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Energy Sector

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

1. **October 26, Contra Costa Times** – (California) **Power outage affects thousands.** Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) crews are still investigating the cause of an October 25 power outage that left about 4,200 Solano and Yolo County residents without power. Crews narrowed down the general area impacted by the outage, which started at 4:35 p.m., to an area north of Hawkins Road, south of Sievers...
Road, and hemmed by Meridian Road and Highway 113 to the east and west, said a PG&E spokesman. Approximately 200 customers in Winters, 600 in Dixon, and 3,400 customers in Vacaville were without power for about 3 hours, he said. Traffic lights in Vacaville were also effected by the outage. Crews were able to restore power to customers by 6:15 p.m. October 25, but remained unsure about what caused the initial failure of the Vaca-Dixon substation that resulted in the outage. The cause of the outage is still under investigation and as of the evening of October 25, crews still did not have a time frame for power restoration.


2. **October 26, Associated Press** – (Missouri) **Winds blamed in St. Louis-area outages.** Utility crews were scrambling to restore electricity to thousands of St. Louis, Missouri-area homes and businesses affected by storms that packed high winds. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported that storms that swept through the region October 26 knocked down power lines and trees, leaving as many as 20,000 Ameren customers without power. The company said it hoped to have all of the power restored by the evening of October 26. The storms were blamed for a partial building collapse in south St. Louis, with bricks and rubble from the building's roof and facade toppling onto the street. No injuries were reported, and the building's structural integrity was being examined. Forecasters expected the winds with gusts of up to 40 mph to continue through the afternoon of October 26.


3. **October 25, San Jose Mercury News** – (California) **PG&E says it may need 300 speedier shutoff valves.** Criticized for its long delay in manually shutting off gas to the ruptured pipeline in San Bruno, California, Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) said October 25 it has identified about 300 manual gas valves that may need to be replaced with speedier automatic or remotely controlled shut-off technology, at a potential cost of up to $450 million. Also, while the utility said it found no immediate safety issues in a check of 16 miles of pipe in and around San Bruno after the blast that killed eight people and destroyed 35 homes, the company did find 38 leaks throughout its extensive network. Four of the leaks — one in Hollister, two in Napa, and another in Gridley — were in large transmission lines, similar to the one that erupted in San Bruno. Two of the four were in PG&E facilities. The others were in smaller pipes, many feeding gas to individual customers. The company, which expects to complete checking its entire gas system by December 15, said all of the leaks have been fixed. In its disclosures October 25, the company said the cost of replacing a manual valve with one that automatically closes after a drop in pressure from a pipe rupture or that can be remotely controlled by a human operator varies from $100,000 to $1.5 million, depending on such factors as how accessible the valve is for retrofitting.


4. **October 25, Today** – (International) **Singapore-registered LPG tanker in suspected pirate attack.** A Singapore-registered liquefied petroleum gas vessel, York, has been
boarded by suspected pirates about 170 kilometers off the shore of Mombasa, Kenya. The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) said a distress alert was received at around 8.25 p.m., Singapore time, October 23. The MPA added that there are 17 crew members on the vessel, which was on its way to Mahe, in the Seychelles. The Singapore director of the ship-owner, York Maritime Company, told MediaCorp October 24: "I got the news this morning. We are all trying to scramble for information now. There is no demand, no nothing yet." MediaCorp understands that 14 members of the crew are Filipino, two are Ukrainian, while the captain is German. The deputy director of the Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia, said: "Once the ship has been taken over, the next thing they (the hijackers) will be asking for is to negotiate for ransom. " He added that pirates are usually armed and the crew should cooperate with them for their own safety. The MPA is working with the relevant government agencies and York Maritime to address the issue. The ship is managed by gas operator Interunity Management Corporation, which is based in Greece.


5. **October 25, KPHO 5 Phoenix** – (Arizona) **Vandals trigger Northwest Valley power outage.** Vandals knocked out power to about 18,000 people in the Arrowhead Ranch area of Phoenix, Arizona October 24. Arizona Public Service (APS) crews found piano wire and weights wrapped around electrical lines around 10:45 p.m., according to an APS spokesperson. Most customers had power restored within 20 minutes, he said. About 1,000 customers were in the dark until 6 a.m. October 25.


6. **October 25, Vallejo Times Herald** – (California) **Storm knocks out power in parts of Vallejo, Benicia.** The first major storm of the season knocked out power October 24 for thousands of residents in parts of Benicia and Vallejo, California. About 5,635 customers were without power as of 11:18 a.m., a Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) spokesman said. The outage was believed to be storm-related. Service was restored by about 2 p.m., he said. Elsewhere in California's Bay Area, the storm knocked out power midday October 24 for about 15,000 people in Oakland, PG&E officials said. The National Weather Service said some higher elevations of the North Bay hills received up to 5 inches of rain. A wind advisory also was in effect October 24. Affected areas included San Francisco and the Peninsula, the North Bay, including Point Reyes National Seashore and mountain regions, the East Bay hills and Diablo Range, and the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Source: [http://www.fireengineering.com/index/articles/Wire_News_Display.1289321351.html](http://www.fireengineering.com/index/articles/Wire_News_Display.1289321351.html)

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**Chemical Industry Sector**
7. *October 26, Minneapolis Star Tribune* – (Minnesota) **Chemical leak in Owatonna sent 3 to hospital.** A chemical leak in Owatonna, Minnesota, sent three workers to the hospital October 25, and halted activity at a window and door hardware production facility for many hours, authorities said October 26. The leak occurred about 5:20 p.m. at the Truth Hardware site when a valve broke as a worker was discharging sulfuric acid, the fire chief said. About 300 gallons of the chemical were lost. The worker was decontaminated at the scene, taken to a hospital in Owatonna, and then moved by air ambulance to a second hospital. The employee's condition was not immediately known. Two other workers were also taken to a hospital for evaluation. With the help of a state assessment team, the chemical was neutralized and the scene deemed clear about 1:45 a.m. October 26.

