

I Hate it When That Happens!

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Sudden outbreak of widespread riots in China; docks in turmoil; roadways barely passable due to danger of robbers and rioters.

15% fall in the value of the U.S. dollar.

Systemic failure of U.S. air traffic control system leading to the canceling of all flights immediately with prospect of disruption lasting at least two weeks with an unknown date for the restoration of service.

Swine flu leads to immediate quarantine at city hosting your main production facility (or your corporate headquarters, whichever is worse for your firm) with an anticipated two-week horizon to lifting of quarantine.

CEO and President (i.e., top two executives) of your firm are killed in an airplane crash.

U.S. experiences 15 percent inflation with commensurate change in interest rates over the last year

Your firm's employees file a class action lawsuit against your firm for firm hostility to Christianity; 3 percent of the employees join the class.

All of your temporary employees must be terminated today (i.e., assume that the vetting of these employees is suddenly proven to be so poor that they must be removed from the premises immediately while their credentials are re-examined).

Your firm is raided for illegal aliens and is forced to close until all employees' right to work can be established to the satisfaction of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Israel launches missile attack on Iranian nuclear facility, followed by the landing of troops at facility to complete destruction of plant.

All computers in your company (except for personal computers) suddenly become inoperable.

Spot oil prices become highly volatile, i.e., weekly standard deviation of 15 percent occurs and is expected to continue.

Congress passes a new law that requires your firm to reduce its carbon emissions by 10 percent per year for each of the next three years. The law takes effect one year from today.

Massive hurricane closes all U.S. ports in the Gulf of Mexico with widespread destruction from Louisiana to the Mexican border meaning that the ports are rendered completely inoperable.