Top Stories

- KSLA 12 reports that on October 23, 3 million gallons of sewage spilled into Champion Lake in Shreveport, Louisiana, the second such big leak in 3 months. (See item 36)
- According to IDG News Service, the Iranian Cyber Army group of malicious hackers has been running a for-rent botnet since August that has infected as many as 20 million personal computers. (See item 49)

Fast Jump Menu

**PRODUCTION INDUSTRIES**

- Energy
- Chemical
- Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste
- Critical Manufacturing
- Defense Industrial Base
- Dams

**SERVICE INDUSTRIES**

- Banking and Finance
- Transportation
- Postal and Shipping
- Information Technology
- Communications
- Commercial Facilities

**SUSTENANCE and HEALTH**

- Agriculture and Food
- Water
- Public Health and Healthcare

**FEDERAL and STATE**

- Government Facilities
- Emergency Services
- National Monuments and Icons

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. **October 25, myCentralJersey.com** – (New Jersey) **Linden, New Jersey refinery still without full power.** The ConocoPhillips refinery in Linden, New Jersey was still operating without full power following a transformer problem October 25 that forced the company to conduct controlled burns, according to a city fire official. The Linden deputy fire chief said power had been restored to parts of the plant. He said the ongoing venting process of shooting flames in the sky to release pressure is necessary to eliminate residue. According to the deputy fire chief, around 3:46 a.m. October 25, the
plant experienced total power failure after losing a big transformer which shut down the
grid. As a safety precaution, a shut down process was implemented which involved
venting the system for prevent further complications. Three engines and a ladder
company responded. One engine remained at the scene to provide water for
ConocoPhillips fire protection system. The refinery processes mainly light, low-sulfur
crude oil and produces gasoline, diesel fuel, and jet fuel.
Source: http://www.mycentraljersey.com/article/20101025/NEWS/101025017/UPDATE-
Linden-refinery-still-without-full-power

2. **October 25, Oakland Tribune** – (California) **BART trains running again after power outage closed Oakland station October 24.** The 12th Street Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Station in Oakland, California was shut down temporarily October 24 when stormy weather caused a massive power outage. A BART spokesman said the station’s power went down around 2:15 p.m., and that it was the only station closed. About 15,000 PG&E customers in Oakland were without power due to the outage, a PG&E spokesman said. Power has been restored. “We’re having issues with our operations control center,” the BART spokesman said. “There are a lot of power issues but we’re running service as best we can.” BART was among the top-tier priorities for power restoration, on the same priority level as hospitals, because of its nature as a crucial transportation service, he said. Trains were running on time as of 9 p.m. October 24. Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_16423523

3. **October 25, KHQ 6 Spokane** – (Washington) **Spokane police arrest gas thieves.** At about 10 p.m. October 24, Spokane, Washington police responded to the Pacific Pride gas station at 144 E. Jackson for a gas theft in progress. Once police arrived, they found two suspects in a minivan stealing gas from in-ground tanks. The thieves had hollowed out the inside of the van and turned it into a vehicle capable of stealing hundreds of gallons of gasoline at a time. The suspects had already been to the Pacific Pride earlier in the night and stolen gas. The suspects were booked into Spokane County Jail on charges of retail theft with extenuating circumstances, a felony.

4. **October 25, WTOL 11 Toledo** – (Ohio) **Lightning strikes cause power outages to 27,000 in Toledo, Ohio.** Lightning struck several substations in Toledo, Ohio around 6 p.m. October 24, which caused 27,000 residents to lose power. Toledo Edison crews spent the overnight hours restoring power to 17,000 residents. They worked on the remaining outages throughout October 25.

5. **October 24, Reuters** – (International) **Hurricane hits Belize, could reach Mexico oil fields.** Hurricane Richard struck the tiny Central American nation of Belize October 24, blowing roofs off houses and knocking out electricity as tourists and residents huddled in emergency shelters. Richard, which made landfall just south of Belize City, was expected to weaken to a tropical depression and enter northern Guatemala October 25, continuing into southeastern Mexico and the southern Gulf of Mexico by late October
25 or early October 26, the U.S. National Hurricane Center said. The storm, which is expected eventually to pass through Mexico’s main oil producing region in the Bay of Campeche, packed maximum sustained winds of 90 miles per hour. It was centered about 30 miles west southwest of Belize City at 10 p.m. October 25. Richard will likely power through Belize and southern Mexico to enter the Bay of Campeche, where Mexico produces more than two-thirds of its 2.6 million barrels-per-day of crude output.
Source: http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSN2420133720101025

6. October 24, Washington Post – (California; National) Calif. pipeline explosion draws attention to work conditions. The explosion of a natural gas pipeline in San Bruno, California has underscored a growing concern about the capabilities of utility employees who watch over the nation’s pipelines and whose errors have been linked to a number of mishaps, some of them catastrophic. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has said that among the questions it is investigating in the September 9 explosion is whether workers at a PG&E pipeline-monitoring terminal in Milpitas, California, were fatigued or poorly trained. Just 8 days after the blast, the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) moved to speed up adoption of a rule to ensure that workers doing similar jobs at companies across the country are well-trained and rested — especially because many of those workers put in 12-hour shifts. Three days after the San Bruno explosion, which killed eight, the California Public Utilities Commission ordered PG&E to preserve all records at the Milpitas terminal, which monitors operations on the gas transmission line that ruptured, and to allow investigators with the NTSB to interview the workers there. A few days later, the NTSB vice chairman revealed that the agency also was looking into the computerized system PG&E depends on to monitor and control the flow of gas.

7. October 22, KTVU 2 Oakland – (California) Flaring at rodeo refinery leads to health warning. Excessive flaring at the Conoco Philips refinery in Rodeo, California October 22 led county officials to issue a health warning to area residents. The plume had been burning since late morning and could be seen from Crocket. The refinery experienced an equipment failure that triggered the loss of hydrogen, forcing the plant to burn excessive fuel. County officials called it the most serious refinery incident they have had in several years. The plume continued almost 12 hours after it started. The light hydrocarbons such as propane and natural gas that were burned intentionally to relieve pressure were released because of a malfunction that forced the plant to shut down. On October 22, there were two failures: first, hydrogen equipment stopped working before steam power cut out. County regulators said most of the smoke rose high and drifted over San Francisco Bay. Still, hazardous materials teams checked air quality. The pollution levels were low enough that it was not necessary to warn people to stay inside, unless they have respiratory problems. As of 10:15 p.m., October 22 the flame had shrunk quite a bit.
Chemical Industry Sector

8. October 25, Bloomberg – (Texas) Exxon reports electrical failure at Texas chemical plant. Exxon Mobil Corp. said an electrical failure caused flaring at its Beaumont chemical plant in Texas, according to a filing with the National Response Center. More than 1,000 pounds of nitrogen oxide was flared October 23 at 10:30 a.m. local time, the report showed. U.S. refineries must notify the response center if they release hazardous substances in excess of reportable quantities, according to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, commonly known as Superfund.

