



Department of Homeland Security Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 4 September 2008

Current Nationwide
Threat Level is

ELEVATED
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF
TERRORIST ATTACKS

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- According to Reuters, both the River Bend and Waterford 3 nuclear reactors in Louisiana remained shut Wednesday morning. (See item [6](#))
- The Associated Press reports that though Hurricane Gustav brought down cellular and Internet service in parts of Louisiana, its impact was much milder than that of Hurricane Katrina. (See item [37](#))

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: **Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber: ELEVATED**

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *September 3, Bloomberg* – (National) **U.S. Energy Department to give Citgo crude oil from reserves.** The U.S. Energy Department will grant a request from Citgo Petroleum Corp. to supply 250,000 barrels of crude from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve after Hurricane Gustav halted deliveries. The oil is needed after the closure of Louisiana's Calcasieu channel caused by Gustav, the department's chief spokesman said in a statement late Tuesday. Citgo, owned by state oil company Petroleos de Venezuela SA, operates a 320,000 barrel-a-day refinery in Lake Charles, which sits on the waterway. The U.S. holds the world's largest emergency stockpile of oil, with about 700 million barrels in four sites along the Gulf Coast. The department has said it will release oil, if requested, after Gustav halted production in the Gulf of Mexico. Citgo's request is the only one received so far, an Energy Department spokeswoman said Tuesday. "It's a

relatively small request because of the logistical challenges of trying to get oil through Lake Charles,” she said. She said there would be no problems fulfilling the request even though three out of four of the sites that store oil for the reserve have been shut down by the storm.

Source:

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601072&sid=azcaS6II50M8&refer=energy>

2. *September 3, Associated Press* – (National) **Biofuel researchers look for the good in stinkweed.** A handful of fields around upstate New York will be planted with pennycress – a.k.a. stinkweed – later this month under a pilot program launched by Albany-based biodiesel company Innovation Fuels Inc. to help test a potential new source of fuel for the booming biodiesel market. A number of researchers believe that this winter weed with oily little seeds has an advantage in that it is not a food crop. “Our intention is to create a crop that has a niche and does not displace anything else that is already growing,” said a plant physiologist with the National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research. Biodiesel production has skyrocketed with the spike in fossil fuel prices, from 25 million gallons in 2004 to 500 million gallons last year, according to the National Biodiesel Board. Most biodiesel in the United States comes from soybean oil. Soybeans are a commodity in demand for both food and fuel. Prices for soybean oil have more than doubled since 2005, giving the industry added incentive to experiment with other potential sources of fuel. As biodiesel researchers look for ways to increase soybean yields, they also are looking at alternative fuel sources ranging from winter canola to algae. A few promising candidates are weeds, which are attractive to growers for the same reasons they exasperate suburban home owners: they sprout fast and they are aggressive. A senior adviser for the National Biodiesel Board said that even if pennycress distinguishes itself, it could take years for it to become widespread on farms. He notes that farmers would need to be convinced it is a better bet than winter wheat.

Source: http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/business/AP-Weed-Power.html?_r=4&oref=slogin&oref=slogin&oref=slogin&oref=slogin

3. *September 2, Reuters* – (Louisiana) **Gustav knocks power out to 1.4 million in Louisiana.** More than 1.4 million households in Louisiana were without power Tuesday morning as utilities prepared to assess extensive damage from Hurricane Gustav, which slammed the coastline a day earlier, Louisiana’s governor said. The state’s largest utility, Entergy Corp., said 825,000 customers, mostly in Louisiana, lost power, including Entergy areas that serve oil refineries and major oil and gas infrastructure operations. Entergy said Gustav’s impact was second only to Hurricane Katrina that knocked out power to 1.1 million of its customers in 2005. Entergy described the damage to its system as “massive,” with 191 power lines and 210 substations out of service. Entergy’s network of power lines able to move electricity from generating plants to customers is currently fractured, leaving an area, including New Orleans and Baton Rouge, as an island, no longer connected to the rest of the system and served only by three power plants, Entergy said. Unlike Katrina, however, damage from Gustav is mostly wind-related, rather than from flooding, said an Entergy spokesman. Entergy said more than 9,000 workers were en route to help restore power. Some service can be

restored in areas where it is safe to do so, he said, but assessment of damage to the system and a restoration timetable may take several days. Reports from outside the company estimated it could be ten days before power can be restored to oil refineries.

