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- The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission says it is conducting a special inspection at the Palisades Nuclear Power Station in Michigan to review operational and equipment problems that prevented personnel from exiting the plant containment area on August 5. (See item [8](#))
- According to Record Searchlight, about 600 customers of the Lassen Pines Mutual Water Co. in eastern Shasta County, California, were notified Saturday not to drink their water because of a break-in at a water plant, where the chlorination system was tampered with. (See item [32](#))

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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. *August 9, Canwest News Service* – (International; National) **B.C. man gets 13 years in plot to bomb Alaska pipeline.** A New Westminster, British Columbia, man has been sentenced to 13 years in prison for plotting to blow up the Trans-Alaskan oil pipeline in January 2000. The man pleaded guilty in March to aiding and abetting terrorism transcending national boundaries at the U.S. District Court in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He was arrested in August 1999, in a joint operation by the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. They

accused him of soliciting the help of a U.S. citizen to bomb the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System. Prosecutors said the Canadian man acquired explosives and sought to plant 14 timed bombs at three points along the pipeline in an attempt to disrupt energy supplies over the turn of the millennium. He also planned to buy energy securities at low prices before the attack and hoped to profit by selling them at a higher price amid market turmoil afterward, prosecutors said. The Trans-Alaska Pipeline System runs north-south about 800 miles from the Arctic Ocean at Prudhoe Bay to the Gulf of Alaska at Valdez. Source: <http://www.canada.com/calgaryherald/news/story.html?id=033aabcf-9aab-4e42-bc16-7ab3b25d3232>

2. *August 8, Reuters* – (National) **Tight pipe supplies bedevil U.S. energy companies.** A shortage of steel pipes could disrupt the boom in U.S. natural gas drilling for the energy companies that rely on the tubes to drill and line their wells. Seamless steel pipes, known as tubular goods in the oil patch, are in short supply after an unexpected resurgence in the North American onshore drilling market. Tenaris SA, a global producer of seamless steel pipes based in Luxembourg, said its North American tube sales soared 42 percent in the second quarter to \$986.5 million. The company said that situation is not likely to improve in the coming months. Larger companies have better access to supply and will likely see fewer disruptions, analysts said. The president of Devon Energy Corp. recently said it had become more difficult to secure tubulars and noted the situation was particularly acute for special-use pipe, like those used in corrosive environments. A spokesman for Chesapeake Energy Corp. told investors that while supplies are tight, he did not expect any problems. Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssEnergyNews/idUSN0846134020080808?pageNumber=1&virtualBrandChannel=0>
3. *August 8, WABC 7 New York* – (New York) **Securing manhole covers.** Below manhole covers exists the lifeline of New York City – electrical cables and transmission lines. A WABC-TV investigation has found that nearly seven years after 9/11, few manholes have been secured. Most of Consolidated Edison's (Con Ed) 250,000 manhole covers remain unmonitored and unlocked. The same is true with the city's DEP manholes. Anyone with a simple crowbar can still gain access to what is underground, even though five years ago the Department of Homeland Security released a reference manual on how to mitigate potential terrorist attacks against buildings. The manual recommends "manhole covers 10 inches or more in diameter should be secured to prevent unauthorized opening." Manhole Barrier Security Systems has a durable, easy-to-install locking device that is currently in use by energy plants. There are numerous other companies that offer these manhole security devices. Most of them lock and unlock with a special wrench. None of them is being used by Con Ed, even though underneath some of its manholes exist critical infrastructure. A Con Ed spokesman said they do not see the need for locking devices because most of its manholes weigh 300 pounds and are not easily opened without special tools. Regular inspections, the company said, ensures its equipment is safe, but pressure is building for Con Ed and other utilities to better protect what is underground. A bill introduced just weeks ago would require manhole locking devices in the city to secure critical underground infrastructure. Meanwhile, a U.S.

congressman is pushing for funding to do what some utilities have failed to do. “We should have state and NYPD find key infrastructure and lock those manholes,” he said. Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/wabc/story?section=news/investigators&id=6315236>

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Chemical Industry Sector

4. *August 10, Florida Times-Union* – (Florida) **Probe focuses on lack of permits, inspections.** The chemical reactor that exploded at T2 Laboratories in December was installed without permits and construction inspections that state law requires, a review by the Times-Union has found. That lapse has become part of a federal probe. The 14-foot-tall reactor was being used to make ingredients for a gasoline additive called Ecotane when it blew up. The blast ripped through the vessel’s 3-inch-thick steel walls with a force investigators estimated was like a ton of TNT. The reactor was part of a complex of structures and storage containers where the company started working about five or six years ago. An electrical contractor who rewired the property got a building permit and had his work checked by the city’s Building Inspection Division, records show. But other work - installing the reactor and water lines to cool it, and turning an old concrete block building into a control room for the reactor - was not reported to the city by T2. The company’s surviving founder said he did not think there was any need to tell City Hall. The city’s inspections chief said installing the reactor should have required a permit and that setting up the business could have raised other issues at the property. The Florida Building Code requires city permits for the kinds of work that occurred at T2, said the executive director of the Florida Building Commission. An attorney for T2 said the company’s owners hired a licensed engineering company to refurbish and install the reactor, and thought they had done everything the law required. Source: http://www.jacksonville.com/tu-online/stories/081008/met_316857404.shtml
5. *August 9, KCRG 9 Cedar Rapids* – (Iowa) **Delta Industries catches fire, nearby residents evacuated.** A fire at a Reinbeck, Iowa, factory sent clouds of potentially toxic smoke into the air and forced an overnight evacuation of rural areas near the Grundy County community. The fire at Delta Sports Products broke out around eight o’clock Sunday night. No one was inside the plant and warehouse during the blaze. Fire officials are not sure how it started. Delta manufactures archery targets made out of foam, and when it burns it gives off a toxic gas. The company also had drums of chemicals and other substances inside that added to the toxic cloud. Source: <http://www.kcrg.com/news/local/26469149.html>
6. *August 9, Visalia Times-Delta & Tulare Advance-Register* – (California) **Three men arrested on suspicion of grand theft, property recovered.** Three men were arrested Friday on suspicion of stealing farm equipment valued at \$3,000 from a Lindsay farm, according to the Tulare County, California, Sheriff’s Department. The trailer contained a 500-gallon chemical storage unit. Deputies later found the chemical unit, which was returned to Western Farms Service representatives, officials reported. Source: <http://www.visaliatimesdelta.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080809/NEWS01/8080>

Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

7. *August 11, Reuters* – (North Carolina) **Progress shuts NC Harris reactor.** Progress Energy Inc. shut the Harris nuclear power station on Monday due to degrading condenser vacuum, the company told the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in a report. At the time of the shutdown, operators were reducing the unit for a planned shutdown due to indications of a degraded condenser boot seal. The unit was at 21 percent power before operators shut it, down from full power early Friday.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/marketsNews/idUSN1130141620080811>
8. *August 8, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and Reuters* – (Michigan) **NRC begins special inspection at the Palisades nuclear power plant due to operational and equipment problems.** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is conducting a special inspection at the Palisades Nuclear Power Station to review operational and equipment problems that prevented personnel from exiting the containment area. On August 5, the Palisades plant was shut down to replace leaking control rod drive seals. Five individuals were inside the plant containment area inspecting safety-related piping and components. When they were ready to exit, both normal and emergency containment doors failed to open. In addition, telephone communication from the containment failed. The five people in the containment area were only able to exit when another plant worker entered containment. The incident did not result in radiation overexposure, but the individuals were in an area with high temperatures. NRC Region III dispatched a three-person special inspection team to review the circumstances around the incident including planning, controlling, and monitoring of activities inside the containment, as well as equipment problems. The special inspection will also evaluate the plant's ability to manage the risk of certain maintenance activities associated with the plant shutdown. The special inspection will also review the utility's response to the situation and the company's corrective actions. The station exited the outage and returned to full power by early Monday, the NRC said in a report.
Sources: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/news/2008/08-031iii.html> and <http://www.reuters.com/article/marketsNews/idUSN1142348220080811>

Defense Industrial Base Sector

9. *August 8, Jane's Information Group* – (National) **US Army urges accelerated FCS production.** U.S. Army officials continue to push for speedy production of Future Combat Systems (FCS), saying they are confident the system will save lives after observing its performance in a limited preliminary user test near Fort Bliss, Texas, in late July. Army officials tested the FCS 'Spin Out 1' kit during a training exercise from 27 to 31 July, operating the network of weapon systems in a mock village between White Sands Missile range and Fort Bliss. "Our recommendation from everything we've

learned so far is these [systems] are really going to help our soldiers down range,” in Afghanistan and Iraq, said the director of the army’s Future Force Integration Directorate. FCS Spin Out 1 consists of a Non-Line-of-Sight Launch System (NLOS-LS) for precision fires; a ‘B-kit’ computer system to share imagery; unattended sensors; an aerial drone known as the Class I Block 0 Micro Air Vehicle (MAV); and a ground-based robot known as the Small Unmanned Ground Vehicle.

Source: http://www.janes.com/news/defence/land/jdw/jdw080808_1_n.shtml

10. *August 8, Wired Blog Network* – (National) **Army deploys all-in-one nonlethal warfare kit.** The U.S. Army is deploying an all-in-one package of nonlethal devices that covers everything from checkpoint control to riot control. “The first of the Brigade Non-Lethal Capability Sets (NLCS) is now fielded to the Army’s 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team,” reports Defense Daily, an industry newsletter. The kits are put into large, weatherproof containers, and include everything from high-intensity lights to loud speakers. The checkpoint tools, for example, include “equipment to establish and operate hasty and deliberate checkpoints.” That means tire spikes and capture nets. Other nonlethal sets have been fielded in the past, but the NLCS “includes items not found in the previous sets, such as tasers, Phraselators, Vehicle Lightweight Arresting Devices, and Ex-Spray, which allows soldiers to detect explosive residue.”

Source: <http://blog.wired.com/defense/2008/08/us-army-deploys.html>

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Banking and Finance Sector

11. *August 11, Wall Street Journal* – (National) **Some stores quiet over card breach.** Most states mandate that companies tell their customers when their credit-card data is stolen from the stores. The laws are designed to give consumers a chance to protect themselves against fraud or identity theft. But when federal prosecutors disclosed last week that computer hackers swiped more than 40 million credit-card numbers from nine retailers in the biggest such heist ever, it was the first time that many shoppers had heard about it. That is because only four of the chains clearly alerted their customers to breaches. Two others – Boston Market Corp. and Forever 21 Inc. – say they never told customers because they never confirmed data were stolen from them. The other retailers – OfficeMax Inc., Barnes and Noble Inc., and Sports Authority Inc. – would not say whether they made consumer disclosures. Computer searches of their Securities and Exchange Commission filings, Web sites, press releases and news archives turned up no evidence of such disclosures. The other companies allegedly targeted by the ring charged last week were: TJX Cos., BJ’s Wholesale Club Inc., shoe retailer DSW Inc., and restaurant chain Dave and Buster’s Inc. They each disclosed to customers they were breached shortly after the intrusions were discovered. The disclosure issue emerged after the government charged 11 men in five countries, including the U.S., Ukraine and China, with orchestrating a high-tech operation to steal credit-card numbers from 2003 to 2008. After an increasing number of such thefts in recent years, more than 40 states have adopted laws requiring companies to give consumers an early warning when their personal information is stolen.