9. October 24, KABC 7 Los Angeles – (California) Dock workers hospitalized from chemical spill. Three dock workers at the Port of Los Angeles in California have been hospitalized following a chemical spill on board a cargo ship October 23. The chemical is called xylenol and is sometimes used in pesticides. The leak was reported around 4 p.m. aboard the APL Sweden at Berth 303. A fire department spokesman said that only a few gallons spilled, but three workers had respiratory problems and were taken to the hospital. No land-based evacuations were ordered, but the ship was evacuated while a hazardous materials team investigated.

10. October 23, Topeka Capital-Journal – (Kansas) Rail car burns near Rossville. Fire and hazardous materials handling crews October 23 responded to a railroad-car fire near N.W. 86th and Davis Road, northeast of Rossville, Kansas, authorities said. Shawnee County emergency dispatchers received information around 9 p.m. about a possible railcar fire. Silver Lake firefighters and HAZMAT crews with the Topeka Fire Department were summoned. Crews responding to the fire said the train was carrying various materials, including some chemicals. Authorities did not say what material was on board the burning car.

11. October 22, KSL 5 Salt Lake City – (Utah) Workers OK after chemical mishap at Kennecott Power Plant. Two men were released from the hospital after an accidental chemical reaction at Kennecott Utah Copper October 22. The Unified fire captain said the incident occurred around 10 a.m. at the power plant at 9150 W. 2600 South in Magna, Utah. According to a Kennecott spokeswoman, a contracted delivery driver hauling a load of sodium hypochlorite, or bleach, was unloading the chemical into a vat he thought was empty. The vat actually contained hydrochloric acid residue. It mixed with 25 gallons of the sodium hypochlorite. “A chemical reaction took place,” she said. “There were fumes that overcame two of our employees. They started coughing and
having burning sensations in their chests.” The spill temporarily forced an evacuation at Kennecott, but operations were never suspended.
Source: http://www.ksl.com/?nid=148&sid=12925191

For another story, see item 48

Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

12. October 24, UK Guardian – (Nevada) **Robot soldiers patrol America’s radioactive waste dump.** After many years of development and testing, America’s National Nuclear Security Administration has announced that an autonomous robot soldier has begun patrolling its radioactive waste facility in Nevada. The “Mobile Detection Assessment Response System” (MDARS), looks like a golf buggy full of microscopes. It comes equipped with a bright light and a loudspeaker. The MDARS can travel at speeds up to 20 mph, and it is expected to save the Nevada site more than $1 million a year on labor and equipment costs.
Source: http://www.guardian.co.uk/science/2010/oct/24/nasa-robots-on-patrol

13. October 24, Deseret News – (Utah) **Driver in radioactive truck crash had alcohol, marijuana in vehicle, police say.** A truck carrying radioactive material crashed October 24 on U.S. 40 in Gusher, Utah. The crash occurred about 4:20 a.m. when the driver whom authorities suspect was driving under the influence of alcohol, went off the road and his truck struck a guardrail before overturning, the Utah Highway Patrol (UHP) said. The Uintah County fire district director said the truck was carrying a camera containing a small amount of iridium 192. The radioactive material is used to X-ray pipelines and storage tanks in the oil and natural gas fields of the Uintah Basin, he said. “Nobody’s been exposed or contaminated,” said the fire official who said the nearest house is a quarter mile from the crash site. The camera was stored in a heavy-duty container meant to withstand high impacts, so no radioactive material leaked out. Some of the chemical used to develop the X-rays did leak, but it is no more dangerous than gasoline, troopers said. The crash shut down traffic in both directions of U.S. 40 for at least 6 hours while firefighters from Lapoint, Tridell, and Jensen, and crews from Quality Inspection and Testing Inc., the Louisiana-based company that owns the truck, cleaned up the site. The driver was taken to Uintah Basin Medical Center, where he was treated for minor injuries. He was then booked into the Uintah County Jail for investigation of DUI, open container and possession of marijuana, a UHP trooper said.

For another story, see item 48

Critical Manufacturing Sector
14. *October 24, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Police: Man charged with 2 murders at Ohio plant.** Police said a man has been charged with two counts of aggravated murder after he allegedly shot two people to death October 22 at an Ohio manufacturing plant. The charges come days after authorities said the man killed a 49-year-old employee outside the Cleveland manufacturing plant where she worked. Police said the killer used the victim’s employee identification card to get inside the building and then shot the victim’s co-worker as well. Authorities said the victim had filed a menacing by stalking report against her killer in July 2010, but later decided not to press charges.

Source: [http://www.wkbn.com/content/news/ohstate/story/Police-Man-charged-with-2-murders-at-Ohio-plant/LWHVsF4Kc0O42nWG5Wq1hw.cspx](http://www.wkbn.com/content/news/ohstate/story/Police-Man-charged-with-2-murders-at-Ohio-plant/LWHVsF4Kc0O42nWG5Wq1hw.cspx)

15. *October 24, Springfield Republican* – (Massachusetts) **Quick action prevents worse damage at plant.** A fire October 23 at Utility Manufacturing in Wilbraham, Massachusetts was still under investigation later in the day, but considered incidental in nature, according to a state trooper from the state fire marshal’s office. The fire originated in the roof line area, and investigators are focusing on electrical wiring. The fire occurred where the metal processing company does most of its manufacturing, and officials described it as a “heavy loss.” Fire officials said an employee in the building smelled the fire and called 911 right away. When emergency personnel arrived on scene, flames were shooting through the roof. There was concern about an explosion because the facility processes metal and has vats of acid, according to police and fire officials. “Having that employee there basically saved the building,” said the fire chief. He said the firefighters also did an excellent job.


16. *October 23, Associated Press* – (Alabama) **Georgia man dies from injuries at southeast Alabama plant.** A Georgia man has died from injuries he received when he was accidentally electrocuted at a steel company in Dothan, Alabama. The Houston County coroner said the 34-year-old died October 22 at a Dothan hospital. He said the death was the result of the man being electrocuted while replacing a heating unit at Qualico Steel Co. in Webb October 21.


For another story, see item 11

[Return to top]

**Defense Industrial Base Sector**

17. *October 25, IHS Jane’s* – (National) **US Navy begins sonobuoy drop tests from P-8 Poseidon.** U.S. Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) has begun sonobuoy drop tests from the Boeing P-8A Poseidon maritime multimission aircraft, it announced October 21. The tests, which began October 15, involved one of the three test aircraft at Naval Air Station (NAS) Patuxent River, Maryland, dropping six sonobuoys in three low-altitude launches at the Atlantic Test Range. The P-8A employs a rotary launch
system with three launchers, each with the capacity to hold 10 sonobuoys, and the ability to launch single and multiple shots. The system can accommodate sonobuoys of all sizes and the storage capacity is 50 percent greater than that of the incumbent Lockheed Martin P-3 Orion, according to NAVAIR. Initial operating capability on the P-8A is scheduled for 2013 at NAS Jacksonville, Florida.

Source: http://www.janes.com/news/defence/jni/jni101025_1_n.shtml

18. **October 24, Raytheon** – (National) **U.S. Navy completes first test of new warhead for Tomahawk Block IV missile.** The U.S. Navy completed the first live test of the Joint Multi-Effects Warhead System (JMEWS), meeting all performance objectives for the new warhead for the Tomahawk Block IV tactical cruise missile. The JMEWS program is designed to deliver a warhead that will give the Tactical Tomahawk Land-Attack Missile all of the same blast-fragmentation capabilities that make it a formidable weapon today and to introduce enhanced penetration capabilities into a single warhead. During the August 16 test, the warhead detonated, creating a hole large enough for the follow-through element to completely penetrate the concrete target and pass through two witness plates.


