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NORTH DAKOTA

High dam releases put extra load on sanitary sewer, city staff. Local officials said the continued combined releases of 1,800 cubic feet per second (cfs) from Jamestown and Pipestem dams in North Dakota will continue to place strains on the city's sanitary and storm sewer systems. It is also requiring a higher level of management. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers released a water release plan August 10 that includes 1,800 cfs releases through mid-to-late October. In previous years, releases of that level commonly ended no later than June. The Jamestown city engineer said the sanitary sewer system is handling between 6 and 6.5 million gallons per day. This level does not require special intervention under normal conditions. During previous high water events, groundwater infiltration into the sanitary sewer pipes increased flows through the system from its normal use of about 2 million gallons per day. Source: <http://www.jamestownsun.com/event/article/id/141914/group/News/>

1,800 cfs through October. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers sent out an updated release plan August 10 for the Jamestown and Pipestem dams in North Dakota that calls for high releases for another 2 months, reflecting the recent heavy rains. "We plan to continue the combined releases of 1,800 cubic feet per second (cfs)," said the hydraulic engineer for the Corps. "But we are getting feedback from other agencies about other plans." Levels of both the Jamestown and Pipestem dams are rising after heavy rains in the northern drainage of the rivers. The Jamestown Reservoir is currently at 1447.5 feet above sea level and is expected to rise 2.5 feet before cresting in late August. This is 1.3 feet below the crest in May during the spring runoff. The Pipestem Dam is currently at 1485.3 feet above mean sea level, and is expected to crest at 1486 feet in mid-August. This is less than a foot below the crest of this spring. One option is to increase releases above 1,800 cfs but stay within a level that would not require dike construction downstream. "Any sort of release above 1,800 cfs causes concerns downriver," the engineer said. "But it would get the water evacuated sooner." He added that combined releases of 2,100 to 2,200 cfs were under discussion. A third option involves continuing releases at between 100 and 300 cfs through the winter. Source: <http://www.jamestownsun.com/event/article/id/141850/>

Portion of scenic drive closed in Theodore Roosevelt National Park in ND due to landslides.

Part of the scenic drive in the North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park in North Dakota has been closed because of landslides, the Associated Press reported August 9. A stretch of the 14-mile drive was reduced to one lane during the day and closed at night. The National Park Service said it has now been forced to close the drive 7 miles in because of continued land slumping and sliding. The park itself remains open, and is waiving entrance fees while the road is closed. Source:

<http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/view/story/23d83eeacb6f4b6fae1e55818206fd16/ND--Park-Road-Closed/>

Cleanup under way at derailment near Kensal, ND. An August 6 train derailment on the north border of the Arrowwood National Wildlife Refuge appears to be contained, according to Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) officials. Thirty-one cars went off the rail after the track washed

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out following a late August 5 rainstorm, a CPR spokesman said. The derailment happened around 8:30 a.m. about 9 miles east of U.S. Highway 281 on North Dakota Highway 9. The 90-car train had some cars that were empty that normally carried anhydrous ammonia and sulfuric acid, which did not leak. The only apparent leak was diesel fuel from a locomotive that went off the track, but it was unknown how much spilled into the James River. Independent contractors deployed many absorbent buoys to contain any possible spill. An Arrowwood refuge manager said he was told by CPR officials the cleanup would take about 3 days. CPR officials said one potentially hazardous material being transported was soybean oil, which did not leak. The manager said the main concern will be the removal of the derailed cars and making sure they do not rupture. The train was headed from the Twin Cities to Calgary, Alberta, Canada. A portion of Highway 9 near the train tracks was closed from about 9:30 a.m. to noon August 6. Source: <http://www.jamestownsun.com/event/article/id/141584/group/News/>

ND men charged for mailbox bomb found in Bismarck. Two North Dakota men have been accused in federal court of placing an explosive device into a Bismarck mailbox in the summer of 2010. They are charged with unlawful possession of an unregistered firearm, and conspiracy to destroy the letter box. One of the men faces a separate charge of unlawful making of a firearm. Both men have pleaded not guilty. The trial has been set for October 11. Authorities said the device was manufactured with an explosive mixture, soda cans, sparklers, and tape. Source: <http://www.inforum.com/event/article/id/329429/group/News/>

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(Minnesota) Rare anthrax case diagnosed in Minnesota. Minnesota health officials said August 9 they are investigating a rare case of anthrax inhalation linked to exposure to the dreaded bacteria in the natural environment. The FBI briefly investigated the case because anthrax has been used in terror attacks. But the bureau determined there was "no evidence suggesting it was a criminal or terrorist act," the Minnesota Health Department said in a statement. There was also no significant threat to the general public, officials said. "All evidence points to this case of anthrax being caused by exposure to naturally occurring anthrax in the environment," said Minnesota's state epidemiologist. "Anthrax is not spread from person to person, and it is extremely rare for humans to become sickened with anthrax, especially through inhalation." Hooved animals are regularly infected by the anthrax bacteria in many parts of the United States. People can become sickened by anthrax if they handle infected animal carcasses, ingest contaminated soil or meat from infected animals, or handle contaminated wool or hides from infected animals. The affected individual was hospitalized after traveling through western states — including North Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, and South Dakota — and coming into contact with soil and animal remains. Source: <http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5hov5XnZHfGZkcK78IE2vIAaRmC7g?docId=CNG.9e214cd05d006bc55e2b5fc33bdea0f3.da1>

(Minnesota) Copper thieves tied to phone, Internet outage near Cloquet. The damage to a Qwest fiber optic line that knocked out communications in Carlton County, Minnesota, July 20 might have been caused by copper thieves, authorities said. The Duluth News Tribune reported

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August 5 that although no one has been arrested, the Cloquet Police chief said he believes copper thieves were responsible for the act that disabled most 911 service in Carlton County. The same cut line affected Qwest-provided phone and Internet services in Cloquet, Carlton, Barnum, and Moose Lake from about 4:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 20. "We don't know if (the fiber optic line) was cut with the intention of disrupting the 911 system or to steal the cable for financial gain," the St. Louis County sheriff said, confirming the cable was cut deliberately, rather than by accident or force of nature. The perpetrators were down a manhole when they cut the fiber optic cable and, while a small amount of copper could have been inside, it likely would be worthless as scrap, police said. Source:

<http://www.duluthnewtribune.com/event/article/id/206034/group/homepage/>

(Montana) EPA says oil degrading from Mont. spill. Oil spilled from the Silvertip pipeline near Billings, Montana, in July is degrading naturally in the environment, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) said. The governor of Montana the week of August 1 said there were no surprises in the state's analysis of the crude oil spilled from the Silvertip pipeline in July. The crude oil did not contain high levels of heavy metals or other toxic additives that persist in the environment, he said. The EPA said its sampling results of air, water, soil, and sediment found that residual oil was decomposing naturally, United Press International reported August 9. Pipeline owner Exxon Mobil sent more responders to the scene to clean oil-soaked debris left behind by raging floodwaters in the Yellowstone River. A report from The Wall Street Journal warned the erosive power of rushing waters was leaving some pipelines under riverbeds exposed. Silvertip had carried oil from tar sands in Canada since the 1980s, but tar sands oil was not at the site of the July spill. Source: http://www.upi.com/Business_News/Energy-Resources/2011/08/09/EPA-says-oil-degrading-from-Mont-spill/UPI-79551312890833/

(South Dakota) Floodwater closes in on Roscoe sewer lagoon. Floodwater near Roscoe, South Dakota, was threatening to engulf the town's sewer lagoons, but a raised dike surrounding the lagoons is protecting them — for now. "Fortunately, we have reacted quickly enough that we have stopped the water from coming in," the mayor of Roscoe said August 9. "We should be OK unless we get a big rainfall." To protect the lagoons, gravel was brought in to raise the dike 2 feet. More than 4,500 tons of larger stones were dumped on the southern and eastern edges of the dike to prevent water from eating away its foundation. "If the lagoons had gotten inundated, we would have been without a sewer system," the mayor said, adding that that would have disastrous consequences. Rising water from frequent and large rainfall, coupled with heavy snow over the winter, engulfed U.S. Highway 12 east of Roscoe, and is encroaching the lagoons on two sides. The biggest fear is that a strong southeast wind could send waves onto the dike and create a breach. Officials are confident the lagoons are safe as long as there is not a major storm. Source: <http://www.aberdeennews.com/news/aan-floodwater-closes-in-on-roscoe-sd-sewer-lagoon-20110809,0,7766309.story>

(Wyoming) Wyo. to address EPA methane farming concerns. Wyoming regulators temporarily tabled discussion August 9 of proposed rules for methane farming in response to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) suggestions. The Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, which met in Casper, decided to hold off on discussing new state rules for