For another story, see item 17

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**Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector**

8. *October 26, Fredericksburg Free Lance-Star* – (Virginia) **Bad switch shuts Unit 1 reactor at North Anna.** North Anna Power Station's Unit 1 reactor in Mineral, Virginia is out of service due to a faulty switch. The problem was reported to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) October 22; operators planned to restart the reactor October 25. Unit 2 is operating at full power. According to an NRC event report, operators manually shut down Unit 1 during a scheduled test when a control-rod switch malfunctioned. Neutron-absorbing control rods are inserted between uranium fuel assemblies to control the rate of nuclear fission. "The out position of the switch was not functioning properly, and the reactor was tripped to put the plant in a condition to perform maintenance," according to the report. No other actions were required. The problem occurred at 6:36 a.m. "The reactor shutdown was required to replace the switch. Currently, operators have initiated the fission process in the reactor as part of the start-up process," the spokesman for Dominion's nuclear operations said October 25. Earlier this month, the NRC sent a special inspection team to North Anna to look at a type of 1970s-era insulation used to wrap large pipes that carry cooling water for the plant's two reactors.

9. *October 26, York Daily Record* – (Pennsylvania) **Peach Bottom nuke plant workers to repair minor helium leak from cask.** Workers at Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station in Peach Bottom, Pennsylvania are repairing a minor helium leak from a spent fuel cask discovered early in September. The helium is leaking from a system near the lid of the roughly 115-ton cask. The system's function is to prevent helium inside the cask from escaping, a Nuclear Regulatory Commission spokesman said. No radiological material leaked from the cask and the public is not in danger from the
escaped helium, he said.
Source: http://www.ydr.com/premium/ci_16430559

Critical Manufacturing Sector

10. October 26, The Philadelphia Inquirer – (Pennsylvania) Fire rages in Pennsylvania factory. A massive factory fire in Kensington, Pennsylvania raged for several hours October 25, forcing evacuations while firefighters tried to control the stubborn blaze. The 5-story factory, which stretches an entire block, started sometime in the early evening and quickly rose to three alarms. Fire officials expected to strike the fourth and fifth alarms after huge flames broke through the roof around 8:40 p.m. There were no reports of injuries. Power was cut off through a wide section of the neighborhood.

Defense Industrial Base Sector

11. October 25, WFXT 25 Boston – (Massachusetts) FBI raids home of missile systems expert in Melrose. Federal agents with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement raided a house on Lincoln Street in Melrose, Massachusetts October 25, and carried out boxes of files and records from the home. The homeowner is a former employee of Raytheon. He is listed as having taken out three patents on missile warhead concepts. He has also written books on warhead technology. According to a federal law enforcement official, the man had been stopped at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York City while trying to board a flight with a Raytheon laptop computer that had information that he was not authorized to have.

Banking and Finance Sector

12. October 26, Media Newswire – (New York) Founder of the Cobalt Companies sentenced in Manhattan federal court to 85 years in prison for $23 million real estate fraud scheme. The United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York announced that the founder of the Cobalt Companies was sentenced October 26 to 85 years in prison on charges stemming from a fraud that raised more than $23 million from over 250 investors in private placement real estate offerings. The suspect was sentenced in Manhattan federal court by a judge who presided over the 3-week jury trial at which the suspect, along with two co-defendants, was found guilty. The Manhattan U.S. Attorney said: "He (the suspect) is a career con-man who stole millions of dollars from hundreds of investors by selling worthless interests in a bogus
investment offering. This office will continue to work with our partners at the Federal Bureau of Investigation to ensure that sham investment opportunities like Cobalt do not corrupt the marketplace."
Source: http://media-newswire.com/release_1130655.html

13. **October 25, Carmi Times** – (Illinois) **Franklin County man admits robbing Collinsville, Marion banks.** A Franklin County, Illinois man pleaded guilty October 22 in federal court in East St. Louis, Illinois to robbing banks in Collinsville and Marion. The U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois said the 34-year-old suspect pleaded guilty to a three-count indictment charging him with two counts of bank robbery, and one count of carrying and use of a firearm during a crime of violence. The statutory penalties applicable to each of the bank robbery counts are up to 25 years' imprisonment, up to a $250,000 fine, up to 5 years' supervised release, and a $100 special assessment. The statutory penalty applicable to the firearm offense is not less than 7 years' imprisonment up to life imprisonment, consecutive to the sentence imposed on the bank robbery in which the firearm was used, up to a $250,000 fine, up to 5 years' supervised release and a $100 special assessment.
Source: http://www.carmitimes.com/area_news/x1543351308/Franklin-County-man-admits-robbing-Collinsville-Marion-banks

14. **October 25, Mount Vernon News** – (Ohio) **Fire damages downtown building.** A basement fire October 25 at 201 S. Main St. in Mount Vernon, Ohio spread throughout the building as firefighters from Knox County fought the blaze. The Mount Vernon Fire Department (MVFD) responded to a call of light smoke coming from the basement of the building on the southwest corner of South Main and West Gambier streets at approximately 6:30 a.m. According to the MVFD assistant chief, the fire started in the basement of the building, which is used for storage. A gas line ruptured, which helped fuel the fire, the fire chief said. Power on the west side of South Main was shut off. Because of the power outage and smoke throughout the downtown, many businesses have closed including the main office of First-Knox National Bank, The Alcove, and Associated Insurance.
Source: http://www.mountvernonnews.com/local/10/10/25/fire-damages-downtown-building

15. **October 25, Kansas U.S. Attorney's Office** – (Kansas) **Dodge City man charged in bank robbery.** Federal charges have been filed against a Dodge City, Kansas man accused of robbing a bank in Dodge City, the U.S. Attorney said October 25. The 31 year-old suspect is charged with one count of bank robbery, two counts of unlawful possession of a firearm after a felony conviction, and one count of using a firearm in a crime of violence. A criminal complaint filed Sunday in U.S. District Court in Wichita alleges that on October 21, the suspect robbed the Bank of America at 2307 Central Avenue. During the robbery, the suspect was carrying a handgun. After surveillance photos taken during the robbery were made public, police learned that the suspect was in Dodge City. On October 22, officers went to a house in the 1300 block of Sunnyside in Dodge City where the suspect was staying. The suspect was carrying a handgun when the officers encountered him in the backyard of the residence and ordered him to
drop the gun. When the suspect failed to comply and tried to re-enter the house, the officers shot him. If convicted, he faces a maximum penalty of 25 years in federal prison and a fine up to $250,000 on the bank robbery charge, a maximum penalty of 10 years and a fine up to $250,000 on each count of unlawful possession of a firearm after a felony conviction, and a penalty of not less than 5 years and a fine up to $250,000 on the charge of carrying a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence. The Dodge City Police Department, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, and the FBI investigated.

