



Homeland Security

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Current Nationwide Threat Level

ELEVATED



Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks

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- According to the Washington Examiner, police are investigating a report of shots fired into a Coast Guard recruiting station in Woodbridge, Virginia, the fifth overnight shooting at a Northern Virginia military facility since October 17. (See item [30](#))
- KIRO 7 Seattle reports that local officials and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said the aging levees along the Skagit River in Washington could fail this winter, putting north Mount Vernon under water. (See item [49](#))

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Energy Sector

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

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

1. *November 2, Scranton Times-Tribune* – (Pennsylvania) **Gas well fire at Procter & Gamble extinguished; no injuries reported.** A fire at a natural gas well on the Procter & Gamble plant site near Mehoopany, Pennsylvania brought several firefighters and other emergency personnel to the scene November 1. Ultimately, the local responders were not needed, as workers from Citrus Energy Corp. were able to shut the well down. Crews were first called out around 5:15 p.m. for a report of an “out-of-control gas well

fire.” The fire was at a well about 1 mile east of the P&G plant — one of five wells on P&G property. Citrus officials called for emergency help because gas leaking from somewhere on the well site was burning, said the director of the Wyoming County Emergency Management Agency. The role of the local crews was to stand by and secure the perimeter, he said. The fire continued to burn for a short time after the well was shut down because of residual gas in the lines between the valves and the point where the gas was escaping. Emergency crews were released from the scene about 7 p.m. The fire indicated the leaking gas was consumed, and not released into the atmosphere.

Source: <http://thetimes-tribune.com/news/gas-well-fire-at-procter-gamble-extinguished-no-injuries-reported-1.1057574>

2. *November 2, Reuters* – (International) **Al Qaeda suspected in Yemen oil pipeline blast.** Suspected al Qaeda militants blew up a small oil pipeline in southern Yemen November 2, local officials said, the same day the country launched a hunt for those responsible for a plot to mail bombs to the United States. The pipeline in the province of Shabwa was operated by a South Korean firm, officials said, but declined to give further details. It was not clear if exports would be affected. The blast on the pipeline taking crude oil to a maritime export terminal was caused by a timed device, a local security official told Reuters, adding that members of al Qaeda were believed to be behind the attack. Security forces were sent to the province of Maarib and also to Shabwa. Al Qaeda has in the past threatened to target Yemen’s oil and gas infrastructure, but such attacks have been relatively rare. Disgruntled tribes have sporadically blown up pipelines to pressure the government. Last month, a gunman believed to have links to al Qaeda killed a Frenchman at Austrian oil and gas company OMV’s site in Sanaa. The Yemen wing of the global militant network, Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, has strongholds in Maarib and Shabwa, where oil and gas fields of international companies are located.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSLDE6A11NI20101102>
3. *November 2, KENS 5 San Antonio* – (Texas) **Thunderstorms unleashed havoc for many in San Antonio.** A line of thunderstorm dumped golf-sized hail in some parts of San Antonio, Texas, leaving behind cooler weather but not before making a mess on roadways. The overnight storm knocked down trees and cut power out for many east-side residents. CPS crews were working diligently to get power restored but they said over 36 outages took place, leaving more than 4,500 customers without power.
Source: <http://www.kens5.com/news/Thunderstorms-unleashed-more-than-heavy-rains-in-San-Antonio-106509238.html>
4. *November 2, WSAZ 3 Huntington* – (Kentucky) **CSX train derails in Ashland, Kentucky.** Boyd County dispatchers say a train derailed around 3:00 a.m. November 2, in the 2800 block of Front Street in Ashland, Kentucky. They said 22 cars of the CSX train derailed. Some of the cars were carrying coal. The derailment is on the other side of the floodwall, so no roads or crossings are blocked. This was between the AK Steel Coke Plant and Mansbach Metal. CSX is handling the cleanup. No word has been provided yet on whether any coal spilled from the derailed cars.

Source:

[http://www.wsaz.com/news/headlines/CSX Train Derails in Ashland 106509193.html](http://www.wsaz.com/news/headlines/CSX_Train_Derails_in_Ashland_106509193.html)

5. *November 2, Industry Week* – (Utah; National) **DOT proposes \$423,600 fine against Chevron for pipeline leak.** The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) said November 1 it has proposed a \$423,600 fine against Chevron Corp. for a pipeline failure in Salt Lake City, Utah that resulted in the release of 33,600 gallons of crude oil into a nearby creek. The DOT's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) claimed the company may have failed to implement and follow required procedures to prevent the accident, including controlling corrosion on the system and protecting the pipeline from stray electrical currents. The DOT also alleged Chevron may not have an adequate leak-detection system along its pipeline. The accident occurred in June 2010 near the University of Utah campus and leaked the equivalent of 800 barrels of crude oil into the ground and nearby Red Butte Creek. The pipeline involved in the failure leaked crude oil for more than 10 hours before Chevron received notification of it from the local fire department. The DOT also issued a proposed compliance order requiring the company to improve its rights-of-way inspections, take measures to protect its system against damage from lightning or stray electrical currents, and improve leak detection capabilities. Chevron can voluntarily take these actions before the order is finalized, the DOT said. The company has 30 days to respond.

