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Energy Sector

1. September 18, WAVE 3 Louisville – (Kentucky) Gas leak on U.S. 42 capped, thousands return home without gas service. Evacuation orders for homes around a Louisville Gas and Electric (LG&E) gas main in Prospect were lifted after crews capped the leak that left three workers injured while they were performing maintenance work September 17. About 2,700 LG&E customers will remain without gas service for up to 3 days due to the incident.

Source: http://www.wave3.com/story/26561921/gas-leak-on-us-42-capped-residents-cleared-to-return-home

- 2. September 17, KTRK 13 Houston (Texas) Baytown FD: Lightning strikes oil tank, causing big explosion. Two Linc Energy-operated oil tanks in Baytown caught fire and exploded September 17 due to lightning strikes produced by storms. No injuries were reported and firefighters contained and put out the fires.

 Source: http://abc13.com/news/baytown-fd-lightning-strikes-oil-tank-causing-big-
- 3. September 17, Securityweek (International) Website of U.S. oil and gas company abused in watering hole attack. Researchers at Bromium found that attackers injected malicious code into the Web site of an unnamed U.S. oil and gas company in an effort to infect the computers of its visitors, known as a watering hole attack. The malicious script used on the compromised Web site utilized the Internet Explorer vulnerability CVE-2013-7331 which allows resources loaded into memory to be queried. Source: http://www.securityweek.com/website-us-oil-and-gas-company-abused-watering-hole-attack

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

4. September 17, Carlsbad Current-Argus – (New Mexico) LANL identifies second nuclear waste drum like container that was breached at WIPP. Officials at the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) identified a second drum of nuclear waste at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in Carlsbad with similar contents to the drum that caused a radiation leak in February. A LANL official stated that scientists were unable to recreate the exact conditions that triggered the February release and were continuing to investigate.

Source: http://www.abgjournal.com/463801/abgnewsseeker/lanl-identifies-second-

nuclear-wast-drum-like-container-that-breached-at-wipp.html

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

5. September 17, New York Times – (National) **N.H.T.S.A. posts recall of 25,000 Fiat 500L models.** Fiat Chrysler announced a recall released September 17 for around 25,500 model year 2014-2015 Fiat 500L vehicles due to irregularities in the driver's side knee airbags that could prevent them from inflating properly during an accident. Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2014/09/18/automobiles/nhtsa-posts-recall-of-25000-fiat-500l-models.html

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Financial Services Sector

- 6. September 17, Bloomberg News (Maryland; Delaware) Nightclub insurer charged in \$100 million fraud. The owner of Maryland-based Indemnity Insurance Corp., was indicted in federal court in Baltimore September 16 for allegedly using fraudulent financial documents to show that his company was in better financial health than it was and for deceiving Delaware and federal regulators. The indictment seeks to recover over \$100 million in premiums paid by clients of the firm that specialized in insuring nightclubs and other entertainment facilities.
 - Source: http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2014-09-17/nightclub-insurer-charged-in-100-million-fraud.html
- 7. September 17, Lower Hudson Valley Journal News (National) Bank tellers helped steal identities, \$850G, A.G. says. Five people, including three bank tellers at branches in New York and Florida, were indicted September 16 in White Plains, New York, for allegedly running an identity theft and bank fraud ring that stole over \$850,000 in funds as well as customers' personal information over at least 4 years. The tellers allegedly supplied information to their co-conspirators that enabled them to create fraudulent checks, driver's licenses, and other documents used to withdraw the stolen funds from bank branches in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New York. Source: http://www.lohud.com/story/news/local/westchester/2014/09/16/officials-bank-tellers-others-stole-identities-k/15744627/
- 8. September 16, U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of Ohio (International)

Former Gates Mills man indicted for defrauding investors of millions of dollars. A former Gates Mills, Ohio resident and Mexican national was indicted September 16 for allegedly running a \$9.6 million investment scheme that defrauded investors in Florida, New Jersey, New York, and Ohio. The FBI stated that the man was believed to have fled the Cleveland area and asked for the public's help in determining his whereabouts. Source: http://www.fbi.gov/cleveland/press-releases/2014/former-gates-mills-manindicted-for-defrauding-investors-of-millions-of-dollars