Banking and Finance Sector

19. **October 23, Bay Area Citizen** – (California) **San Jacinto College warns of financial aid scam.** The financial aid department at San Jacinto College in the Houston, Texas is warning students and the community of a potential financial aid scam. Individuals claiming to represent College Financial Advisory have contacted San Jacinto students by mail to offer financial aid. Students and parents are asked to complete a Student Aid Profile Form and pay a processing fee to receive help. “There is no fee to receive information about financial assistance at San Jacinto,” said the college’s financial aid services director. “We urge students and parents not to offer personal information, including any financial background information, to anyone making these claims.” Last year, people claiming to represent the U.S. Education Department contacted San Jacinto students to offer scholarships and grants. The callers asked for a bank or credit card number, saying the information would be used for a $249 processing fee, but the call was fake. San Jacinto students or parents who believe they may have received a scam financial aid letter are encouraged to report the incident to 1-800-MIS-USED, or via e-mail at oig.hotline@ed.gov. Telltale signs of fraud can be found on the Federal Trade Commission’s Web site under “scholarship scams.”


20. **October 22, njtoday.net** – (New Jersey) **Sewaren man charged in $7 million dollar mortgage fraud scheme.** A former mortgage broker and his purported co-conspirator
in a mortgage fraud scheme were arrested October 21 on a criminal complaint which alleges they conspired to defraud various mortgage lenders of more than $7 million by conducting at least 50 fraudulent real estate transactions involving residential properties in New Jersey, the U.S. Attorney announced. The two suspects were arrested by special agents of the FBI and the U.S. Secret Service on charges of conspiracy to commit wire fraud. The first suspect was arrested October 21 at his home. The second suspect, who awaits sentencing after pleading guilty to conspiracy to commit wire fraud in an unrelated scheme, was arrested when he reported to pretrial services concerning that case.

21. **October 22, Orlando Sentinel** – (Florida) **FDLE: ‘Ring leader’ in credit union fraud scheme arrested.** An Orlando, Florida woman described as the ringleader in a scheme to defraud credit unions has been arrested, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) said October 22. The 41-year-old woman was arrested October 21 on charges of organized scheme to defraud, grand theft and petty theft, the FDLE said. She had been sought on those charges since March and is the 39th person arrested in the scheme. After the FDLE received a complaint from a local credit union, its investigation revealed that the suspect recruited accomplices and provided them a small amount of money to open accounts at a local credit union. When those people received ATM cards in the mail, they sold the cards and corresponding PIN numbers to the suspect, the FDLE said. The woman would then deposit fraudulent checks, via the ATM, into the recently opened accounts and then immediately make a withdrawal, the investigation showed. Once the deposited checks failed to clear, a representative from the credit union would call the account holder, who would claim the ATM card was stolen and that they had no knowledge of the deposit or withdrawal. During the investigation, FDLE determined that 28 of the 42 people charged are currently receiving public assistance benefits. FDLE’s public assistance fraud investigators are actively investigating potential violations, and are in contact with the United States Department of Agriculture and the Department of Children and Families for review and possible revocation of benefits.

22. **October 19, Monsters and Critics** – (International) **G20 finance ministers meet amid currency war threat.** The world’s top finance officials will meet during the week of October 25-29 in the South Korean city of Gwangju amid fears about a so-called currency war between the world’s financial superpowers. The 2-day gathering of the Group of 20 (G20) finance ministers and central bankers, which starts October 29, is meant to help set the agenda for next month’s summit of G20 leaders in Seoul. But concerns about a ramped-up conflict over currency rates is threatening to cast a shadow over the meeting. “It all seems to be about exchange rates and banking rules,” said the Societe Generale chief European economist who believes the real risk facing the meeting is that it might fail to ease the tensions gripping global foreign exchange (forex) markets. Some experts fear a further escalation in forex rhetoric could derail the
Gwangju meeting, which is supposed to focus on a proposed overhaul of the international financial system — including talks on a financial-market transaction tax and tough new bank capital rules. The tensions that have taken hold in forex markets follow the push by countries to bolster their national economic performances by weakening their currencies.

Source: 

Transportation Sector

23. **October 25, Caymanmama.com** – (Florida) **San Francisco-bound airliner returns to Orlando due to cracked windshield.** A cracked windshield forced the pilot of a Virgin America airliner to make an emergency landing in Orlando, Florida October 20, just 30-minutes into a flight bound for San Francisco, California. While no injuries were reported, maintenance crews will be inspecting the aircraft and investigating what might have caused the crack to appear, as reported by WESH.com. According to a spokeswoman for Virgin America, “There was actually a hairline windshield crack that appeared shortly after takeoff.” What initially seemed like a minor crack soon became what was described as a “spiderweb of cracks” across the 2008 Airbus’ windshield. Thirty minutes into the flight, the pilot turned the plane around and headed back to Orlando International Airport, where the flight originated. Maintenance crews are expected to inspect the aircraft to determine what might have caused or contributed to the crack.


24. **October 25, KPTV 12 Portland** – (Oregon) **Rescue crews practice tram evacuation.** Using ropes and pulleys, members of the Portland Fire and Rescue team conducted tram evacuation practice in Portland, Oregon October 24. The training was meant to simulate the type of conditions emergency responders would face if the tram experienced a mechanical failure. It included practice retrieving an injured person from a stopped tram car.


25. **October 24, CNN** – (Illinois) **Man charged after allegedly trying to bring loaded gun on plane.** A Michigan man was arrested at Chicago’s O’Hare International Airport October 23 after a loaded handgun was allegedly found in his carry-on bag. The man is charged with a felony weapons violation, according to a Chicago Police Department spokesman. An officer with the Transportation Safety Administration spotted the .380 semiautomatic handgun during screening. The gun was fully loaded, with five rounds in the magazine and one in the chamber, he said.

26. **October 24, Jersey Journal** – (New York; New Jersey) **The drill is over and traffic at Lincoln Tunnel is back to normal, officials say.** An emergency drill at the Lincoln Tunnel October 24 that simulated an explosion near the New Jersey Toll Plaza, complete with loud noises and emergency crews working, is over and traffic at the tunnel that connects New Jersey and New York City has returned to normal, according to Port Authority officials. The drill, on the Jersey side of the tunnel, was scheduled to be completed by 11 a.m., officials said. The drill caused delays of up to 45 minutes for Jersey-bound commuters, according to reports.

Source: [http://www.nj.com/hudson/index.ssf/2010/10/the_drill_is_over_and_traffic.html](http://www.nj.com/hudson/index.ssf/2010/10/the_drill_is_over_and_traffic.html)

27. **October 23, Beckley Register-Herald** – (West Virginia) **School bus evacuated after bomb threat, police say.** A Raleigh County, West Virginia school bus was evacuated after a bomb threat October 21, authorities said. About 20 students on Bus 146 from Woodrow Wilson High School and Beckley-Stratton Middle School were escorted onto another bus after the bus driver was handed a note found by one of the students. The note claimed a bomb would blow up at 3:15 p.m. The bus was at Clyde Street and Powerline Drive when officers received the call. No explosives were found on the bus and officials are still investigating the threat.