Source:

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB121842142123128889.html?mod=googlenews_wsj

12. *August 11, Reuters* – (National) **National City says faces SEC probe.** National City Corp, a U.S. Midwest regional bank struggling with mortgage losses, said on Friday the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) had opened an informal investigation into the company. In its quarterly report filed with the agency, the Cleveland-based bank said the SEC's Chicago regional office notified it of the probe on June 30. It said the SEC requested documents concerning its loan underwriting, dividends and bank regulatory matters, as well as the 2006 sale of its First Franklin Financial Corp subprime mortgage unit to Merrill Lynch & Co. The bank said it would cooperate with the SEC. Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/bankingFinancial/idUSN0850516920080811>
13. *August 11, Bloomberg* – (National) **FDIC Fund strained by bank failures may have to raise premiums.** The failure of IndyMac Bancorp Inc. and seven other banks this year may erase as much as 17 percent of a government insurance fund and raise premiums for all banks, from Franklin National of Minneapolis to Bank of America Corp. The pace of bank closings is accelerating as financial firms have reported almost \$495 billion in writedowns and credit losses since 2007. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's "problem" bank list grew by 18 percent in the first quarter from the fourth, to 90 banks with combined assets of \$26.3 billion. A revised list is due this month. The insurance fund had \$52.8 billion as of March 31. The FDIC estimated its shutdown of California-based mortgage lender IndyMac might drain as much as 15 percent from the fund. Seven other banks will take about \$1.16 billion, or about 2 percent. The 90 banks the FDIC reported on its "problem" list as of March, up from 76 in the fourth quarter, had a combined \$26.3 billion in assets, or about 0.2 percent of total assets in FDIC-insured banks. Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601087&sid=abahg9z7p4wU&refer=home>

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Transportation Sector

14. *August 11, WCVB 5 Boston* – (Massachusetts) **MIT students: 'T' card system easily hacked.** The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) has obtained a temporary restraining order barring three Massachusetts Institute of Technology students from showing what they claim is a way to get "free subway rides for life." The 10-day injunction, ordered by a U.S. District Court, prohibited the students from revealing what they claim are the vulnerabilities of the MBTA's fare card. The students claimed they had hacked the security features of the computerized "Charlie Card" and were scheduled to present their findings Sunday in Las Vegas at computer hacking conference. "The Anatomy of a Subway Hack," is the description of their presentation on the DEFCON 16 conference Web site. "If what the MIT undergrads claim in their public announcements is true, public disclosure of the security flaws - before the MBTA and its system vendors have an opportunity to correct the flaws - will cause significant damage to the MBTA's transit system," MBTA attorneys wrote in their motion for the

restraining order.

Source: <http://www.thebostonchannel.com/news/17148619/detail.html>

15. *August 11, Atlanta Journal-Constitution* – (National) **Showdown over guns at airport.**

Atlanta squares off against gun rights advocates Monday over whether people with the proper licenses should be able to carry weapons into so-called “nonsecure areas” of Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport. A U.S. District Court Judge is scheduled to hear arguments from GeorgiaCarry.org, which has sued the city and the city-run airport. The group is asking for a temporary injunction to stop the city from enforcing the airport gun ban. Atlanta city attorneys will argue the gun ban should remain in place. Airport officials also have asked Transportation Security Administration officials to ban guns in all areas of the airport. TSA officials have said they are evaluating that request, but they have given no timetable for an answer.

Source:

http://www.ajc.com/metro/content/metro/atlanta/stories/2008/08/11/guns_at_airport.html

16. *August 10, CNN* – (Texas) **Feds shut down bus company after deadly crash.** Federal authorities have ordered a company tied to a Texas bus crash on Friday that killed 17 people to cease operation, saying they pose an “imminent hazard.” The orders – issued by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration – apply to motor coach operations Angel Tours, Inc., and Iguana Busmex, Inc., and their chief. Authorities say the man continue to run his unsafe fleet of buses under a new name, Iguana, after they ordered Angel Tours to cease operation in June. “Angel Tours and Iguana currently operate vehicles in a mechanically unsafe operating condition which, if operated, would pose an imminent hazard to the public,” the orders state. On Friday, a National Transportation Safety Board member told reporters that one bus’ right front tire had been retreaded, in violation of safety rules. According to the documents, the companies committed 17 safety violations, including: using regrooved, recapped or retreaded tires on the front steering axle of buses; operating buses that were not periodically inspected; using drivers before the company received results from pre-employment drug tests; and failing to investigate the driving records and backgrounds of drivers.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2008/US/08/10/texas.crash/index.html>

17. *August 10, USA Today* – (National) **Private planes on TSA’s radar.** The

Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is planning a massive expansion of aviation security that for the first time will regulate thousands of private planes now flying with no security rules. The new regulations, expected to be proposed in coming months, stop short of passenger screening, but would aim to prevent someone from flying a small plane, possibly packed with explosives, into a building. Authorities also worry about terrorists transporting hazardous materials or themselves on private aircraft, said the TSA head of general aviation security. Some small airports reserved for private planes “really don’t have a lot of security,” which would make it easy for someone to steal a small jet, said a former United Airlines security chief. Corporations and aviation groups are watching closely as the TSA prepares to regulate roughly 15,000 private planes that are seen as a convenient alternative to commercial flights. The new

regulations, which would apply to planes that weigh more than 12,500 pounds, would most likely require measures such as checking flight crew backgrounds, parking planes in secure areas and inspecting planes, the official said. The head of government affairs for the National Air Transportation Association, which represents companies that service business jets, said new security rules “will be a little bit of an inconvenience” but might draw some passengers who now are worried about private planes.

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/travel/flights/2008-08-10-charter-planes_N.htm

18. *August 10, Palm Beach Post* – (Florida) **Glades port idea fights for balance.** Sugar giant Florida Crystals is lobbying to develop an industrial and commercial center about the size of Delray Beach on land it owns south of Lake Okeechobee - right in a proposed pathway for the state’s multibillion-dollar Everglades restoration efforts. Glades leaders and the state Department of Transportation are among the supporters of the so-called inland port, a warehousing and distribution center that would include roads and rails to link seaside ports on Florida’s east and west coasts. Florida Crystals, owned by the Fanjuls of Palm Beach, says water could flow around an inland port at the company’s Okeelanta site along U.S. 27, where it operates a mill, refinery, rail spur and biomass power plant. But environmental activists see the port plan as a betrayal - and a sign that money and politics once again may trump the Everglades. The inland port is also part of a grand strategy to help South Florida capture a share of the expected increase in mega-freighter traffic flowing from Asia to the eastern seaboard via the Panama Canal, where enlargements are expected to be done in 2014. Combined with improvements to rail lines and seaports, the inland hub would let the coasts handle a larger volume of cargo by whisking incoming shipping containers to the Glades for storage, breakdown and distribution. The port concept has attracted the interest of other major landowners, who have proposed alternative sites.

