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(North Dakota) Governor issues emergency declaration in response to pipeline protests. North Dakota Gov. Jack Dalrymple issued an emergency declaration for southwest and south central North Dakota in response to protests against the Dakota Access Pipeline near Cannon Ball. The declaration starts a process by which state agencies can get additional funding, said Greg Wilz, director of the Homeland Security Division of the state Department of Emergency Services.

http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/governor-issues-emergency-declaration-in-response-to-pipeline-protests/article_6b189499-0d39-5223-93a4-5f10e53e735c.html

(North Dakota) Dakota Access pipeline protest moves to ND State Capitol.

Hundreds of protesters and busloads of police officers met at the south entrance of the capitol grounds. Protesters chanted, sang and prayed.

<http://www.kfyrtv.com/content/news/Dakota-Access-pipeline-protest-moves-to-ND-State-Capitol-390641991.html>

(North Dakota) Archambault asks for peace at Dakota Access Pipeline protests.

During a Wednesday afternoon conference call with media, Standing Rock Sioux Chairman Dave Archambault II stressed that his tribe wants protests regarding the Dakota Access Pipeline to remain peaceful. He gave a statement about the tribe's position on the pipeline, then took three questions from the media during the 15-minute conference call.

http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/archambault-asks-for-peace-at-dakota-access-pipeline-protests/article_bf577273-0608-580a-95b7-7d460492eb79.html

(North Dakota) Work stops at Dakota Access Pipeline site. Work stopped Tuesday at the site where hundreds of Standing Rock Sioux tribal members and supporters are protesting construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline near the reservation boundary. The work stoppage gave law enforcement, tribal and state officials time to plan how to manage the protest, with numbers swelling by the hour as busloads of Sioux and others arriving to join the anti-pipeline movement.

http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/construction-stops-at-dakota-access-pipeline-work-site/article_61ea3dd7-532c-5fdc-a537-7c8a278edc4b.html

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(North Dakota) Dakota Access Pipeline Owners Sue North Dakota Protesters.

Developers of the oil pipeline sued in federal court Monday to stop protesters near an American Indian reservation in North Dakota from interfering with the project, alleging the safety of workers and law enforcement is at risk.

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/dakota-access-pipeline-owners-sue-north-dakota-protesters-41400325>

(North Dakota) FBI to probe laser beam incident at pipeline protest site.

Morton County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Donnell Preskey says the alleged incident happened over the weekend. She did not immediately know which agency was flying the state plane. She said no one was hurt and there was no damage. http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/fbi-to-probe-laser-beam-incident-at-pipeline-protest-site/article_2b526389-8d24-5344-bcb8-223755622844.html

REGIONAL

(Minnesota) Thousands stolen with ATM skimmers in St. Paul. Authorities are searching August 17 for a group suspected of stealing tens of thousands of dollars from more than 100 people in St. Paul, Minnesota, after installing skimming devices on 2 ATMs at a Bremer Bank branch and a Top Line Federal Credit Union branch in St. Paul. Source: <http://www.kare11.com/news/suspects-stealing-atm-cardinformation/300877065>

(Minnesota) New Minneapolis Cold Case Squad Investigates Unsolved

Homicides. The Minneapolis Star Tribune reported on efforts by Minneapolis Police Department Sgts. Jane Moore and Chris Karakostas to reorganize the department's cold case unit – releasing “slick videos about several cases on the MPD's new website, InsideMPD.com,” since the launch of the Cold Case Squad last March. The videos capitalize on “the popularity of true crime stories” and better forensic technologies. According to the Tribune, Karakostas “doggedly pursued DNA testing that led to an indictment” in a 1998 double homicide, after which “the FBI funded a position within the MPD for him to investigate other unsolved cases.” <http://www.startribune.com/new-mpls-cold-case-squad-seeks-answers-in-decades-old-homicides/390632081/>

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NATIONAL

(National) DOJ To End Use Of Private Prisons. USA Today reports that the Justice Department will end its use of private prisons, “declaring that the facilities are less safe and ‘compare poorly’ with government-run institutions in the country’s largest prison system.”

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2016/08/18/justice-end-use-private-prisons/88948176/>

(Louisiana) Louisiana flooding: At least four dead, 20,000 rescued. The governor of Louisiana declared a state of emergency in East Baton Rouge, Louisiana, August 15 following severe storms August 12 – August 14 that left at least 4 people dead, forced the closure of more than 100 roads across the State, damaged thousands of homes, and forced more than 10,000 residents to move to shelters August 14. Officials stated that over 1,700 rescue personnel saved more than 20,000 people from the flooding. <http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/louisiana-flooding-least-three-deadofficials-warn-more-rain-come-n630331>

(National) Analysis: Hate Crimes Against Arab-Americans, Muslims On The Rise In US. A 1,500-word McClatchy analysis highlights the increasing prevalence of hate crimes against Arab-Americans and Muslims in the US following the Paris attacks, and describes the challenges associated with hate-crime prosecutions. Although “the FBI’s annual tally of reported hate-related offenses hovers around 6,000,” the government’s National Crime Victimization Survey “said some 260,000 people suffer hate crimes each year,” a discrepancy which minority advocates say underscores the “unreliability of official hate crime tallies.”