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methane farming until it next meets September 20. The commission is the state board in charge of regulating Wyoming's oil and gas industry. Methane farming involves encouraging coal-eating microbes that are naturally present in underground coal seams to multiply and produce methane gas. The technique is targeted at getting depleted coal-bed methane wells to resume producing small but steady volumes of natural gas. The EPA has been following the nascent industry to make sure the technique will not contaminate groundwater. The commission has been considering a tougher groundwater protection standard in the Powder River Basin compared to elsewhere in Wyoming. The EPA told the commission in written comments last month that Wyoming should adopt a uniform statewide standard. Source:

<http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/article/Wyo-to-address-EPA-methane-farming-concerns-1799913.php>

NATIONAL

American Muslim pleads guilty to using the Internet to solicit terrorism. A 22-year-old American Muslim from New Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, pleaded guilty August 9 to using an Internet Web site to urge Muslim radicals within the United States to engage in a wide range of terror attacks. He pleaded guilty in federal court in Pittsburgh to a single charge of solicitation to commit a crime of violence. The solicitations including urging like-minded individuals to sabotage train tracks; destroy phone lines, power lines, and cell phone towers; start forest fires; and engage in isolated attacks against Americans civilians, police, and military officials. The man was an active moderator on the English-language version of the militant Islamic Web discussion forum, Ansar al-Mujahideen Forum. The second count of his indictment charges that he posted and distributed on the Internet a 101-page explosives course written by a professor who was once al-Qa'ida's top chemical and biological weapons expert. "[He] placed a number of postings encouraging attacks within the United States," the indictment said. "He suggested the use of firearms, explosives, and propane tanks against targets such as police stations, post offices, synagogues, military facilities, train lines, bridges, cell phone towers, and water plants." He suggested militant Muslims in the United States should attack civilian aircraft, banks, military installations, Jewish schools, and daycare centers, according to the indictment. After posting the "Explosives Course" online in late December 2010, agents with the FBI sought to question him. When two agents approached the man January 4, the encounter turned into a physical struggle. During a scuffle, he allegedly bit both agents, drawing blood, as he attempted to retrieve a loaded 9 mm handgun from his jacket pocket. He faces up to 10 years in prison, and a \$125,000 fine. Source: <http://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Justice/2011/0809/American-Muslim-pleads-guilty-to-using-the-Internet-to-solicit-terrorism>

INTERNATIONAL

Japan ignored own radiation forecasts. Japan's system to forecast radiation threats was working from the moment its nuclear crisis began. But lack of communication between the national government, government agencies, and local authorities meant that the reports were not used to determine evacuation areas and warn residents about radiation patterns. Reports from the forecast system were sent to Japan's nuclear safety agency, but the flow of data

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stopped there. The prime minister and others involved in declaring evacuation areas never saw the reports, and neither did local authorities. So thousands of people stayed for days in areas the system had identified as high-risk, an Associated Press (AP) investigation has found. Documents obtained by the AP, interviews with key officials, and a review of other newly released documents and parliamentary transcripts indicated the government's use of the forecast data was hamstrung by communication breakdowns, and a lack of even a basic understanding of the system at the highest levels. Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5i7E9XVq0Bdxdm46U5k2ht0KiAEVNA?dclid=23ebbb28add7428dba55f97db16f3d43>

Police arrest over 160 in weekend London riots. Police arrested 160 people after a weekend of riots and looting, as scattered copycat violence spread from a disadvantaged north London neighborhood to other parts of the city, authorities said August 8. Groups of young people looted shops, attacked police officers, and set fire to vehicles in violence that has raised questions about security ahead of the showcase 2012 Olympics and revealed pent-up anger against the city's police. Around 35 police officers were injured, including three who were hit by a car while trying to make arrests in east London. The violence erupted in the north London suburb of Tottenham on late August 6 amid community anger over a fatal police shooting of a 29-year-old father of four. Police said —copycat criminal violence spread to other parts of London on late August 7 and early August 8, including the main shopping and tourist district at Oxford Circus. Some protesters filled bottles with gasoline to throw at police lines, others confronted officers with makeshift weapons — including baseball bats and bars — and attempted to storm Tottenham's police station. Tottenham was relatively peaceful late August 7, but the violence spread to Walthamstow Central in east London, where around 30 youths vandalized and looted some shops, police said. Other groups set fire to shops in Brixton in south London, and another 50 people gathered in Oxford Circus, where they damaged property. Source:

http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=news/national_world&id=8294653

Rome mayor: Colosseum device a false alarm. A suspicious device that forced the evacuation August 7 of the Colosseum in Rome, Italy turned out to be a false alarm, Rome's mayor said. The Colosseum was evacuated about an hour before the site was scheduled to close after tourists saw a suspicious device inside. —It's a false alarm, a joke in bad taste, Rome's mayor told Sky News 24. —It seemed like it could be a bomb, but in reality it could not explode. He said the Colosseum would open as usual August 8. A Carabinieri bomb squad detonated the device, which turned out to be a tin can half filled with paint thinner, with two electrical wires running from a 9-volt battery, the news agency ANSA said. Source:

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2011/08/07/501364/main20089240.shtml>

BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY

Hong Kong exchange trading disrupted as hackers target website. The Hong Kong stock exchange was forced to suspend trading in stocks after hackers broke into its Web site August 10, preventing investors from accessing company announcements made during the midday

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break. "Our current assessment is this is a result of a malicious attack by outside hacking," the chief executive of Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing (HKEx) told reporters after the company announced interim results. In a statement released earlier, HKEx said it adopted a half-day (one trading session) suspension policy for issuers that announce price-sensitive information during the lunch hour. Other systems at the exchange were not affected, and trading in its securities and derivatives markets operated normally, the exchange said. If the Web site remains unstable August 11, the exchange's bulletin board will be used for dissemination of information, but the stocks will be not suspended, said the head of listing at HKEx. He added the move to suspend trading was part of a contingency plan approved by the territory's stock regulator. "It was the first time for a suspension due to such a kind of technical problem and one involving so many companies," said the chief dealer at Cheer Pearl Investment in Hong Kong. Source:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/08/10/us-hkex-suspensions-idUSTRE7792FT20110810>

U.S. lawmakers to target Iran's bank. The U.S. President has been asked to take dramatic steps against Iran's central bank as part of an effort to sideline the regime, lawmakers said August 8. A letter, put together by two U.S. Senators said more economic action is needed against Iran. "In our view, the United States should embark on a comprehensive strategy to pressure Iran's financial system by imposing sanctions on the Central Bank of Iran," a copy of the letter, part of which was published by The Wall Street Journal, stated. "If our allies are willing to join, we believe this step can be even more effective." The letter was expected to arrive on the President's desk August 9, the Journal noted. More than 90 Senators signed the letter. The report said that if sanctions against Bank Markazi, the central bank, are adopted, it would nearly lock Iran out of the international market. U.S. officials say Tehran is using the bank to hide activity involving sanctioned goods, and to funnel money to U.S. adversaries in Lebanon and the Palestinian territories. One of the Senators, a Republican from Illinois, told the Journal he would introduce a measure to effectively force the President's hand on the issue. Source: http://www.upi.com/Top_News/Special/2011/08/08/US-lawmakers-to-target-Irans-bank/UPI-56881312828111/

(New York; Florida) 14 charged in \$60 million mortgage fraud scheme. Fourteen people were charged with participating in a nearly \$60 million mortgage fraud ring August 4 following an FBI crackdown, according to FoxNews.com. The alleged members of the mortgage fraud ring include real estate attorneys, title closers, appraisers, and straw buyers. They were charged with conspiracy to commit bank fraud and wire fraud charges. The scheme involved more than 100 properties in New York and Florida, many of which are now in default or foreclosure. The FBI has 10 of the suspects in custody, and is negotiating the surrender of others. Thirteen live in the New York area. The other alleged member of the mortgage fraud ring was arrested in Texas August 4. The alleged leader of the ring, according to the indictment, is a man who created numerous mortgage brokerages, including First Class Equities of Long Island, and TAT Mutual Capital. Through these brokerages, the subject allegedly facilitated fraudulent real estate loan transactions throughout the New York metropolitan area. Five loan officers, four attorneys, and one disbarred attorney also were charged in connection to the alleged mortgage fraud. From 2004 to 2009, the head of the scheme and his co-conspirators allegedly arranged home sales between "straw buyers" — persons who posed as home buyers, but who had no intention of

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living in, or paying for, the mortgaged properties — and homeowners, often people in financial distress, who were willing to sell their homes. These straw buyers were allegedly paid hefty sums to obtain fraudulent mortgages, which were obtained by submitting fraudulent applications and documents, including fake W-2s and tax stubs, according to the indictment.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2011/08/04/exclusive-13-charged-in-60-million-mortgage-fraud-scheme/>

CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR

E.P.A. bans sale of tree-killing herbicide. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) August 11, banned the sale of Imprelis, a weed killer introduced this year that landscapers link to thousands of tree deaths. DuPont, which held discussions with the EPA, suspended sales the week of August 1 and announced plans for a refund program. The company already faces lawsuits from property owners who lost numerous trees after landscapers began applying Imprelis to lawns and golf courses this spring. An EPA spokesman said the agency acted because data provided by DuPont showed at least three types of evergreens — balsam fir, Norway spruce, and white pine trees — were susceptible to damage or death from Imprelis. In a statement, the agency said it was investigating whether the widespread tree deaths resulted from misuse of the weed killer, inadequate warnings or directions on the product's label, its persistence in soil and plant material, or other factors. A DuPont spokeswoman said the EPA data indicated vulnerability only when the three tree species were exposed to "extreme conditions" in tests. Whether the product will return to the market after the EPA review is unclear. Only turf and landscaping professionals were allowed to buy or apply Imprelis. While it has been highly effective at killing clover and broad-leafed weeds such as dandelions, landscapers say, nearby evergreens in many cases began dying within weeks of the first applications. Some agricultural experts suggest the tree toll could reach into the hundreds of thousands. Landscapers initially welcomed the herbicide, marketed as an environmentally friendly product that did not pose risks to animals. The national law firm Parker, Waichman and Alonso has filed a dozen lawsuits against DuPont over the tree deaths in federal courts across the Midwest, and more are pending. "We expect at the end of the day there's going to be more than a billion dollars of damage or as much as several billion," a firm partner said. "You are talking about a lot of people who have dead trees 40 to 50 feet tall, 30 or 50 years old that each cost \$20,000 or \$25,000 to replace." Source:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/08/12/science/earth/12herbicide.html>

(Florida) Sheriff: Men stole 125,000 pounds of fertilizer. Four employees of Kinder-Morgan Storage Facility, a warehouse company at the Port of Tampa, Florida, face charges of stealing 125,000 pounds of fertilizer and then selling it, according to the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office. A 42-year-old terminal manager, a 43-year-old maintenance supervisor, a 50-year-old operations supervisor, and a 46-year-old employee were arrested. According to a police captain with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, the fertilizer is stored at the warehouse until the purchaser picks it up. Before that happened, the four men took three truckloads-full and sold it to Central Florida farmers, he said. It was unclear whether the farms knew they were purchasing stolen fertilizer. The suspects made in the vicinity of \$20,000. An undercover deputy

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purchased the fertilizer from the four men. The police lieutenant said he was confident the fertilizer was not being sold to people who intended to use it as part of any explosive device. According to a spokesperson for Kinder-Morgan, the company is cooperating with the investigation and is looking at their internal procedures to prevent this from happening in the future, as well as seeing if it has happened before. All four men face grand theft charges. The terminal manager also faces a charge of trafficking in stolen property. Source:

http://www.abcactionnews.com/dpp/news/region_tampa/sheriff:-men-stole-125,000-pounds-of-fertilizer

(Colorado) State officials looking into hydrogen sulfide reports. An official in Garfield County, Colorado said it is up to the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission to investigate reports that hydrogen sulfide gas, which experts say can cause severe respiratory problems and even death, is showing up at natural-gas drilling operations in the region. State officials at the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) said August 5 that they are looking into the report, and plan on presenting their findings to the commission at a meeting August 8 in Denver. According to the news report, Noble Energy, which is operating in Garfield County, has regularly encountered the gas during drilling operations. Nobel reportedly confirmed that since that incident, its drilling crews have regularly encountered hydrogen sulfide at relatively minor levels. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, hydrogen sulfide, or H₂S, is a hazardous and toxic gas that, when inhaled, can cause severe respiratory distress, headaches, loss of motor control, memory, and other human malfunctions. It is produced when certain bacteria consume sulfur-bearing organic matter. Source:

<http://www.postindependent.com/article/20110807/VALLEYNEWS/110809911/1083&ParentPr ofile=1074>

DuPont pulls damaging herbicide. Chemical manufacturer DuPont pulled a herbicide off the market after finding it damages trees. The company recently admitted Imprelis, a chemical agent designed to kill weeds such as dandelions, clover, plantains, wild violet and ground ivy, was harming a variety of tree species such as Norway spruces, and white pines. The decision follows several class-action lawsuits. "We have received letters from the Environmental Protection Agency and are consulting with them to determine the appropriate path forward including the most effective way to implement our recommendation of a voluntary suspension of sale of DuPont Imprelis herbicide and a product return and refund program," the company said in a statement released August 4. The announcement came on the same day a class action lawsuit was filed against DuPont for Imprelis-linked damage to trees in the Midwest. According to statements released by Miami-based law firm Grossman Roth, the company failed to warn clients Imprelis could harm trees, and to provide adequate instruction on the product's use. Thousands of trees have died from the Midwest to the Atlantic coast resulting in "hundreds of millions" in damages, the firm said. Source:

<http://www.detnews.com/article/20110805/METRO/108050373/1409/DuPont-pulls-damaging-herbicide>

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COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

(Nevada) Las Vegas hotels, casinos receive bomb threats. One adult and one minor were arrested in connection with numerous phone calls that threatened to bomb hotels and casinos on the Las Vegas Strip, KTNV 13 Las Vegas reported August 11. The Las Vegas Metro Police Department said an adult, and the minor were disguising their voices and demanding large amounts of money from July 28 to August 8. They threatened to bomb hotels and casinos if the properties did not meet their demands. The suspects were arrested and booked into the Ventura County Sheriff Department's Detention Center on charges of making false bomb threats and attempted extortion. The police department's counter terrorism section initiated the investigation into the phone calls and determined the calls were coming from Ventura County, California. A joint investigation eventually led to the discovery of the devices used to make the calls. Police planned a press conference for August 12 to release more information about the arrests and the threats. Source: <http://www.ktnv.com/news/local/127564083.html>

(Georgia) 10 treated after exposure to powder in Covington. Ten people were treated at a hospital August 12 after they were exposed to white powder at a plant in Covington, Georgia in what police are calling an intentional act. Ten workers were treated for injuries after being exposed to a suspicious powder. A Covington police captain said the incident happened at Pure Talk, a phone-manufacturing company. He said around 2:30 a.m., an employee opened a package containing batteries. Two of the batteries were fused together, and when an employee separated them, a white powder was released. "This employee immediately started feeling a burning sensation on the hands, a numbing sensation" on the eyes and skin. "Immediately the other employees in the business began feeling similar effects of exposure to this powder," he said. The police captain said the employee who opened the package told police "there was a note attached to the batteries that indicated that what happened was purposeful, and the intent of the person that put this package together was to harm people." The employees were taken to Newton Medical Center for decontamination and treatment. A spokeswoman at the hospital said the patients were still being treated at 9:30 a.m. She said the emergency room was on lockdown due to the hazmat situation, and that patients needing treatment for other things would be diverted to nearby hospitals. She said the substance had not yet been identified, and a determination would be made later on whether any patients would be admitted. Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/10-treated-after-exposure-1100149.html>

(Florida) Lake Worth condo evacuated after man committed suicide using cyanide. Palm Beach County Fire Rescue crews evacuated people both above and below an apartment from a Lake Worth, Florida condominium complex where a man committed suicide August 5 by drinking a cyanide solution. Around 7:30 a.m., deputies responded to reports of the incident at a condo unit in the building. They were soon joined by as many as a dozen Palm Beach County Fire Rescue vehicles. The man texted a friend saying he was going to drink the chemical, according to a Palm Beach County sheriff's spokesman. Investigators said they have isolated the compound down to cyanide powder, but there is no confirmation to the exact type of substance used in the suicide. Rescue workers were conducting air quality monitoring and gathering readings of airborne exposure. Earlier, rescue workers could be seen being hosed down in the building's parking lot. Source:

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http://www.wptv.com/dpp/news/region_c_palm_beach_county/lake_worth/palm-beach-county-fire-investigators-worry-about-levels-of-cyanide-at-poinciana-place-complex

COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

Verizon alleges network sabotage as strike turns ugly. As 45,000 Verizon employees remain on strike, the company reported that it has seen at least 12 acts of sabotage to communications facilities in four states, FierceCable reported August 9. Some of the damage to its network has resulted in outages for its FiOS TV, Internet, and phone services. Verizon said it has seen 10 incidents of fiber-optic lines being cut in the Bronx, Pomona, Farmingdale, and Guilderland in New York, in addition to incidents in Tewksbury, Massachusetts, Bel Air, Maryland, and East Dover, Oakland, and Plainfield, New Jersey. The company blamed one outage on electronic equipment that was stolen from a Cedar Grove, New Jersey facility, and it said the heating system at its central office in Manhattan was tampered with. Some violence has also been reported at the picket lines being organized by Verizon employee unions. Employees at a picket line in Amherst, New York, accused one replacement worker of driving his car through a picket line, resulting in injuries. Source: <http://www.fiercecable.com/story/verizon-alleges-network-sabotage-strike-turns-ugly/2011-08-09>