Source:

http://www.palmbeachpost.com/localnews/content/west/epaper/2008/08/10/a1a_inlandport_0810.html

19. *August 10, State Journal* – (National) **Companies turn to tracks for shipping.** Rails around the nation have been rumbling more in recent years than they have in a long time. After decades of decline, railroads are making a comeback as a viable way for businesses to get their goods to and from market — at least for some businesses, according to industry and state officials. According to the Federal Railroad Administration, in 2006, the last year for which numbers are available, U.S. rail companies generated \$54 billion in revenues and shipped 36 million carloads of freight 1.77 trillion ton-miles over a combined network of 141,000 miles. And the numbers have continued to rise since then, said a spokesman for the association. Railroad companies in the U.S. had record-breaking years in 2006 and 2007. One of the big reasons the rails are becoming more attractive these days is the high price of fuel. Trains are three to four times more fuel efficient than tractor-trailers, he said.

Source: http://www.timeswv.com/business/local_story_223010948.html

20. *August 10, Associated Press* – (Tennessee) **Communication outage affects FAA’s Memphis region.** Communications between an air traffic control center in Memphis

and an unknown number of airplanes flying through its territory were disrupted on Saturday, the Federal Aviation Administration said. The outage began when a car in Memphis struck a utility pole and severed a fiber-optic cable, a FAA spokeswoman said, adding air safety was not compromised. Connections to about a dozen radio frequencies and data transmissions from radar towers were temporarily disrupted at the FAA's Memphis Center, which directs planes passing through a 250-mile radius from Memphis. A local representative of the traffic controllers' union said about a third of the center's frequencies were knocked out. Some flights had to be rerouted to surrounding control centers, but the extent of delays was not immediately known, the official said. Communications were restored by 7 p.m. CDT. Saturday's outage showed that the system needs more backups, said a Memphis controller and president of the local branch of the National Air Traffic Controllers Association.

Source:

<http://ap.google.com/article/ALeqM5hqJicnuPbWMuY1aTkA03g8jwXyfwD92F7SH02>

21. *August 10, Military & Aerospace Electronics* – (California) **Underwater Anti-Terrorism Technology to Patrol San Francisco Bay.** Coda Octopus Group Inc.'s Underwater Inspection System (UIS), developed in cooperation with the U.S. Coast Guard, has been purchased by the Sheriff's Office of Contra Costa County, California. Contra Costa County will be the first on the West Coast to permanently deploy the UIS, developed after the 9/11 attacks to address the need for a new generation of port security technology to respond to underwater threats.

Source:

http://mae.pennnet.com/display_article/336628/32/NEWS/none/none/1/Underwater-Anti-Terrorism-Technology-to-Patrol-San-Francisco-Bay/

22. *August 9, Age* – (International) **Qantas cancels overseas check-ups.** QANTAS has shelved plans to send two 737 planes to Malaysia for heavy maintenance checks. The decision was made while the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) investigated the airline over a series of incidents in recent weeks, including the emergency landing of a Melbourne-bound jumbo in Manila when a two-meter by four-meter hole was blown in its fuselage. The airline faced another maintenance problem yesterday. Flight QF107 was prevented from flying to Los Angeles because a screw needed to be replaced. Malaysia Airlines issued a statement yesterday defending its checks and calling Australian reports on defects unsubstantiated. The executive general manager of engineering at Qantas confirmed the maintenance work will now be done in Australia. "We only have overflow heavy maintenance work undertaken overseas," he said.

Source: <http://www.theage.com.au/news/news/qantas-cancels-overseas-checkups/2008/08/08/1218306715401.html>

23. *August 8, Associated Press* – (International) **Chinese plane returns to Japan after bomb threat.** An Air China passenger jet was forced to return to Japan and four others were delayed Friday after a bomb threat was e-mailed to the airline's Tokyo office, the Japanese Transport Ministry said. The anonymous e-mail, written in Japanese, told the Chinese airline to suspend its flights or the writer would "bomb the aircraft," a ministry official said. China's official Xinhua News Agency said the airline ordered all of its

flights not to depart from Japan until their safety was ensured.

Source: <http://ap.google.com/article/ALeqM5hfCQUxFjqwXVCcIXuASBuzV-8IGgD92E47VO0>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report

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Agriculture and Food Sector

24. *August 10, High Plains/Midwest Ag Journal* – (National) **Organization working to reduce instances of E. coli.** There are steps producers can take to help decrease the instance of E. coli on their end of the chain. The Beef Industry Food Safety Council (BIFSCo) includes producers, feeders, processors, retailers, and food service operators. The executive director, beef safety research, National Cattlemen’s Beef Association said other groups also work in beef safety with BIFSCo, including agencies where intervention technologies are under review. In the last few decades, segments of the industry have come together to find solutions for reducing the prevalence of E. coli in the beef production chain. According to BIFSCo, basic husbandry can help control the spread of E. coli bacteria on the farm, ranch, or feedlot. These practices include: clean water, clean feed, drained and maintained environments, and relative freedom from biting insects and pests.

Source: <http://www.hpj.com/archives/2008/aug08/aug11/Organizationworkingtoreduce.cfm>

25. *August 9, Orange County Register* – (California) **Industry fights effort to ban chemical in baby products.** A chemical industry-backed lobbying group has mounted a statewide campaign to convince Californians that a potentially dangerous compound found in baby products and canned goods is safe, and warns that if efforts to ban it are successful, “going to a grocery store may never be the same.” The campaign, paid for by industry trade group the American Chemistry Council, urges voters to voice opposition to a Senate bill that would outlaw the chemical, bisphenol A (BPA), in products made for young kids. Dozens of independent scientific studies have suggested that the chemical could cause everything from cancer to reproductive and behavioral problems, although others have found products containing BPA to be safe. The bill restricts BPA in products for kids ages three and younger, such as formula cans, sippy cups, baby bottles, and glass jars of baby food, said a spokeswoman for the bill’s sponsor. While no other state bans the substance, some 30 bills relating to BPA were considered in 12 states. Most would either phase out or prohibit the chemical in children’s products, according to a legislative analysis of the proposed ban.