Source:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssIndustryMaterialsUtilitiesNews/idUSN0240132020080902?pageNumber=1&virtualBrandChannel=0>

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Chemical Industry Sector

4. *September 3, San Francisco Chronicle* – (California) **Suits filed over lead in artificial turf.** Six artificial-turf companies are breaking state law by not warning the public of exposure to dangerous amounts of lead from the fake green grass, according to two separate lawsuits filed Tuesday by the California attorney general and an environmental group. The suits, designed to stop the sale of any new turf manufactured with lead, say the toxic metal gets on the hands and bodies of children and adults who play on synthetic grass found at athletic fields, public schools, parks, day care centers and residences. Proposition 65, the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, requires warning of exposure to an unsafe level of a chemical that can cause cancer or birth defects. Lead is a carcinogen and can cause neurological damage, the lawsuit claims. “The goal is to get the lead out of the California pipeline so it’s not being sold in the state,” said the deputy attorney general handling the case for the state. The companies have already expressed a willingness to make lead-free turf, he said. In 2007, 20 million square feet of artificial turf was installed in landscapes, lawns, putting greens, day care centers and kennels, among other locations in California; 35 million square feet were installed in sport fields. In July, the federal Consumer Product Safety Commission looked at 14 samples from four companies and determined that synthetic turf was not a danger because of lead. However, the agency recommended that companies voluntarily remove it. Some have already begun to phase it out.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2008/09/03/BAK012MTOM.DTL>

5. *September 2, Colorado Springs Gazette* – (Colorado) **Colorado sues U.S. over destruction of weapons.** Colorado has filed a lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Defense, hoping to force the military to destroy 2,600 tons of World War II-era mustard agents in deteriorating shells housed in igloos outside Pueblo by 2017. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, in a lawsuit officials said was filed in Denver federal court Tuesday, wants a judge to order destruction of the agents at the Pueblo Chemical Weapons Depot sooner than the military plans. State officials are tired of repeated delays, which have led to “indefinite” storage of the hazardous materials, said a department spokeswoman. The toxic mustard agent vaporizes in the air and causes blistering of the skin, internal and external bleeding and strips mucous membrane from bronchial tubes. Exposure can also lead to cancer and birth defects. The depot was once used for weapons testing, maintenance and disposal, but its role since 1988 has been strictly storage. The military’s current plan calls for the chemical agents to be destroyed from 2015 to 2020, in violation of the treaty. In June, the state, exercising its

authority over hazardous materials, issued an order for the weapons to be destroyed by 2017, the same deadline set by Congress for their destruction. State officials decided to sue after the military indicated it would appeal the June order. In a written statement, the spokeswoman for the Army's Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives in Maryland said the military is studying options to accelerate the disposal.

Source:

http://www.gazette.com/articles/weapons_40070_article.html/chemical_military.html

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

6. *September 3, Reuters* – (Louisiana) **Some 814,000 Entergy customers still without power.** Entergy shut the River Bend nuclear power station in Louisiana Monday afternoon due to the loss of demand caused by extensive outages in the region. Before the storm hit, Entergy shut the Waterford 3 nuclear power reactor in Louisiana Sunday night in anticipation of the heavy winds forecast. Both nuclear reactors remained shut Wednesday morning.
Source:
<http://www.reuters.com/article/domesticNews/idUSN0350182220080903?pageNumber=1&virtualBrandChannel=0>

7. *September 3, Huntsville Times* – (Alabama; Tennessee) **TVA to take over plant security.** The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) said Tuesday that it will take over security duties at its nuclear plants from Pinkerton Government Services, the company it has contracted with for 11 years. TVA has three nuclear plants, Browns Ferry in Alabama and two in Tennessee. Pinkerton has about 500 people devoted to nuclear security for TVA, said a spokesman for the utility. TVA's contract with Pinkerton expires in October, he said. The contract, which began in 2002, is valued at \$159 million. He said the timing of the transition is not finalized but will be coordinated with Pinkerton. In a news release, TVA's chief nuclear officer said the decision will allow for "more effective management control and lines of communication with the security workforce." The TVA spokesman said TVA was not dissatisfied with Pinkerton. A U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission spokesman said the agency regularly reviews security at all U.S. nuclear plants and is confident about TVA's security. The TVA spokesman said as TVA staffs its new guard force, current Pinkerton guards would be considered.
Source:
<http://www.al.com/business/huntsvilletimes/index.ssf?/base/business/1220433315248220.xml&coll=1>

8. *September 3, Reuters* – (North Carolina) **Progress NC Brunswick reactor starts to exit outage.** Progress Energy Inc.'s Unit 2 at the Brunswick nuclear power station in North Carolina started to exit an outage and ramped up to two percent power by early Wednesday, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission said in a report. The unit shut on August 30 due to a mismatch of power between the main generator and the turbine steam pressure line. Operators noticed the problem and were about to shut the plant manually when the plant's systems automatically shut it.

