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**(North Dakota) Feds stop plan for controversial oil pipeline in North Dakota.**

The U.S. government moved on Friday to halt a controversial oil pipeline project in North Dakota that has angered Native Americans, blocking construction on federal land and asking the company behind the project to suspend work nearby. The move came shortly after U.S. District Judge James Boasberg in Washington rejected a request from Native Americans for a court order to block the project.

<http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/feds-stop-plan-controversial-oil-pipeline-north-dakota-article-1.2785958>

**(North Dakota) Private security licensing board opens investigation into use of dogs.** The state licensing board for private security has opened investigations into whether the security officers who clashed with pipeline protesters Saturday were licensed and if their use of force was appropriate.

[http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/private-security-licensing-board-opens-investigation-into-use-of-dogs/article\\_d6f87664-e397-5b97-b549-23209a8f6209.html](http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/private-security-licensing-board-opens-investigation-into-use-of-dogs/article_d6f87664-e397-5b97-b549-23209a8f6209.html)

**(North Dakota) North Dakota governor calls in National Guard ahead of pipeline ruling.** North Dakota's governor activated 100 National Guard troops on Thursday ahead of an expected ruling by a federal judge on a Native American tribe's request to halt construction of a crude oil pipeline that has drawn fierce opposition and protests. <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-pipeline-nativeamericans-idUSKCN11F031>

**(North Dakota) Radioactive Waste Found at Oil Field Landfill in North Dakota.**

The radioactive material was detected twice in two separate inspections that took place in May and June. Now the Health Department has ordered a third-party inspection of the landfill and instructed the operator to remove 950 tons of waste and take it out of the state, after radioactivity checks of all 12 oilfield waste landfills in the state revealed levels of between 5 and 80 picocuries.

<http://oilprice.com/Latest-Energy-News/World-News/Radioactive-Waste-Found-at-Oil-Field-Landfill-in-North-Dakota.html>

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### REGIONAL

**(Wyoming; Utah) After two toxic sludge spills in nine months, Wyoming uranium mine ordered to halt shipments.** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission announced August 31 that Cameco Resources was ordered to cease all shipments of radioactive waste following 2 toxic sludge spills during trips from its Smith Ranch-Highland mining site near Glenrock, Wyoming, to a disposal facility in Utah in August 2015 and March 2016. Officials also stated the company failed to properly package toxic materials, exceeded the legal shipment size for radioactive material, and failed to accurately describe the material.

[http://trib.com/business/energy/after-two-toxic-sludge-spills-in-nine-monthswyoming-uranium/article\\_3b07195f-3848-581f-bdc8-9d5e5238051f.html](http://trib.com/business/energy/after-two-toxic-sludge-spills-in-nine-monthswyoming-uranium/article_3b07195f-3848-581f-bdc8-9d5e5238051f.html)

**(Minnesota) Minnesota Man Confesses To 1989 Murder Of 11-Year-Old Boy.** Danny Heinrich admitted in court Tuesday that he abducted, sexually assaulted and killed Jacob Wetterling. Tuesday's admission was part of a plea deal with federal prosecutors on the child pornography charges. The deal could land Heinrich at a facility where he wouldn't be in as much danger as a convicted sex offender. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/true-crime/wp/2016/09/06/danny-heinrich-admits-he-abducted-and-killed-jacob-wetterling-ending-a-27-year-old-mystery/>

### NATIONAL

**(National) Checking out: Drug users take advantage of public libraries.** The AP reports heroin users are increasingly turning to libraries as favored locations to "shoot up," with individuals either being found dead or unconscious in library restrooms in states like Virginia, Indiana, New Jersey, and Illinois. The growing heroin epidemic has fueled an increase of deaths in public venues, such as "restaurants, gas stations, alleys and even hospitals, but the inherent attributes of public libraries leave them especially exposed."

[http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US\\_OVERDOSES\\_IN\\_LIBRARIES?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2016-09-10-09-31-11](http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_OVERDOSES_IN_LIBRARIES?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2016-09-10-09-31-11)

**(National) Police Departments Shelving Body Cameras Due To Rising Storage Costs.** The AP reports police departments in Indiana and Connecticut that began

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equipping police officers “with body cameras have now shelved them, blaming new laws requiring videos to be stored longer, which they say would significantly increase the cost.”