Source: http://www.wibw.com/crime/headlines/Dodge_City_Man_Charged_In_Bank_Robbery_105742508.html

Transportation Sector

16. October 25, Washington Post – (Washington, D.C.) Metro Red Line trains experience evening rush hour delays over incident. In a Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Metro) train during rush hour in Washington D.C. October 25, a person said the wrong thing. A Metro spokesman said a passenger reported hearing someone talk of having a bomb. The train was stopped. Police appeared, along with a dog. The delays rippled through the Red Line. Passengers reported that trips that usually took 10 minutes stretched to 1 hour. In the train that was stopped at Tenleytown, police officers began walking up and down the aisles, looking under seats. Nothing was found. After a period of single-tracking, two-way service was restored.


17. October 25, WTVA 9 Woodland – (Mississippi) Train derails in Hamilton, Mississippi. A 110-car freight train traveling through Hamilton, Mississippi derailed October 25. The incident happened shortly before 9 a.m. at the railroad crossing near Hollivay Road. A Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad spokesperson said the two lead locomotives and 13 cars left the tracks. Three of the cars were carrying hydrogen peroxide, and hazardous material teams from Columbus AFB and Columbus were called to the scene. After they investigated the wreck, they determined only two of the cars were leaking. Officials created a buffer zone 500 yards around the site. Some residents were also evacuated as a precaution, and a section of Old Highway 45 through Hamilton was closed. Residents have been allowed to return to their homes.


18. October 25, Oakland Tribune – (California) BART trains running again after power outage. The 12th Street Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Station in downtown Oakland, California was shut down temporarily October 24 when stormy weather caused a massive power outage throughout the area. A BART spokesman said the station's power went down around 2:15 p.m. and that it was the only station in the transit agency's system to be closed. About 15,000 PG&E customers in Oakland were
without power due to the substation outage, a PG&E spokesman said. Power was restored the morning of October 25. BART was among the top-tier priorities to have power returned, on the same priority level as hospitals, because of its nature as a crucial transportation service. Trains were running on time as of 9 p.m.
Source: http://www.contracostatimes.com/ci_16423523?nclick_check=1

19. October 25, Associated Press – (California) **Bay Bridge tower work prompts Caltrans warning.** Drivers crossing the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge in California are urged to focus on the road the week of October 25 as crews begin to lift the second set of towers into place. The California Department of Transportation fears this week's highly visible work on the $1.6 billion self-anchored suspension span could distract drivers. The work involves hoisting sections of the span's 525-foot-tall tower 300 feet in the air. Westbound drivers will be able to see the work as they approach an S-curve at the bridge — the same curve where a speeding driver crashed in September 2009 and plunged 200 feet to his death. The work will also be visible to eastbound drivers in the far left lane of the bridge.

20. October 25, WCBS 2 New York – (New York; New Jersey) **NJ Transit delays ease after morning train derailment.** A derailed New Jersey (NJ) Transit train that snarled the evening commute for tens of thousands of travelers is back on the tracks. A NJ Transit spokesman said a crane lifted both derailed cars of the eight-car train back onto the track in Newark, New Jersey October 25, and workers were checking for track damage. Two cars of an eight-car Midtown Direct train had a slow-speed derailment after departing New York’s Penn Station at 10:50 a.m. No one was injured.

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**Postal and Shipping Sector**

21. October 26, Media Newswire – (New York) **Employee of the United States Postal Service found guilty for operating $10 million gambling ring.** The United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, the Assistant Director-in-Charge of the New York Office of the FBI, and the Special Agent-in-Charge of the United States Postal Service, Office of Inspector General for the Northeast Area announced that a U.S. Postal Service (USPS) employee was found guilty October 25 of conspiring to operate an illegal gambling business throughout USPS facilities, and other government workplaces. According to the evidence presented at trial, and other documents previously filed in Manhattan federal court: From 2005 to 2009, the suspect, who was then a USPS supervisor, along with several co-conspirators who worked at the USPS and other state and local government agencies, operated a "Lotto"-type gambling business (the "Lottery"), which tracked the numbers chosen for the New York State
Lotto drawings and paid out on a monthly basis prizes in the range of $100,000 and more. Each month, thousands of players paid $20 per entry in the Lottery. "Lottery books," which listed each player's name and the six numbers he or she chose to play per entry, were distributed to players from a central storage facility in Brooklyn. The winner was the first player or players to have all six numbers chosen in the New York State Lotto. During the course of the conspiracy, the suspect and his co-conspirators collected over $10 million dollars in illegal wagers, many of which were collected from USPS employees, as well as employees of the Metropolitan Transit Authority and New York Department of Sanitation. Much of the illegal activity took place on federal government property and during work hours.

Source: http://media-newswire.com/release_1130657.html

Agriculture and Food Sector

22. October 26, KMOV 4 St. Louis – (Illinois) Explosion reported at Metro-East farm. Police and fire crews are on the scene of a reported explosion at Maschoff's Farms October 26 in Carlyle, Illinois. No word yet any injuries or what caused the explosion. Maschoff’s Farms is a major pork producer in the Carlyle area.


23. October 25, Food Product Design – (National) FSIS releases Q2 Salmonella report. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) posted the second quarterly progress for 2010 on Salmonella testing of selected raw meat and poultry products. The report provides preliminary data from April to June 2010 on all establishments eligible for Salmonella testing that have completed at least two sampling verification sets since June 2006. As of June 2010, of all establishments in all product classes, 83 percent are in category 1, which illustrates no change from first quarter. From 172 broiler establishments, 3,368 samples were analyzed with a 5.5 percent positive rate, down from a positive rate of 7 percent in first quarter. FSIS continues to post monthly the names of broiler establishments demonstrating variable or inconsistent process control. The agency highlights performance for the broiler class because of its negative impact on foodborne illness.