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/nation-world/article96236217.html>

INTERNATIONAL

(International) Malware infected all Eddie Bauer stores in U.S., Canada. Eddie Bauer reported August 18 that its point-of-sale (PoS) systems were breached after detecting malicious software on its network which may have compromised credit and debit card information used at more than 350 locations in the U.S. and Canada between January and July 2016. The company removed the malicious software from its PoS systems and stated the breach did not impact purchases

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made from the company's online store.

<http://krebsonsecurity.com/2016/08/malware-infected-all-eddie-bauer-stores-in-u-s-canada/>

(Germany) Germany could impose partial ban on face veils, officials say. The officials intend to have the face veils banned in public places where identification is required -- such as registry offices, schools, kindergartens and government offices -- saying that they did not fit in with Germany's society.

<http://www.cnn.com/2016/08/19/europe/germany-veil-ban/index.html>

(International) North Korea's No. 2 Diplomat in London Defects to the South.

The diplomat, Thae Yong-ho, 55, betrayed his hermetic homeland by becoming the most senior North Korean official to defect in nearly two decades. How and when the diplomat had eluded his colleagues at the North Korean Embassy, who are required to monitor one another to thwart treason, was not clear.

http://www.nytimes.com/2016/08/18/world/asia/north-korea-defector-thae-yong-ho-britain.html?_r=0

BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY

(Rhode Island) RI State police following trail left by ATM skimming crime ring.

Rhode Island police are searching August 12 for a group suspected of installing skimming devices on at least 4 ATMs across Rhode Island since June and using the stolen information to make large cash withdrawals from ATMs at other area banks. <http://patch.com/rhode-island/bristol-warren/ri-state-police-following-trail-leftatm-skimming-crime-ring>

CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

(North Carolina) Police: No indication that gunshot was fired at Crabtree Valley Mall. The Crabtree Valley Mall in Raleigh, North Carolina, was evacuated for more

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than 5 hours August 13 and parts of Glenwood Avenue were closed for several hours following reports of gunshots in the shopping center. Authorities deemed the area safe after no evidence of a shooter was found.

<http://www.wral.com/crabtree-valley-mall-reopens-as-investigations-continue/15928812/>

COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

(International) **1.4 billion Android devices affected by Linux TCP flaw.** Lookout security researchers reported that a security flaw in the Linux kernel's implementation of the Transmission Control Protocol (TCP), which could allow a malicious actor to hijack unencrypted Web traffic or shutdown encrypted connections between two parties without a man-in-the-middle (MitM) position also affects 1.4 billion Android devices running versions 4.4 or higher, as the Android mobile operating system (OS) is built on a modified version of the Linux kernel. Researchers advised users to encrypt their traffic by employing a virtual private network (VPN), among other methods, to protect their devices.

<http://news.softpedia.com/news/1-4-billion-android-devices-affected-by-linuxtcp-flaw-507317.shtml>

CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

Nothing Significant to Report

DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

EMERGENCY SERVICES

(Louisiana) **DOC: 1,200 prisoners to evacuate women's lockup in St. Gabriel as precaution.** Nearly 1,200 inmates were evacuated from the Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women in St. Gabriel August 16 as a precautionary measure after floodwaters have continued to rise in the area. Officials stated roughly 600 inmates were evacuated from the Livingston Parish Detention Center and sent to

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4 other State prisons the weekend of August 13 due to rising floodwaters.
http://www.theadvocate.com/baton_rouge/news/article_b9854430-63ce-11e6aa1c-dbffc3042ae7.html

(Colorado) Air Force to change fire foam due to water contamination. The U.S. Air Force announced August 18 it awarded a \$6.2 million contract to replace its firefighting foam with an environmentally friendly foam to reduce the risk of possible contamination of soil and groundwater after a report issued August 17 confirmed that drinking water contamination in southern El Paso County, Colorado, and other sites may be linked to the firefighting chemicals used at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs. U.S. Air Force officials stated it will replace the foam in fire stations and fire vehicles with the new formula by the end of 2016 after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency issued stricter guidelines for human exposure to the chemicals, as they have been linked to cancer and other illnesses. <http://gazette.com/us-air-force-to-change-fire-foam-due-to-watercontamination/article/1583128>

(National) Judge Orders FBI To Turn Over Documents On Massachusetts Joint Terrorism Task Forces. Boston reports a US District judge in Massachusetts ordered the FBI and the US Attorney for the District of Massachusetts, Carmen Ortiz, “to turn over documents about the state’s Joint Terrorism Task Forces” in response to the ACLU’s FOIA request that “was filed in the wake of the 2013 fatal shooting of Ibragim Todashev,” who was under questioning regarding his relationship with one of the Boston Marathon bombers. The ACLU has “sought information about the number of terrorism investigations and open cases in Massachusetts and how those investigations were structured,” in addition to “details on the task force’s staffing, budget, and overtime.”