[http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US\\_BODY\\_CAMERAS\\_COSTS\\_INOL-?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2016-09-10-11-58-50](http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_BODY_CAMERAS_COSTS_INOL-?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2016-09-10-11-58-50)

**(National) FBI director says bureau probing election interference from abroad.**

While careful not to formally name Russia, FBI Director James Comey said Thursday that the bureau is actively investigating whether a "nation-state actor is messing" with the U.S. electoral system.

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/elections/2016/09/08/james-comey-fbi-russia/90067608/>

## INTERNATIONAL

**(International) DHS Considers Expanding Biometric Scanners At US Borders.**

The Christian Science Monitor reported DHS is implementing a program that “aims to put in place more biometric scanners, which may include iris, face, and fingerprints, at border crossings beginning in 2018 in an effort to ensure visitors do not leave the US under another person’s passport.

<http://www.csmonitor.com/World/Passcode/2016/0909/Homeland-Security-eyes-expanding-biometric-collections-at-US-borders>

**(International) North Korea claims successful test of nuclear warhead.** North Korea said it hit the button on its fifth and potentially most powerful nuclear test Friday morning, claiming to have successfully detonated a nuclear warhead that could be mounted on ballistic rockets.

<http://www.cnn.com/2016/09/08/asia/north-korea-seismic-activity/>

## BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY

**(National) Wells Fargo fined \$185M on phony accounts, fires 5,300 staff.**

California and Federal regulators fined Wells Fargo & Company a total of \$185 million September 8 after the bank’s employees allegedly opened more than 2

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million bank and credit card accounts and transferred money into those accounts without the authorization of its customers in order to meet projected sales goals. Officials reported that 5,300 Wells Fargo employees were fired in connection with the fraudulent activities. <http://www.nbcnews.com/business/business-news/wells-fargo-fined-185million-improper-account-openings-n645031>

**(International) Gugi banking trojan can bypass Android 6 protection.** Kaspersky security researchers discovered a variant of the Gugi mobile banking trojan can bypass two security features in Google's Android 6.0, including the permission-based app overlays and the dynamic permission requirement for dangerous in-app activities like calls or short message service (SMS) in order to overlay applications and steal mobile banking credentials from its victims, and found the trojan is being distributed via SMS spam that tricks victims into accessing phishing Websites, which downloads the malware onto the device. Researchers advised users to reboot the infected device in safe mood and attempt to uninstall the trojan. <http://www.securityweek.com/gugi-banking-trojan-can-bypass-android-6protection>

## CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR

**Nothing Significant to Report**

## COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

**(Tennessee) Hutton Hotel PoS systems compromised with malware for four years.** Hutton Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee, announced September 2 a security breach may have compromised the payment card information of all customers who used their credit or debit cards at the hotel since September 2012 after discovering that the point-of-sale (PoS) systems at its check-in counter and onsite food and beverage outlets were infected with malware when the hotel's payment processor detected the breach and notified hotel officials. <http://news.softpedia.com/news/hutton-hotels-pos-systems-compromised-withmalware-for-four-years-507924.shtml>

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### COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

**(National) Researchers Discover Method To Hack, Disable 911 Emergency System.** The Washington Post reports researchers at Ben Gurion University in Israel “say they’ve found a way to effectively disable the 911 emergency system across an entire state for an extended period of time by simply launching what’s known as a TDoS attack, or telephony denial-of-service attack, against 911 call centers.” <http://www.chron.com/news/article/How-America-s-911-emergency-response-system-can-9213010.php>

**(International) Miami Gardens resident pleads guilty to participating in sophisticated international cellphone fraud scheme.** A Miami Gardens, Florida resident pleaded guilty August 29 for his role in an international cellphone fraud scheme where he and co-conspirators stole access to and fraudulently opened new cellphone accounts with the personal information of various U.S. residents, trafficked in nearly 11,000 cellphone customers’ telecommunication identifying information, and reprogrammed the cellphones to transmit thousands of international calls to countries with high calling rates, which were billed to the victims’ compromised accounts. Officials reported that the scheme caused at least \$1 million dollars in losses. <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdfl/pr/miami-gardens-resident-pleads-guiltyparticipating-sophisticated-international>

### CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

**(International) Mazda recalls 2010-2013 Mazda3, 2012-2015 Mazda5, 2013-2016 CX-5, 2016 CX-3: 2.2 million affected.** Mazda Motor Corporation issued a recall September 8 for more than 759,000 of its model years 2010 – 2016 vehicles in select makes sold in the U.S. and Canada due to a problem affecting the vehicles’ rear hatches where the protective coating applied to the hatch lift supports does not protect the supports from water intrusion, which can lead to corrosion and cause the supports to break, thereby increasing the risk of injury. [http://www.thecarconnection.com/news/1106005\\_mazda-recalls-2010-2013-mazda32012-2015-mazda5-2013-2016-cx-5-2016-cx-3-2-2-million-affected](http://www.thecarconnection.com/news/1106005_mazda-recalls-2010-2013-mazda32012-2015-mazda5-2013-2016-cx-5-2016-cx-3-2-2-million-affected)

**(National) Ford adds 1.5 million vehicles to door latch recall: Escape, Focus, Mustang, Lincoln MKC, more.** Ford Motor Company expanded a previous recall

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September 8 to include an additional 1.5 million of its model years 2012 – 2016 vehicles in select makes due to a problem affecting the pawl spring tab in the side door latches where the tabs can break and prevent the doors from closing, or cause the door to open while the vehicle is in motion, thereby increasing the risk of injury. Ford has received three injury reports potentially linked to the recall. [http://www.thecarconnection.com/news/1106003\\_ford-adds-1-5-million-vehicles-todoor-latch-recall-escape-focus-mustang-lincoln-mkc-more](http://www.thecarconnection.com/news/1106003_ford-adds-1-5-million-vehicles-todoor-latch-recall-escape-focus-mustang-lincoln-mkc-more)

### **DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR**

Nothing Significant to Report

### **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**(Washington)** Former Bothell police technician charged with stealing money from evidence room. A former evidence technician at the Bothell Police Department in Bothell, Washington, was charged September 7 after he allegedly stole more than \$51,000 from the department's evidence room and used the money for personal expenses. <http://komonews.com/news/komo-4-investigators/former-bothell-policetechnician-charged-with-stealing-money-from-evidence-roo>

**(Florida)** Hundreds of inmates riot at Florida prison. The Holmes Correctional Institutional in Bonifay, Florida, remained on lockdown September 8 after more than 400 inmates rioted September 7 and caused damage to multiple dormitories in the facility, prompting the response of officers from 5 other prisons and special Rapid Response Teams. One inmate was injured during the disturbance and authorities transferred the inmates to other prisons while they assessed the damage. <http://www.miamiherald.com/news/state/florida/article100618707.html>

### **ENERGY**

**(Louisiana)** 5,300-gallon oil spill being cleaned in south Louisiana. The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the U.S. Coast Guard in New Orleans worked September 5 to secure a Harvest Pipeline Company pipeline after 5,300

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gallons of crude oil leaked near Bay Long after a Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Company vessel struck the pipeline during excavation.

<http://www.wdsu.com/news/local-news/new-orleans/5300gallon-oil-spillbeing-cleaned-in-south-louisiana/41530734>

**(Florida) Gov. frustrated by slow power restoration.** Crews continued working September 5 to restore power to 33,016 customers in Florida who remained without service after Hurricane Hermine hit the State September 2, prompting the closure of Leon County schools and Florida State University until September 7. Officials reported that 28 State facilities remained without power September 5 and county buildings in Jefferson, Leon, Taylor, and Wakulla counties remained closed. <http://www.news4jax.com/news/gov-scott-directs-addition-resources-to-help-leon-county-restore-power>