28. **October 22, Washington Post** – (Southeast) **Commuter trains among those snagged by Norfolk Southern malfunction.** A failure of the train dispatching system at Norfolk Southern caused more than 100 trains, including some Virginia Railway Express (VRE) trains on the Manassas, Virginia Line, to come to a halt October 22, Norfolk Southern officials said. The malfunction caused 110 freight and passenger trains in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama to stop for almost 2 hours, starting around 6:20 a.m. The system controls switches and signals and helps dispatch trains. Without it, VRE officials said, train operators were in the dark, not knowing the location of other trains moving on the system. About 8,400 to 8,900 people ride the Manassas Line daily. Norfolk Southern experienced a similar problem 10 days ago, but it didn’t happen during VRE’s operating hours. It also happened in November 2009; that time, two evening VRE trains were affected.


29. **October 22, KGBT 4 Harlingen** – (International) **Explosive device found on Reynosa’s Puente Broncos.** Undetonated explosive devices have been found at the Puente Broncos in Reynosa, Mexico for 2 days in a row. Reynosa city officials reported a “situation of risk” at the bridge October 22. Authorities later clarified that an undetonated explosive device had been found on top of the bridge. One explosive device reportedly detonated at the Gayosso Funeral Home next to the bridge. Another undetonated explosive device was left under the bridge October 21. The roadways links downtown Reynosa to several busy shopping centers and the highway to Monterrey. Several gun battles and explosive devices have been reported at the bridge since
Postal and Shipping Sector

30. October 25, CNN – (Rhode Island) Suspicious package destroyed near site of scheduled Obama speech. A bomb squad destroyed an unattended package October 25 near the location of a scheduled appearance by the U.S. President in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, state police said. No evidence has been found to suggest the package contained harmful materials, and no link has been established between it and the President’s visit, except by proximity, the Rhode Island State Police captain said. Police closed down the road near where the package was found, and White House reporters heard a pop 5 minutes later. The package was described as a cardboard box that was 1 cubic foot sitting under a mailbox. The police official said he did not know whether additional measures were under way at the facility where the President was slated to speak later October 25.

Agriculture and Food Sector

31. October 24, KGTV 10 San Diego – (California) Freon leak detected at Mission Valley supermarket. Hazmat crews responded to a freon leak reported about 4:30 p.m. October 24 at a Food 4 Less in Mission Valley, California. The store was fully evacuated by 4:45 p.m., and here was no word on when the store would reopen. About 20 people were in the store at the time of the leak. Two people were evaluated at the scene but were not taken to the hospital. No injuries were reported. Hazmat crews and county health officials were on the scene. Crews were working to shut off the freon leak, which was detected in one of the store’s freezer units. There is no word on the cause of the leak, which is under investigation.

32. October 23, WXYZ 7 Detroit – (Wisconsin) 2,740 pounds of beef stick product is being recalled because they may contain plastic or glass. The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced October 23 that Klement Sausage Company, Inc. from Milwaukee, Wisconsin is recalling about 2,740 pounds of beef stick product. The 8-ounce packages of “Market Pantry Beef Sticks, Original” may contain plastic or glass pieces. The packages have a “Use By” date of March 1, 2012 and have the establishment number “2426B” inside the USDA mark of inspection and indicate “Refrigerate After Opening” on the label. The 10 pound shipping cartons are coded with the number “03293.” The beef sticks were produced
this year August 31 and packaged September 1. They were shipped to distribution centers and retail stores nationwide. The FSIS said the glass pieces were found after a retail chain reported that they had complaints from consumers about hard plastic or glass in the product. The FSIS has not received any complaints or reports of injury. 

33. October 22, Mankato Free Press – (Minnesota) Damaged grain elevated closes Hwy. 22 at Minnesota Lake. A Minnesota Lake, Minnesota grain bin is starting to collapse and is leaking corn, prompting authorities to re-route Highway 22 through town and evacuate about six homes October 22. The chief deputy for the Faribault County Sheriff’s Office in Minnesota said a construction company was expected to reach the city about 5 p.m. and begin safely taking down the silo. The county brought lights to allow the company to work through the night. Nearby power lines were de-activated, and six homes behind the silo were evacuated, the chief deputy said, out of concern the bin could take down the lines and possibly explode. The leak was discovered at about 12:30 p.m. October 22. The cause of the damage was not clear. 

34. October 22, New Orleans Times-Picayune – (National) NOAA reopens 7,000 more square miles for fishing in the Gulf. The federal government has reopened an additional 7,000 square miles of federal waters in the Gulf of Mexico to commercial and recreational fishing. That means 96 percent of all federal waters are now open, after a series of closures this summer as oil gushed into the Gulf following the Deepwater Horizon rig explosion. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) announced the reopening of waters 60 miles east of the Macondo well site, off the coast of Florida between the Florida-Alabama state line and Cape San Blas, Florida. October 22 marks the tenth reopening of fishing areas in the Gulf since July 22. The decision came after NOAA and the federal Food and Drug Administration sampled numerous finfish in the area, and conducted smell tests and a chemical analysis for oil. 

Water Sector

35. October 25, KOVR 13 Sacramento – (California) Sacramento sewage plant leaking after storms. Weekend storms may have resulted in raw sewage leaking into the Sacramento River in Sacramento, California after heavy rains flooded a treatment plant. Officials with the Pioneer Reservoir Treatment Facility said their electrical, control and pump rooms were all under water October 24. There was so much water it flowed out of the building and into a nearby parking lot. Officials do not know where the water is coming from and because their electrical systems are down, so they can not monitor
whether untreated water may be flowing into the Sacramento river. “The station is pretty much electrically controlled so it’s pretty much dead in the water. We can’t even look on a computer and see what the plant is doing right now,” said the facility’s operations manager. Officials hoped to get the electrical system up and working October 25 to find the cause of the flood and determine if untreated water got into the river. The plant treats 23 million gallons of storm- and wastewater from Sacramento. Source: http://cbs13.com/local/sewage.plant.flooded.2.1978785.html

36. **October 23, KSLA 12 Shreveport** – (Louisiana) **Leak spills 3 million gallons of sewage into Shreveport lake.** On October 23, 3 million gallons of sewage spilled into Champion Lake in Shreveport, Louisiana. In July, the city had to fix a leak only about 50 feet away from the October 23 leak. Officials said both leaks are symptoms of a greater problem. “Some of these pipes in the system, particularly around the older parts of the city, are 80 years old, and are well past their life expectancy. The infrastructure is starting to crumble,” said a city engineer. It will take money to fix the problem, but the city does not have it. City engineers said the two recent breaks near Champion Lake were not hazardous to the general public because Champion Lake is privately owned. However, they are concerned about the leaks happening in more heavily populated areas or near a public body of water. Normal 0 false false false EN-US X-NONE X-NONE /* Style Definitions */ table.MsoNormalTable {mso-style-name:"Table Normal"; mso-tstyle-rowband-size:0; mso-tstyle-colband-size:0; mso-style-noshow:yes; mso-style-priority:99; mso-style-qformat:yes; mso-style-parent:""; mso-padding-alt:0in 5.4pt 0in 5.4pt; mso-para-margin-top:0in; mso-para-margin-right:0in; mso-para-margin-bottom:10.0pt; mso-para-margin-left:0in; line-height:115%; mso-pagination:widow-orphan; font-size:11.0pt; font-family:"Calibri","sans-serif"; mso-ascii-font-family:Calibri; mso-ascii-theme-font:minor-latin; mso-hansi-font-family:"Times New Roman"; mso-hansi-theme-font:minor-fareast; mso-bidi-font-family:Calibri; mso-bidi-theme-font:minor-latin;} Source: http://www.ksla.com/Global/story.asp?S=13376520