(Massachusetts; New York) Verizon: Sabotage hits service in Massachusetts. Verizon Communications Inc reported no Massachusetts rate payers without service as 6,000 Bay State workers entered their second day of a strike, August 8. However, the company reported multiple incidents of sabotage in Massachusetts, including one that cut service to some customers in Tewksbury, Billerica, and possibly in other communities. “We’ve discovered a number of cables have been cut, and it’s affecting service on our networks,” a Verizon spokesman said. A spokesman for Boston’s largest local chapter of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) — one of two Verizon unions that called the strike — dismissed the report, saying outages are occurring due to a lack of maintenance staff during the strike. The Verizon spokesman said other than isolated incidents of vandalism, Verizon continues to “operate as usual.” He said he was not yet able to determine “several hundred” customers were affected by 7 incidents of cables cut in Billerica and Tewksbury. An incident of sabotage was also reported in the New York town of Queensbury. The strike involves 45,000 workers in the IBEW and Communications Workers of America unions, who work on cable, Internet, and phone services. Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/boston/news/2011/08/08/verizon-sabotage-hits-tewksbury-service.html?page=all>

Amazon cloud outage downs Netflix, Quora. Amazon Web Services’ (AWS) cloud-computing infrastructure experienced a brief network outage August 8 that knocked offline popular sites such as Netflix, Quora, Reddit, and Foursquare. The network connectivity issues struck Amazon’s Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2) at Amazon’s northern Virginia site, which handles AWS operations for the U.S. East Coast at 7:39 p.m. PDT, and were resolved about 25 minutes later, according to the Amazon Web Services Health Dashboard. AWS is a flagship example of one facet of cloud computing, a flexible collection of online computing services that can ramp up

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and down according to varying needs, with customers getting a flexible infrastructure, and paying only for what they consume. At the same time, though, when a widely used service goes down, many suffer. In April, the cloud storage service experienced a 2-day outage that brought many Web site operations to a halt. Source: http://news.cnet.com/8301-1023_3-20089866-93/amazon-cloud-outage-downs-netflix-quora/

CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

Philips Lighting recalls EnergySaver and Marathon compact fluorescent dimmable reflector flood lamps due to laceration hazard. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), in cooperation with Philips Lighting of Somerset, New Jersey, August 11 announced a voluntary recall of about 1.86 million EnergySaver and Marathon compact fluorescent dimmable reflector flood lamps. The glue that attaches the glass outer envelope or globe to the body of the lamp can fail allowing the glass outer envelope to fall and strike persons and objects below, posing a laceration hazard to consumers. Philips has received 700 reports of lamps where the glue failed and the glass outer envelope fell, including two reports of minor injury, and three reports of minor property damage. This recall involves Philips EnergySaver, a/k/a Marathon and Marathon Classic Compact Fluorescent dimmable reflector lamps, models R30, R40 and PAR 38 manufactured between March 2007 and May 2010. Detailed model and UPC numbers, as well as date codes, are listed in the CPSC recall report. The lamps were sold from 2007 through July 2011. Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled lamps and contact Philips to receive instructions on how to receive a free replacement lamp. Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml11/11302.html>

Emergency exit signs recalled by Best Lighting Products due to failure to illuminate. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with Best Lighting Products of Pataskala, Ohio, August 9 announced a voluntary recall of about 450 LHQM LED Exit Signs with Emergency Lights. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. The exit signs were distributed by Lithonia Lighting, a division of Acuity Brands Lighting Inc. of Conyers, Georgia and were sold to authorized distributors nationwide from January 2011 through May 2011. The fixtures can malfunction and fail to illuminate in a power failure. This could result in a failure to provide adequate lighting to guide building occupants to an exit during an emergency. Ten instances of signs malfunctioning were reported. The recalled exit signs have emergency lights fixed at either end with "EXIT" in red or green in the center. The fixtures are installed in commercial buildings, such as hotels and office buildings. Affected model numbers can be found on a label affixed inside the fixture housing and on the outside of the packaging, and include: LHQM LED G M6, LHQM LED R M6, and LHQM R HO M6. Affected models have the following date codes on the inside fixture housing: 1003S10, 1004S10, or 1005S10. Dates on the packaging carton include any calendar dates in March, April, or May 2010. Consumers should contact Lithonia Lighting for a free replacement product. Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml11/11300.html>

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DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR

(California) DARPA launches and loses hypersonic aircraft. The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) has lost contact with its experimental hypersonic glider — and possibly lost the vehicle itself — following the latest test flight from Vandenberg Air Force Base on the Central Coast of California, August 9. The unmanned Falcon Hypersonic Technology Vehicle-2 — a test rocket designed to fly at Mach 20, or around 13,000 miles per hour — successfully launched at about 7:45 a.m. PDT and separated properly from the rocket carrying it to the edge of space. But DARPA, a military research group, revealed on Twitter it lost sight of the missile once it entered its mission glide phase. “Range assets have lost telemetry with HTV2,” the agency announced shortly after the flight. “Downrange assets did not reacquire tracking or telemetry. HTV2 has an autonomous flight termination capability. More to follow,” the agency wrote an hour later. The Central Coast fog was too dense to see the glider take-off — only the sounds of the launch resonated through the air. No light from the Falcon was visible, all that was seen was a whiteout from the fog and green hills in the foreground. But when the aircraft was in flight, the latest status report was broadcast across the Air Force base from a loudspeaker where attendees watched the launch. Over that Countdown Network, the Range Launch Conductor said that it had lost optical site of the HTV-2 at about 8:15 a.m. PDT. The project began in 2003 and cost \$320 million, according to Bloomberg News. Source: <http://news.discovery.com/tech/darpa-launches-hypersonic-aircraft-110811.html>

EMERGENCY SERVICES

(Nevada) DefCon hackers find security flaw in prisons' computer systems that could lead to inmates' escape. At the recently concluded hacker conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, DefCon, researchers demonstrated how a flaw in the prison security system might one day lead to massive prison escape in the hands of a resourceful hacker, TFTS reported August 12. The system's security flaw was discovered years ago when a random power surge in a prison's death row cells automatically unlocked all the doors. The DefCon team that presented the vulnerability (and briefed the federal government about it) has not tried it out on actual jail cells yet, but the members are certain that it could be done. A cyberweapon worm named “Stuxnet” previously succeeded in disabling Iran's nuclear centrifuges by attacking the same component also found in high-security prisons' systems. Source: <http://nexus404.com/Blog/2011/08/12/hacked-out-of-jail-defcon-hackers-find-security-flaw-in-prisons-computer-systems-that-could-lead-to-inmates-escape/>

FCC may create standards for emergency text programs. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) chairman has long said he wants the public to be able to contact emergency officials by text message, and August 10 he announced plans to establish technical standards that could govern these programs. The agency will launch a rulemaking proceeding next month to create technical standards for wireless companies and public safety agencies who offer so-called "Next Generation 911" services. The goal is to enable the public to contact emergency officials through their cell phones, sending texts, photos, and video. Efforts to make that possible are occurring on a piecemeal basis in communities across the country. The FCC thinks it

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can speed that process and make it safer by examining possible technical standards for wireless carriers and emergency agencies who launch these services. Some communities have set up trial programs. The Durham Emergency Communication Center in North Carolina already accepts 911 text messages from Verizon Wireless customers. The FCC said the services could be available across the country in 5 to 10 years. Source:

<http://techdailydose.nationaljournal.com/2011/08/fcc-may-create-standards-for-e.php>

(Idaho) Man threatens to blow up himself & Lewiston Police Dept. A Lewiston, Idaho man is behind bars after threatening to blow up the police department and himself late August 7. "About 10:30, we had an individual make a telephone call to the police department stating he was dousing himself with some type of flammable liquid and was going to blow himself up in the parking lot," a Lewiston Police Department captain said. He said officers confronted a 44-year-old man. The captain said officers quickly quarantined the surrounding area and attempted to negotiate with the man. "Eventually he complied with the officer's commands to get on the ground," said the captain. "He had thrown several items on the ground: a fire extinguisher, a large machete, and some other items that he claimed were bomb-making tools." While being treated at St. Joe's, the man revealed there were bomb making materials in his truck, and a backpack, located in the vicinity of the police department. Main Street and the courthouse block remained closed all night into August 8 while the Spokane bomb squad came to the valley to examine the materials. Source:

<http://www.klewtv.com/news/local/127281213.html>

FBI's first app helps parents report missing children. The U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has designed a smartphone application for concerned parents. Child ID, the first mobile app made by the FBI, provides parents with a place to keep information about their children handy in case of an emergency. Parents can create separate entries for each kid, complete with photos, height, weight, and other descriptive details. Then if a child disappears at the shopping mall, for example, a parent can quickly reference the info from her phone when filing a report to police. The app also has buttons for calling 911 or the national missing children hotline, as well as for transmitting the data about a lost child over the Internet. The FBI listed an —important note stating: —the FBI (and iTunes for that matter) is not collecting or storing any photos or information that you enter in the app. The data is kept in the device's memory and only transmitted when using the app for sending a report, the FBI said. Child ID debuted August 5 as a free download for Apple iPhone and iPod Touch owners. The FBI plans to release versions of the program for other phones later, the government agency said in a statement. Source:

http://www.cnn.com/2011/TECH/mobile/08/05/fbi.app/index.html?hpt=ju_c2

Anonymous claims law enforcement Web site hack. The group known as Anonymous said August 6 it has hacked into some 70 law enforcement Web sites across the southern and central United States in retaliation for arrests of its sympathizers in the U.S. and Britain. The hacking group also claimed to have stolen 10 gigabytes of data, including emails, credit card details, and other information from local law enforcement bodies. Anonymous' claims could not all be immediately verified, but a review of the sites it claims to have targeted — mainly sheriffs' offices in places such as Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, and Mississippi —