## **FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

**(Ohio; Kansas; Minnesota) Kanan Enterprises conducts voluntary recall of cashews with sea salt.** Kanan Enterprises Inc., issued a voluntary recall September 3 for its Southern Grove Cashews with Sea Salt products sold in 10-ounce packages due to the potential presence of undeclared peanuts. No adverse reactions have been reported and the products were distributed to Ohio, Kansas, and Minnesota. <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm519248.htm>

**(National) Voluntary recall of cartons of Entenmann's Little Bites Fudge Brownies 5 pack (best by date Oct 8, 2016), Chocolate Chip Muffins 5 pack and 10 pack (best by date Oct 8, 2016) and Variety 20 Pack – Fudge Brownies, Chocolate Chip Muffins and Blueberry Muffins (best by date Sep 24, 2016) due to choking and/or cutting hazard from presence of small pieces of plastic.** Bimbo Bakeries USA, Inc., issued a voluntary recall August 31 for its Entenmann's Little Bites Fudge Brownies, Entenmann's Little Bites Chocolate Chip Muffins, and Entenmann's Little Bites Variety Pack products after the company received a consumer report stating plastic fragments were found in the products following a manufacturing failure at a third-party bakery. One adverse reaction has been reported and the products were distributed to retail stores nationwide. <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm518835.htm>

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### **GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)**

**(Pennsylvania)** Quakertown high school dismissed due to bomb threat. The Quakertown Community Senior High School and Freshman Center in Quakertown, Pennsylvania, were evacuated and dismissed September 8 after the campus' administrative office received a bomb threat. The incident remains under investigation. <http://www.wfmz.com/news/news-regional-southeasternpa/quakertown-hsdismissed-due-to-bomb-threat/41576918>

**(Maryland)** 14 Baltimore retailers indicted for \$16 million food stamp fraud. A total of 14 retail store operators in Baltimore, Maryland, were charged in 9 separate indictments returned August 30 alleging that the operators received more than \$16 million in Federal payments for fraudulent U.S. Department of Agriculture Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) transactions by exchanging electronic benefit transfer (EBT) benefits for cash. The charges allege that the operators debited the funds from the EBT card in multiple transactions over a period of days or processed the transactions manually at another store in order to avoid detection. <http://www.wbaltv.com/news/14-baltimore-stores-indicted-for-16-millionfood-stamp-fraud/41438966>

### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**(International)** Cry ransomware uses Google Maps to find victim locations. BleepingComputer researchers discovered a new piece of ransomware, dubbed Cry or CSTO, as it pretends to come from a fake group called the Central Security Treatment Organization, was using public Websites to host information about victims, and could determine a victim's location by using a nearby wireless service set identifier (SSID) to query the Google Maps application programming interface (API). Researchers also spotted the malware encrypting the victim's files and deleting Shadow Volume Copies to prevent users from restoring their files. <http://www.securityweek.com/cry-ransomware-uses-google-maps-find-victimlocations>

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**(International)** LuaBot is the first DDoS malware coded in Lua targeting Linux platforms. Security researchers from MalwareMustDie! discovered a trojan coded in Lua was compromising Linux platforms and internet of things (IoT) devices or Web servers in order to add them as bots inside a larger botnet controlled by the malicious actor. The security researchers reported the LuaBot trojan is packed as an Executable and Linkable Format (ELF) binary targeting Advanced RISC Machines (ARM) platforms and can be found in embedded IoT devices.

<http://news.softpedia.com/news/luabot-is-the-first-botnet-malware-coded-inlua-targeting-linux-platforms-507978.shtml>

**(International)** Attackers combine three botnets to launch massive DDoS attack. Sucuri researchers reported attackers combined a home router botnet comprised of 11,767 devices, an internet of things (IoT) closed circuit television (CCTV) botnet comprised of 25,000 cameras, and a botnet made up of compromised Linux servers to carry out a Layer 7 distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attack involving traffic from over 47,000 Internet Protocol (IP) addresses. Sucuri stated the 3botnet distribution enabled the attacker to send 120,000 requests per second without disrupting the operation of the infected machines.