37. **October 22, Associated Press** – (California) **60,000 gallons of sewage spill in Carlsbad lagoon.** Contamination warnings remained in place at Carlsbad State Beach in Carlsbad, California after 60,000 gallons of sewage spilled October 19. Officials initially estimated the spill at 500 gallons, but a later analysis showed that the spill was much larger. Thousands of gallons of sewage appeared to make it past overflow basins into Batiquitos Lagoon. Signs warning of the contamination have been posted at the beach access points both north and south of the lagoon outlet. The water contact closure will remain until samples confirm the water is safe for recreational use. The general manager for the Leucadia Wastewater District said it appeared that a lightning strike at the lagoon knocked out electronic communications equipment and damaged the computer controlling the pumps, which shut down. The sewage built up at the station and began to spill into nearby waters. Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/news/ci_16409507?nclick_check=1

38. **October 22, Associated Press** – (California) **Water restored to Long Beach days after oil found.** Port of Long Beach, California businesses were cleared to use their
water again October 22, 2 days after routine tests revealed water contaminated with black crude. The contamination was discovered October 20 in the water main as port workers opened and flushed fire hydrants to make sure they were working. Various businesses including restaurants and hotels were advised not to allow their employees or guests come in contact with the contaminated water. No health complaints have been reported and no oil leaked into harbor waters or storm drains, the Long Beach Press-Telegram reported. Critical water, such as for fire hydrants, remained available. During this time, the port has remained open for business, though workers are having to drink bottled water and use port-o-potties.

39. *October 21, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency –* (New York) **EPA finalizes cleanup plan for Cortese toxic site in Sullivan County, NY.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has finalized its plan to clean up areas of contaminated liquid waste and ground water at the Cortese Landfill Superfund site in Sullivan County, New York. The groundwater was contaminated by hazardous waste disposed of at the site when it was operating. Under EPA’s cleanup plan, a series of technologies will be used to address contaminated liquid waste located primarily underneath the area of the landfill where drums were disposed and a smaller drum-disposal area located south of the landfill, adjacent to several previously identified contaminated lagoons. If left unaddressed, this liquid waste would continue to contaminate groundwater. The groundwater flows to the Delaware River. The Cortese Landfill, formerly known as the Tusten Landfill, accepted municipal waste from approximately 1970 to 1981. For a 6-month period in 1973, industrial waste was brought to the site in drums containing paint thinners, sludge, solvents, dyes, waste oil, and petroleum products. There is evidence that drums were buried in and/or emptied into trenches, and that tanker trucks emptied waste into a lagoon. Subsequent groundwater monitoring revealed elevated concentrations of volatile and semi-volatile organic compounds at the site.
Source: http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/e77fdd4f5afd88a3852576b3005a604f/f79fe7888fae51bf852577c30069869d!OpenDocument

Public Health and Healthcare Sector

40. *October 25, MedPage Today –* (National) **Belladonna triggers recall of teething remedy.** Tablets sold as a homeopathic remedy for teething pain in babies have been recalled following reports of “serious adverse events” including seizure, difficulty breathing, and muscle weakness. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) said October 23 that the reports it received are “consistent with belladonna toxicity.” The agency has also received reports of children consuming more than the recommended dose, “because the containers do not have child resistant caps.” The tablets, marketed as Hyland’s Teething Tablets by Standard Homeopathic Company, are manufactured to contain a small amount of belladonna, but FDA analysis revealed that the tablets “contain inconsistent amounts” of the ingredient. The over-the-counter tablets have not
been evaluated by the FDA for either safety or efficacy, and the FDA said it was “not aware of any proven clinical benefit offered by the product.” Moreover, the agency said, its “ongoing inspection at the manufacturer also indicates substandard control of the manufacturing operation.”
Source: http://www.medpagetoday.com/Pediatrics/GeneralPediatrics/22959

41. October 22, KFSM 5 Fayetteville – (Arizona) **Pipe bombs found behind Springdale drug store.** Two pipe bombs were found in a trash can outside a drug store in Springdale, Arizona October 22. The incident occurred at USA Drug on Sunset Avenue. An employee called police after finding a suspicious backpack in a trash can behind the building. An off-duty officer happened to be in the pharmacy at the time. He looked inside the bag and suggested the employee call police. The Bentonville Bomb Squad was called in. They confirmed there were two pipe bombs inside. They sent in a robot to detonate the bombs. Just before 6 p.m. the bomb squad performed the first detonation. About 10 minutes later a second detonation was performed. Police said there were also tools inside the backpack that are often used in burglaries. They are now trying to connect this incident with a break-in that happened at the pharmacy overnight. Someone broke into the building and left a hole in the roof. Nothing was taken according to police. Police have no suspects at this time.
Source: http://www.kfsm.com/kfsm-news-springdale-drugstore-bomb-squad,0,7491119.story

Government Facilities Sector

42. October 25, Washington Post – (District of Columbia) **IDs in Georgetown drug lab arrests.** Federal officials have dropped the charges against one Georgetown University student arrested for maintaining a drug lab at the prestigious Washington D.C. institution. Another Georgetown student and a campus visitor appeared before a judge in U.S. District Court in D.C. October 25, and were ordered held until a detention hearing later in the week. They are charged with conspiracy to manufacture and possess and distribute DMT, a hallucinogenic drug. On October 23, police arrested two Georgetown students and a campus visitor in a Georgetown University freshman dorm. Police also did not say how much, if any, of the drug was found, although officials said chemicals used in the production of the drug were discovered in the room. Police were alerted to the room when people reported a chemical odor in the building, later prompting a series of evacuations. District officials said that a few people were treated for exposure to the chemicals, but that they posed no further threat to other dorm residents.

