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- A multi-vehicle collision on eastbound Interstate 40 in North Little Rock, Arkansas, left 10 people injured out of the 115 individuals involved in the accident and closed the roadway for nearly 2 hours September 4. – *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* (See item [9](#))
- San Diego officials reported September 4 that 1.6 million gallons of water was released after an 18-inch main broke September 3 flooding residences and garages, and forcing crews to shut off water service for more than 12 hours. – *U-T San Diego* (See item [14](#))
- U.S. authorities arrested a former supervising pharmacist from the New England Compounding Center of Framingham, Massachusetts, September 4 that is linked to a 2012 meningitis outbreak that killed 64 people across the U.S and sickened 700 others. – *Reuters* (See item [15](#))
- Federal authorities announced September 4 that hackers were able to successfully install malicious software on Healthcare.gov that could have been used to launch an attack on other sites from the federal insurance portal in July. – *Associated Press* (See item [16](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *September 5, WBAY 2 Green Bay* – (Wisconsin) **Complete power restoration ‘unlikely’ today.** Wisconsin Public Service crews worked to restore service September 5 to the 18,000 customers in the area that remained without power after 50,000 customers lost service due to strong storms that moved through the State September 4. Source: <http://www.wbay.com/story/26449433/2014/09/04/update-6-power-outages-fall-below-30000-wps-expects-power-restored-saturday>
2. *September 4, Associated Press* – (Massachusetts) **Court reduces fines against utilities for storms.** The Supreme Judicial Court in Massachusetts reduced penalties September 4 imposed against National Grid to \$17.8 million and NStar to \$2 million after an investigation determined that the State Department of Public Utilities (DPU) did not prove the utilities’ responses were too slow. The State DPU initially fined the two utilities for their roles in responses to the outages caused by Tropical Storm Irene in August 2011. Source: <http://www.timesunion.com/news/article/Court-reduces-fines-against-utilities-for-storms-5733349.php>
3. *September 4, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (New York) **Owners of Buffalo-area gas stations ordered to pay \$290,000 in penalties.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ordered Amerimart Development Company, Qual-Econ Lease Co., Inc., MJG Enterprises, Inc., and Clear Alternative of Western NY, Inc., to pay a total of \$287,100 September 4 in penalties for allegedly violating several federal regulations aimed at protecting water from petroleum contamination. The Buffalo, New York-area gas station owners and operators must also bring the stations into compliance with federal law. Source: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/07615B018CAA8C6785257D49005F4718>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

4. *September 4, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Oklahoma) **OSHA cites Pride Plating Inc.**

with 38 violations for exposing workers to a cancer-causing health hazard; fines total \$341,550. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Pride Plating Inc., September 4 for 38 health and safety violations, including 9 repeat violations, for exposing workers to hexavalent chromium at its Grove, Oklahoma facility. Proposed fines totaled \$341,550.

Source:

https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=26628

5. *September 4, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Wisconsin) **Liquid chlorine handling procedures cited at Racine, Wisconsin, foundry.** Beck Aluminum Alloys Ltd., was cited September 4 by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration for 10 serious safety violations at its Racine facility for inadequate liquid chlorine handling procedures. Proposed fines totaled \$32,890.

Source:

https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=26625

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Financial Services Sector

6. *September 5, Wired.com* – (International) **Bitcoin exchange CEO pleads guilty to enabling Silk Road drug deals.** The former CEO of Bitcoin exchange BitInstant and a Bitcoin seller pleaded guilty September 4 in New York City to charges of operating an unlicensed money exchange that was used to facilitate illicit transactions for users of the Silk Road underweb marketplace.

Source: <http://www.wired.com/2014/09/bitcoin-exchange-ceo-pleads-guilty-in-silk-road-case/>

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Transportation Systems Sector

7. *September 5, CBS News* – (Virginia) **United Airlines flight diverted over child custody battle.** A United Airlines flight from Virginia's Dulles International Airport headed for Beijing, China, was forced to return to Virginia 5 hours after takeoff

September 4 due to a child custody investigation that involved a parent and child onboard. The FBI arrested the parent upon returning to Dulles International Airport on alleged kidnapping charges.