Source: <http://www.ocregister.com/articles/bpa-products-chemical-2120037-food-safe>

26. *August 9, Medical News Today* – (Wisconsin) **Predator virus attacks lethal E. coli at**

source. Researchers at Evergreen State College in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Agriculture at Texas A&M have been working to increase food safety by reducing the populations of E. coli in the guts of sheep and cattle. The goal of the research is to increase understanding of the complex predator-prey relationship between bacteria (the prey) and bacteriophages (the viral predator). The research could lead to safer food. Microbiologists at Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington, have uncovered bacteriophages that attack various strains of E. coli naturally in cattle or sheep's stomach. By using phage as a natural predator, it may be possible to better target and tame E. coli and increase the safety of food. Using bacteriophages provides a potentially cheap and broadly applicable way to treat cattle that offers advantages over traditional antibiotics. Phage treatment is more specific to E. coli, which means it is less likely to encourage resistance in other harmful bacteria and less likely to kill useful bacteria. Also, much like the bacteria, the bacteriophage is easily transferred from one infected individual to another, resulting in a more robust solution to E. coli infections. Economic impacts could also be significant. "E. coli contamination results in waste of meat, and ultimately wasted meat costs consumers," said one microbiologist. "Hundreds of millions are also spent to treat E. coli infections," he adds.

Source: <http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/117778.php>

27. *August 8, Los Angeles Times; Chicago Tribune* – (National) **E. coli outbreak forces beef recall.** A California food company is recalling 153,630 pounds of frozen ground beef after an E. coli outbreak shut down a Boy Scout camp in Virginia last week and sickened at least 22 people, health officials said Thursday. The meat from Azusa, California-based S&S Foods LLC was intended for institutional use and food service firms, which normally supply to restaurants, and was not sold at retail. The link to beef was found through a probe by the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service and the Virginia Department of Health. A spokeswoman said the department would follow up with S&S about the source of the beef and safety measures.

Source: http://www.chicagotribune.com/business/chi-fri-beef-recall-aug08,0,515252_story

28. *August 8, Associated Press* – (National) **USDA issues low-risk recall of 38,000 cattle heads.** The U.S. Agriculture Department has recalled more than 940,000 pounds of cattle heads shipped from a Dallas company after it was discovered the tonsils had not been completely removed, the agency said in a release. The Class II recall, which involves 38,000 heads shipped in the past 18 months, represents a low risk to human health, the release states. Tonsils are considered a specified risk material and are required to be removed from cattle of all ages, according to regulations of the department's Food Safety Inspection Service. The materials are tissues known to be able to contain prions of cattle infected with mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy, as well as materials closely associated with these potentially infective tissues. The inspection service prohibits risky materials from use as human food to minimize potential human exposure to mad cow disease.

Source: <http://www.chron.com/dispatch/story.mpl/ap/tx/5932676.html>

Water Sector

29. *August 11, Homeland Security Today* – (National) **Congress ponders water security concerns.** An examination of water security issues in the most recent session of Congress emphasized concerns about coordination between the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as well as a debate over whether water facilities should fall under chemical security regulations, according to congressional researchers. The Federation of American Scientists last week released the report on the water infrastructure sector by the Congressional Research Service (CRS), recently updated on July 28. “There are no federal standards or agreed upon industry practices within the water infrastructure sector to govern readiness, response to security incidents, and recovery,” wrote a specialist in Resource and Environmental Policy in the CRS Resources, Science, and Industry Division, in the report. The specialist noted that Congress has provided about \$794 million in spending for security in the water infrastructure sector, most recently defined by the National Infrastructure Protection Plan developed by DHS. The water infrastructure sector operates under a sector-specific plan – the execution of which is developed by public and private committees working together with EPA as the leading federal agency. Source: <http://hstoday.us/content/view/4654/128/>
30. *August 10, Associated Press* – (Indiana) **State: PCBs not in water after lagoon breach.** Environmental officials say the release of toxins from a wastewater lagoon at a Pfizer Inc. plant south of Terre Haute has not contaminated drinking water. Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) tests show that water from several wells is not contaminated with PCBs, or polychlorinated biphenyls. IDEM began investigating the release of PCBs in June after Pfizer workers reported a lagoon dam break caused by heavy rains and flooding at its facility just south of Terre Haute. Pfizer has been working with both IDEM and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to assess the impact of the break. Source: <http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080810/LOCAL/80810008>
31. *August 10, Arizona Republic* – (Arizona) **Water found with elevated arsenic levels not dangerous to drink.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has confirmed that the arsenic-laced water being distributed to some customers of the Cave Creek Desert Hills Water Co. is safe to drink. The municipal water company, which serves 4,500 customers west of Cave Creek, Arizona, reported last week that one of its three wells has had arsenic levels slightly above federal standards for at least a year. Test results indicate arsenic levels around 13 to 14 parts per billion (ppb). The EPA’s maximum allowed level is ten ppb. An EPA spokeswoman said drinking water with arsenic in the 13 to 14 ppb range is “safe for healthy individuals.” Arizona has naturally high levels of arsenic in its soil, which can seep into groundwater. Cave Creek is working with Maricopa County Environmental Services to fix the problem. Currently, there is no timeframe for treatment. Options include treating the water or blending the well with another water supply.