43. October 23, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead – (North Dakota) **Power worker injured on ND Guard base in Fargo.** A utility worker was shocked with electricity October 22 while working on a transformer at the National Guard base in north Fargo, North
Dakota. WDAY reported that the Dakota Electric worker was injured in the late afternoon while working on the base’s new fire station. He was taken to a hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The incident knocked out power to a third of the base for a time. Generators were used to keep critical operations running. Source: http://www.inforum.com/event/article/id/295818/group/homepage/

44. **October 23, Associated Press** – (Nebraska) **OPS official: Student poured mercury into fountain.** A school official said October 23 the closure of a high school in Omaha, Nebraska, was caused by a student who brought mercury into the building and poured the chemical into a water fountain. An Omaha Public Schools spokeswoman said that 10 students and seven teachers at Burke High School may have been exposed October 22 to the mercury. She said the teachers declined treatment, but the students were taken to hospitals as a precaution. The school was closed that afternoon so a hazardous-materials team could clean the affected part of the building. Source: http://www.nebraska.tv/Global/story.asp?S=13376718

45. **October 22, Associated Press** – (California) **School cooking blast injures 10 students.** Officials said portable cooking equipment exploded in a Southern California classroom October 22, sending 10 high school students to the hospital. Officials told the Daily Breeze that four of the injured teens at North High School in Torrance were seriously hurt in the blast. No other information was immediately available. Source: http://www.salon.com/news/feature/2010/10/22/high_school_explosion

46. **October 22, KBKW 1450 Aberdeen** – (Washington) **North Beach bomb threat prompts evacuation training.** The Grays Harbor County Sheriff’s department in Washington is investigating a bomb threat at North Beach High School; and the school is using the incident as a training opportunity and evacuating. The County Undersheriff said deputies investigated a threatening message written on a chalkboard October 21, warning of an explosive device planted somewhere in the school, and featuring derogatory statements about three teachers. School administrators did not evacuate the school, but investigators searched the building and found no explosive devices. The sheriff’s department searched the school again October 22 with the assistance of the Washington State Patrol’s Bomb Squad, and the school plans to evacuate the building as a training exercise. Source: http://kbkw.com/modules/news/article.php?storyid=2079

For another story, see item 47

[Return to top]

**Emergency Services Sector**

47. **October 25, Boston Globe** – (Massachusetts) **Military high-tech hits the homeland.** In September, a make-believe gunman terrorized make-believe victims at Boston University (BU) Medical Center in Boston, Massachusetts. But the technologies university police used to track him down were the real thing. A head-mounted digital
eyepiece worn by a BU police lieutenant showed him a floor plan and video of the intruder, captured from security cameras. The eyepiece plugged into a “ruggedized” computer in his backpack. A video camera mounted on his shoulder sent live images of the rescue to the mobile command post outside. The director of BU’s master’s degree program in health care emergency management hopes to apply the technology to civilian challenges, including rescuing hostages and capturing criminals. Police do not usually have interior maps of schools, shopping malls, or hotels. Nor do they have a fast, reliable way to transmit such maps to the front lines. BeSafe Technologies Inc. has created digital floor plans for more than 1,000 buildings, including public schools in over 20 percent of Massachusetts and Rhode Island communities, as well as schools in California and Florida. BeSafe maps show where to cut off electricity, gas, or water and point out rooms that may contain hazardous materials. The maps are stored in a secure database that can be accessed instantly by police and fire departments.

Source: [http://www.boston.com/business/technology/articles/2010/10/25/military_high_tech_hits_the_homeland/?page=full](http://www.boston.com/business/technology/articles/2010/10/25/military_high_tech_hits_the_homeland/?page=full)

48. **October 23, Associated Press** – (Arkansas) **Arkansas Department of Emergency Management receives $272,000 hazmat training grant.** Arkansas first responders will be learning better ways to respond to emergencies involving hazardous chemicals and other materials, thanks to a new $272,518 grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation. Two U.S. Senators and three U.S. Representatives from Arkansas announced October 22 that the funds will be used to hire adjunct instructors who will train first responders at police and fire departments throughout Arkansas. The money also will help the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management conduct planning and purchase equipment for training courses. The agency provides about 25 hazardous materials training courses for local emergency response personnel each month. The hazardous materials include chemicals, explosives, flammable and combustible substances, poisons, and radioactive materials.


For more stories, see items 26, 46, and 55

**Information Technology Sector**

49. **October 25, IDG News Service** – (International) **Iranian Cyber Army running botnets, researchers say.** A group of malicious hackers who attacked Twitter and the Chinese search engine Baidu are also apparently running a for-rent botnet, according to new research. The so-called Iranian Cyber Army also took credit last month for an attack on TechCrunch’s European Web site. In that incident, the group installed a page on TechCrunch’s site that redirected visitors to a server that bombarded their PCs with exploits in an attempt to install malicious software. Researchers with a security startup called Seculert have traced the malicious server behind those attacks and found
evidence the Iranian Cyber Army may be running a botnet. They found an administration interface where people who want to rent the botnet can describe the machines they would like to infect and upload their own malware for distribution, the CTO and co-founder of Seculert said. The company runs a cloud-based service that alerts customers to new malware, exploits and other cyber threats. There are many computer crime gangs that create botnets, or networks of compromised computers, that can then be rented to other players in the cybercrime industry, such as spammers. The CTO said Seculert was able to see the administration panel as it was left unprotected. His company has since notified the provider where the page is hosted and contacted law enforcement. The statistics page showed that as many as 14,000 PCs were being infected per hour. Since the server has been active since August 2010, Seculert estimates it may have successfully infected as many as 20 million PCs.

Source: http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9192800/Iranian_Cyber_Army_running_botnets_researchers_say

50. October 25, IDG News Service – (National) Zeus hackers may target corporate data. Criminals who use Zeus malware may be working on a new angle: corporate espionage. Zeus typically steals online banking credentials. But a computer security researcher at the University of Alabama said that the criminal groups that use Zeus have started trying to find out where their victims are employed. Sometimes the malware will pop up a fake online bank log-in screen that asks the victim for the name of his employer. He said that in online forums, hackers recently speculated that they might be able to sell access to computers associated with certain companies or government agencies. “They want to know where you work,” he said. “Your computer may be worth exploring more deeply because it may provide a gateway to the organization.” Zeus could be a powerful tool for stealing corporate secrets, because it lets the criminals remotely control victims’ computers, scan files, and capture passwords and keystrokes. With Zeus, hackers could tunnel through the victim’s computer to break into corporate systems. The researcher said the biggest threat is that Zeus could infect employees’ home PCs and laptops that are outside the corporate firewall, but have access to company data.


51. October 25, The Register – (International) Firesheep flames cookie capture risks. A developer has released a Firefox extension that illustrates just how vulnerable users of open wireless networks are when they log into Web sites that rely on cookies for authentication. It is well understood that cookies sent over insecure connection can easily be captured and replayed to allow a mischief maker or hacker to log into the same Web site via a process called HTTP session hijacking (AKA sidejacking). A Firefox extension dramatically illustrates the problem. Surfers who install Firesheep can capture the credentials of anyone who happens to be using the same open network. The extension allows them, for example, to display the Facebook profile picture of a victim and the ability to then log in to a compromised account simply by double-
clicking on the profile picture. The open source extension was released on Mac OS X and Windows to coincide with a talk on the subject by the developer at the Toorcon 12 security conference. He released the utility to push more Web sites into using full end-to-end encryption, known as HTTPS or SSL, for logins. “It’s extremely common for Web sites to protect a password by encrypting the initial login, but surprisingly uncommon for websites to encrypt everything else,” the developer explained. 
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2010/10/25/firesheep_cookie_capture_peril/

52. October 25, ITProPortal – (International) Linux flaws provide root access to hackers. Security experts have discovered two vulnerabilities in the Linux operating system platform that could grant attackers root privileges on an infected system. The first Linux vulnerability was reported by security firm VSR, which said the security flaw was related to the implementation of Reliable Datagram Sockets protocol (RDS) in versions 2.6.30 through 2.6.36-rc8 of the Linux kernel. According to the company, the vulnerability will allow an attacker to write arbitrary data on the kernel memory that can be used to escalate privileges to root. “The exploit leverages the ability to write into kernel memory to reset the kernel’s security operations structure and gain root privileges. The exploit requires that kernel symbol resolution is available to unprivileged users,” the company explained. The second Linux vulnerability, is related to a flaw found in the library loader of the GNU C library, which can be exploited to gain escalated root privileges.