24. October 25, Seattle Times – (Washington) Estrella Family Creamery shut down by FDA after bacteria found. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) forced one of Washington's most well-known artisan cheesemakers to shut down, saying the product could be contaminated with bacteria that can cause serious illness. The FDA took the action October 22, after asking Estrella Family Creamery to initiate a recall. Estrella declined. The raw-milk cheeses, made in Montesano, Grays Harbor County, are sold at farmers markets, high-end restaurants, and retail stores in many states. No illnesses have been linked with the cheeses, the state department of health said. A
February inspection by the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) turned up Listeria monocytogenes in production areas, and in finished cheese, according to court records. WSDA found the bacteria in March, as well. The company said the problem was that the FDA demanded recall of all of its cheese, not just that in the troublesome cave. The FDA showed up with court papers the week of October 18 and seized all of the cheese.

Source: http://seattletimes.nwsource.com/html/localnews/2013257593_cheese26m.html

25. **October 25, The Horse** – (New Jersey) **EEE: New Jersey reports first case.** A 2-year-old mare from Monmouth County, New Jersey, was euthanized in October after contracting Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE). This is the first 2010 case of EEE to be reported in the state. The mare was not vaccinated against EEE, which causes inflammation of the brain tissue and has a significantly higher risk of death in horses than infection from West Nile virus (WNV), a viral disease that affects the central nervous system. Both viral diseases are spread by infected mosquitoes. While the EEE case is the first of 2010 in New Jersey, two horses — a 2-year-old mare from Atlantic County and a 22-year-old gelding from Gloucester County — were euthanized this year after contracting WNV. Neither had been vaccinated against the virus.


26. **October 25, KSRO 1350 Santa Rosa** – (California) **Grape crops hurt by rain.** A storm the weekend of October 22 dealt a powerful blow to Sonoma County, California grape growers racing to complete the harvest before disaster strikes. Officials estimate as much as 15 percent of Sonoma County's grapes are still unpicked, and the thin skinned chardonnay grapes are now susceptible to mold. A 2-day front dropped 4 inches of rain in many parts of Sonoma County, and caused minor flooding and power outages.


27. **October 21, Atlanta Journal-Constitution** – (Georgia) **'Killer' honeybees caused man's death, state ag department says.** Africanized “killer” honeybees were what killed a 73-year-old Dougherty County man earlier this month, the Georgia Department of Agriculture said October 21. It is the first time state officials have recorded that such bees are in Georgia, the agriculture commissioner said in a news release. Entomological tests confirmed that the bees — which are a hybrid of African and European honeybees — killed the man, who hit a beehive while clearing brush with his tractor. He was stung more than 100 times by the bees, sometimes called ”killer” bees because they are extremely defensive when it comes to guarding their nest, the commissioner said. To confirm that the bees were the Africanized hybrid, Georgia agriculture officials sent samples to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. State officials will continue to trap and monitor bee swarms to find out where other Africanized bees are, the commissioner said, noting that beekeepers will play a key role as well.

Water Sector

28. October 25, Arizona Daily Sun – (Arizona) Tap water flows, but is tainted. Four months after Montainaire, Arizona, residents called state regulators for help with their unreliable drinking water system, results are mixed. The water pressure and volume are more reliable, residents said. But there was a problem with water quality in September. Ponderosa Utility had what the state considers a "non-acute" problem with bacteria in September, leading to more tests to determine whether there is an actual water quality problem. October tests were normal, according to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ). The bacteria is naturally occurring, but can act as an indicator that more harmful bacteria are present. ADEQ is not advising any special precautions. Some residents are reporting a stable supply of drinking water at home, after a winter and spring during which outages were frequent and sometimes lasted for days on some streets. The Ponderosa Utility owner said he invested this past summer in some repairs: installing a new pump for a well, fixing two leaks, keeping more spare parts in stock, and upgrading some of the utility's electrical system to protect against power surges that previously knocked out the water. There are no current plans to overhaul the main lines running into streets and homes, he said.

29. October 25, Chicago Breaking News Center – (National) EPA urges tougher inspections of emergency water supplies. It took years for Illinois officials to discover suburban Crestwood was pumping contaminated water to its residents, in part because the state took village officials at their word that nothing was wrong. Such lax oversight is a problem in scores of communities throughout the nation, according to a new report from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) inspector general that urged federal and state officials to conduct more rigorous inspections, and adopt tighter reporting guidelines. The report also found there is no way to determine if emergency water supplies that serve more than 58 million people are contaminated or being misused. Oversight is based on trust, rather than routine inspections, the inspector general concluded. As a result, it is unclear if there are situations like Crestwood in other parts of the country. Investigators could find just two similar problems during the 1990s, one in Minnesota, and the other in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Federal law does not require the EPA or states to monitor emergency wells like the one in Crestwood. That means neither the EPA nor states know if other communities face health risks from the improper use of contaminated water supplies. Nationwide, more than 6,700 water systems maintain emergency supplies, according to EPA records.
30. **October 26, Associated Press** – (Florida) **Miami man sentenced for selling hospital records.** A Miami, Florida man was sentenced to 11 years in prison October 25 for participating in a scheme to sell stolen patient records to lawyers for injury claims. A U.S. district judge also imposed a $100,000 fine on the 62-year-old man whose attorney had sought a 6-year sentence. The judge said she was compelled to issue the tougher sentence because of the high number of patient records — more than 3,000 — the culprit paid a Jackson Memorial Hospital employee to steal. He then brokered the patients’ information to a personal-injury lawyer in exchange for part of any legal settlements won from the claims. The man pleaded guilty to two conspiracy charges and aggravated identity theft in July. A federal prosecutor said the investigation into the scheme will continue.


31. **October 25, Dayton Daily News** – (Ohio) **Rocket launcher recovered in alleged plot to attack Dayton VA.** Two men were being questioned after federal agents and local officers learned the men planned “to show up at the Dayton, Ohio Veterans Affairs (VA) Center and basically shoot a bunch of people up,” police said October 25. Federal agents found a rocket launcher and other weapons at the Miami Bluffs, Ohio apartment of one of the men October 25, according to the Miami Township deputy police chief. A VA spokeswoman refused to comment, citing privacy regulations and the ongoing investigation. An FBI Special Agent confirmed the agency is investigating a threat made to the Dayton VA Medical Center either October 24 or 25, but he would not say how the threat was made. A deputy police chief said the men received services from the Dayton VA. "I understand them to be American citizens who were also veterans,” he said. A neighbor said he found the unloaded rocket launcher in a garbage bin when he was taking out his trash. He said he climbed into the bin and recovered the launcher. The rocket launcher, green with “U.S. Army” written on it, was not loaded.