9. September 16, U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of Texas – (Texas) **Tanzanian** national guilty in tax fraud scheme involving more than 600 victims. A Houston resident and Tanzanian national pleaded guilty September 16 for running an identity theft and tax fraud scheme that caused over \$1.8 million in losses and affected more than 600 victims. The man used stolen personal information to impersonate others and file fraudulent tax returns in their names.

http://www.justice.gov/usao/txs/1News/Releases/2014%20September/140916%20-%20Mtaza.html

10. September 15, U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of California – (California) Leader of multi-million dollar foreclosure rescue fraud convicted. A Brentwood, California man who operated a business known as KATN was found guilty September 15 for operating a foreclosure rescue fraud scheme that defrauded homeowners of more than \$5.8 million and paid over \$2.5 million into his and his co-conspirators' accounts. The man and his co-conspirators tricked homeowners in California and other States into paying fees to KATN with the promise of paying or forgiving mortgages but used the fees for personal expenses.

Source: http://www.justice.gov/usao/cae/news/docs/2014/2014 09/09-15-14Tikal.html

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Transportation Systems Sector

11. September 17, Chicago Tribune – (Maine; Illinois) Mechanical, health issues force O'Hare flight to Brussels back to Chicago. A United Airlines flight headed to Brussels, Belgium, September 16 returned to Chicago's O'Hare International Airport September 17 due to medical and mechanical issues. The flight made an unscheduled landing at Bangor International Airport in Maine after a customer experienced a medical issue and once it was resolved, the flight departed for Brussels only to return to O'Hare due to a mechanical issue.

Source: http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/chi-mechanical-health- issues-force-ohare-flight-to-brussells-back-to-chicago-20140917-story.html

12. September 17, New London The Day – (Connecticut) Police: Sleeping driver caused crash that closed I-95 in Waterford. Northbound lanes on Interstate 95 near Waterford closed for 3 hours after a semi-truck rolled onto its side and blocked the road. No injuries were reported.

Source:

http://www.theday.com/article/20140916/NWS04/140919744/1070/FRONTPAGE

13. September 17, Arlington Heights Cardinal – (Illinois) Rollover truck crash with injuries on Dundee Rd at Portwine Rd, Wheeling, Prospect Heights. At least three people were injured in a multi-vehicle accident September 17 when a dump truck collided with another vehicle on Dundee Road in Wheeling, Illinois, blocking both directions for about 5 hours.

Source: http://www.arlingtoncardinal.com/2014/09/rollover-truck-crash-with-injuries-on-dundee-rd-at-portwine-rd-wheelingprospect-heights/

14. September 15, KCNC 4 Denver – (Colorado) Pregnant woman, young girl killed in Weld County Crash. Highway 14 in Weld County was closed for 5 hours following an accident that killed 2 people and injured 2 others when a pickup truck collided with a semi-truck hauling logs September 15.

Source: http://denver.cbslocal.com/2014/09/15/two-killed-in-weld-county-crash/

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Food and Agriculture Sector

- 15. September 18, WLUK 11 Green Bay (Wisconsin) Manure spill cleanup continues. More than 600,000 gallons of manure spilled from the Kurt DeGrave farm in the Town of Brussels in Door County into Sugar Creek September 16. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources officials reported that there was no indication of groundwater contamination after crews stopped the leak and began using vacuum trucks to clean the spill, expected to take several days.

 Source: http://fox11online.com/2014/09/17/manure-spill-cleanup-continues/
- 16. September 18, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review (Ohio) Fire ravages Dayton area meat-packing plant. Authorities are investigating a September 17 fire at the Dayton Packing meat-processing facility in Ohio, which damaged more than half of the structure, business equipment and supplies, and at least \$30,000 worth of meat.