53. October 25, The New New Internet – (International) Leader of hacking crew m00p pleads guilty. A Scottish man has pleaded guilty to offenses originating from his involvement as the leader of an international cyber crime ring responsible for infecting computers worldwide with Trojans, according to Softpedia. In 2006, U.K. authorities arrested the suspect, following an investigation into the hacker group called m00p. Prosecutors said the suspect, who used the aliases of “warpigs” and “aobuluz,” headed the group and handled the malware distribution via spam. He used his security software company, Optom Security, as a front for the operation. When police searched his computers, they found wills, medical reports, resumes, photographs, and other sensitive documents copied from infected systems. The suspect pleaded guilty to one count of causing unauthorized modification to the content of computers.
Source: http://www.thenewnewinternet.com/2010/10/25/leader-of-hacking-crew-m00p-pleads-guilty/

54. October 22, IDG News Service – (National) Google to tighten privacy policies after Wi-Fi fiasco. Under fire for months over its capture of people’s Wi-Fi traffic data, Google October 22 announced several steps aimed at preventing similar missteps in the future. At the same time, Google recognized its inadvertent Wi-Fi snooping collected not only data fragments, but also entire e-mail messages, Web site addresses, and passwords. Government agencies and legislators in the United States and abroad are investigating, and a number of users have filed privacy-breach lawsuits. Google had intended the Street View cars to only grab and store open Wi-Fi networks’ names
(SSIDs) and their unique router numbers (MAC addresses) for use in Google location-based services. Due to a software glitch, the Google cars intercepted and stored Web traffic data, which initially the company had said was highly fragmented, but that it now is admitting includes the full text of e-mail messages and passwords. The steps Google announced include appointment of a new privacy director overseeing engineering and product management. Google will beef up her staff, so that more engineers and product managers are involved in privacy-protection efforts. Google also plans to boost privacy-related training and compliance, and will implement a provision that all engineering project leaders maintain a privacy design document for each project.

Source:
http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9192639/Google_to_tighten_privacy_policies_after_Wi_Fi_fiasco

Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at sos@us-cert.gov or visit their Web site: http://www.us-cert.gov

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

[Return to top]

Communications Sector

55. October 25, WSAZ 3 Huntington – (West Virginia) **Phone outage reported in multiple West Virginia counties.** On October 25, phone service was out in several counties in West Virginia. According to Metro 911, FiberNet lines were down in Kanawha, Cabell, and all other counties south of Ohio County. Anyone who uses FiberNet got a busy signal when placing a call. The amount of customers affected by the outage is unknown. FiberNet was working to find the cause. As a precaution, Metro 911 advised all FiberNet customers to use their cellphones as an alternative source of communication. FiberNet had a similar outage October 10. The state public service commission is investigating that outage. It wants to know what caused the outage that cut off communications with 911 centers and other emergency services. The Kanawha County Commission requested an investigation because the company failed to notify county agencies about that outage. FiberNet was in touch with Metro 911 about the October 25 outage. The company said as soon as they learn more about the outage, Metro 911 will be notified.

Source:
http://www.wsaz.com/huntington/headlines/BREAKING_NEWS__Phone_Service_Ou
tage_Reported_in_Multiple_WVa_Counties_105675273.html

56. October 25, WHNT 19 Huntsville – (Alabama) **Several reports of storm damage in DeKalb County.** People in several areas of DeKalb County were cleaning up damage from severe storms that moved through October 24 and October 25. There is significant
damage in Ider — several trees were down, some roads were closed, and the city’s communications tower fell. Crews put up a temporary tower to conduct business, and a command center set up at Ider Town Hall. A DeKalb County EMA spokeswoman said some buildings were damaged. She said she was waiting for the National Weather Service (NWS) to confirm if a tornado indeed hit the town. Crews were working around town with chainsaws, hoping to have all roads open soon.

57. October 24, Beverly Hills Courier – (California) Couple electrocuted, burned trying to steal copper wiring from electrical vault. Two children whose father was electrocuted while allegedly trying to steal copper wiring from an electrical vault in South Gate near Beverly Hills, California were in county custody, while their mother fought for her life in a burn ward. The man was killed at 4:14 p.m. October 23 when he triggered an explosion and flash fire on a vacant lot at 3064 Firestone Blvd. The woman, who was severely burned while trying to pull the man off the current, was in critical condition at Grossman Burn Center. “It was a pretty ugly scene,” a South Gate police lieutenant said. The blast at a former Liberty Cable Co. site also caused an electrical outage in the immediate area, but service was restored to most customers within a few hours. The children, 3- and 6-years-old, were found in a truck about 15 feet from where the flash fire occurred, police said. They were taken into protective custody and expected to be turned over to the county department of children and family services.
Source: http://67.59.172.92/article/Local_News/Local_News/Couple_electrocuted_burned.trying_to_steal_copper_wiring_from_electrical_vault/72138

58. October 22, Abilene Christian University Optimist – (Texas) Temporary power outage takes KACU off air. Power went out across campus at Abiline Christian University (ACU) and in surrounding neighborhoods at around 3:45 p.m. October 22 for about 30 minutes in Abilene, Texas, taking ACU’s Internet connection and the on-campus radio station with it. The director of physical resources, said an accident involving a car hitting a pole caused the outage. He said things were back up and they were checking to make sure it would stay that way. KACU, Abilene’s on-campus NPR station was off the air for about 2 hours because the outage caused its transmitter to stop working. The KACU general manager said the transmitter had been fluctuating, and crews worked to finally restore it.
Source: http://www.acuoptimist.com/2010/10/power-outage-takes-kacu-off-air/

[Return to top]

Commercial Facilities Sector

59. October 24, The Salt Lake Tribune – (Utah) Apartment building evacuated after police find body, mushrooms. A Salt Lake City, Utah apartment building was evacuated October 23 after a man’s body was found in his apartment with several jars
containing psychedelic mushrooms. The fungi in the jars were identified as hallucinogenic psilocybin. Teams from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the Salt Lake Valley Health Department, and the National Guard also found a second type of fungus, which had not been identified as of October 24, said a Salt Lake City police lieutenant. The apartment property manager found the resident’s body October 23. He said the man had a large, infected wound on his leg. The man recently complained it had not healed after “several months,” and was using a cane to walk. Police were not calling the death suspicious.


60. **October 22, Auburn Journal** – (California) **Foul-up leaves hazardous waste sitting unattended at Auburn’s Gold Country Fairground.** A mix-up on dates for a household hazardous waste drop-off in Auburn, California, had the Western Placer Waste Management Authority scrambling October 22. The waste drop-off at the Gold Country Fairgrounds was slated for October 23 and 24 but information sent out with trash collector Recology Auburn Placer bills stated the drop-off started October 22. While no people were present, one man said a pile of paint cans, electronics, and other chemicals had already been dropped off in the parking lot. He said he was concerned about the lack of security and safety measures for a pile that could contain medical waste including syringes, medications, flammable materials, and poisons. By late morning, October 22 drivers pulling into the fairgrounds with hazardous waste were being advised by the contractor that the start date was wrong and turned back.