Source: <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/united-airlines-flight-diverted-over-child-custody-battle/>

8. *September 5, WBAL 11 Baltimore* – (Maryland) **Water main break closes part of Route 1 in White Marsh.** A water main break shut down all lanes of Route 1 in White Marsh for 2 hours September 5. Crews reopened one lane of southbound Belair Road while they worked to fix the break.
Source: <http://www.wbalv.com/news/water-main-break-closes-part-of-route-1-in-white-marsh/27894792>
9. *September 4, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* – (Arkansas) **Multi-vehicle wreck involving NLRHS school buses injures 10, slows I-40 traffic.** A multi-vehicle collision involving 2 school buses and 5 other vehicles on eastbound Interstate 40 in North Little Rock left 10 people injured of the 115 individuals involved in the accident and closed the roadway for nearly 2 hours while crews work to clear the scene September 4.
Source: <http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2014/sep/04/traffic-alert-i-40-wreck-involving-school-bus-slow/>
10. *September 4, United Press International* – (Florida) **Freight train derails in Florida, delays passengers.** Two locomotives and one rail car from a CSX freight train derailed in Sanford September 4, causing delays for passengers on SunRail commuter trains. The cause of the derailment is under investigation.
Source: http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2014/09/04/Freight-train-derails-in-Florida-delays-passengers/8411409844851

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Food and Agriculture Sector

11. *September 5, Orange County Register* – (California) **Bacteria sickens at least six at Newport Beach restaurant.** Newport Beach health officials are investigating after six patrons of True Food Kitchen in Fashion Island tested positive for shigella after eating at the restaurant August 21, 23, 24, or 25. The restaurant was ordered closed August 28 and reopened August 30 after it underwent a deep-cleaning, including the disposal of food and beverages, and the hiring of a temporary, replacement staff.
Source: <http://www.ocregister.com/articles/food-633877-restaurant-true.html>
12. *September 4, KETV 7 Omaha* – (Nebraska) **2 hurt in accident at Omaha plant.** Two employees of a Kellogg's plant in Omaha were injured September 4 when a piece of equipment fell on them while they were working on a hopper for a hydraulic trash compactors.
Source: <http://www.ketv.com/news/2-hurt-in-accident-at-omaha-plant/27882394>

13. *September 3, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (Washington) **Tullia's recalls sauce because of possible health risk.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced September 3 that Tullia's issued a recall for some 16- and 32-ounce containers of its Italian Meatless Pasta Sauce due to elevated pH levels that could allow the growth of *Clostridium botulinum*. The issue was detected during a review of records by the Washington State Department of Agriculture.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm412804.htm>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

14. *September 4, U-T San Diego* – (California) **1.6M gallons of water lost in main break.** San Diego officials reported September 4 that 1.6 million gallons of water was released after an 18-inch main broke in the Kearny Mesa community September 3 flooding residences and garages, and forcing crews to shut off water service for more than 12 hours.
Source: <http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2014/sep/04/water-main-flood-birdland-meadow-lark/>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

15. *September 5, Reuters* – (Massachusetts) **Man tied to deadly 2012 meningitis outbreak arrested.** U.S. authorities arrested a former supervising pharmacist from the New England Compounding Center of Framingham, Massachusetts, September 4 as he was boarding a flight from Boston Logan International Airport. The former pharmacist is linked to a 2012 meningitis outbreak that killed 64 people across the U.S and sickened 700 others due to tainted steroids which caused the closure of the center.
Source: <http://news.msn.com/crime-justice/man-tied-to-deadly-2012-meningitis-outbreak-arrested>
16. *September 4, Associated Press* – (International) **Hackers break into Healthcare.gov.** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced September 4 that hackers were able to successfully install malicious software on Healthcare.gov that could have been used to launch an attack on other sites from the federal insurance portal in July. The intrusion was detected August 25 and mitigated after technicians determined that no consumer data was taken.
Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/Health/wireStory/hackers-break-healthcare-25252518>

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Government Facilities Sector

17. *September 4, Orlando Sentinel* – (Florida) **Power outages at Lake high school prompt most students to leave early.** A power outage prompted the evacuation of

students and staff from South Lake High School in Groveland for more than 2 hours September 4 due to an issue with the utility company.

Source: <http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/os-lk-south-lake-high-power-outage-20140904,0,3751732.story>

18. *September 4, KMBC 4 Kansas City* – (Missouri) **UMKC Health Sciences building evacuated after gas line hit.** A gas leak prompted the evacuation of 200 students from the Health Sciences building at the University of Missouri-Kansas City September 4 after an 8-inch main was compromised. Officials closed the building while utility crews monitored gas readings and checked other buildings.