 Source: http://triblive.com/news/armstrong/6812486-74/fire-lockhart-building
- 17. September 17, KCPQ 13 Tacoma (Washington) Health department warns of possible food contamination in McDonald's sewage overflow. A McDonalds restaurant in Bellevue, Washington, was closed indefinitely September 17 after a customer reported a sewage backup found inside the restaurant due to plumbing issues. Health officials issued a potential contamination warning to customers who ate food from the restaurant.

Source: http://q13fox.com/2014/09/17/health-department-warns-of-possible-food-contamination-in-mcdonalds-sewage-overflow/

18. September 17, Associated Press – (New Mexico) Group levels abuse allegations against NM dairy. Winchester Dairy officials fired all employees and halted milking

operations and shipments to vendors indefinitely September 17 while the New Mexico Livestock Board investigates allegations of animal abuse at the facility shown through video footage presented to the board September 11.

Source: http://news.msn.com/us/group-levels-abuse-allegations-against-nm-dairy

19. September 15, U.S. Department of Labor – (West Virginia) Over 40 safety and health violations found at Wayne Lumber and Mulch Inc., Wayne Lumber and Mulch Inc., was cited by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration for 44 safety and health violations at the company's sawmill in Wayne following inspections in March and July. Proposed penalties total \$85,080.

Source:

https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEA_SES&p_id=26706

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

- 20. September 18, University of Florida Independent Florida Alligator (Florida)

 Precautionary boil-water notice in City of Newberry. The city of Newberry in
 Florida was placed under a boil water advisory until further notice after a water main
 broke September 16, prompting authorities to shut off the water for 4 hours.

 Source: http://www.alligator.org/news/local/article_5966b67e-3ee6-11e4-a744-af4d90b39c66.html
- 21. September 17, Kitsap Sun (Washington) Broken pipe at PSNS results in sewage spill, beach closure. Health officials issued a no-contact advisory for waterways in Sinclair Inlet and Port Washington Narrows after 45,000 gallons of sewage spilled at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard when a sewer line running along the beach broke September 14. The advisory will remain in effect through September 21. Source: http://www.kitsapsun.com/news/local-news/broken-pipe-at-psns-results-in-sewage-spill-beach-closure_30807529

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

22. September 17, Associated Press – (Michigan) Michigan doctor admits giving patients unnecessary cancer treatments. A Detroit-area cancer doctor pleaded guilty September 16 to convincing patients to undergo unnecessary cancer treatments and then billing insurers. The doctor submitted roughly \$225 million in claims to Medicare and private insurers over 6 years for chemotherapy and other cancer treatments. Source: http://www.foxnews.com/us/2014/09/17/michigan-doctor-admits-giving-patients-unnecessary-cancer-treatments/

23. September 16, Associated Press – (National) Probe: Healthcare.gov website must boost security. The U.S. Government Accountability Office released a report September 16 stating that the Web site for the national healthcare program contained over 20 specific security issues related to who can access and make changes to the network. Representatives from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services responded and stated that officials have acted on many recommendations provided in the report.

Source: http://news.yahoo.com/probe-healthcare-gov-website-must-195439163.html

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Government Facilities Sector

24. September 18, KXTV 10 Sacramento – (California) King Fire now at 70,944 acres; more than 2,000 homes threatened. Fire crews reached 5 percent containment September 18 of the 70,944-acre King Fire burning in El Dorado County. More than 2,000 homes and 1,500 structures are threatened while evacuation orders for hundreds of people remained in place.

Source: http://www.news10.net/story/news/local/eldorado-hills/2014/09/18/king-fire-burns-27930-acres-el-dorado-county-thursday/15816425/