Source: [http://auburnjournal.com/detail/162614.html?content_source=&category_id=2&search_filter=&user_id=&event_mode=&event_ts_from=&event_ts_to=&list_type=&order_by=&order_sort=&content_class=1&sub_type=&town_id](http://auburnjournal.com/detail/162614.html?content_source=&category_id=2&search_filter=&user_id=&event_mode=&event_ts_from=&event_ts_to=&list_type=&order_by=&order_sort=&content_class=1&sub_type=&town_id)

61. **October 22, KOVR 13 Sacramento** – (California) **Crews still searching for possible explosives.** As firefighters continue to monitor hot spots October 22 after a devastating fire at the Roseville Galleria in Roseville, California, crews are still searching for possible explosives inside the mall, investigators are still questioning the suspect, and city leaders are pledging to help get the massive mall up and running before the crucial holiday season. The 24-year-old suspect allegedly started the entire incident when he barricaded himself inside the mall after telling people he was armed, and setting a fire inside a mall store. Police said the suspect made a statement while in custody indicating there may be some sort of explosive device inside his backpack, which was left inside the mall. Bomb technicians were planning to send in another robot to investigate the backpack. The first robot was damaged when the fire erupted and the roof collapsed at the mall. Fire crews also have released a preliminary damage estimate saying that at least 20 stores have actual fire damage. But they also said there is extensive smoke and water damage throughout the entire wing of the mall. The governor of California declared a state of emergency in the Sacramento suburb after the fire caused at least $6.5 million in damage. The Roseville city manager said that unburned portions of the mall could reopen within weeks.

For more stories, see items 37, 38, and 41

National Monuments and Icons Sector

62. **October 24, CNN – (Wyoming) Quake triggers small landslide in Wyoming.** A 4.4-magnitude earthquake appeared to trigger a small landslide in Wyoming’s Bridger-Teton National Forest October 23, an emergency management official said. No injuries were reported and the quarter-mile-wide slide stopped short of the road, leaving only a trail at Ditch Creek affected, the emergency management coordinator for Teton County told CNN. The earthquake struck at 11:43 a.m. about 20 miles east-northeast of Jackson at a depth of 3.1 miles, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. A National Park Service representative told CNN that the region has been rattled by other small earthquakes over the past few months. Source: [http://www.cnn.com/2010/US/10/24/wyoming.landslide/](http://www.cnn.com/2010/US/10/24/wyoming.landslide/)

63. **October 24, WHSV 3 Harrisonburg – (Virginia) Page County Forest fire 100 acres and continuing to grow.** The U.S. Forest Service was called about a brush fire around 5:30 a.m. October 24 in George Washington National Forest in Page County, Virginia, and crews were out until dark that night. The fire is estimated to be 100 acres in size and growing. An agency administrator for the U.S. Forest Service said the agency has been anticipating fires because brush in the region is very dry, so they had actually brought in smoke jumper crews from other states. Twenty firefighters tackled the fire October 24. The fire management officer for this fire said he hoped the fire would be contained within a week. Source: [http://www.whsv.com/news/headlines/Forest_Fire_100_Acres_and_Continuing_to_Grow_105650648.html](http://www.whsv.com/news/headlines/Forest_Fire_100_Acres_and_Continuing_to_Grow_105650648.html)

64. **October 21, East County Magazine – (California) Fires and accidental shooting prompt closure of Orosco Ridge shooting area; other recreational uses allowed.** The Palomar Ranger District of Cleveland National Forest in Ramona, California, is maintaining closure of the Orosco Ridge Recreational Target Shooting Area for an indefinite amount of time, due to public safety concerns. Those include an accidental shooting, near misses at or near the range, and repeated wildfire starts caused by use of both legal and illegal firearms, the U.S. Forest Service reported. Discharging a firearm, air rifle, or gas gun in the shooting area for any purpose is prohibited during this temporary closure. However, public access and general recreational uses are allowed. Additionally, a determination must be made on whether or not the current facility meets federal and state legal requirement related to hazardous metals that result from shooting firearms, and or indiscriminate placement of targets such as old appliances, and discarded electronics equipment. To address the environmental concerns, the Forest Service is conducting an environmental study of the shooting area to determine if corrective action needs to be taken concerning hazardous materials. Source: [http://eastcountymagazine.org/node/4571](http://eastcountymagazine.org/node/4571)
Dams Sector

65. October 24, Al Jazeera – (International) **Floods prompt Bangkok evacuation.** Residents living near the main river that passes through the Thailand capital of Bangkok have been evacuated due to fears that the Chao Phraya could overflow following 2 weeks of flooding that has claimed at least 38 lives across the country. The Bangkok Post newspaper reported the country’s irrigation department issued warnings October 23 to people living in seven low-lying provinces, including Bangkok, as water from further north began to flow downstream. The floods, which began October 10, have affected millions of people across huge parts of the country, inundating thousands of homes and left authorities struggling to reach people stranded in remote areas. Authorities in the capital have reinforced flood walls with 200,000 sandbags, and are building temporary wooden bridges in 27 communities to help people cross waterlogged streets. Around 4,000 cubic meters of water per second was expected to flow into the Chao Phraya river, which coupled with high sea levels surging from the other direction could cause floods in parts of the city. The Emergency Medical Institute of Thailand reported 6 more deaths to add to the October 23 toll of 32.


66. October 22, Elmira Star-Gazette – (New York) **DEC: Motorcyclists damage levee in Southport.** Motorcyclists riding on the flood protection levee on Seeley Creek in Southport, New York, have done “significant damage” to the embankment, according to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). The DEC reported to the Chemung County Emergency Management Office that the damage was done within the past 2 weeks at the intersection of the Clemens Center Parkway and Cedar Street, according to an October 22 news release from the county.

DHS Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report Contact Information

**About the reports** - The DHS Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report is a daily [Monday through Friday] summary of open-source published information concerning significant critical infrastructure issues. The DHS Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report is archived for ten days on the Department of Homeland Security Web site: [http://www.dhs.gov/iaipdailyreport](http://www.dhs.gov/iaipdailyreport)

**Contact Information**

Content and Suggestions: Send mail to cikr.productfeedback@hq.dhs.gov or contact the DHS Daily Report Team at 703-872-2267.

Subscribe to the Distribution List: Visit the DHS Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report and follow instructions to Get e-mail updates when this information changes.

Removal from Distribution List: Send mail to support@govdelivery.com.

---

**Contact DHS**

To report physical infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact the National Infrastructure Coordinating Center at nicc@dhs.gov or (202) 282-9201.

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@us-cert.gov or visit their Web page at [www.us-cert.gov](http://www.us-cert.gov).

**Department of Homeland Security Disclaimer**

The DHS Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report is a non-commercial publication intended to educate and inform personnel engaged in infrastructure protection. Further reproduction or redistribution is subject to original copyright restrictions. DHS provides no warranty of ownership of the copyright, or accuracy with respect to the original source material.