Source:

<http://www.azcentral.com/arizonarepublic/local/articles/2008/08/10/20080810neccarsenic0810.html>

32. *August 10, Record Searchlight* – (California) **Possible tampering restricts water use.** Residents in the Lake McCumber area are being told not to drink their water because of a break-in at a water plant. About 600 customers of the Lassen Pines Mutual Water Co. in eastern Shasta County, California, were notified Saturday to drink only bottled water until tests can be done on the domestic water supply. Test results should be known late Monday or early Tuesday. The water company's office manager said the chlorine room at the water plant had been broken into and the chlorination system was tampered with. The break-in happened Friday night or Saturday morning, and this time Homeland Security and the Federal Bureau of Investigation were involved.

Source: <http://www.redding.com/news/2008/aug/10/possible-tampering-restricts-water-use/>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

33. *August 11, Associated Press* – (National) **DHS, rejecting advice, puts Mississippi on shortlist for facility.** The Department of Homeland Security swept aside evaluations by government experts and named Mississippi as a potential location for a \$451 million national laboratory to study some of the world's most virulent biological threats, according to internal documents obtained by the Associated Press. Among the sites passed over for the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility was Beltsville, Maryland, even though it scored better on Homeland Security's evaluation system than the Mississippi site. The department said there were too many skilled researchers near Beltsville, and the agency worried about competing to hire them. Instead, the DHS shortlist of locations for the lab includes Granville County, North Carolina; San Antonio; Manhattan, Kansas; Athens, Georgia; and Flora, Mississippi. The facility would replace an existing 24-acre research complex on isolated Plum Island, New York. Researchers also would study foot-and-mouth disease, African swine fever, Japanese encephalitis, Rift Valley fever, and the Hendra and Nipah viruses. Construction would begin in 2010 and take four years.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/08/10/AR2008081002092.html>

34. *August 10, NatutalNews* – (National) **U.S. cities would be locked down, quarantined under pandemic flu response plan.** The federal government would need to quarantine infected households and ban public gatherings to contain pandemic flu, according to a computer simulation study conducted by researchers from Virginia Tech and published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. The consensus among health experts is that a pandemic, or global epidemic, of influenza is inevitable. The last such pandemic, in 1918, killed between 40 and 100 million people. Because of the belief that a pandemic cannot be avoided, researchers are instead looking into ways to limit its effects. In the current study, researchers used a computer to model the hypothetical

spread of flu pandemic in the city of Chicago under various containment scenarios. They found that a vigorous early response could reduce the infection rate by 80 percent. Under the containment scenario, people infected with or exposed to the disease would be confined to their homes, and schools and day-care centers would be shut down, as would places of public gathering like bars, restaurants and theaters. Offices and factories would remain open but would operate at reduced capacity due to quarantines. The extreme measures would need to continue for months, until a vaccine was developed. Source: <http://www.naturalnews.com/023823.html>

35. *August 10, Examiner* – (Maryland) **County, state payments overdue to hospital system.** Prince George’s County and Maryland officials are behind on their first \$2.8 million payment to the county’s beleaguered hospital system, despite state law that required each to pay up by July 1. The state legislature passed a law requiring the county and the state to each contribute \$12 million a year to keep the Prince George’s Hospital System up and running as the search continues for new hospital operators. Dimensions Healthcare, the current operator, has been cited repeatedly for mismanaging the county-owned hospitals — Prince George’s Hospital Center and Laurel Regional Hospital, which have come close to shutting down multiple times as costs have outpaced funding. A Prince George’s County spokesman acknowledged the tardiness, saying the county is putting the payment together. He said he did not know when it would arrive. Source: http://www.examiner.com/a-1529811~County_state_payments_overdue_to_hospital_system.html

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Government Facilities Sector

36. *August 11, Washington Post* – (National) **San Francisco case shows vulnerability of data networks.** San Francisco is being forced to overhaul security measures on the computer network that controls data for its police, courts, jails, payroll, and health services, as well as other crucial information, after the technology administrator entrusted with the system blocked access for everyone but himself last month and for days refused to reveal the password, even from jail. The suspect was arrested July 13 at his suburban home, where police found \$10,000 in cash, diagrams of the city-county computer network, a co-worker’s access card, a loaded 9mm magazine, and several loose .45-caliber rounds. “I don’t want to make it sound hopeless,” but “when I go around and give talks, it seems like people don’t really understand their risk of being the victim of insider sabotage,” said a specialist in insider threats with CERT, the Carnegie Mellon Software Engineering Institute’s Computer Emergency Response Team, which studies security vulnerabilities. Such insider threats are a familiar story in the business world, but not so – at least not publicly – among local governments. But the scale of San Francisco’s cyber-standoff has gained the notice of big-city IT administrators and computer experts, who scratch their heads at how it could have happened. Though all IT departments are vulnerable to attacks from within, most focus on outside threats, the specialist with CERT said. But they should, she said, because in some case, the consequences can be life-threatening.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/08/10/AR2008081001802.html?hpid=topnews>

37. *August 11, La Crosse Tribune* – (Wisconsin) **13 Iraq war protesters arrested attempting to enter Fort McCoy.** Thirteen people who are part of a 450-mile walk protesting the war in Iraq were arrested Sunday at Fort McCoy, protest organizers said. Security personnel prevented protesters with the Witness Against War project from entering the base, protest organizers said, and the 13 were arrested on trespassing charges. The protesters had hoped to talk with National Guard and Army Reserve members about the Iraq war. The war protesters left July 21 from Chicago and plan to reach St. Paul, the day before the start of the Republican National Convention.
Source: <http://www.lacrossetribune.com/articles/2008/08/11/news/z03mccoy13.txt>
38. *August 9, Los Angeles Times* – (National) **Anthrax case prompts congressional investigation of biodefense labs.** Calling it “a most urgent public health and national security issue,” two ranking lawmakers said Friday that they were expanding their congressional investigation into the risks associated with the nation’s biodefense labs to focus on how someone as mentally unstable as the accused anthrax killer could have worked unsupervised with deadly biological agents for so long. The chairman of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the head of the panel’s subcommittee on oversight and investigations said they would investigate personnel security at Fort Detrick, Maryland, where the suspect worked with anthrax cultures for at least seven years after he began showing signs of paranoia and mental instability. The suspect, who was 62 when he died July 29, remained with the lab long after the Federal Bureau of Investigation determined that he was probably the culprit in the 2001 attacks that killed five people and sickened 17 who had handled tainted mail. Officials at Fort Detrick have said they have stringent security measures in place to weed out troubled scientists. But the congressmen said they were increasingly concerned about all of the nation’s Biosafety Level 3 and 4 labs, which research highly infectious viruses and other biological agents that can cause serious injury or death. To date, their committee’s investigation has identified serious shortcomings in the security at other labs, which are run by universities and civilian government agencies. The problems include poor training, sloppy security, lack of oversight, and releases of dangerous pathogens. In a letter the lawmakers sent Friday to the president, they asked the White House to launch its own inquiry of biodefense labs.
Source: <http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/washingtondc/la-na-anthrax9-2008aug09,0,42787.story>