Source:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssIndustryMaterialsUtilitiesNews/idUSN0350283220080903>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

9. *September 2, Navy Times* – (National) **LPD 17 underway after mechanical problems.** The amphibious transport dock San Antonio got underway on its first deployment Thursday morning, two days after a problem with its stern gate forced the troubled ship to stay behind in Norfolk, Virginia, while other ships deployed. The problem was discovered Sunday night, and involved a mechanical failure in a ram cylinder piston that controls the ship's stern gate, said the commander of Amphibious Squadron 4. San Antonio will join the remaining ships of the Iwo Jima Expeditionary Strike Group, which includes the dock landing ship Carter Hall, cruiser Vella Gulf, and destroyers Ramage and Roosevelt. The flotilla will transport members of the Camp Lejeune, North Carolina-based 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit for its scheduled deployment. About 1,700 MEU Marines were bused up to Norfolk to leave with the ships, which are heading to North Carolina to load their vehicles, aircraft, and other cargo. Those who did not leave aboard Iwo Jima and Carter Hall were forced to stay behind until San Antonio was deemed ready to deploy.

Source: http://www.navytimes.com/news/2008/08/navy_sanantonio_deploys_082808/

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Banking and Finance Sector

10. *September 3, Seacoast Online* – (Maine) **York police warn residents of phishing scam.** York Police Department officials said they have received multiple complaints about a phishing scam. Potential victims receive a message on their home answering machine from someone who claims to be from MasterCard and asks the card holder to call (800) 723-9947. The voice, which sounds animated, says there is a problem with an overage fee or charge. An automated message at the 800 number asks the victim to provide name, card number, date of birth and other information. It is an organized scam to get personal information, said a detective. "At no time would Master Card contact a card holder about charges. Only the bank that issued the card to you would call with potential problems with the card."

Source:

<http://www.seacoastonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080903/NEWS/809030335/-1/NEWS01>

11. *September 2, Milwaukee FBI Office* – (Wisconsin) **Arrests made in major bank fraud and identity theft scheme.** A Special Agent-in-Charge of the Milwaukee Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) announced Tuesday the arrests of two suspects, who were charged with knowingly conspiring and executing a scheme to defraud a financial institution. This multi-state bank fraud and identity theft scheme involves at

least \$2.6 million, and at least four financial institutions. The investigation is continuing as the individuals appear to be part of a larger fraud scheme. The bank fraud and identity theft committed involved the use of stolen personal information from victims and the use of the personal information to obtain high-dollar loans from financial institutions, purportedly to purchase boats. In some instances, the vessels themselves were fictitious. Source:

http://dailykenoshan.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=6603&Itemid=103

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Transportation Sector

12. *September 3, News-Times* – (New York; New Jersey; Pennsylvania) **GAO favors FAA in airspace redesign.** On Tuesday, the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) released a report that favored the Federal Aviation Administration’s airspace redesign for the New York, New Jersey, and Philadelphia metropolitan area. The FAA now plans to begin changing routes to major airports, reducing delays and bringing annual savings. The GAO report concluded the FAA acted reasonably in designing the air traffic plan and its ultimate decisions were reasonable and not arbitrary. The chairman of the Alliance for Sensible Airspace Planning said: “What the GAO concludes is that the FAA followed the law in its process. It does not speak of the sensibility of the conclusions reached by the FAA.” The mayor of Danbury said Tuesday that Alliance for Sensible Airspace Planning members had hoped the GAO study would find fault with the FAA compliance to the National Environmental Policy Act requirements and cause it to change its redesign.
Source: http://www.newstimes.com/ci_10367757
13. *September 2, Associated Press* – (California) **Blown tire forces jet to return to Los Angeles.** An American Airlines jet landed safely at Los Angeles International Airport after apparently blowing a tire during takeoff for Toronto. A Federal Aviation Administration spokesman says the Boeing 737 took off from the airport around 11 a.m. Tuesday. The pilot immediately reported the problem in its left main landing gear and asked to return to the airport. The aircraft circled the airport to burn fuel. Emergency vehicles prepared for an emergency landing. An American Airlines spokesman says 130 passengers and five crew members were aboard the plane.
Source: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/26512734/>
14. *September 2, Oakland Tribune* – (California) **Passengers detained at Oakland airport.** Three contract employees for the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, Washington, were taken off an arriving flight at Oakland International Airport, California, on Tuesday morning and were detained by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) after they did not go through proper security screening before they left Seattle. The employees had badges allowing them access to sterile and secure areas in the airport, which allowed them to bypass security screening and board Alaska Airlines Flight 340, bound for Oakland. Their badges have since been revoked. TSA officials said the men will be detained pending an investigation into the incident. Due to the

security breach, the aircraft was diverted upon landing to ground Gate 18. Sheriff's deputies unloaded the remainder of the passengers after the three men were arrested. Bomb-sniffing dogs screened the plane after everyone departed. No further information was released by the TSA or the Oakland airport.

Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/breakingnews/ci_10363765

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Postal and Shipping Sector

15. *September 3, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Letter sparks scare at VA. Courthouse.** Officials say a suspicious letter meant to look like it contained anthrax prompted a scare at the U.S. courthouse in Norfolk, Virginia. A Norfolk Fire and Rescue spokesman says the letter that originated from the Tidewater Regional Jail was sent to a judge at the courthouse. He says it turned out to be a “hoax letter” and investigators have not determined a specific source. A hazardous material team examined the contents of the letter and determined that it was not dangerous.