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showed that most were unavailable or had been wiped clean of content. Many calls to various sheriffs' offices across the country went unanswered or were not returned August 6, but at least two confirmed the cyber attack. In Arkansas, the St. Francis County sheriff said his department and several others were targeted. In Louisiana, Cameron Parish sheriff's deputy said he did not think his force's Web site had any sensitive information on it. Source:

<http://www.npr.org/2011/08/06/139049130/anonymous-claims-law-enforcement-website-hack>

(Texas) SAFER system creates situational awareness between schools, responders. An Independent School district in Frisco, Texas has implemented the Situational Awareness for Emergency Response (SAFER) system, which provides police, fire and emergency medical responders with real-time video, still photos, and data on all 45 schools in the district. So when first responders are called to a situation at one of the schools, they can view floor plans, live video (in some cases) and photos of the building, providing situational awareness not experienced before SAFER, which was conceived in 2008 and became fully operational in 2009. In addition to the geo-referenced floor plans and the live video feeds from more than 2,000 cameras, first responders have access to hazardous materials inventory, aerial maps, pictometry, contact information for school officials and automated vehicle location (AVL). SAFER has allowed the fire department to reduce its response level when it is determined through the system the call is not for a disastrous incident. The city will fund the maintenance and support of the project, as well as Phase Two, which will replicate the project with commercial buildings. Phase Two will not be as extensive as Phase One because of the sheer numbers of commercial buildings. It may not include video, but will be updated as often as twice a year with each fire inspection. Source:

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/SAFER-System-Creates-Situational-Awareness.html>

ENERGY

(Colorado) State gas agency confirms hydrogen sulfide reports. The Colorado agency charged with overseeing natural gas drilling said one company, at least, has admitted to encountering hydrogen sulfide at drilling rig sites in Garfield County. The Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) is not sure how much of the toxic gas was encountered and at what concentrations. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, hydrogen sulfide, or H₂S, is a hazardous and toxic gas that, when inhaled, can cause severe respiratory distress, headaches, loss of motor control and memory, and other ailments. It is produced when certain bacteria consume sulfur-bearing organic matter. At concentrations below 30 parts per million (ppm) it puts off a smell like rotten eggs. At 100 ppm or more, it can paralyze the olfactory nerve and cause a loss of the sense of smell. Exposure at increasing concentrations can cause nausea and vomiting, difficulty breathing, shock, convulsions, and death. An engineering manager for the COGCC, said a search of the commission's records showed Noble, which is a U.S. subsidiary of a Canadian company, had reported encounters with hydrogen sulfide 313 times, among its total of 353 wells. The reports indicated that 271 of the encounters of the gas came in at less than 10 parts per million, a level that is considered safe. Source:

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<http://www.postindependent.com/article/20110811/VALLEYNEWS/110819975/1083&ParentPr ofile=1074>

(Oklahoma) Possible bomb removed from gas pipeline. A possible explosive device found August 10 on a gas line in Okemah, Oklahoma, was rendered harmless and removed from the site. An FBI special agent said the FBI and Oklahoma Highway Patrol bomb technicians had recovered the device and determined there were no secondary devices at the scene. The agent said the device's contents would be taken to a laboratory and examined to see if they were active or inert. A law enforcement official told CNN the device was made up of black powder, propane, and a timing device. The official could not assess how effective the device may have been, or how much damage it might have caused. Source:

<http://bartlesvilleradio.com/pages/news/16262011/possible-bomb-removed-from-gas-pipeline>

Panel seeks more disclosure on natural gas drilling. Natural gas drillers should reveal all chemicals they use in the drilling technique called "fracking" used to tap deep shale reserves, a government panel said August 11, even though the risk of water pollution from the technique is "remote." The U.S. Energy Department's natural gas advisory subcommittee urged regulators to require drillers to release more information about the impact of hydraulic fracturing, which is essential to tapping the nation's plentiful shale gas reserves. The panel said in an interim report it "shares the prevailing view that the risk of fracturing fluid leakage into drinking water sources through fractures made in deep shale reservoirs is remote." Tasked by the U.S. President's administration with identifying steps to improve the safety of shale gas drilling, the seven-member panel outlined a series of recommendations for increasing transparency and strengthening oversight of the practice. Innovations in the technique have led to an explosion of shale gas development, but the expansion has also prompted public backlash. Environmental groups and some landowners believe fracking has fouled drinking supplies, making livestock and children sick, and tap water flammable. Source:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/08/11/us-usa-natgas-fracking-idUSTRE77A0HZ20110811>

Researchers find biocides to prolong ethanol pipeline life. In Maryland, researchers at the National Institute of Standards and Technology have found that bacteria can dramatically degrade pipelines when they feed on ethanol and produce acid. Acid boosted fatigue crack growth rates by at least 25 times the levels occurring in air alone. The results are meant to help pipeline engineers determine which materials to use for constructing pipelines that will transport ethanol. The researchers also found that glutaraldehyde, a biocide used in oil and gas operations, may help control bacterial growth during ethanol transport. Source:

<http://biofuelsdigest.com/bdigest/2011/08/09/researchers-find-biocides-to-prolong-ethanol-pipeline-life/>

(Pennsylvania; New York) Fracking radiation targeted by DOE, GE. The U.S. Department of Energy and General Electric will spend \$2 million over the next 2 years to remove naturally occurring radioactive materials from the fracking fluids produced by the shale-gas industry. The New York State Department of Health has identified Radium-226 as a radionuclide of particular concern in the Marcellus Shale formation deep beneath the Appalachian Mountains. In

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hydraulic fracturing operations, drillers force water and a mixture of chemicals into wells to shatter the shale, and free natural gas. The brine that returns to the surface has been found to contain up to 16,000 picoCuries per liter (pCi/L) of radium-226. The discharge limit in effluent for Radium 226 is 60 pCi/L, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's drinking water standard is 5 pCi/L. Uranium and Radon-222 have also been found in water returning to the surface from deep shale wells. In Pennsylvania, produced water has been discharged into streams and rivers from the state's 71,000 wells after conventional wastewater treatment, but without radiation testing, according to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and The New York Times, which drew attention to the radioactive contamination earlier this year after studying internal department of environmental protection documents. The process will produce concentrated radioactive waste that will be disposed of through conventional means, which usually means storage in sealed containers for deep geological disposal. Source:

<http://blogs.forbes.com/jeffmcmahon/2011/08/03/fracking-radiation-targeted-by-doe-ge/>

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

(Michigan) Ground beef recall tied to Michigan outbreak expands. A recall of ground beef linked to as many as 9 E. coli illnesses in Michigan grew significantly August 11, with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announcing the implicated meat processing company was calling back some 2,200 pounds of ground beef. The initial recall by McNees Meats and Wholesale, LLC, was for 360 pounds of ground beef sold in 10-pound bags. Michigan health officials have said there are five confirmed cases and four probable cases of E. coli infection traced to McNees Meats ground beef. E.coli O157:NM differs from E. coli O157:H7 in that it lacks the flagellar H antigen, making it non-motile (NM), the FSIS explained in a news release. The FSIS said there is an epidemiologic link between the ground beef McNees produced on July 15 and July 21, and the illnesses in Michigan. It said McNees is recalling beef produced on additional dates "out of an abundance of caution." The FSIS said the outbreak investigation is continuing. Source:

<http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/08/ground-beef-recall-tied-to-outbreak-in-michigan-expands/>

Canada veal liver recall tied to E. Coli outbreak. An outbreak of E. coli infections in several provinces prompted the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) to issue a warning about veal liver, but the health authority's recall announcement did not say how many people were sick or where the illnesses have been reported. The CFIA said White Veal Meat Packers Ltd. recalled its grain fed veal liver because it may be contaminated with E. coli O157:H7. The recalled White Valley brand veal liver was sold in boxes weighing about 5 kilograms (kg) or about 25 kg. Retailers may have sliced and sold the veal liver prepackaged or through the store's meat counter, the CFIA said. "This is an ongoing food safety investigation," the CFIA wrote in its warning announcement. "The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) is investigating a multi-provincial outbreak of E. coli O157:H7 illnesses in collaboration with provincial health authorities as well as federal health partners including the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and Health Canada." Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/08/veal-liver-recalled-in-canada-tied-to-e-coli-outbreak/>