Source: <http://www.kmbc.com/news/umkc-health-sciences-building-evacuated-after-gas-line-hit/27878894>

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Emergency Services Sector

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Information Technology Sector

19. *September 5, IDG News Service* – (International) **Cyberespionage group starts using new Mac OS X backdoor program.** FireEye researchers found that a cyberespionage group dubbed GREF has recently begun using a backdoor program known as XSLCmd that targets Mac OS X systems in order to steal files and install additional malware. The GREF group is known for attacks on several sectors including the U.S. defense industry as well as electronics manufacturers, engineering firms, and non-governmental organizations worldwide.

Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/article/2603441/cyberespionage-group-starts-using-new-mac-os-x-backdoor-program.html>

20. *September 5, Help Net Security* – (International) **Coursera privacy issues exposed.** A researcher identified and reported two issues in the Coursera online educational software that could disclose a list of students' names, email addresses, information on their courses, and disable a stated protection feature. Coursera partially addressed one of the reported issues while the second remains unaddressed.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=17334>

21. *September 4, SC Magazine* – (International) **Researchers discover two SQL injection flaws in WordPress security plugin.** Researchers with High-Tech Bridge identified and reported two SQL injection vulnerabilities in the All in One WordPress Security and Firewall plugin that affects version 3.8.2 and likely all prior versions.

Source: <http://www.scmagazine.com/researchers-discover-two-sql-injection-flaws-in-wordpress-security-plugin/article/369851/>

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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Communications Sector

22. *September 4, Powell Tribune* – (Wyoming) **Severed cable knocked out area phones, Internet.** CenturyLink phone and Internet service and AT&T cellular service was down for more than 5 hours September 4 for customers in Powell and Cody in Wyoming due to a severed fiber optic cable.
Source: <http://www.powelltribune.com/news/item/12821-severed-cable-knocked-out-area-phones>
23. *September 3, Washington Post* – (National) **Verizon failed to tell 2 million using their personal info for marketing. Now the FCC is making it pay.** The U.S. Federal Communications Commission issued a \$7.4 million fine against Verizon after the company failed to tell 2 million customers of their ability to opt out of having their personal information used for marketing purposes for 6 years. Verizon agreed to pay the fine and stated that the technical glitch has since been fixed.
Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/the-switch/wp/2014/09/03/verizon-failed-to-tell-2-million-people-it-was-using-their-personal-info-for-marketing-now-the-fcc-is-making-it-pay/>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

24. *September 5, WITI 6 Milwaukee* – (Wisconsin) **Fire destroys Elkhorn restaurant, temporarily shuts down U.S. 12.** Authorities are investigating the cause of a fire that broke out September 5 inside Abell's Restaurant and Lounge in Elkhorn and caused an estimated \$1 million in damage. A portion of U.S. Highway 12 was temporarily closed in both directions in Walworth County while firefighters battled the blaze.
Source: <http://fox6now.com/2014/09/05/fire-destroys-elkhorn-restaurant-closes-highway-12-at-county-es/>
25. *September 5, Charlotte Observer* – (North Carolina) **3 men charged with 14 break-ins to phone and gaming stores.** Police arrested three men in connection to 14 incidents of breaking and entering into phone and gaming stores in Charlotte, Pineville, and Concord since August.

Source: <http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2014/09/05/5151698/3-men-charged-with-14-break-ins.html>

26. *September 4, KMA 960 AM Shenandoah* – (Missouri) **Rock Port chemical spill update.** Businesses along the Highway 136-Interstate 29 corridor in Rock Port, Missouri, were evacuated for about 3 hours while crews cleaned Nox-Crete Deactivator, an equipment maintenance coating and cleaning compound, that spilled from a semi-truck onto the ground behind a truck stop September 3.
Source: http://www.kmaland.com/news/rock-port-chemical-spill-update/article_e1d93d66-3468-11e4-85c3-0017a43b2370.html
27. *September 4, KPIX 5 San Francisco* – (California) **Firefighter, 2 others hurt in massive San Francisco Mission District store fire, building in danger of collapse.** A 5-alarm fire tore through the Big House Inc. store located in the Mission District area of San Francisco September 4, injuring 3 people. Adjacent buildings were evacuated, and the structure was deemed a total loss that was at risk of collapse and would need to be demolished.
Source: <http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2014/09/04/huge-fire-san-francisco-mission-district-torches-retail-store/>
28. *September 4, Softpedia* – (International) **Bartell Hotels payment systems compromised.** Bartell Hotels officials confirmed September 4 that the payment systems of 5 California hotels were compromised between February 16 and May 13. The company is working with authorities to determine the extent of the breach and stated that the glitch was eliminated.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Bartell-Hotels-Payment-Systems-Compromised-457691.shtml>

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