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Emergency Services Sector

39. *August 10, Federal Times* – (National) **DHS preps for attack during transition.** At a federal installation in Georgia three months ago, more than 100 senior career employees from across the Homeland Security Department (DHS) assembled for an exercise in which they oversaw a simulated government response to a large flood in the Midwest. The goal was to prepare career managers for what could be the biggest test they would

ever face: responding to a large-scale disaster — such as a terrorist attack or natural calamity — during the presidential transition, a time when political leadership is lacking. Top career officials at DHS’ Federal Emergency Management Agency, Customs and Border Protection, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Coast Guard, and other agencies are learning not only how to run their own agencies during crisis, but also how to coordinate their responses with one another, the department’s undersecretary for management said in an interview. Several more training sessions — tabletop simulations and field exercises — are planned for the coming months, she said. “A lot of acts of terror take place in times of political change, and there’s an awareness of that,” she said, stressing that DHS has no specific intelligence about any imminent threats. “So we’re looking at — when our political employees leave — who acts in their place ... in case of an incident.”

Source: <http://federaltimes.com/index.php?S=3666514>

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Information Technology

40. *August 11, Computerworld* – (International) **Cyberattacks knock out Georgia’s Internet presence.** Hackers, perhaps affiliated with a well-known Russian criminal network, have attacked and hijacked Web sites belonging to Georgia, the former Soviet republic now in the fourth day of war with Russia, a security researcher claimed on Sunday. Some Georgian government and commercial sites are unavailable, while others may have been hijacked, said a researcher who tracks the notorious Russian Business Network (RBN), a malware and criminal hosting network. “Many of Georgia’s Internet servers were under external control from late Thursday,” he said early Saturday in an entry on his Web site. According to his research, the government’s sites dedicated to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Defense, and the country’s president have been blocked completely, or traffic to and from those sites’ servers have been redirected to servers actually located in Russia and Turkey. Statements from Georgia’s foreign ministry have appeared in a blog hosted on Google, perhaps in an attempt to circumvent attacks.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9112201&intsrc=hm_list

41. *August 10, Red Orbit* – (International) **Hackers leverage Olympics in new attacks.** Internet and computer security firms report that the Summer Olympics have presented cyber criminals with an opportunity to leverage public interest in the games to launch new attacks. Olympic themed junk emails spiked before the games’ opening ceremony, with hackers sending malicious messages aiming to trick unsuspecting recipients into opening booby-trapped attachments or to visit phony Web sites. Some of the messages were disguised as fake award notifications, telling users that they had won an Olympic lottery and needed to respond to claim their prize.

Source:

http://www.redorbit.com/news/technology/1517292/hackers_leverage_olympics_in_new_attacks/

42. *August 9, Associated Press* – (National) **Hackers mull physical attacks on a networked world.** Hackers at the DefCon conference demonstrated novel techniques for infiltrating facilities. For example, a hacker could ship a hacked iPhone to a nonexistent employee and hope the device sits in the mailroom, scanning for nearby wireless connections in order to break into a computer network in an ultra-secure building. Their talks served as a reminder of the danger of physical attacks as a way to breach hard-to-crack computer networks. As technology gets cheaper and more powerful, from cell phones that act as personal computers to minuscule digital bugging devices, it is enabling a new wave of clever attacks that, if pulled off properly, can be as effective and less risky for thieves than traditional computer-intrusion tactics.
Source: <http://ap.google.com/article/ALeqM5jKgmXi1T0ImM-DGNK7j2d2BrjsJwD92EE0100>

Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@us-cert.gov or visit their Website: <http://www.us-cert.gov>.

Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Website: <https://www.it-isac.org/>.

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Communications Sector

43. *August 10, New York Times* – (National) **Verizon and 2 unions agree on 3-Year contract, averting strike.** Verizon Communications and its two major unions announced on Sunday that they had reached tentative three-year contracts with raises totaling nearly 11 percent and with the company continuing to pay 100 percent of current workers' and retirees' health premiums. The settlements, announced seven days after the old contracts expired, averted a strike threatened by 65,000 Verizon workers from Maine to Virginia. On Friday, with negotiations dragging past the contract deadline, Verizon's two main unions — the Communications Workers of America and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers — set a strike deadline for Monday. The two unions had originally threatened a strike for Aug. 3, but postponed any job action because the talks were making progress. The tentative contracts, which must be ratified by union members, call for a 3.25 percent raise in the first year, 3.5 percent in the second year and 3.75 percent in the third, yielding raises of 10.9 percent compounded over the three years.
Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2008/08/11/nyregion/11verizon.html>
44. *August 10, Associated Press* – (National) **Union workers authorize strike at Qwest.** Members of the largest employee union at Qwest Communications International voted on Sunday to authorize a strike if talks fail to produce a new contract. Qwest is providing communication services at the Democratic and Republican conventions and has committed \$6 million worth of cash and in-kind services to each. The Communications Workers of America District 7 union said 93 percent of voting

members had authorized its leaders to call a strike if needed. The talks cover workers in 13 states: Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2008/08/11/technology/11phone.html?ref=business>

