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- A Blount County, Tennessee woman was convicted September 22 for her role in running a \$46 million Ponzi scheme that resulted in losses of more than \$18 million to investors. – *Knoxville News Sentinel* (See item [7](#))
- Federal officials announced September 22 that \$3.59 billion in federal funds will be distributed among more than 40 projects to improve public transportation systems that were damaged by Hurricane Sandy. – *U.S. Department of Transportation* (See item [12](#))
- Two former Peanut Corporation of America executives and a broker were found guilty in a Georgia federal court September 19 on charges related to a 2009 Salmonella outbreak that sickened more than 700 individuals and was linked to 9 deaths. – *Food Business News* (See item [14](#))
- Hundreds of people were evacuated from One Boston Place in Massachusetts September 22 due to a fire that broke out in pipe insulation and filled at least two floors with smoke. – *Boston Globe* (See item [26](#))

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## **Energy Sector**

1. *September 22, Port Huron Times Herald* – (Michigan) **Enbridge crews begin restoration work.** Enbridge announced September 22 that work on the new Enbridge pipeline in St. Clair County is complete and that construction crews will remain on site to finish land restoration. Work on the 30-inch pipeline in St. Clair County began in the fall of 2013 as part of a \$1.3 billion project to replace Line 6B, which carries crude oil from Griffith, Indiana, to Sarnia and cuts through Oakland, Macomb, and St. Clair counties in Michigan.  
Source: <http://www.thetimesherald.com/story/news/local/2014/09/21/enbridge-crews-begin-restoration-work/16017653/>
2. *September 22, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* – (Pennsylvania; West Virginia; Illinois) **Former Consol Energy manager charged with stealing \$440,000 from company in fraud scheme.** The U.S. Attorney's Office charged a former manager of Consol Energy's land management department September 22 in connection to stealing \$440,000 from the company through his shell company, PRH LLC. The former manager supplied fake names and forged signatures to transfer the utility's interest in two parcels of land in West Virginia and Illinois and deposited the gas and oil royalties in a PRH bank account.  
Source: <http://www.post-gazette.com/local/region/2014/09/22/Former-Consol-Energy-manager-charged-with-60-counts-of-mail-fraud/stories/201409220204>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

3. *September 22, WNCN 17 Goldsboro* – (North Carolina) **6 treated after being sickened by chemical vapor in Fayetteville.** Six individuals were treated for symptoms related to chemical exposure on site and two others were transported to an area hospital September 22 due to the escape of ethyl acrylate vapors from a transporting tanker truck that was being cleaned by employees at a Dana's Cleaning in Fayetteville.  
Source: <http://www.wncn.com/story/26595179/6-treated-after-being-sickened-by-chemical-vapor-in-fayetteville>

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

Nothing to report

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

4. *September 23, Securityweek* – (International) **Serious vulnerabilities found in wireless thermostats.** Researchers found that UK-based Heatmiser Wi-Fi thermostats contain at least nine vulnerabilities that can be controlled remotely by forwarding port 80 for Web control and port 8068 for mobile apps. Heatmiser announced that it is looking into the findings and recommended customers close port 80 on their thermostats.  
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/serious-vulnerabilities-found-wireless-thermostats>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Financial Services Sector**