<http://www.boston.com/news/local-news/2016/08/17/judge-orders-fbi-ortiz-to-turn-over-documents-on-joint-terrorism-task-force>

The Boston Globe adds that the judge “rejected the FBI’s argument that the documents are exempt from public records laws because they would disclose law enforcement techniques and procedures.”

<https://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2016/08/17/judge-orders-fbi-turn-over-terrorism-task-force-documents/wDS822ihNhZtQzirahH0pO/story.html>

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ENERGY

(Louisiana) Exxon Baton Rouge refinery shuts CDU due to flooding: sources.

ExxonMobil Corp. shut down a crude distillation unit at its Baton Rouge Refinery August 16 following severe flooding that disrupted operations at the refinery's liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) storage facility in Sorrento, Louisiana. Motive Enterprises, LLC also reduced staffing to essential personnel at its Covent, Louisiana refinery August 16 after a fire damaged the refinery's heavy oil hydrocracker August 11. <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-refinery-operations-exxon-batonroughidUSKCN10S0EK>

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

Nothing Significant to Report

GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)

Nothing Significant to Report

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

(International) Global phishing numbers rise as hosting firms fail to respond.

Cyren released its Cyberthreat Report that analyzed global phishing operations and found that the total number of malicious phishing Universal Resource Locators (URLs) spread on the Internet increased by 14 percent in quarter 2 of 2016 to 4.44 million, and revealed that 20 percent of all phishing pages disappear after 3 hours, with only 40 percent of all pages lasting more than 2 days. The report also states that Google Chrome and Mozilla Firefox are the quickest to identify phishing pages and malicious sites after Chrome detected 73.9 percent of phishing pages within 48 hours and Firefox marked 52.2 percent of the sites.

<http://news.softpedia.com/news/global-phishing-numbers-rise-as-hostingfirms-fail-to-respond-507441.shtml>

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(International) Locky ransomware reverts to malicious macros. FireEye researchers discovered that the Locky ransomware reverted to using Microsoft Office documents embedded with malicious macros to distribute the malware to individuals and organizations in the health care, telecommunications, and transportations industries. Researchers reported that the DOCM files install the ransomware onto a victim's device once the malicious macros are enabled.
<http://www.securityweek.com/locky-ransomware-reverts-malicious-macros>

(International) Twitter Suspends 235,000 Accounts For Advocating Terrorism, Extremist Violence. The New York Times reports Twitter announced Thursday that it had suspended 235,000 accounts that promoted terrorism over the last six months as part of its effort to ensure people did not use the social networking platform for extremist causes. Twitter's latest action brings the total number of accounts that the company has suspended to 360,000 since it began cracking down on terrorism and violent extremism in mid-2015.
<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/08/19/technology/twitter-suspends-accounts-extremism.html>

PUBLIC HEALTH

(Virginia) Reston doctor's office hacked, 13,000 patient records compromised. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services officials reported August 15 that 13,237 patients at Professional Dermatology Care, P.C. in Reston, Virginia, were notified of a data breach after hackers outside of the U.S. may have gained unauthorized access to protected patient information and financial data, including patient names, Social Security numbers, and Medicare numbers, among other information, from the provider's network server between June 19 and June 27 with the intent to extract money from the company in order to de-encrypt data.
<http://patch.com/virginia/reston/reston-doctors-office-hacked-13-000-patient-recordscompromised>

(Washington) Seattle cancer patients likely exposed to tuberculosis by health care worker. Seattle and King County health officials announced August 18 that about 140 patients at University of Washington Medical Center and Seattle Cancer Care Alliance may have been exposed to tuberculosis after a health care worker employed at the facilities tested positive for the disease. No other staff members have tested positive for tuberculosis.

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<http://seattle.cbslocal.com/2016/08/18/seattle-cancer-patients-likely-exposed-to-tuberculosis-by-health-care-worker/>

(National) Voluntary nationwide recall of Cetylev (Acetylcysteine) effervescent tablets for oral solution due to an inadequate seal of the blister pack. Arbor Pharmaceuticals, LLC issued a recall August 18 for 3 lots of its Cetylev (acetylcysteine) 500-milligram effervescent tablets due to an inadequate seal of the blister pack. No adverse reactions have been reported and the products were distributed to wholesalers and pharmacies nationwide.

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm517264.htm>

TRANSPORTATION

Nothing Significant to Report

WATER AND DAMS

(Michigan) Warning issued for Kalamazoo River after wastewater overflow. City officials in Kalamazoo, Michigan, issued a water advisory August 17 warning people to avoid a 5-mile stretch of the Kalamazoo River after severe rains caused more than 570,000 gallons of partially treated wastewater to overflow into the river August 16. http://www.ccenterdispatch.com/news/state/article_fa7706ec-fb46-51c6-be51ec4d4939a6d6.html

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NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: **North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center:** 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: ndslic@nd.gov; Fax: 701-328-8175 **State Radio:** 800-472-2121; **Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI):** 701-328-5500; **North Dakota Highway Patrol:** 701-328-2455; **US Attorney's Office Intel Analyst:** 701-297-7400; **Bismarck FBI:** 701-223-4875; **Fargo FBI:** 701-232-7241.

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