Source: http://www.wavy.com/Global/story.asp?S=8942667&nav=menu45_2

16. *September 2, WPRI 12 Rhode Island* – (Rhode Island) **Bombs found in Coventry mailboxes.** Coventry, Rhode Island, Police Department and the state fire marshal are investigating several cases of vandalism involving homemade explosives. In most of the cases, a bomb, which is made of a suspicious plastic soda bottle containing a liquid and aluminum foil, was found in a mailbox. Some of the devices even detonated. No one has been hurt in any of the incidences.

Source:

http://www.eyewitnessnewstv.com/Global/story.asp?S=8936444&nav=menu20_3

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Agriculture and Food Sector

17. *September 3, Economic Times* – (National; International) **Pre-packed salads ‘could lead to food poisoning.’** Researchers in Great Britain have carried out a study and found that pre-packed salads could lead to food poisoning as the green leafy vegetables often get contaminated by germs and some common bacteria like salmonella and E.coli. According to them, the germs live in the guts of cows and the egg-ducts of chickens, and contamination of meat could happen during slaughtering. They can also spread to salads and vegetables fertilized with contaminated manure or via contact with contaminated products. In fact, in their study, they found that salmonella can contaminate salads and vegetables by gripping the leaves with their flagella, the ‘Daily Mail’ reported. According to the lead researcher, even a label stating food was pre-washed did not mean it was safe to eat. “It is about individual choice, but people should be aware of the risks so they can make informed decisions about whether they want to wash their food or not.”

Source: http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/ET_Cetera/Pre-packed_salads_could_poison_you/articleshow/3440762.cms

18. *September 2, U.S. Geological Survey* – (National) **Fish pesticide may control unwanted round goby.** Scientists have discovered that certain chemicals may be useful in slowing the spread of the round goby, an invasive fish species that is threatening parts of the Great Lakes and Mississippi River. When released near the bottom of a river or lake, two fish pesticides are effective in controlling this bottom-dwelling invader, particularly where dissolved oxygen is low, while leaving native species unharmed. For this study, researchers at the U.S. Geological Survey Upper Midwest Environmental Sciences Center in La Crosse, Wisconsin evaluated four currently registered fish pesticides for their toxicity to round gobies. It is one of more than 180 non-indigenous organisms that have invaded the Great Lakes from Eurasia, many of which cause ecological and economic consequences. The round goby competes with native fish for spawning and foraging habitats. If left unchecked, this small fish might have a big impact on the Great Lakes recreational and commercial fishing industry, which generates approximately \$5 billion per year. As round gobies continue to spread down the Illinois Waterway connecting the Great Lakes to the Mississippi River basin, consequences are imminent on a larger scale.
Source: <http://www.usgs.gov/newsroom/article.asp?ID=2014&from=rss>
19. *September 2, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **State closes all oyster harvest areas.** The Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) has closed all oyster harvest areas from the Mississippi State Line to South West Pass Vermillion Bay. The agency says it is closing the areas as a precautionary measure in anticipation of the adverse effects of Hurricane Gustav. The DHH secretary says the precautionary closure will remain in effect until there is confidence the water is free of bacterial contamination that could affect the safety of eating raw oysters.
Source: http://www.wxvt.com/Global/story.asp?S=8938724&nav=menu1344_2

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Water Sector

20. *September 2, NEWSInferno* – (Oklahoma) **Oklahoma E. coli outbreak linked to well water.** The Associated Press (AP) reported over the weekend that bacterial contamination has been found in well water at Oklahoma's Country Cottage restaurant. The restaurant has been linked to an E. coli outbreak that killed one man and sickened many dozens. A Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) spokeswoman reported that additional tests are needed to determine if the E.coli found in the water includes the same strain implicated in the outbreak. "While we cannot say this is the source of the outbreak, we also cannot rule it out," she said. The outbreak connected to Country Cottage has sickened about 116 people; approximately 50 required hospitalization, health officials said. According to the AP, the DEQ spokeswoman said samples tested were from the restaurant property and there is no evidence that residents' water is contaminated. "We see the well results as one piece of the puzzle and it's my understanding that they (the restaurant) were only on well water for two hours of one day," said a spokesman for the Oklahoma State Department of Health. The exact cause of the contamination remains unknown; however, sewer leaks, runoff from agricultural

waste, and improper well maintenance and disinfection are common causes of this type of bacterial contamination.