### Government Facilities Sector

32. **October 26, Associated Press** – (Georgia) **2 juveniles charged in GA school fire.** Police in Kennesaw, Georgia, said two juveniles were in custody October 26 on charges they set fire to a portable classroom. The fire broke out at Lost Mountain Middle School during the previous weekend. The classroom was burned to the ground. Police said more than a dozen windows at the school were broken. Teachers used the trailer to instruct students serving in-school suspension. Both juveniles are charged with criminal damage to property and arson.


33. **October 26, Lynn Daily Item** – (Massachusetts) **Swampscott High forced to evacuate.** Swampscott High School students in Swampscott, Massachusetts headed
back to school after an evacuation October 25. At a little before noon, Swampscott police and fire, emergency personnel and state police bomb squad members were sent to the high school for a report of a suspicious package. The package was a backpack that was left in the middle of a hallway. After the bomb squad inspected the backpack, it was determined that only a battery was inside. The students and staff were evacuated to Upper Jackson Park during the ordeal.


34. October 26, Federal News Radio – (National) GSA's next cloud offering: e-mail-as-a-service. The General Services Administration (GSA) issued a notice on FedBizOpps.gov October 22 for e-mail-as-a-service under the software-as-a-service platform. Under the notice, GSA expects to issue a request for proposals by March 2011. GSA will issue a request for information to develop another business process analysis, the director of the Cloud Computing Program said. GSA also is considering a platform-as-a-service offering. The director said the agency is working with the U.S. Geological Survey among others to create a geospatial information platform in the cloud. "It is the natural candidate for cloud computing because you have massive amounts of geospatial data stored all over government," said GSA's associate administrator for Citizen Services and Innovative Technologies. The director of the Cloud Computing Program said a RFP for geospatial could come out later in 2011.

Source: http://www.federalnewsradio.com/?nid=35&sid=2093371

35. October 25, Press of Atlantic City – (New Jersey) Atlantic City High School student arrested, allegedly set off smoke bomb. Police arrested an 18-year-old student at an Atlantic City, New Jersey school October 25 after they said he set off a homemade smoke bomb in the school cafeteria lunch line. The suspect, of Atlantic City, was charged with possession of a destructive device, causing widespread panic and aggravated assault. He set off the smoke bomb at around 11:20 a.m. at Atlantic City High School, while he and others waited to buy lunch, causing "a great deal of smoke," police said in a release. In the ensuing school evacuation, police said an adult staff member slipped, fell and was transported to AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center, City Campus, where he was treated and released. Police and fire units went to the scene. The fire department's fire prevention unit also was sent to the scene. School district officials said students went back to classes before being dismissed for the day at 3 p.m.


36. October 25, Union City Messenger – (Tennessee) Bells man sentenced for plot to assassinate Obama; remains in UC. A West Tennessee man accused in a plot to assassinate the U.S. President has been sentenced to 14 years in prison. The 22-year-old suspect of Bells was sentenced October 22 to 168 months and a term of 3 years supervised released for his role in a conspiracy to murder dozens of African-Americans, including the then-senator and presidential candidate, because of their race.

37. October 25, Contra Costa Times – (California) Suspicious device prompts school evacuation in San Ramon. A suspicious object left inside a California High School bathroom in San Ramon, California, October 25 turned out to not be an explosive device, police said. The object, which investigators said was intentionally made to resemble a bomb, was discovered in a bathroom at the high school's main building shortly before 3 p.m., a San Ramon police sergeant said. Police evacuated the school, sent students home and requested assistance from the Walnut Creek police bomb squad. A robot was sent in to inspect the device. At 5:15 p.m., the object was determined to not be an explosive, and employees at the school were allowed to come back inside. Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_16431916

Emergency Services Sector

38. October 26, Associated Press – (Georgia) Propane fuel system suspected in patrol car explosion. A patrol car erupted into flames October 25 in Jackson County, Georgia and the sheriff's office has suspended the use of propane to power vehicles. The chief deputy at the Jackson County sheriff's office said officials have launched an investigation to determine if the fire was caused by a propane leak. Jackson County's 63 patrol cars can run on either propane or gasoline. The chief deputy said the fire occurred north of Jefferson when a deputy responded to a call. The interior of the car caught fire when the deputy lit a cigarette. The deputy was taken to Athens Regional Medical Center, where he was treated for burns to his face and arms. He was later released. Source: http://www.accessnorthga.com/detail.php?n=233299

39. October 26, Springfield News-Sun – (Ohio) Statewide camera network planned for first responders. Surveillance cameras operated by police, schools, and businesses already record people when they shop at malls, walk into schools or drive on busy roads. Ohio state safety officials hope within a year or two to link many of the cameras into a single network to help police, firefighters, and medics better respond to emergency calls. The executive director of the Ohio Homeland Security Division (OHSD) said the Camera Integration Project could be accessed by police via secure Internet connection anytime they receive an emergency call. The system would be set up with a $235,000 Homeland Security grant. The system would be voluntary, with no city, school, or business required to link cameras to it. One of the members of the controlling board expressed concern about rogue authorities using the system to spy on others. The OHSD executive director said the cameras will not be continually monitored. Authorities will tap into the system during major incidents to gain an instant read on events, he noted, adding that the state developed a privacy policy for its security cameras in 2007. Source: http://www.springfieldnewssun.com/news/springfield-news/statewide-camera-network-planned-for-first-responders-985664.html
40. October 25, Federal Emergency Management Agency – (Louisiana) **FEMA: Bayou Dularge Fire Department uses FEMA funds to replace station.** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced October 25 that more than $1.3 million will assist Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana in rebuilding a fire station after it suffered damages caused by Hurricane Ike. The Bayou Dularge Fire Department will use the FEMA grant to construct a new facility that will replace Fire Station No. 3 in Theriot. This money originally was a grant to replace the destroyed building, but FEMA helped develop an alternate project so the federal money could be spent on a building the fire department believed to be more practical. An Ike-related storm surge destroyed a steel bulkhead, built to protect the station from flooding, and water permeated the building. While the Bayou Dularge Fire Department was eligible to have the bulkhead replaced, they thought it would be wiser to build the fire station in a different location. Fire Station No. 3, which will be located about a half mile away from the old facility, should be completed by April 2011. FEMA has obligated more than $1.8 million to the fire department for damages sustained during hurricanes Gustav and Ike.