- 25. September 18, Help Net Security (International) Hackers penetrated systems of key defense contractors. The computer systems of U.S. Transportation Command (TRANSCOM) contractors were successfully hacked by individuals associated with the Chinese government at least 20 times in one year, the Senate Armed Services Committee found. TRANSCOM was only aware of 2 intrusions but an investigation determined that in a 12-month period there were about 50 intrusions or other cyber-related events into their computer networks.
 - Source: http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=17375

evacuated-due-to-threat/

- 26. September 18, Reuters (Missouri) Man charged in attempted fire bombing of Missouri congressman's office. Authorities arrested a man and charged him September 17 with attempting to fire-bomb the Kansas City office of a Missouri congressman using two bottles filled with charcoal lighter fluid September 11. The building was empty and neither bottle went through the window during the incident. Source: http://news.msn.com/crime-justice/man-charged-in-attempted-fire-bombing-of-missouri-congressmans-office
- 27. September 17, KDKA 2 Pittsburgh (Pennsylvania) 3 Pittsburgh public schools evacuated due to threat. About 850 students from Pittsburgh West Liberty, Pittsburgh South Brook, and Pittsburgh Pioneer schools in Pennsylvania were evacuated September 17 due to a phoned bomb threat. Police issued an all-clear after spending the school day searching for any suspicious items.

 Source: http://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2014/09/17/3-pittsburgh-public-schools-being-

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- 28. September 17, WSBT 22 South Bend (Indiana) Man arrested after mailing white powder, bomb threat to courthouse. Police arrested a man in connection to the mailing of a white powder and a bomb threat to the LaPorte County Clerk's Office September 17. The courthouse was evacuated while authorities investigated and determined the white powder was harmless and the bomb threat was unsubstantiated. Source: http://www.wsbt.com/news/local/suspect-in-custody-after-mailing-white-powder-bomb-threat-to-courthouse/28111326
- 29. September 17, WFSB 3 Hartford (Connecticut) Classes canceled at Wolcott High School due to gas leak concerns. School officials cancelled classes at Wolcott High School in Connecticut September 17 due to concerns of a potential gas leak. Crews responded and shut off the gas before determining there was no leak.

 Source: http://www.wfsb.com/story/26554553/wolcott-high-school-evacuated-due-to-gas-odor
- 30. September 17, Syracuse.com (New York) 4 residence halls evacuated during Cazenovia College bomb scare. Four residence halls at Cazenovia College in New York were evacuated for 2 hours September 16 after the school received a bomb threat. Police searched the buildings and issued an all-clear once nothing suspicious was found.

Source:

http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2014/09/4_residence_halls_evacuated_during_cazenovia_college_bomb_scare.html

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Emergency Services Sector

31. September 15, Memphis Flyer – (Tennessee) State issues alternative emergency numbers for cell phones. The Tennessee Emergency Communications Board and the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency issued a new phone number to replace 9-1-1 when dialing from a cell phone to several counties in west Tennessee September 15 in response to a disruption that caused calls made from cell phones to be rerouted due to flood damaged equipment.

Source: http://www.memphisflyer.com/NewsBlog/archives/2014/09/15/state-issues-alternate-emergency-number-for-cell-phones

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Information Technology Sector

32. September 18, Securityweek – (International) Apple fixes "backdoors" with release of iOS 8. Apple released the newest version of its mobile operating system, iOS 8, September 17, which adds improvements and closes over 50 security vulnerabilities. Source: http://www.securityweek.com/apple-fixes-backdoors-release-ios-8

33. September 17, Threatpost – (International) Series of vulnerabilities found in Schneider Electric SCADA products. An advisory from the Industrial Control Systems Cyber Emergency Response Team (ICS-CERT) warned users of Schneider Electric StruxureWare SCADA Expert ClearSCADA products after researchers discovered unpatched, remotely-exploitable vulnerabilities. Included in the vulnerabilities is a cross-site scripting (XSS) issue that could allow industrial control systems (ICS) to be shut down, while an authentication bypass issue could give attackers access to sensitive information.

Source: http://threatpost.com/series-of-vulnerabilities-found-in-schneider-electric-scada-products

- 34. September 17, Securityweek (International) AppBuyer iOS malware targets jailbroken iPhones. Researchers with Palo Alto Networks analyzed a piece of iOS malware discovered by WeiPhone Technical Group in May and found that the malware dubbed AppBuyer is targeting jailbroken iPhones in order to steal Apple ID and password information and make unauthorized purchases from the App Store. Source: http://www.securityweek.com/appbuyer-ios-malware-targets-jailbroken-iphones
- 35. September 17, SC Magazine (International) Analysts spot 'Critolock,' ransomware claims to be CryptoLocker. Researchers at Trend Micro identified a new piece of ransomware known as Troj_Critolock.A or Critolock that infects devices and encrypts users' data and demands a ransom. The malware purports to be the CryptoLocker ransomware but contains several differences including its use of the Rijndael symmetric-key algorithm.