Source: <http://www.newsinferno.com/archives/3747>

21. *September 2, Greenville Daily Reflector* – (North Carolina) **Greenville to treat water with chlorine.** Greenville Utilities (GUC) is making a temporary switch in how it treats its water. Monday through October 6, GUC will temporarily use chlorine instead of chloramines in its water-treatment process. It is a periodic change recommended by the state, said the GUC water and wastewater treatment plants manager. GUC has not made a chlorine switch since 2004 because of work to resolve the problem of a certain chloramine treatment causing lead to leech into home water systems. GUC changed its chemical formula and, after a year of testing, the system was declared free of lead in early 2007. “It’s been a while since we converted, and the reason we haven’t converted since then was because we had the lead issue and didn’t want to make any changes in the chemistry until we had that worked out,” he said. GUC sent a letter to customers late last week notifying them of the change. While the process is directed at cleaning potential bacteria growth from the system, he said the decision was unrelated to the June discovery of fecal coliform in part of the water system. GUC’s letter tells those who must take special precautions to remove chloramines from tap water – dialysis centers, medical facilities, and aquatic pet owners and others – to take the same precautions during the switch.

Source: <http://www.reflector.com/news/greenville-to-treat-water-with-chlorine-111580.html>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

22. *September 3, Military Times* – (South) **VA closes clinics in Gustav’s path.** Eight veterans medical care facilities have temporarily been closed and some high-risk patients moved in response to Hurricane Gustav’s sweep through the Gulf states. Medical clinics in downtown New Orleans, Slidell, St. John Parish, Houma, Lafayette, and Jennings, Louisiana, and a medical clinic in Beaumont, Texas, were closed in advance of the hurricane’s Monday arrival, as was a dental clinic in Mandeville, Louisiana. The Lafayette and Jennings clinics were expected to remain closed Wednesday, according to a statement from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). New Orleans staff was transferred to Baton Rouge to expand medical services available at that clinic, the VA statement said. Hospitalized patients throughout the region were moved out of the storm’s path, and so were stockpiles of medical supplies. VA officials said that other medical centers and clinics in the region were open and ready to absorb the load of additional patients. Veterans with urgent care needs were being advised to seek treatment, but those with routine appointments at the temporarily closed clinics were advised to wait, if they could, for the clinics to reopen to have their appointment rescheduled.

Source:

http://www.militarytimes.com/news/2008/09/military_gustav_vetcenters_090208w/

23. *September 2, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **More than 800 hospital patients could be evacuated.** The Associated Press has learned that approximately 800 patients in a dozen Louisiana hospitals may have to be evacuated in the next three days because the facilities do not have air conditioning. A spokesman for the Louisiana governor’s office said from Baton Rouge Tuesday that seven nursing homes may also have to evacuate for the same reason. The hospitals and nursing homes decided to shelter in place instead of evacuate. While the facilities have back-up generators, the emergency power does not run air conditioning systems, he said.

Source:

<http://ap.google.com/article/ALeqM5gSXSjC8FVGu7LcqW6Vg1sFAAmMvQD92URD01>

24. *September 2, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **L.A. City Council presses for restored King hospital services.** The Los Angeles City Council today voted to urge county supervisors to redouble their efforts to reopen all medical services at Martin Luther King Jr.-Harbor Hospital in Willowbrook. It further urged them to consider establishing mobile medical clinics and to streamline the technology that stores patients’ medical information. The nonbinding resolution was approved 14-0. A city councilman said reopening the hospital is a “critical issue” because 50 percent of the residents in the area do not receive adequate medical care. The county closed inpatient and emergency services at the hospital in August 2007 after federal regulators determined that it did not meet minimum standards for patient care.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-countyhealth3-2008sep03,0,4100178.story>

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Government Facilities Sector

25. *September 3, NewsDay* – (New Jersey) **Slow-moving forest fire keeps burning on Fort Dix.** A slow-moving forest fire has now burned about 3,000 acres of trees on Fort Dix in New Jersey. A spokeswoman for the installation says it was still burning Tuesday, six days after it was first reported. The cause of the fire has not been determined. Troops at the base, which is used primarily to train reservists and National Guard members for deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan, are not using tracer bullets or heavy machine guns to make sure no other fires start. The blaze has mostly burned near a firearms range on the Ocean County side of the base. Fort Dix firefighters are leading the containment efforts. The state Department of Environmental Protection says it is ready to help if the fire gets off of military land.

Source: <http://www.newsday.com/news/local/wire/newjersey/ny-bc-nj--fortdixfire0903sep03,0,5689181.story>

26. *September 3, Statesman-Journal* – (Oregon) **Bomb threats disrupt 4 schools.** At least four Mid-Valley schools were disrupted Tuesday morning because of separately reported bomb threats that led to some student evacuations, but no actual devices were found, officials said. Authorities suspect a man in a mental institution in Georgia made several bomb threat calls to Oregon schools in Marion and Benton counties, including

schools in Silverton, Salem, Woodburn, and Corvallis, a Silverton Police Department official said. Initially, Silverton school officials said the call had been traced to a pay phone in the Hillsboro area and that the caller was female. But the call was later traced to a mental ward in Georgia.