41. October 25, WTOV 9 Steubenville – (West Virginia; Ohio) **Another phone outage may prompt changes for emergency crews.** While phone service has been restored to many FiberNet customers who spent the morning of October 25 at their offices without any working land lines, emergency crews in Ohio County are now considering splitting their lines between two different phone companies. Some workers at the Wheeling, West Virginia City-County building said the outage was the second one they experienced in October, and they want to ensure they are prepared for future incidents. The problem affected customers in West Virginia and Ohio. When some FiberNet customers tried to dial out and others tried to call in, they received a message saying, "We're sorry all circuits are busy now." In Ohio County, it affected the sheriff's office, health department, and municipal court. At the county's emergency operations center, the 911 director said they are lucky they never transferred all of the phone lines from Frontier to FiberNet. "If all of the lines had been transferred to FiberNet, then we would have lost 911 service as well," she said.


**Information Technology Sector**

42. October 26, IDG News Service – (International) **Dutch team up with Armenia for Bredolab botnet take down.** Armenian authorities arrested a 27-year-old man October 26 on suspicion of running a large botnet that was dismantled after a unique take-down operation by Dutch law enforcement and computer security experts October 25. Dutch authorities said they seized dozens of servers used to control the Bredolab botnet, estimated to have infected millions of computers worldwide. Bredolab is a type of malicious software program that can steal login and password details, log keystrokes, and steal any data from an infected computer. The Dutch High Tech Crime Team,
which is part of the National Crime Squad, began investigating the botnet over the summer, according to a press release issued October 25. The Bredolab botnet was capable of infecting up to 3 million computers per month. By the end of last year, it was estimated that 3.6 billion spam e-mails were sent out daily containing the Bredolab malware, according to the High Tech Crime Team. The Armenian man was tracked down in a joint effort between Fox IT, which is based in the Netherlands, and Dutch law enforcement. The man is suspected of renting computers that had been infected with Bredolab to cybercrime players in other countries, said the founder of Fox IT. The Armenian man had constructed a massive botnet, at one point infecting up to 29 million computers in countries including Italy, Spain, South Africa, the United States, and the U.K.
Source: http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9193080/Dutch_team_up_with_Armenia_for_Bredolab_botnet_take_down

43. **October 26, The Register** – (International) **Botnet-harbouring ISPs named and shamed.** The United States, Germany, and France rank as the top three countries for hosting botnet command and control servers. Countries such as China and Russia that tend to be most associated with hacking, spamming, and cybercrime rank far below Western countries in a list compiled by net security firm Damballa. For the first half of 2010, almost a quarter of botnet CnC servers were hosted by service providers in the United States, with the top three countries (United States — 23.9 percent, Germany — 17.9 percent and France — 8.6 percent) hosting more than half of all CnC servers. "Half of the servers used by cyber-criminals for the purpose of controlling their botnet empires are located in commercial hosting facilities within countries not traditionally associated with this kind of crime," writes the vice president of research at Damballa. "The ability to host a server is typically independent of where the criminals are actually located and the type of victims they are trying to capture. ISPs and hosting providers listed in the top 10 do not necessarily conduct criminal practices, but they have found themselves in a position of being 'preferred' by the criminals operating the botnets," he said.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2010/10/26/botnet_hosting_isps/

44. **October 26, SC Magazine** – (International) **Sites ending in .com., .vn are the riskiest, McAfee finds.** The .com extension has surpassed the African nation of Cameroon's .cm suffix as the most likely top-level domain to infect computers with malware, according to McAfee's third annual study of the Web's most dangerous recesses. Released October 26, the report found 56 percent of all sites labeled "risky" end in the most heavily trafficked top-level domain (TLD) extension of .com. Researchers studied 27 million Web sites as part of their analysis and determined that 6.2 percent pose a risk, up from 5.8 percent 1 year ago. Web sites registered in Vietnam ranked as the No. 1 riskiest country domain, as 29 percent of sites ending in .vn posed a security threat. Cameroon had the riskiest country TLD in 2009, but fell to the second spot in 2010. Vietnam had held the 39th spot last year. "Cybercriminals target regions where registering sites is cheap and convenient and pose the least risk of being caught," the director of research for McAfee Labs said. "A domain that's safe one year can be
dangerous the next." A number of domains fell out of favor – such as .sg (Singapore), which dropped from 10th to 81st most risky — after domain managers cracked down on scam registrations, according to McAfee.


45. October 26, PCWorld – (National) Firesheep's a huge hit with amateur hackers. Firesheep, an amateur hacking tool, has been downloaded more than 104,000 times a mere 24 hours after its launch, according to TechCrunch. Firesheep is a Firefox add-on programmed by a Seattle-based software developer who said he designed the extension to demonstrate the HTTP vulnerability in certain Web sites (such as Twitter, Facebook, Flickr, Tumblr, and Yelp). The extension basically allows people to view information traded over a public network, in the form of cookies — when someone logs on to one of the 26 sites in Firesheep's database, their information is vulnerable to being swiped. Because Firesheep uses information swiped from cookies, it will not reveal passwords to any snoopers — just a person's username and session number ID. So, while people might be able to see sensitive information (say, the person's Facebook account), they cannot do anything that requires the password (for example, in Amazon, they will not be able to purchase anything or access credit card information).

Furthermore, Firesheep is limited to hacking people on the same network — so if one is on a password-protected network, only people on that network will potentially be able to get information. Of course, this means that one should be extra careful while on an open or public Wi-Fi network. The add-on is currently available for Mac OS X and Windows, with Linux support coming soon.