5. *September 22, WGGB 40 Springfield* – (Massachusetts) **‘Skimming’ suspect arrested at East Longmeadow bank.** A Washington man was arrested September 21 when he illegally entered a TD Bank branch in East Longmeadow to retrieve two skimming devices that he installed on an entry access point and an ATM at the location in order to steal personal and financial information from customers. The bank is working with law enforcement to notify all customers impacted by the devices.  
Source: <http://www.wggb.com/2014/09/22/skimming-suspect-arrested-at-east-longmeadow-bank/>
6. *September 22, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **Bank teller admits role in tax check fraud scheme.** A Middlesex woman pleaded guilty September 22 to her role in a tax check scheme that defrauded the U.S. Treasury Department out of more than \$900,000 while she worked as a teller at a bank in Perth Amboy. The former employee would receive income tax return checks from her conspirators and cash the checks against unknowing third-party accounts at the bank.  
Source: <http://www.nbc40.net/story/26595530/bank-teller-admits-role-in-tax-check-fraud-scheme>
7. *September 22, Knoxville News Sentinel* – (Tennessee) **Businesswoman convicted in \$46 million Ponzi scheme.** A Blount County woman was convicted September 22 for her role in running a \$46 million Ponzi scheme that resulted in losses of more than \$18 million to investors. The woman worked with six co-conspirators to trick investors into buying bogus annuities from a fake business over the course of 10 years.  
Source: [http://www.knoxnews.com/news/local-news/businesswoman-convicted-in-46-million-ponzi-scheme\\_94762554](http://www.knoxnews.com/news/local-news/businesswoman-convicted-in-46-million-ponzi-scheme_94762554)

8. *September 22, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (Florida) **Wells Fargo advisors admits failing to maintain controls and producing altered document, agrees to pay \$5 million penalty.** Wells Fargo Advisors LLC agreed to pay a \$5 million penalty September 22 to settle U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) charges claiming that the company failed to maintain adequate controls to prevent insider trading. The agreement was reached after the SEC charged a former Wells Fargo broker for trading on nonpublic information obtained from a client ahead of that customer being acquired by a private equity firm.  
Source: <http://www.sec.gov/News/PressRelease/Detail/PressRelease/1370543012047>

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## **Transportation Systems Sector**

9. *September 23, Reuters* – (Nebraska) **Virgin America flight diverted to Omaha after passenger ‘became disruptive’.** A Virgin America flight en route to Los Angeles from Boston was diverted to Omaha, Nebraska, September 22 after a passenger became disruptive and allegedly tried to open an aircraft door during the flight before he was restrained.  
Source: <http://news.msn.com/us/virgin-america-flight-diverted-to-omaha-after-passenger-became-disruptive>
10. *September 22, Los Angeles Times* – (Los Angeles) **Blaze that threatened warehouse, ship at Port of Los Angeles contained.** Firefighters contained a 4-alarm fire that broke out at the Port of Los Angeles September 22 beneath a steel warehouse and damaged about 150 feet of docks and prompted the precautionary evacuation of about 850 terminal employees.  
Source: <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-port-of-los-angeles-fire-threatens-warehouse-and-boat-20140922-story.html>
11. *September 22, Forum of Fargo-Moorhead* – (North Dakota) **\$200k to go to pipeline safety.** North Dakota will receive more than \$200,000 in federal funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration to maintain the safety of pipelines and protect the State from potential pipeline incidents.  
Source: <http://www.prairiebizmag.com/event/article/id/20919/>
12. *September 22, U.S. Department of Transportation* – (National) **Transportation secretary announces nearly \$3.6 billion to make transit systems more resilient in New York, New Jersey, and beyond.** The U.S. Transportation Secretary announced September 22 that \$3.59 billion in federal disaster relief funds will be distributed among more than 40 projects across several States to improve public transportation systems that were damaged by Hurricane Sandy. The developments will work to make the transit systems more resilient in order to withstand the impact of future natural disasters.  
Source: [http://www.fta.dot.gov/newsroom/news\\_releases/12286\\_16152.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/newsroom/news_releases/12286_16152.html)

13. *September 22, KPAX 8 Missoula* – (Montana) **Bomb scare defused at Superior Post Office.** The Superior post office in Mineral County, Montana, was evacuated and closed for over 3 hours September 22 after an employee located a suspicious package. A bomb squad reported to the scene and rendered the package safe.  
Source: <http://www.kpax.com/news/bomb-scare-diffused-at-superior-post-office/>

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## **Food and Agriculture Sector**