Source:

<http://www.statesmanjournal.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080903/ITK/809030458/1001/NEWS>

27. *September 3, Connecticut Post* – (Minnesota) **State delegation worried about security.** A day after their run-in with protesters, the Connecticut delegation hired a security detail to accompany them into the Republican National Convention Tuesday evening. The GOP State Party Chairman said Tuesday afternoon that the delegation “retained a couple of off-duty policemen” to accompany them as they make their way into the Xcel Center in St. Paul, Minnesota. On Monday, anti-war protesters attacked the delegation as they attempted to walk from their chartered bus to the convention. No one was seriously hurt, but several members had water laced with bleach splashed on them and at least one member had his credentials stolen.
Source: http://www.connpost.com/localnews/ci_10365621
28. *September 2, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Ohio teen fires gun in school hall; no one injured.** A distraught student carrying more than 30 rounds of ammunition shot a handgun twice Tuesday in a hallway at Willoughby South High School, northeast of Cleveland, Ohio. He threatened to kill himself before two administrators persuaded him to surrender, police said. Witnesses said the 15-year-old sophomore walked into a geometry class and said he wanted to speak to a specific girl. When she raised her hand, he asked her how she was, then said goodbye and went into the hallway while slamming the classroom door. He fired one bullet from a .40-caliber handgun into a trophy case, shattering its glass, and another into the ceiling, authorities said. No one was injured.
Source: <http://ap.google.com/article/ALeqM5i2GyotP16DSG-YdwuoaWAoTus6bwD92UUV880>
29. *September 2, Bluefield Daily Telegraph* – (Virginia) **Suspects arrested for bomb threats at Tazewell County Courthouse.** An Amonate couple was arrested Tuesday afternoon on charges stemming from two separate bomb threats made to the Tazewell County, Virginia, Courthouse earlier in the day. Tazewell’s police chief said the apparent motive for the bomb threats was to prevent a court hearing for the male suspect that was scheduled Tuesday. The courthouse has received several bomb threats this year, including one just a few weeks ago.
Source: http://www.bdtonline.com/local/local_story_246201454.html
30. *September 2, WFLA 8 Tampa* – (Florida) **Socom stands down after bomb scare at parking lot.** Tampa, Florida, police blocked traffic from a gate to MacDill Air Force Base after a security sweep indicated a possible bomb threat. The evacuation of the acquisitions and logistics building at U.S. Special Operations Command (SOCOM) is over, said the Base spokeswoman said. The all-clear signal was issued shortly after 3:30 p.m. During a routine security sweep about 1 p.m., a bomb-sniffing dog encountered

something in the visitor's reception parking lot at MacDill. Socom was evacuated because of its proximity.

Source: <http://southtampa2.tbo.com/content/2008/sep/02/021559/problem-macdill-gate-prompts-call-tampa-police/>

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Emergency Services Sector

31. *September 2, PNW Local News* – (Washington) **Fiber optic work cuts 911 access to thousands in county.** About 20,000 residents in Redmond and unincorporated King County, Washington, were temporarily without 911 access from landline phones after a construction crew accidentally severed a fiber optic cable at the corner Tuesday. The temporary telephone outage limited residents' ability to dial 911 from a land-line phone in the event of an emergency. Fire departments in the affected areas placed additional staff and resources available at fire stations in the Redmond area to assist until the situation is resolved.
Source: <http://www.pnwlocalnews.com/news/27790189.html>
32. *September 2, KXAN 36 Austin* – (Texas) **Local emergency services ready for evacuees.** City and county leaders are praising the efforts of everyone involved in handling the influx of evacuees from Hurricane Gustav. Lessons learned from Rita and Katrina, and a proactive approach anticipating as many as 25,000 evacuees, let Austin take in and care for those in need. Working around the clock since early Sunday morning, city, and county response teams have tried to accommodate the evacuees. Two shelters are opened, with the possibility of a third. Expecting over 200 special medical-needs evacuees, crews took in about 65 and transported them to the Austin Convention Center. After assessing their needs, city leaders said all of them have been moved to local hospitals and nursing homes. There are 75 local shelters ready for evacuees.
Source: <http://www.kxan.com/Global/story.asp?S=8936762&nav=0s3d>
33. *September 2, Baltimore Sun* – (Louisiana) **Md. Guard members to provide support for Gustav recovery.** Maryland's governor met with members of the Maryland Army National Guard deploying to Louisiana Tuesday to help with the aftermath of Hurricane Gustav. Fifty-five members of the Maryland Guard will be on a 15-day deployment to coordinate aircraft flying in for relief efforts; 45 Guardsmen will be in Baton Rouge, and 10 will be in Alexandria, Louisiana. The deployment comes in response to a cooperative agreement between states. Maryland State Police are also pitching in to help maintain order in parts of Louisiana that were hit by Hurricane Gustav.
Source: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/nation/bal-guard0902,0,3971131.story>