Source: http://www.pcworld.com/article/208773/firesheeps_a_huge_hit_with_amateur_hackers.html

46. October 26, Agence France-Presse – (International) Nobel website hacked. The Nobel Peace Prize Web site came under cyber attack from Taiwan, Norwegian telecoms operator Telenor said October 26, less than 3 weeks after jailed Chinese dissent Liu Xiaobo won the award. "The site was compromised, or as is more commonly said, 'hacked,' " the computer security director at Telenor told AFP, confirming a report in the Aftenposten daily. Visitors to the Web site risked infection by a Trojan virus. The director said the last IP address used by the hacker was at the National Chiao Tung University in Taiwan, but he cautioned that the attack may have originated elsewhere as hackers often used many computers to hide their traces. "We cannot say anything about the identity of the hacker or his motivations," he said. The Nobel Institute in Oslo said it had heard of the attack, but said the Web site was now back to normal.


47. October 25, InformationWeek – (International) Workers abusing social sites on corporate networks. More than 70 percent of the traffic on corporate networks today comes from the Internet, and a sizable portion of it stems from employees’ use of
Gmail, Hotmail, Facebook, and BitTorrent for personal reasons. That finding comes from a study released by next-generation firewall vendor Palo Alto Networks, based on firewall data captured in 723 organizations worldwide: 275 in North America, 207 in the Asia-Pacific region, and 241 in Europe. To provide more precise details, Palo Alto divided the personal applications it found into three categories: socializing, saying (e-mail and IM), and sharing. Altogether, these applications account for about 25 percent of the traffic seen on corporate networks. In terms of socializing, the most popular networking platforms were Facebook (95 percent), Twitter (93 percent), LinkedIn (85 percent), MySpace (79 percent), and Facebook applications (76 percent). While all social networking platforms have risks, Palo Alto said the prevalence of Facebook applications was cause for concern. "The more that enterprises download Facebook applications, the more likely they are to be attacked," said the director of EMEA marketing for Palo Alto. Relatively speaking, Facebook and its applications are bandwidth hogs, consuming 500 percent more bandwidth than the other 47 social networking applications seen combined, without even factoring in Facebook mail and chat traffic.


48. October 25, InformationWeek – (National) **White House unveils Internet privacy committee.** The White House council on technology has formed a new subcommittee to develop principles to balance the Internet's economic opportunity with the right to privacy. The National Science and Technology Council's new subcommittee on privacy and Internet policy also will aim to synchronize the practices of federal agencies with policy being considered and developed by lawmakers, according to a White House blog post unveiling the committee. The post is attributed to the general counsel at the Department of Commerce, and an assistant attorney general at the Department of Justice, the chairs of the new panel. The subcommittee will try to develop a common Internet privacy strategy among all legislative and regulatory stakeholders, in the United States and abroad, they wrote. The panel also will work with the private sector to balance the needs of those doing business on the Internet with privacy principles or policies that are developed, as well as enforcement activity necessary to maintain them. The subcommittee is comprised of representatives from many federal departments and executive-level agencies. They include, among others: the departments of homeland security, education, energy, health and human services, state, transportation, and treasury; the Office of Management and Budget; the Office of Science and Technology Policy; and the National Security Staff Cybersecurity Directorate.

Source: http://www.informationweek.com/news/government/security/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=227900714&cid=RSSfeed_IWK_All
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49. October 26, Associated Press – (South Carolina) **FiberNet replacing West Virginia power station.** FiberNet said it plans to replace a power-generating station in Charleston, West Virginia after the company experienced its second service interruption in October. FiberNet customers across the state lost telephone and Internet service for about 4 hours October 25. The company said it met with state public service commission officials to explain how it plans to prevent future outages. That includes replacing the power station at its central office. Another FiberNet outage occurred in at least six counties October 10. Source: [http://wvgazette.com/ap/ApTopStories/201010260364](http://wvgazette.com/ap/ApTopStories/201010260364)

50. October 26, AllAccess.com – (New York) **Utica, New York tower accident injures three.** An accident at a broadcast tower in Deerfield, New York serving the Utica market sent three tower workers to the hospital October 25. The three men were working on the tower installing a digital antenna for W59AU, the low power translator of PBS affiliate WCNY-TV/SYRACUSE, when the antenna apparently shifted and sent the three workers for dropping more than 20 feet to the ground. One worker was evaluated and released, while another received severe facial injuries, and the third sustained a foot injury in the accident. The mishap canceled NBC affiliate WKTV's noon news because its building was evacuated, and WCNY’s local signal was taken off the air. WCNY’s sister WUNY and WXUR are also on the tower. Source: [http://www.allaccess.com/net-news/archive/story/82728/utica-tower-accident-injures-three](http://www.allaccess.com/net-news/archive/story/82728/utica-tower-accident-injures-three)

51. October 26, Top10.com – (National) **iPhone security flaw allows hackers to make calls even when locked.** A security hole has been discovered in iPhones running iOS 4.1, which allows anyone to bypass the iPhone lock screen to make unauthorized phone calls. According to a MacForums member, the flaw can be exploited by simply tapping the emergency call button, then dialing any non-emergency number instead, and immediately tapping the lock screen, which will give the user access to the phone’s contacts app. Reports have already emerged that this method does not work with the iOS 4.2 beta, so presumably Apple already knows about it and is working on fixing it. iOS 4.2 is expected to hit supported devices in November 2010. Source: [http://top10.com/mobilephones/news/2010/10/iphone_security_flaw_allowsHackers_tomake_calls_even_when_locked/](http://top10.com/mobilephones/news/2010/10/iphone_security_flaw_allowsHackers_tomake_calls_even_when_locked/)
52. **October 26, Mibz** – (National) **Nokia N900 hacked to run native Palm Pre apps thanks to preenv.** The Nokia N900 is probably the most hackable device in the world and the latest hack available for the N900 is called Preenv 0.1. This app requires one to have a rooted Nokia N900 and to activate the extras-devel packages. One will also need a rooted Palm Pre, as this enables one to port Palm Pre games on the Nokia N900. This is possible thanks to Palm and Nokia’s way of developing native apps for Linux called SDL 1.2. Another thing which helps Preenv is the similarity between the hardware of the Nokia N900 and the Palm Pre, which both have the same processor and PowerVR SGX GPU that supports OpenGL ES 2.0.


