergency Services Sector

25. *September 3, Dover Foster's Daily Democrat* – (New Hampshire) **Widespread outage hit police, fire departments callers could still get through using 911.** Business, fax, and non-emergency lines at the Strafford County Dispatch Center in Dover were down for 6 hours August 31 due to an unknown outage.
Source: http://www.fosters.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20140903/GJNEWS_01/140909812/0/SEARCH
26. *September 2, WYFF 4 Greenville* – (South Carolina) **Man killed, officer wounded in shooting at Greenville LEC.** A gunman shot and injured a police officer after opening fire at the Greenville County Law Enforcement Center in South Carolina September 1, before turning the gun on himself and committing suicide. Authorities believe the gunman was also connected to the homicide of his stepfather prior to opening fire at the center.
Source: <http://www.wyff4.com/news/coroner-one-dead-after-shooting-at-greenville-county-law-enforcement-center/27830136>
27. *September 2, Associated Press* – (Tennessee) **30 teens escape from Nashville detention center.** Officers continued to search for the remaining seven teenagers September 2 who were part of a group of 30 juveniles that escaped from the Woodland Hills Youth Development Center in Nashville September 1 through a weak spot in a fence.
Source: <http://news.msn.com/crime-justice/30-teens-escape-from-nashville-detention-center>
28. *September 2, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Ex-fire chief in southeast Texas accused of theft.** The Galveston County Sheriff's Office reported that a former volunteer fire chief in southeast Texas turned himself in September 2 on theft-related charges after about \$70,000 in department money was allegedly misspent. The former volunteer chief was accused of spending about \$25,000 on personal purchases and misappropriating \$45,000 in department funds.
Source: <http://www.myfoxhouston.com/story/26428138/ex-fire-chief-in-southeast-texas-accused-of-theft>

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Information Technology Sector

29. *September 3, Help Net Security* – (International) **Linux systems infiltrated and controlled in a DDoS botnet.** Researchers at Akamai Technologies reported that Linux systems could be at risk of infections using IptabLes and IptabLex to compromise systems and use them in distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks. The researchers reported that the infections appeared to be caused by a large number of Linux-based Web servers being compromised via Apache Struts, Tomcat, and Elasticsearch vulnerabilities.
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=17322>
30. *September 3, The Register* – (International) **Firefox 32 moves to kill MITM attacks.** The Mozilla Foundation released version 32 of its Firefox browser, which adds new features including public key pinning to help protect users against man-in-the-middle (MitM) attacks.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/09/03/firefox_32_moves_to_kill_mitm_attacks/
31. *September 2, Threatpost* – (International) **Apple fixes glitch in Find My iPhone app connected to celebrity photo leak.** A security issue in Apple's Find My iPhone app that researchers demonstrated could be exploited in brute force attacks was fixed by the company. Apple stated that a recent breach of celebrities' personal photos stored in its iCloud service was not the result of the researchers' findings, but instead involved targeted attacks on the individuals' accounts.
Source: <http://threatpost.com/apple-fixes-glitch-in-find-my-iphone-app-connected-to-celebrity-photo-leak>

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Communications Sector

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Commercial Facilities Sector

32. *September 3, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Goodwill blames credit card breach on third-party vendor.** Goodwill Industries International representatives reported September 2 that a payment card breach which was detected in July was the result of hackers using an unidentified piece of malware to breach the systems of a third-party vendor that processes payments for some Goodwill members between February 2013 and August 2014. Servers at 20 Goodwill stores across several States were compromised during the breach, and the personal information, including name and payment card information, of the stores' customers was accessed.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/goodwill-blames-credit-card-breach-third-party-vendor>
33. *September 2, Los Angeles Times* – (International) **Home Depot probing possible hacking; customer data may be at risk.** Home Depot representatives announced September 2 that the company is investigating a potential security breach and are working with law enforcement and banking institutions to investigate reported unusual activity.
Source: <http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-home-depot-hack-20140902-story.html>
34. *September 2, WPLG 10 Miami* – (Florida) **Sewage/waste-water issue forces closure at Romano's Macaroni Grill.** A Romano's Macaroni Grill restaurant in Plantation was ordered to close during the week of August 25 after an inspection by the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation revealed sewage and waste-water leaking through the wall and floor in several areas of the kitchen and improperly stored food. The restaurant was allowed to reopen following cleanup and a re-inspection.
Source: <http://www.local10.com/news/sewagewastewater-issue-forces-closure-at-romanos-macaroni-grill/27834868>
35. *September 1, KABC 7 Los Angeles* – (California) **El Monte Boys and Girls Club shuts doors amid gang activity allegations.** The board of the El Monte Boys & Girls Club voted during the week of August 25 to close the facility indefinitely following allegations of gang activity, including the sale of drugs, on the club's property. The club has been under investigation since 2012 when it lost its charter following an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration, and a federal indictment released in August alleged that at least 41 gang members used the club as a meeting place.
Source: <http://abc7.com/news/el-monte-boys-and%20girls-club-shutters-doors/289256/>

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Dams Sector

36. *September 1, Columbus Dispatch* – (Ohio) **Dam near Waverly springs a leak.** Officials are monitoring a leak in a dam at Lake White State Park in Pike County that is spilling 50 gallons per minute near the dam's spillway. All recreation on the lake was placed under a temporary ban while authorities worked to determine the cause of the

leak.

Source: <http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2014/09/01/dam-near-waverly-springs-a-leak.html>

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