14. *September 22, Food Business News* – (Georgia) **Guilty verdicts in Peanut Corporation of America trial.** Two former Peanut Corporation of America executives and a broker to the company were found guilty in a Georgia federal court September 19 on charges related to a 2009 Salmonella outbreak that sickened more than 700 individuals and was linked to 9 deaths.  
Source: [http://www.foodbusinessnews.net/articles/news\\_home/Food\\_Safety\\_News/2014/09/Guilty\\_verdicts\\_in\\_Peanut\\_Corp.aspx?ID={C0335C4E-2895-4871-BC8C-256E692D3EA7}](http://www.foodbusinessnews.net/articles/news_home/Food_Safety_News/2014/09/Guilty_verdicts_in_Peanut_Corp.aspx?ID={C0335C4E-2895-4871-BC8C-256E692D3EA7})
15. *September 22, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Glaser Organic Farms recalls Organic Carob Powder for possible Salmonella contamination.** Glaser Organic Farms issued a recall September 22 for its 8-ounce packages of Raw Carob Powder and 5.5-ounce packages of Carob Fudgy Brownie due to possible Salmonella contamination. The recall was initiated after a supplier for the products notified the company that organic carob powder used during the manufacturing process may be contaminated.  
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm415790.htm>
16. *September 21, Harford County Aegis; Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **Loss from Saturday's fire near Churchville put at \$500,000.** A September 20 fire tore through a garage and workshop on a farm in the Level area of Harford County, causing an estimated \$500,000 in damage. Authorities believe the fire was sparked when gasoline vapors made contact with a hot engine on a piece of farm equipment during the refueling process.  
Source: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/harford/aberdeen-havre-de-grace/ph-ag-churchville-building-fire20140920,0,3122868.story>

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## **Healthcare and Public Health Sector**

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

17. *September 22, WHDH 7 Boston* – (Massachusetts) **Crews respond to liquid nitrogen leak in Longwood area.** Three buildings were evacuated for several hours after a 3,000 pound liquid nitrogen tank began leaking from its pressure relief valve outside a Harvard School of Public Health building in the Longwood section of Boston September 22. Crews contained the leak and no injuries were reported.  
Source: <http://www.whdh.com/story/26592737/crews-respond-to-hazmat-situation-on-longwood>
18. *September 22, Quincy Patriot Ledger; WCVB 5 Boston* – (Massachusetts) **9 hurt in crash with 5 vehicles, school bus in Milton.** Nine people were injured, including 6 students, in a multi-vehicle accident involving a school bus and 5 other cars on Route 138 in Milton September 22.  
Source: <http://www.wcvb.com/news/9-hurt-in-crash-with-5-vehicles-school-bus/28185400>
19. *September 22, WPDE 15 Florence* – (South Carolina) **Police: Driver of school bus falls asleep at wheel, crashes bus into mobile home.** Four students were injured when the driver of a Darlington County School District bus fell asleep and crashed into an unoccupied mobile home on Cedar Ridge Road at Wallflower Road September 22. The driver was charged and the remaining students were transported to their respective schools.  
Source: <http://www.carolinalive.com/news/story.aspx?id=1099539>
20. *September 22, Buffalo News* – (New York) **Negotiator for Buffalo teacher aide union pleads guilty to fraud.** The former chief negotiator for the Buffalo Educational Support Team, a teacher aide union, pleaded guilty September 22 to charges in connection to cheating the union out of \$332,500 over a 5-year period by insisting contract terms through the union's 2008 agreement with the Buffalo School District personally benefited him. The former chief negotiator worked with a union-selected insurance broker to split \$135,000 yearly commission payments from district funds.  
Source: <http://www.buffalonews.com/city-region/federal-court/negotiator-for-buffalo-teacher-aide-union-pleads-guilty-to-fraud-20140922>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

21. *September 23, WBOY 12 Clarksburg* – (West Virginia) **1 dead after ambulance collision on Route 250 in Marion County.** A patient was killed and four Marion County Rescue Squad employees were injured in an accident involving an ambulance and another vehicle on Route 250 September 22. Route 250 was closed for several hours while the sheriff's office and West Virginia State Police investigated the incident. Source: <http://www.wboy.com/story/26595291/1-dead-after-ambulance-crash-on-route-250-in-marion-county>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