53. **October 25, Radio Ink** – (New York; National) **FCC issues $10,000 NAL to suspected pirate.** The Federal Communication Commission's (FCC's) enforcement bureau has issued a $10,000 notice of apparent liability (NAL) to the operator of an unlicensed station at 90.5 FM in Spring Valley, New York. In October 2009, agents responded to a complaint and traced a signal to PC Taxi Services and PC Auto Repair in Spring Valley, and were referred to the owner. The owner then showed the agents a room where, according to the NAL, agents "observed a radio station in operation." He also led them to the roof, where an FM antenna was found, and to an attic where a transmitter was behind a stack of tires. He told the agents he was letting a friend operate the station, and turned off the transmitter at the agents' request. The bureau then sent a notice of unlicensed operation to the owner, who responded by denying he had any knowledge of the station. The bureau was not persuaded, saying, "The facts show that he had control of the station and was involved in the general conduct or management of the station." The operator has 30 days to either pay or file a written response seeking a cancellation or reduction of the forfeiture. Additionally, the Enforcement Bureau has issued a $10,000 NAL to Multicultural Broadcasting, saying WNYG/Babylon, NY's public inspection file was not available when a bureau agent inspected the station during regular hours, and that issues/programs lists were missing from the file.

Source: [http://www.radioink.com/Article.asp?id=1998156&spid=24698](http://www.radioink.com/Article.asp?id=1998156&spid=24698)

54. **October 25, Associated Press** – (New York; National) **Computer trouble disrupts AP coverage for 5 hours.** The Associated Press (AP) suffered a 5-hour computer outage October 25 that prevented much of its news coverage from being delivered to newspapers and other media outlets. The problems started at about 3 p.m. as the news cooperative tried to apply a security patch recommended by Microsoft Corp. The AP wanted the added protection before next week's national and state elections. To perform the security upgrade, AP switched from its main system to back-up computers and they failed, said the AP's chief information officer. Engineers tried to revert to the main system but had problems there too. The breakdown was not completely fixed until about 8 p.m. The outage shut down a news database that sends stories, photos, and video through the Web instead of satellites, which the AP had relied on for years. Most of the roughly 1,500 U.S. newspapers that receive AP's coverage have converted to the Web feed. Some of the newspapers could have fallen back on old satellite technology
on their premises. The outage also affected online video customers. Source: http://abcnews.go.com/Business/wireStory?id=11968319

Commercial Facilities Sector

55. October 25, Associated Press – (Pennsylvania) Police: Pa. man badly hurt in meth lab explosion. Authorities said a Pennsylvania man is in critical condition after being injured when a methamphetamine operation exploded inside his apartment. Police said the man was injured in the October 23 explosion in Nazareth. The police chief told the Express-Times of Easton that the man was mixing chemicals at the time of the blast. Emergency crews evacuated the apartment building and shut down a street following the fire. A search later turned up medicine and chemicals used to manufacture methamphetamine. The man was hospitalized in critical condition October 25. Charges against him are pending. Source: http://www.wfmj.com/Global/story.asp?S=13382808

National Monuments and Icons Sector

56. October 26, Arizona Republic – (Arizona) 2 agencies crack down on smugglers. For the past 7 weeks, U.S. Border Patrol agents and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) rangers quietly carried out an anti-smuggling campaign in two national monuments in Arizona that had become infested with drug runners and illegal immigrants. In an interview October 25, directors of the two agencies said they have added manpower, erected barriers, and torn down smuggler-lookout posts in an effort to secure the notorious Vekol Valley near Casa Grande. The Arizona director for the BLM and the chief of the Border Patrol's Tucson Sector said the two agencies established unprecedented cooperation in an effort to combat border-related crime in the Sonoran Desert National Monument south of Interstate 8 and the Ironwood Forest National Monument west of Tucson. They said the campaign was prompted by a series of violent events near Casa Grande during the past year. In one incident, a deputy was wounded in a shootout with smugglers; in another, two Mexican nationals were killed by suspected bandits. Source: http://www.azcentral.com/arizonarepublic/local/articles/2010/10/25/20101025blm1026.html

57. October 26, WHSV 3 Harrisonburg – (Virginia) Forest fire grows to 300 acres in Page County. A forest fire in the George Washington National Forest in Page County, Virginia, tripled in size October 25. As of that night, it was still not under control. Forest crews said the fire is burning 300 acres just northwest of the town of Shenandoah. Crews have closed a service road and a Massanutten Mountain trail. Forest officials said there are no structures threatened. Forty-three firefighters have
been assigned to battle the flames. The cause of the fire has not been determined.

58. **October 25, Leesville Daily Leader** – (Louisiana) **Wrangler Fire 95 percent contained.** The Wrangler Fire, the incident name for the Kisatchie Hills Wilderness wildfire in Louisiana, was approximately 95 percent contained October 25 according to the U.S. Forest Service (USFS). Three, 20-person fire crews, three dozers, two engines, a water tender, and a helicopter are working to contain the fire. Crews are continuing to do mop-up and rehabilitation work. Water bars, or berms created across fire lines using soil, rocks, and logs to divert water flow from the fire lines to reduce erosion, have been constructed on most of the fire lines. The USFS and Natchitoches Parish Sheriff’s Department have cooperated to contain the fire.
Source: http://www.leesvilledailyleader.com/features/x806167374/Wrangler-Fire-95-percent-contained

**Dams Sector**

59. **October 26, CNN** – (International) **China fills Three Gorges Dam to capacity.** China's Three Gorges Dam, the world's largest water project, was fully filled October 25, state media said. The water level hit the dam's design capacity of 175 meters (574 feet) at 9 a.m. The 175-meter milestone will "enable the project to fulfill its functions of flood control, power generation, navigation, and water diversion to the full," said the chairman of the China Three Gorges Corporation. When the dam in central China reaches full generating capacity next year, it will produce 84.7 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity, the Xinhua news agency said. That's enough to meet Beijing's needs for 1 year.

60. **October 25, WJAC 6 Johnstown** – (Pennsylvania) **Officials push contractors to complete dam upgrades.** Contractors in Elk County, Pennsylvania, are scrambling to finish mandated safety upgrades to an aging dam in Ridgway. The environmental manager said he raised concerns with council members after the project fell behind schedule. Engineers selected special bonding agents and have called in special equipment to help set concrete in colder weather that is expected in the coming weeks. The bulk of the project is expected to wrap up by the end of November.
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