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Information Technology

34. *September 3, VNUNet* – (International) **Dramatic rise in botnet-controlled PCs.** The number of computers currently controlled by botnets has exploded in recent months,

according to researchers. Recent figures recorded by the Shadowserver Foundation reveal that the number of computers infected by botnets has quadrupled in the past 90 days. The increase comes despite a slight drop in the number of botnets, leading researchers to believe that the increase has largely benefited the established operators in the field. The increase has also come despite little to no increase in the volume of new malware and viruses being discovered in the wild. Some researchers believe that computers are being infected through web-based attacks, specifically SQL injection. A Sans Institute researcher noted that the increase in botnet infections seems to coincide with the appearance of large-scale SQL injection attacks, in which hundreds of thousands of web pages are compromised with embedded exploit code. He suggested that many security firms lack a mechanism for accurately rooting out the SQL attacks before they become widespread.

Source: <http://www.vnunet.com/vnunet/news/2225185/botnet-ranks-exploding>

35. *September 3, SecurityPark.net* – (International) **USA is top hosting Web-based malware country.** ScanSafe has issued data on the top three countries hosting Web-based malware including viruses, Trojans, root kits, password stealers, and other malicious programs. The U.S. ranked first (42 percent), China ranked second on the list (12 percent), and Germany ranked third (six percent). A large number of the malware hosts in the last month were part of the Asprox fast flux bot network—PCs that have been enlisted into the bot network and mask the true origin of the actual host. According to a ScanSafe report, Web-based malware has already increased by 278 percent in the first half of 2008. Web users should not associate malware only with suspect websites. More and more legitimate sites are being targeted by attackers and websites where the Olympic Games are streamed online by broadcasters could be a prime area for compromise.

Source: http://www.securitypark.co.uk/security_article261940.html

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Communications Sector

36. *September 2, Associated Press* – (Arkansas) **AT&T launches TV, Internet and phone service in 6 Ark. communities.** AT&T Inc. on Tuesday launched a combined television-Internet-telephone service in six Arkansas communities, prompting an already established provider to remark that it welcomed the competition. AT&T had to obtain franchise agreements with communities to begin offering television service. The service is available in Benton, Cammack Village, Little Rock, Maumelle, North Little Rock, and Sherwood. The company plans to extend service in northwestern Arkansas.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D92UQV280.htm>

37. *September 2, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Gustav brings down cell, Internet service.** Power outages caused by Hurricane Gustav brought down cellular and Internet service in parts of Louisiana, but its impact was much milder than that of Katrina. AT&T Inc., the main landline phone company in the state, said it had 2,000 employees working to assess damage and perform repairs. Most of its cellular towers in areas hit by the hurricane were working Tuesday, according to a spokesman. Verizon Wireless said less than one percent of its Gulf Coast cell towers were out of operation Tuesday morning, mostly due to power outages. “Power is the only critical issue affecting our network,” added a Sprint Nextel Corp. spokeswoman. On Tuesday morning, the company was waiting for permission from officials to enter stricken areas so it could connect portable generators to blacked-out cell sites and refill the fuel tanks of those that have their own generators. T-Mobile USA said it had also some network disruptions in south-central Louisiana due to commercial power issues.

Source: http://ap.google.com/article/ALeqM5jNq8FAo7VwYWxuFMgKp-TYfV6U_gD92UP39G0

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Commercial Facilities Sector

38. *September 2, Associated Press* – (New York) **Prosecutors: Woman had notes on NY sites, attack.** A U.S.-educated Pakistani woman was carrying handwritten notes referring to a “mass casualty attack” and listing the Empire State Building and other New York landmarks when she was detained in Afghanistan, prosecutors said Tuesday. In an attempted-murder indictment unsealed in federal court in Manhattan, prosecutors for the first time publicly named some of the landmarks, which included: the Statue of Liberty, Wall Street, the Brooklyn Bridge and Plum Island, and a disease research complex in Long Island Sound. The woman had notes “that referred to a ‘mass casualty attack’” and to “the construction of dirty bombs, chemical, and biological weapons and other explosives,” the indictment said. “These notes also discussed the mortality rates associated with certain of these weapons and explosives.” Other documents “referred to specific ‘cells’ and ‘attacks’ by certain ‘cells’ ... and discussed recruitment and training,” the papers said. A government official briefed on the case has told the Associated Press on condition of anonymity that the landmarks were a “wish list” of potential targets but that there was no evidence of a credible plot.