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(Michigan) Michigan E. coli outbreak linked to ground beef. Three people in Michigan were infected with E. coli O157:H7 in an outbreak tied to ground beef, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced August 9. The FSIS said the illnesses prompted a recall of 360 pounds of bulk ground beef sold mostly to restaurants. The Michigan departments of community health and agriculture and rural development reported August 4 they were investigating a cluster of E. coli O157:H7 illnesses, the FSIS said in a news release. The three case patients became ill between July 18 and 28. The FSIS said an epidemiologic investigation implicated ground beef and trace backs led to McNees Meats and Wholesale of North Branch, Michigan, which is recalling 36 10-pound bags of bulk ground beef sold to restaurants in Armada, Lapeer, and North Branch. The beef was also sold from a retail store owned by McNees Meats. The recalled beef was produced July 15 and 21. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/08/michigan-e-coli-outbreak-linked-to-ground-beef/>

(Michigan) Michigan cheese company recalls four varieties of cheese. A Michigan-based cheese manufacturer recalled four varieties of cheese due to possible antibiotic residue contamination. S. Serra Cheese Company in Clinton Township said individuals who have allergies to antibiotics may suffer adverse reactions such as skin eruptions or anaphylaxis if they consume the recalled cheeses. The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) discovered the problem while investigating complaints against a milk supplier who failed to provide proper documentation of drug residue testing of raw milk. The products affected by the recall include Fresh Brand ricotta and mozzarella sold in plastic containers, mozzarella blocks, and Provolone Sticks. S. Serra said that as of August 8, neither they nor the MDARD have received complaints of problems with the cheeses. Source: <http://whtc.com/news/articles/2011/aug/08/michigan-cheese-company-recalls-four-varieties-of-cheese/>

USDA loosens CRP rule to aid cattle producers. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will ease land management rules in the southern Plains to help ranchers facing a historic drought there. The USDA said August 8 it would allow producers to graze cattle for an additional month on land placed in the federal conservation reserve program. Landowners were compensated under the program for setting aside acreage to meet environmental goals such as preserving soil quality. Under the change, producers will be able to graze animals through October 31 instead of through September 30. The additional month of grazing could relieve some of the pressure on livestock producers, who are struggling to keep animals fed as the heat and lack of water dry up pasture land. Many have been liquidating their herds, since purchasing and hauling food and water is often too expensive. The Agriculture Secretary said August 8 that more than 900 counties in 26 states have been declared disaster areas so far this year, in large part because of the prolonged drought in the southern Plains, and recent floods in the Midwest. Source: http://www.agriculture.com/news/livestock/usda-loosens-crp-rule-to-aid-cattle_3-ar18176

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(Oregon) E. Coli outbreak in Oregon linked to strawberries. An 85-year-old woman died, and at least 9 other people were sickened after eating fresh strawberries from an Oregon farm contaminated with E. coli, officials said August 8. The strawberries were produced at the Jaquith Strawberry Farm in Newberg, about 20 miles southwest of Portland, and sold at farmers' markets and roadside stands, said the state's public health division. Officials stressed strawberries sold at supermarkets were not linked to the outbreak, which has caused illnesses in several northwest Oregon counties. The 85-year-old woman died from kidney failure associated with the infection, officials said. Among the other nine confirmed cases, four individuals were hospitalized. State health officials believe that another six people who developed an E. coli infection could be part of the outbreak. The victims fell ill between July 10 and July 29, but Oregon public health officials did not begin their investigation until August 3, said the communicable disease manager for Oregon Public Health. There is no recall of strawberries from Jaquith Strawberry Farm, because that produce is no longer being sold. Source: <http://news.yahoo.com/e-coli-outbreak-oregon-linked-strawberries-232907816.html>

(Texas) Livestock producers should be aware of prussic acid levels in forages. Livestock producers can quickly lose animals if they fail to carefully monitor forages as the Texas drought continues, according to a toxicology expert from the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory. The head of the toxicology section said producers should look for high levels of prussic acid and nitrate that can build up in drought-stressed forages. Testing is the best way to monitor for these conditions. Johnsongrass can become especially lethal during a drought, she said. Producers should beware when they see a ribbon-like appearance to johnsongrass leaves, she said. Any of the sorghum species – such as haygrazer, sorghum sudan and some milo – may also contain high levels of prussic acid, she said. Nitrate levels in forages are also a concern, the toxicology expert said. Sorghum hybrids, corn and grain sorghum may contain high levels, as may silverleaf nightshade and pigweed or careless weed. She advised producers to probe any hay that has recently been baled, if it was not tested before baling. Concerned producers should tightly control their livestock's grazing, she said, and should consider supplementing – or replacing grazing entirely – with dry hay. Source: http://www.ntxe-news.com/artman/publish/article_71052.shtml

(Pennsylvania) Tainted milk has sickened 10 in western Pa. Pennsylvania health officials said 10 people have been sickened by bacteria-tainted milk from Brunton Dairy in Aliquippa. Officials with the dairy said they are cooperating with the Pennsylvania Department of Health investigation, and were hoping to restart milk production once the problem is found. In an August 4 update, health officials said five men and five women from Allegheny and Beaver counties were sickened by the Yersinia bacteria. Those affected range in age from 1 to 75. The bacteria can cause fever, abdominal pain, and diarrhea 4 to 7 days after exposure to it. The symptoms can then last from 1 to 3 weeks and, in rare cases, the bacteria can enter the bloodstream and cause other complications. The dairy is about 25 miles northwest of Pittsburgh. Source: http://www.cumberlink.com/news/local/state-and-regional/article_b688dc4c-bed8-11e0-93c8-001cc4c03286.html

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Frozen turkey may be tainted, officials warn. August 4, a day after one of the nation's largest food recalls, federal health officials warned the public that frozen turkey bought weeks or even months ago and stored in a home freezer could be contaminated with a deadly strain of salmonella. "We're urging people to check packaging on any ground turkey in their homes and not to eat ground turkey that was part of the recall," the head of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Division of Foodborne, Waterborne, and Environmental Diseases, said. "Ground turkey has a long shelf life." The recall applies to turkey products produced at the Cargill's Springdale, Arkansas plant since February 20. The turkey was sold under several brand names, including "Honeysuckle White," "Kroger," "Shady Brooks Farms," "Giant Eagle," "Fit & Active," "Riverside," and "Safeway Fresh." Source:

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/08/04/BAI21KJHKC.DTL>

GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)

(Tennessee) Teen charged with murdering Memphis principal. A 17-year-old student has been charged with first-degree murder in the August 10 slaying of a school principal in Memphis, Tennessee. The principal's body was found by a teacher in a classroom at Memphis Junior Academy, a Seventh-day Adventist school of less than 100 students. The student told investigators he had planned to stab the woman on the third day of classes, when he knew he would be alone with her in a classroom, police said August 11. The student was held without bond and ordered to undergo a mental evaluation. The prosecutor said the killing was premeditated and asked the judge to detain the alleged killer. His defense attorneys asked for mental evaluations of the teenager. The killing shocked current and former students of the school, located next to a church and a cemetery in a residential section of Memphis. The principal's body was found at about 11:20 a.m. August 10. Parents were called and students were sent home after the body was discovered. Police said the student told investigators he planned to kill the principal because he did not like her, and she had made him angry. He told authorities he knew that he was going to be alone with her in a classroom, police said. He was one of the oldest students at the school, which has students in pre-kindergarten through high school. Source:

http://www.boston.com/news/education/k_12/articles/2011/08/11/teen_charged_with_murdering_memphis_principal/

Russia destroys half of its chemical weapons. Russia has destroyed more than half of its stockpile of chemical weapons, and the remainder would be gone by 2015, a senior official said August 10. Some 21,000 tons of chemical weapons have been destroyed, the deputy director of the federal special construction agency, told the Xinhua news agency. In line with international obligations, Russia must destroy 40,000 tons of chemical weapons by 2015, said the deputy director, who is responsible for construction of facilities for destroying such weapons. There are at least six chemical weapons destruction facilities in Russia. Russia was supposed to have destroyed all such weapons by April 29, 2012. But it postponed the deadline to 2015 due to a

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lack of funding. Source: <http://www.thebusinessage.com/2011/08/10/russia-destroys-half-of-its-chemical-weapons/>

(Texas) Man accused of planning Fort Hood attack indicted. The Kentucky soldier who is accused of planning an attack on Fort Hood near Killeen, Texas has been indicted by a federal grand jury, KXXV 25 Waco reported August 9. The 21-year-old U.S. Army private has been charged with possession of an unregistered destructive device, and possession of a firearm and ammunition by a fugitive from justice. If convicted, he faces up to 10 years in prison, and a maximum of \$250,000 fine per count. An FBI affidavit itemizes each of the weapons and bomb-making materials possessed by the 21-year-old AWOL soldier when arrested in a hotel room in late July. The report states the suspect had at his hotel room a "destructive device," amounting to two clocks, spools of wire, gunpowder, pressure cookers, and other bomb-making components. According to the affidavit, Killeen Police also found a handgun, ammunition, razor blades, and an article entitled, "Make a Bomb in the Kitchen of Your Mom." The FBI agent said the suspect admitted he was planning to assemble two bombs in his hotel room at America's Best Value Inn and Suites, and then detonate them at a Killeen restaurant popular with soldiers. A Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives agent said the suspect is not licensed to possess a destructive device. Source: <http://www.kxxv.com/story/15237824/man-accused-of-planning-fort-hood-attack-indicted>