45. *August 10, IDG News Service* – (Nevada) **Covert operation floats network-sniffing balloon.** Hidden in the back of a 22-foot moving truck, a rocket scientist and his team of about a dozen volunteers launched the balloon Friday morning, sending it 150 feet into the air for about 20 minutes to use special antennas and scanning software to scope out the Las Vegas skyline for unsecured wireless networks, an activity he calls “warballooning.” Hackers have practiced wardriving for years, driving around in cars with computers and specialized software that sniffs for networks. The team says it got a pretty good look at about 370 wireless networks, while scanning up and down the Las Vegas Strip.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&taxonomyName=security&articleId=9112200&taxonomyId=17&intsrc=kc_top

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Commercial Facilities Sector

46. *August 8, Associated Press* – (Nevada) **Ricin suspect says he made powder a decade ago.** An unemployed graphic designer, who pleaded guilty to possessing toxic ricin, said Friday he distilled the lethal powder in 1998 while living in San Diego from the beans of a backyard castor plant, and carried it with him for a decade while living in Reno, Las Vegas, and near Salt Lake City. Police and prosecutors have cast him as a troubled man who acted alone, and they have said the case was not linked to terrorism. He pleaded guilty Monday to federal possession of a biological toxin and weapons charges and denied any criminal intent and said he never intentionally or accidentally released any of the lethal powder.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/wires/2008Aug08/0,4670,RicinMystery,00.html>

47. *August 8, Associated Press* – (Massachusetts) **Museum offers reward in vandalism case.** Plimoth Plantation is offering a reward to anyone with information leading to the arrest and conviction of vandals who damaged the replica Colonial village. Museum officials say the vandals caused an estimated \$10,000 in damage. The vandals broke into eight 17th-century era houses and stole hatchets, animal pelts, steel armor, and other household items while smashing pottery, uprooting plants, and damaging sections of the fence. Police say the vandals broke in the night of August 1, and the damage was discovered by an employee the next day. A security guard at the living history museum did not notice any disturbances.

Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/travel/ci_10139558

48. *August 8, National Journal* – (Minnesota) **GOP convention presents security challenge.** The dozens of local, state, and federal agencies contributing to this year’s security effort will still face plenty of challenges in protecting the event. Convention

attendees will be spread throughout the Twin Cities, and also in nearby towns such as Maple Grove and Bloomington, forcing law enforcement to protect a comparatively decentralized gathering. St. Paul organizers have to protect more area with fewer officers. During convention week, officers from nearby cities and county agencies, and from smaller police departments across the state, will beef up security. Working alongside the police will be a host of federal agencies, from NORAD to the Coast Guard to the Secret Service. Both municipal and federal officials say they are well prepared to coordinate the many participating agencies. And the estimated \$37.5 million cost of the security operation falls well below the \$50 million that federal funding provides.

Source: <http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/0808/080808njcom1.htm>

49. *August 8, E! Online* – (California) **Cruise, Hayek offices threatened with anthrax.** For the second time this week, Los Angeles' MGM Tower, a professional complex housing production companies has been hit with a security threat over an anthrax scare. Sources confirmed to E! News that a building-wide memo has gone out informing all tenants of an anonymous threat phoned in to the building's main switchboard stating the deadly virus would be placed into the building's ventilation system, starting on the 20th floor. A memo circulated earlier today claimed that "due to lack of credibility of the threat, the building, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and MGM are not recommending that we take any actions." An updated notice confirmed that the building's management had dispatched engineers to examine the ventilation system and that no signs of tampering were found. Nonetheless, the management is still taking precautions, blocking outside air from entering the building and tightening security on the complex's heat- and air-control rooms by prohibiting tenants or guests from entering the areas. Any contractors on site today are being escorted around the premises by security.

Source:

http://www.eonline.com/uberblog/b22929_cruise_hayek_offices_threatened_with.html

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National Monuments & Icons Sector

50. *August 10, Associated Press* – (Utah) **Iconic stone arch collapses in southern Utah park.** One of the largest and most photographed stone arches in Arches National Park in the U.S. has collapsed. Wall Arch fell sometime late Monday or early Tuesday, though no one has reported seeing it collapse, said the park's chief of interpretation. He said the arch, located along the popular Devils Garden Trail, was claimed by gravity and erosion.

Source: <http://www.iht.com/articles/ap/2008/08/10/america/NA-US-Utah-Arch-Collapses.php>

51. *August 8, CNN* – (California) **Mexican cartels running pot farms in U.S. national forest.** Illegal immigrants connected to Mexico's drug cartels are growing hundreds of millions of dollars worth of marijuana in the heart of one of America's national treasures, authorities say. In Sequoia National Forest, ten thousand marijuana plants dotted the mountainside's steep terrain amid thick brush, often near streams. This garden's street value is an estimated \$40 million, authorities said. Over the past eight

days, a federal, state, and county law enforcement initiative called Operation LOCCUST has eradicated 420,000 marijuana plants here worth more than \$1 billion on the street. A lieutenant of the Tulare County Sheriff's Department said authorities have arrested 38 people and seized 29 automatic weapons, high-powered rifles, and other guns. Once at the national forest, the growers carry with them everything they need: tents, food, guns, fertilizer, irrigation hose, and marijuana seeds. Armed men keep watch over the gardens day and night during planting season, officials say. They dam mountain creeks to create pools and then siphon the water into miles of gravity-fed hoses that lead to smaller tubing to irrigate the plants. Nearly all of the marijuana plants have individual drip lines. Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2008/CRIME/08/08/pot.eradication/index.html>

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Dams Sector

52. *August 8, KRMS 1150 Osage Beach* – (Missouri) **Authorities prepare for dam failure simulation.** In Missouri, dozens of local, state, and federal agencies will participate in a disaster simulation in September revolving around the Osage River waterway system. The exercise will test every agency that would respond if dam failures occurred at Truman Dam in Warsaw and at Bagnell Dam in Lake Ozark. Plans are underway for the exercise at the State Emergency Management Agency headquarters in Jefferson City. The simulation will involve local police, deputies, firefighters, emergency managers, MODOT, FEMA, and the U.S. Coast Guard, among others.

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