Source:

<http://ap.google.com/article/ALeqM5iob0CmpW16LA18PgaH3u3hiOGLgwD92UT9SG0>

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National Monuments & Icons Sector

Nothing to report

Dams Sector

39. *September 3, Republican Eagle* – (Minnesota) **Byllesby Dam study backed.** Goodhue County officials hope a new up-to-date study will save millions of dollars in repairs at the Byllesby Dam in Cannon Falls. Federal officials have ordered substantial upgrades so the dam can handle the probable maximum flood, a flood so large it would likely happen once every 10,000 years, said the public works director. “We’re hoping there will be a substantial reduction in the maximum flood,” he told commissioners. “And hopefully that will save us some money.” A smaller flood would mean fewer costly upgrades, he said, noting that similar studies in Minnesota and Wisconsin have dropped maximum floods in those states by about 30 percent. The study will cost Goodhue County \$22,485 and will determine the dam’s probable maximum precipitation, or “how much water will come at you,” he said. Dakota County will pay 60 percent of the \$56,212 bill. He has told commissioners upgrades at the dam could cost the two counties up to \$8 million. The counties are co-owners of the dam and are battling a host of other issues at the 100-year-old structure, including a lawsuit with the dam’s operator, North American Hydro, over \$400,000 in unpaid rent.
Source: <http://www.republican-eagle.com/articles/index.cfm?id=52896§ion=news>
40. *September 2, New York Times* – (Arizona) **New interest in warning system after Grand Canyon flood.** Federal and state officials are reviving a proposal to install a warning system for the isolated Havasupai Indian Reservation after a flood last month through a reservation campground at the bottom of the Grand Canyon sent hundreds of tourists scrambling for their lives. The governor of Arizona said last week that she supported an early-warning system and was encouraging state, county and federal agencies to develop a plan to build and maintain a series of stream-flow gauges and satellite transmission devices, estimated to cost \$100,000. In the last 100 years at least 16 major floods have coursed through the reservation, which is eight miles from the nearest paved road and has its mail delivered by mule train. In the most recent flooding on August 16, heavy thunderstorms brought three inches of rain in a few hours throughout the 1,900-square-mile Havasu Creek watershed. State and federal officials are investigating how much impact the failure of the earthen Redlands Dam had on the flash floods that swept through the reservation and devastated the campground. Though initial reports blamed the dam collapse for the flood, the National Weather Service said it had been alerted by a ranch hand that the dam was breached three hours after the major flood rushed through the campground. The dam had never been approved or inspected by the State Department of Water Resources. A department spokesman said it “appeared to have been exempt from regulation because it was classified as a transportation embankment instead of a dam.”
Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2008/09/03/us/03flood.html?em>
41. *September 2, KHSL 12 Chico* – (California) **Diversion Dam opens early.** Starting Wednesday the gates at the Red Bluff Diversion Dam in California will rise and the water levels at Lake Red Bluff will sink. “Probably by Friday or so, the lake will be pretty much gone and we will back to the natural river,” said the man who will oversee

the operation for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. The gates are being raised two weeks early this year, to comply with a federal mandate to protect spawning salmon. It is part of a larger movement by environmental groups to have dams removed all along the Sacramento River to help three species of endangered fish. A final ruling in Federal Court is still in the works, but many fear that Wednesday marks the beginning of the end for Lake Red Bluff. Water funneled from the river into the Tehama-Colusa Canal is the life blood of the areas \$250 million farming industry. To prepare for the dam's possible closure, water officials hope to build a pumping plant that would irrigate farms and let the salmon swim freely. What the city would lose is about \$4 million in revenue the lake brings in each year, mainly through the Nitro Nationals drag boat race. In response the city is suing to have a new Environmental Impact Report issued that takes the city's economic impact into account. A final decision on the dam's future will likely come in March after a new biological opinion is issued.

Source: http://www.khsltv.com/content/topstories/story.aspx?content_id=f16997c2-cafd-48a5-bdab-ec4293e58779

42. *September 2, Neighbor Newspapers* – (Oklahoma) **Corps to perform tests, analyses on dam.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Tulsa Division announced in a press release last week that beginning Sunday, September 7, at 4:30 p.m., “highway traffic on State Highway 151, which crosses Keystone Dam west of Sand Springs, Oklahoma, will be closed for 12 days as drilling crews obtain information required to perform analyses to ensure continuing safe performance of Keystone Dam.” The closing of Highway 151, a major thoroughfare between State Highway 51 and US Highways 64 and 412, will certainly pose an inconvenience to those who commute to and from work across the dam. The Army Corps of Engineers Lake director said the ‘analyses’ being performed are part of a national Corps project, and are essential to making sure the structure keeps performing as successfully as it has for the 44 years since it’s completion. He said the Corps will be testing both the dam’s embankment and its foundation. “What they will be primarily working on is the earthen part of the dam,” he said. “They will be running core samples in those areas to look at the materials and make sure we aren’t showing any signs of deterioration or breakage.” He said the Corps will also install new equipment that will help the dam’s operators more efficiently and effectively safeguard the soundness of the structure.

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