(Ohio) Ohio man accused of threatening Obama after Toledo visit. An Ohio man allegedly sent threatening e-mails to the White House after the President's visit to Toledo. The President's June visit to a Toledo Jeep plant had at least one major detractor in a man who's now under investigation the Toledo Blade reported. Three weeks after the President's visit, officials said the White House received an all-caps warning from a man addressed to the "illiterate monkey in office", warning "don't come back to Toledo again or touch any business in my community or you will be dead." The White House received a second e-mail later that day stating: "If you wish to play government in my home you will learn the consequences." Law-enforcement officials said the messages constitute probable cause on violating a federal law against threatening the President. No charges have been filed, the Toledo Blade reported. Source: http://www.bizjournals.com/columbus/morning_call/2011/08/secret-service-investigating-ohio-man.html

(Utah) Suspicious package forces courthouse evacuation. Police in Salt Lake City, Utah, detonated two suspicious bags outside of a state courthouse August 4 after more than 100 people were evacuated. Police blew-up the bags with a robot on the steps of the Matheson Courthouse about 5:30 p.m. Police said a woman reported seeing somebody leave a backpack and duffel bag on the front steps about 3 p.m. Everyone was evacuated from the building within the hour, and police closed a major road passing the courthouse in downtown Salt Lake City. The evacuation stranded many employees whose cars were in an underground parking lot beneath the courthouse. They were allowed back into the building just after 6 p.m. Police said bomb technicians were inspecting the detonated bags, but they did not appear to have contained anything dangerous. Source:

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<http://www.greenwichtime.com/news/article/Suspicious-package-forces-courthouse-evacuation-1727676.php>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Twitter 'Stalker app' just a phishing scam. A "Stalkers app" doing the rounds on Twitter is actually a phishing scam, security watchers warn. The Stalkers app, which purports to be officially sanctioned and to track people who are "stalking your Twitter", is promoted via messages linking to the application, which does nothing except coax victims into handing over their usernames and passwords to crooks. Although the jump page for the app might appear at first to be a legitimate Twitter page, a closer inspection of its URL reveals the page has no relationship with the micro-blogging service. The scam is ultimately designed to gain access to compromised accounts that can then be abused either to further promote the rogue app or to send spam-related or malicious site links to a compromised user's followers. Victims who make the mistake of reusing their Twitter passwords elsewhere, such as on banking or Webmail sites, also expose these more sensitive accounts to attack. Source:

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/08/12/twitter_stalker_app_phishing_scam/

Speedy malware infects more than 6 million Web pages. In less than 2 weeks, a malware injection that targets e-commerce Web pages, called willysy, has ballooned from 90,000 infected pages to more than 6 million. The malware exploits a vulnerability in a popular online merchant platform, osCommerce, according to Web application security provider Armorize of San Francisco. Although Arorize could not identify the attack perpetrators, it did trace the forays to eight IP addresses, all located in the Ukraine. Armorize said the attacks exploit three known vulnerabilities in version 2.2 of osCommerce. The exploits allow the attackers to place an invisible frame (iFrame) on the page and then inject malicious code (JavaScript) into the page, where it will infect visitors to the online store. Once the infection makes it to a shopper's computer, it targets vulnerabilities in Java, Adobe Reader, Windows Help Center and Internet Explorer. Although the flaws in the programs targeted by the infection are known and have been patched, the attackers are betting that the user has not patched all the programs. Attacks such as this can be especially harmful to small and medium-size businesses (SMB), asserts a former Gartner analyst and vice president of Global Strategy at Ipswitch, a file transfer security company. SMBs typically don't have the financial resources of larger firms so they're attracted to open source programs such as osCommerce and use off-the-shelf software. "Whenever you use off-the-shelf software, you have to understand there are data issues and all types of security vulnerabilities that exist," the analyst said. While the makers of off-the-shelf software patch programs often, he continued, the business still must invest in resources to insure proper patch work is done. "That requires an outlay of capital that SMBs are not willing to deal with or don't have within their margins," the analyst said. Source:

http://www.pcworld.com/article/237457/speedy_malware_infects_more_than_6_million_web_pages.html

Lightning strikes cloud: Amazon, MS downed. Microsoft has been left reeling after another BPOS crash, and Amazon's EC2 Web services were also downed by lightning August 7 in Europe.

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A bolt struck a transformer at a power utility provider in Dublin, Ireland, causing an explosion that took down the back-systems last night for the region. Amazon admitted to having issues at 7 p.m. August 7 and told users via its service health dashboard that under such circumstances, a power cut would usually be —seamlessly picked up by backup generators. —The transient electric deviation caused by the explosion was large enough that it propagated to a portion of the phase control system that synchronizes the backup generator plant, disabling some of them, it stated. Power sources needed to be —phase synchronized before being brought online to load, which needed to be done manually, causing delays to the resumption of services in Amazon’s Elastic Cloud Compute and Relational Database Service. —Due to the scale of the power disruption, a large number of EBS servers lost power and require manual operations before volumes can be restored. Restoring these volumes requires that we make an extra copy of all data, which has consumed most spare capacity and slowed our recovery process, said Amazon. Amazon added that it was installing extra capacity onsite and from other data centers, but added: —While many volumes will be restored over the next several hours, we anticipate that it will take 24-48 hours until the process is completed. Source:

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/08/08/bpos_amazon_power_outages/

Fake firefox update emails carry malware. Security researchers from Sophos warned of fake emails purporting to be Firefox update notifications and directing recipients to a password-stealing trojan. The emails bear a subject of —New version released and have their header spoofed to appear as if they were sent from a @firefox.com email address. The contained message is copied from the legit Firefox Update page and reads: —A Firefox software update is a quick download of small amounts of new code to your existing Firefox browser. These small patches can contain security fixes or other little changes to the browser to ensure that you are using the best version of Firefox available. The email ends with a recommendation reading —For security reasons please update your firefox version now [LINK], however, it is clear that the link does not lead to a location on mozilla.com. The URL points to a file hosted on btopenworld dot come, the Web hosting service offered by BT to its broadband customers. The executable is actually an installer for Mozilla Firefox 5.0.1 with a password stealer attached. Bundling the trojan with a legit Firefox installer instead of serving it directly is an attempt to divert the victim’s attention from what is happening in the background. Users are always advised to download programs directly from the vendor Web sites or trusted download portals. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Fake-Firefox-Update-Emails-Carry-Malware-215720.shtml>

Android could allow mobile ad or phishing pop-ups. Researchers have discovered what they say is a design flaw in Android that could be used by criminals to steal data via phishing or by advertisers to bring annoying pop-up ads to phones. Developers can create apps that appear to be innocuous but which can display a fake bank app log-in page, for instance, when the user is using the legitimate bank app, the senior vice president and head of SpiderLabs at Trustwave said ahead of his presentation on the research at the DefCon hacker conference August 6. Currently, apps that want to communicate with the user while a different app is being viewed just push an alert to the notification bar on the top of the screen. But there is an application programming interface in Android’s Software Development Kit that can be used to push a

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particular app to the foreground, he said. —Because of that, the app is able to steal the focus and you're not able to hit the back button to exit out, he said. The tool installs itself as part of a payload inside a legitimate app and registers as a service so it comes back up after the phone reboots, he said. With this design flaw, game or app developers can create targeted pop-up ads, he said. The functionality would not raise any red flags in the permissions displayed when the user downloads the app because it is a legitimate function for apps to check the phone state in what is called the Activity Service. He said the researchers spoke to someone at Google about their findings a few weeks ago and that the individual acknowledged that there was an issue and said the company was trying to figure out how to address it without breaking any functionality of legitimate apps that may be using it. Source: http://news.cnet.com/8301-27080_3-20089123-245/android-could-allow-mobile-ad-or-phishing-pop-ups/

Securing mobile devices may be an impossible task. A panel of researchers focused on looking for attacks and bugs at various levels of the mobile device and infrastructure said at the Black Hat conference that there are so many ways an attacker can compromise phones from the infrastructure all the way down to the application level, defending against all of them is highly problematic. Attacks against smartphones such as BlackBerrys, iPhones, and Android phones have become quite prevalent in recent years and many of them have focused on getting malicious apps on users' phones. That is a quick and easy way to get access to user data and sensitive information. But there are a slew of other real and potential vectors attackers have at their disposal now, as well. Going after the device firmware is one potential method, as is attacking the mobile infrastructure itself. "If I can update your phone remotely, I own the phone at every level and I own you. It's game over," a senior security consultant at iSEC Partners said during the panel discussion. Such an attack against a widely deployed smartphone platform would give an attacker easy access to the data of millions of customers. But that kind of attack so far has not been necessary to get malware or backdoors on users' phones. In many cases, they will just install them themselves when they download Trojaned or malicious apps from mobile app store. There have been several incidents in the last year in which malicious apps were found in the Android Market, and Google has had to remove them and sometimes remotely remove the apps from victims' devices. Those kinds of attacks also can serve to hand over large amounts of user data to attackers in a short amount of time. Some of the panelists said restricting what apps users can download and taking away their ability to set permissions for those apps would be a good step in the right direction. Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/securing-mobile-devices-may-be-impossible-task-080411