 $Source: \underline{http://www.scmagazine.com/analysts-spot-critolock-ransomware-claims-to-be-cryptolocker/article/372182/$

36. September 17, Threatpost – (International) **Drupal patches XSS vulnerability in spam module.** Drupal released a patch September 17 for the Mollom spam and content moderation module that closes a cross-site scripting (XSS) vulnerability that could allow an attacker to gain admin-level access to Web sites and enable them to steal data or hijack sessions.

Source: http://threatpost.com/drupal-patches-xss-vulnerability-in-spam-module

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Internet Alert Dashboard

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Communications Sector

37. September 16, KHON 2 Honolulu – (Hawaii) Full service has been restored to all Hawaiian Telecom customers affected by broken fiber cable. Full service was restored to about 600 Hawaiian Telecom customers in Puuloa September 16 after being down for nearly 12 hours when a fiber cable was cut during construction work September 15, causing disruption to telephone, Internet, and TV services. Source: http://khon2.com/2014/09/15/fiber-cable-cut-disrupts-service-in-kalihi-palama-area/

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Commercial Facilities Sector

38. September 18, Los Angeles Register – (California) La Verne seniors without power for more than 24 hours. About 400 residents at the Fountains Mobile Home Park in La Verne were without power for more than 24 hours after a transformer overloaded and blew September 16. Crews were expected to complete repairs September 17, while residents were voluntarily relocated to another location due to temperatures that exceeded 100 degrees.

Source: http://www.losangelesregister.com/articles/power-604992-customers-residents.html

- 39. September 18, WPTV 5 West Palm Beach (Florida) Vero Beach man, 24, accused of making, possessing explosives. A Florida man was arrested September 17 on charges related to the manufacturing of explosive materials after authorities discovered at least three completed explosive devices and bomb making materials while searching the suspect's home and a storage unit rented by the suspect. The area surrounding the storage unit and home were evacuated while police removed the materials.

 Source: http://www.wptv.com/news/region-indian-river-county/vero-beach/devon-ryerson-24-year-old-vero-man-arrested-for-making-and-possessing-explosives-sheriff-says
- 40. September 17, WDRB 41 Louisville (Kentucky) Shepherdsville Police accuse Amazon employee of stealing over \$100,000 of merchandise. Authorities arrested and charged a former Amazon employee September 16 after she admitted to stealing over \$100,000 in merchandise from her employer since 2012. The stolen property was recovered by police during a search of the suspect's home.

 Source: http://www.wdrb.com/story/26556251/shepherdsville-police-accuse-amazon-employee-of-stealing-over-10000-of-merchandise
- 41. September 17, KTVU 2 Oakland (California) Sewage problem evacuates Petaluma Target store. A Target store in Petaluma was evacuated September 16 while officials investigated a sulfur-type odor inside the building, which was later traced to a malfunctioning sewer drain in a janitorial area of the store. Authorities evaluated 40

individuals at the scene, including four that received medical treatment, and the store reopened after the drain was repaired and the building was ventilated. Source: http://www.ktvu.com/news/news/local/sewage-problem-evacuates-petaluma-target-store/nhPRG/

42. September 16, WJLA 7 Washington, D.C. – (Virginia) Alexandria's King Street reopens after water main break repairs completed. About 12 businesses in Alexandria, Virginia, were without water service for over 15 hours September 16 after an 8-inch cast iron water main ruptured. Crews repaired the line and reopened the King Street thoroughfare to traffic about 16 hours after the break was reported. Source: http://www.wjla.com/articles/2014/09/king-street-water-main-break-will-require-all-day-repairs-107175.html

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