<http://news.softpedia.com/news/attackers-combine-three-botnets-to-launchmassive-ddos-attack-507901.shtml>

## PUBLIC HEALTH

**(National)** United Exchange Corp. issues voluntary nationwide recall of eye wash/eye irrigating solutions distributed by Major Pharmaceuticals and Rugby Laboratories due to microbial contamination. United Exchange Corp. issued a voluntary recall September 6 for its Rugby brand Eye Irrigating Solution and Major Pharmaceuticals brand Eye Wash due to microbial contamination after the company received a consumer complaint regarding the products. The products were distributed to wholesalers and retail facilities including hospitals and pharmacies nationwide. <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm519517.htm>

**(Wisconsin)** Medical College of Wisconsin notifies patients of security breach. The Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) announced September 2 that approximately 3,200 patients were potentially affected by a security breach after MCW determined that an unauthorized individual used an employee's e-mail

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account to access the names, addresses, and Social Security numbers, among other personal information, from patient records July 2 – July 4. The company stated it is not aware of any reports of identity theft or fraud related to the incident. <http://www.wisn.com/news/medical-college-of-wisconsin-notifies-patients-of-securitybreach/41491544>

### **TRANSPORTATION**

**(Georgia)** GA teen intentionally stepped out in front of train in LaGrange. Five rail cars of a CSX train derailed at Vernon Street and Old Roanoke Road in LaGrange, Georgia, September 6 after the train performed an emergency braking procedure when it struck a pedestrian who intentionally stepped in front of the train and was killed. <http://www.wtvm.com/story/33036768/1-struck-and-killed-causes-trainderailment-in-lagrange>

**(National)** British Airways computer problems cause widespread delays. An unexplained computer error disabled British Airways self-service check-in kiosks at multiple international airports, including Chicago O' Hare International Airport, San Francisco International Airport, and Seattle-Tacoma International Airport for several hours September 5 – September 6, causing significant flight delays worldwide. Technicians resolved the error September 6 and officials advised passengers to check in online or via the airline's mobile application before reaching the airport. [http://www.nytimes.com/2016/09/07/business/british-airways-says-computerproblems-cause-widespread-delays.html?\\_r=1](http://www.nytimes.com/2016/09/07/business/british-airways-says-computerproblems-cause-widespread-delays.html?_r=1)

**(Tennessee)** Plane makes emergency landing in Nashville after passenger shouts in Arabic, breaks door. United Airlines Express flight 3550 en route from Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport to George Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston was forced to make an emergency landing at Nashville International Airport September 5 after a man broke out of the plane's bathroom and caused a disruption. The man was arrested upon landing and charged with public intoxication and disorderly conduct. <http://wjhl.com/2016/09/06/plane-makes-emergency-landing-in-nashvilleafter-passenger-shouts-in-arabic-breaks-door/>

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## WATER AND DAMS

**(Missouri) Boil advisory reportedly triggered by car accident.** Missouri American Water officials lifted a precautionary boil water advisory for approximately 85,000 customers in St. Louis County September 7 that was issued September 6 after the company's water treatment plant on Hog Hollow Road temporarily lost power when a vehicle reportedly hit an electric pole at Pritchard Farm and Creve Coeur Mill Roads. Officials stated water quality tests confirmed the water is safe to consume. [http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/boil-advisory-reportedly-triggeredby-car-accident/article\\_cea97122-a9c8-5391-bf0d-f80ada404094.html](http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/boil-advisory-reportedly-triggeredby-car-accident/article_cea97122-a9c8-5391-bf0d-f80ada404094.html)

**(Florida) Hermine overwhelmed sewer facilities around Bay area.** The Florida Department of Environmental Protection announced September 6 that the Albert Whitted plant in St.Petersburg released nearly 20 million gallons of partially treated sewage September 5 and 2,000 gallon of raw sewage August 31 due to heavy rains from Hurricane Hermine. Officials also announced that millions of gallons of sewage mixed with storm water spilled near the Marshall Street wastewater treatment plant in Clearwater, Florida, August 31 after the plant received more than 20 million gallons of wastewater per day during the storm. <http://www.wtsp.com/news/hermine-overwhelmed-sewer-facilities-aroundbay-area/314610723>

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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](mailto: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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