Cisco CDs lead to rogue website. Cisco warns customers who received warranty CDs between December 2010 and August 2011 that they led to a Web site known as a malware repository. "When the CD is opened with a web browser, it automatically and without warning accesses this third-party website. Additionally, on computers where the operating system is configured to automatically open inserted media, the computer's default web browser will access the third-party site when the CD is inserted, without requiring any further action by the user," the company explained. Cisco does not believe customers were at risk of being infected at any time during this period because the Web site was inactive. However, since this might change in the future, users were advised not to use the CDs. CDs that do not have a revision number printed

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on them in the form of "Revision -#0," where # is a letter, and were received during the aforementioned period, most likely point to the rogue Web site. "Warranty CDs with the revision '-F0' or later do not contain a reference to the third-party website," the company noted. The affected CDs have the titles: Cisco 1-Year Limited Hardware Warranty Terms, Cisco Limited 5-Year Hardware and 1-Year Software Warranty Terms, Cisco 90-Day Limited Hardware Warranty Terms, Cisco Information Packet - Cisco Limited Warranty, Disclaimer of Warranty, End User License Agreement, and US FCC Notice, Cisco Limited Lifetime Hardware Warranty Terms, and End User License Agreement. Clean images of these CDs can be downloaded from Cisco's Web site, and all of the contained documents are also available online. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Cisco-CDs-Lead-to-Rogue-Website-215228.shtml>

NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS

(New Mexico) Wildfires burn rangeland near Roswell. Two wildfires churning through grass vital to livestock and scrub rangeland have blackened nearly 22,000 acres in Roswell, New Mexico, according to the latest report from firefighters. The two blazes, known collectively as the Baton Rouge Complex, began with lightning strikes August 8. Ground crews backed by aerial drops of fire retardant have been fighting not only the fires, but also high temperatures and the ongoing effects of drought. They also are watching the weather as forecast storms could increase lightning and erratic winds while also bringing the possibility of rain. The Flying H Fire is now about 80 percent contained, and is described as smoldering and creeping through grasslands. The Baton Rouge Fire is 55 percent contained, and is moderate to highly active with flame lengths up to 12 feet reported. Fire bosses were planning burnout operations on the Baton Rouge Fire if necessary, but also were working with ranchers to preserve livestock forage. Nearly 500 firefighters were on the scene. Source:

<http://www.krqe.com/dpp/weather/wildfires/wildfires-burn-rangeland-near-roswell>

(New York) Statue of Liberty will close for a year to further improve safety. The Statue of Liberty National Monument in New York needs a \$27.25 million renovation for additional safety improvements the Interior Secretary promised in 2009. Officials said the work, which is expected to take a year, could not begin sooner because they did not finish the planning and arrange the financing until a few months ago. The Park Service said the project involves updating the statue's mechanical and electrical systems, along with its fire-suppression equipment. The two open staircases will be separated from each other, and one will get walls, increasing safety. The elevator that runs from the ground floor to the fifth floor will be replaced and will ascend and descend in a new, fire-resistant shaft. Source:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/08/11/nyregion/statue-of-liberty-will-close-for-a-year-to-further-improve-safety.html? r=1>

(California) Massive pot raid operation concludes; 632,000 plants destroyed. A 3-week effort to locate and eradicate illegal marijuana grows in six northern California counties, code named "Operation Full Court Press," concluded August 5. Officials with the U.S. Forest Service, which carried out raids on almost 90 pot plantations with the help of officials from 25 other agencies, said 132 people were taken into custody. The majority of them, 118, were booked on various

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federal and state charges to include marijuana, firearms, and immigration violations. The remaining suspects are foreign nationals detained on administrative immigration violations, and will be processed for deportation, officials said. The effort targeted grows primarily on public lands in the Mendocino National Forest, but a U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman said several of the gardens were found on private land. Officials said almost all of the gardens were consistent with cartel grows controlled out of Mexico. Several grows were found on land controlled by the Department of the Interior, so agents with the Bureau of Land Management and Fish and Wildlife Service participated. The raids have resulted in the seizure of 632,058 marijuana plants, 1,986 pounds of processed marijuana, 392 indoor plants, \$28,031 in U.S. Currency, 38 weapons, and 20 vehicles. Source:

http://www.contracostatimes.com/california/ci_18641573?nclick_check=1

(Arizona) New Kaibab National Forest fire update. Hot and dry conditions returned to northern Arizona August 5 and as a result, fire activity increased on two of three fires on the Kaibab National Forest. The lightning-caused wildfires, Parallel, Beale, and Woodbridge are being managed to improve forested conditions on the Tusayan and Williams Ranger Districts. The Parallel Fire has grown to approximately 2,200 acres nine miles southeast of Tusayan. Three engines are assigned to the fire. It is being managed within a 4,300-acre area. The Beale Fire has grown to 1,855 acres, 16 miles northeast of Williams near Kendrick Mountain. On August 6, it continued to creep south and east of the Beale Knolls. One engine is assigned to monitor the fire's progression within an 8,000-acre management area. The Woodbridge Fire, 18 miles east of Tusayan remained at 900 acres, with no new growth reported August 5. As the fires continue their progression across the landscape, activity will increase or decrease depending on the weather, terrain, and fuels where the fires are located. Source:

<http://gardennews.biz/?id=7213>

POSTAL AND SHIPPING

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PUBLIC HEALTH

HIV infections in U.S. stable but disparities exist. New data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reveals the number of HIV infections between 2006 and 2009 rose nearly 50 percent among young black gay and bisexual men, U.S. experts said August 3. While blacks represent 14 percent of the U.S. population, they accounted for 44 percent of new HIV infections in 2009. HIV infection rates among blacks were nearly eight times higher than rates in whites, according to the study. The reasons for this are not yet clear, said the director of the CDC's National Center for HIV/AIDS, noting many factors are influencing this trend. The CDC said young black men who have sex with men are less aware of their infection status. They may encounter more homophobia than other groups, which could keep them from getting tested. They may have less access to treatment, and they have higher rates of other sexually transmitted diseases, which increases the risk of HIV transmission. To fight the increases, the CDC will focus on areas where HIV infection is most heavily concentrated — among gay and

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bisexual men of all races, blacks and Hispanics, as outlined in the National HIV/AIDS Strategy introduced by the White House last summer. The plan calls for better methods to gather data among affected populations and increased use of prevention tools, including earlier testing and treatment with drug cocktails that reduce transmission. Source:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/08/03/us-usa-hiv-infections-idUSTRE7724SO20110803?feedType=RSS&feedName=domesticNews>

TRANSPORTATION

Nothing Significant to Report

WATER AND DAMS

(Ohio) Bomb squad investigates homemade device at water pumping station. Police were investigating how a homemade explosive device ended up at a water pumping station in Massie Township, Ohio, the week of August 1. The fire chief reported that employees doing scheduled maintenance at the water plant August 5 were cleaning the building's gutters about 9 a.m., and tossed a plastic bottle onto the ground. After the employees saw the bottle, rangers from Caesar Creek State Park were called to investigate the suspicious item. The clear plastic bottle had a shotgun shell inverted in the bottle's neck with a roofing nail attached with clear shipping tape. It was uncertain if there was any liquid inside the bottle. The bomb squad from Butler County Sheriff's Office arrived and moved the homemade device away from the plant, officials said. The fire chief said the water intake pumps and the nearby water towers were shut off as a precaution until the device was removed by the bomb squad. The plant returned to operation at about 11:45 a.m. Source: <http://www.middletonjournal.com/news/middletown-news/bomb-squad-investigates-homemade-device-at-water-pumping-station--1223342.html>

(Michigan) 1 worker dies, 1 hurt after being overcome by methane gas, falling into Flint-area manhole. Authorities said one construction worker died and another was hospitalized after being overcome by methane gas and falling through a manhole while installing a new sewer line at an airport south of Flint, Michigan August 3. The Flint Journal reported a 46-year-old was pronounced dead at a hospital after falling about 20 feet, and another 30-year-old male was in stable condition with a fractured skull. The men were working on a sewer line to a new terminal and administration building at Prices Airport. The Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration was investigating. Source: <http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/9aa9cd20e7f74789b9bbad8d68a8fc40/MI--Manhole-Death/>

(Illinois) EPA finds high lead levels in some Chicago water. The Chicago Tribune reported August 5 that high lead levels were discovered in water from seven out of 38 Chicago homes in experimental tests this spring. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is studying what the levels mean. The agency took water samples for the most recent tests using different methods and found widely varying results. State records show that 52 water systems have reported high

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lead levels since 2008. Source: http://qctimes.com/news/state-and-regional/illinois/article_42399d87-2abc-507a-b5c1-21ac984fc28f.html

NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS

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