22. *September 23, Techworld* – (International) **DDoS attackers turn fire on ISPs and gaming servers.** NSFOCUS researchers determined gaming hosts and Internet service Providers (ISP) have been the focus for distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks in 2014, rising in the first half to 10 percent and nearly 15 percent of attacks respectively. Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/article/2687127/security/ddos-attackers-turn-fire-on-isps-and-gaming-servers.html>
23. *September 23, Help Net Security* – (International) **jQuery.com compromised to serve malware via drive-by download.** RiskIQ researchers found and reported that jQuery.com, the official Web site of the cross-platform JavaScript library of the same name, was compromised and redirected its visitors to a site hosting the RIG exploit kit and delivered information-stealing malware. The attack was discovered September 18 and the site's administrators removed the malicious script. Source: [http://www.net-security.org/malware\\_news.php?id=2869](http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2869)
24. *September 22, Threatpost* – (International) **Kyle and Stan malvertising network nine times bigger than first reported.** Researchers found nearly 6,500 malicious domains are involved in the Kyle and Stan malvertising network and over 31,000 connections were made to the domains, nine times larger than originally reported by Cisco. The campaign is unique in its ability to infect Windows and Mac OS X software differently and can drop ads on larger Web sites. Source: <http://threatpost.com/kyle-and-stan-malvertising-network-nine-times-bigger-than-first-reported>

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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

25. *September 23, KVVU 5 Henderson* – (Nevada) **Cut line disrupts Century Link service for some.** Phone, Internet, landline 9-1-1, and Prism TV services were disrupted for Century Link customers in the Las Vegas and Mt. Charleston areas September 23 after a construction crew cut a fiber optic line. Technicians worked to restore service.  
Source: <http://www.fox5vegas.com/story/26605574/cut-line-disrupts-century-link-service-for-some>

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

26. *September 22, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Boston high-rise evacuated due to smoky fire.** Hundreds of people were evacuated from One Boston Place, a 44-story office building in Boston, September 22 due to a fire that broke out in pipe insulation and filled at least two floors with smoke. A ventilation system was used to clear the smoke and employees were allowed to return to their offices over 2 hours later.  
Source: <http://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2014/09/22/boston-high-rise-evacuated-due-smoky-fire-injuries-reported/sZnVWDYT2cdF5ZjVxTPXiI/story.html>
27. *September 22, Bergen County Record* – (New Jersey) **Teterboro truck fire knocks out power, snares traffic for hours.** A BMW service center and several homes were evacuated in Teterboro September 22 due to a fire that broke out when an asphalt truck used for roadwork snagged power lines and downed a utility pole, knocking out power to the area. A portion of Route 46 was closed while firefighters battled the blaze and cleared the scene.  
Source: <http://www.northjersey.com/news/teterboro-truck-fire-knocks-out-power-snares-traffic-for-hours-video-1.1093709>
28. *September 22, Orlando Sentinel* – (Florida) **Carbon monoxide leak at grocery store sends 5 to hospital.** HAZMAT crews responded to the Caribbean Supercenter grocery store in Pine Hills in Orange County September 22 after receiving reports of a carbon monoxide leak in a back area of the store. Five individuals were hospitalized with symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning.  
Source: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/local/florida/os-carbon-monoxide-leak-grocery-store-20140922,0,1689951.story>

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## Dams Sector

29. *September 22, Salem Statesman Journal* – (Oregon) **Health advisory is issued for ‘very high’ toxin levels at Wickiup Reservoir.** Oregon Health Authority officials



issued an advisory September 22 to avoid water contact at Wickiup Reservoir after water samples found high levels of cyanotoxins produced by blue-green algae that can be harmful to both humans and animals.

Source: <http://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/2014/09/22/health-advisory-issued-high-toxin-levels-wickiup-reservoir/16046641/>

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