Source:

http://www.industryweek.com/articles/dot_proposes_423600_fine_against_chevron_for_pipeline_leak_23149.aspx?SectionID=2

6. *November 1, Bay City News Service* – (California) **Early morning crash knocks out power to thousands in Suisun City, California area.** PG&E crews are working to restore power to thousands of customers who lost electricity when a car apparently crashed into an electrical box and knocked out power to traffic signals at a Suisun City, California intersection, police and PG&E officials said. Traffic lights went out after a car overturned and crashed into the box before coming to rest on its roof on the side of the road beside the intersection of state Route 12 and Walters Road, a Suisun City police dispatcher said. A PG&E spokeswoman said 4,133 customers lost their power at about 4:10 a.m. There was no estimated time of restoration for all the customers, but more than half had power restored by 6 a.m., leaving 1,766 customers waiting for power restoration. The impacted area was east of Village Drive and south of Bella Vista Drive, including Lawler Ranch Road along state Highway 113, as well as the area south of Fry Road including Bird's Landing, Collinsville, and Hastings Island Road.

Source: http://www.timesheraldonline.com/ci_16491658

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Chemical Industry Sector

7. *November 2, Macon Telegraph* – (Georgia) **Explosion hazard closes I-75 after truck fire.** Interstate 75 in Georgia was closed for several hours overnight after a truck carrying hazardous materials caught fire in Houston County. Shortly before 8:40 p.m. November 1, a tractor trailer blew a tire which caused the rear axles to catch fire as the rig traveled south near mile marker 133, the Houston County Fire chief said. The truck driver was able to get the vehicle off the road, but authorities had to shut down the interstate in both directions due to the threat of explosion from the cargo of hexane. Firefighters from Houston, Peach, and Dooly counties and Perry were on scene. The northbound lanes remained closed for nearly 3 hours, and the southbound lanes were closed for about 8 hours as the hexane was being transferred to another truck. All lanes reopened by about 4:30 a.m. November 2.

Source: <http://www.macon.com/2010/11/02/1324985/explosion-hazard-closes-i-75-after.html>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

8. *November 2, Rochester Democrat and Chronicle* – (International) **Second reactor eyed at Ginna.** A French company has acquired land in New York near the Robert E. Ginna nuclear power plant in Wayne County and the Nine Mile Point plant in Oswego County for possible new reactors. Electricite de France SA said it has purchased Constellation Energy Group's interest in a mutual subsidiary, UniStar Nuclear Energy, for \$140 million. Unistar owns the land that could be used for new reactors. So far, EDF — a major European and U.S. energy player with 169,000 employees worldwide — has applied to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for only one such license, for a new reactor at the Calvert Cliffs nuclear plant in Calvert County, Maryland. "There's nothing on the drawing board," said the supervisor of Ontario where the Ginna plant is located. He said he supports another reactor and regularly meets with Constellation Energy officials. An EDF spokesman in New York City confirmed the French company has long-term plans for both the Ginna site and the Nine Mile Point site on Lake Ontario north of Syracuse.

Source:

<http://www.democratandchronicle.com/article/20101102/BUSINESS/11020319/1001/Second-reactor-eyed-at-Ginna>

9. *November 2, Mid Columbia Tri-City Herald* – (Washington) **Energy Northwest nuclear plant scores low in reliability.** Energy Northwest's nuclear power plant near Richland, Washington has been rated as one of two nuclear plants in the nation that are in greatest need of operational and human performance improvement. The new chief executive sent that message to employees November 1 after a briefing October 29 by the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO). The nonprofit INPO, paid for by the nuclear industry, does inspections of the nation's 104 nuclear power plants every 2 years. Problems occurred primarily in 2009 when the Columbia Generating Station had a series of scrams, or unplanned shutdowns. The scrams started with one in late 2008, followed by five more through November 2009. The plant has been operating reliably

with no scrams for almost 1 year said an Energy Northwest spokeswoman. The INPO evaluation covered plant operations from October 2008 to September 2010. “The messages INPO delivered were not unexpected,” Energy’s CEO told employees in a memo. “While we are operating the plant safely, improvements are needed in a wide range of areas.” Deficiencies found, however, create increased vulnerability for a significant event such as an equipment failure that would cause the plant to be automatically shut down, according to Energy Northwest. The evaluation found weaknesses in human performance, leadership, and equipment reliability.

Source: <http://www.tri-cityherald.com/2010/11/02/1233869/energy-northwest-nuclear-plant.html>

10. *November 1, Forbes* – (International) **British Nuclear Power Plant goes dark. Stuxnet worm to blame.** British Energy, owned by France’s EDF Energy PLC, has reported an “unplanned outage” at its Heysham 1 nuclear power plant October 31. A company spokesperson told the Associated Press repairs to one of the reactors are ongoing, but did not say when the plant was expected to resume operations. According to Siemens’ Web site, EDF Energy is a customer of the German technology giant, whose infrastructure software has suffered from a global infection of the sophisticated Stuxnet worm. A 2007 briefing deck by the Technical Working Group on Nuclear Power Plant Control and Instrumentation disclosed that Heysham 2 had its Reypac controllers replaced with Siemens S7. One expert was not sure if Heysham 1 had the same upgrades as Heysham 2.

Source: <http://blogs.forbes.com/firewall/2010/11/01/british-nuclear-power-plant-goes-dark-stuxnet-worm-to-blame/>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

11. *November 1, KOMO 4 Seattle* – (Washington) **2-alarm fire guts metal recycling plant near Bremerton.** A two-alarm fire gutted the building housing Navy City Metals near Seattle, Washington November 1. The South Kitsap, Washington Fire Battalion chief said flames broke out just before 9 p.m. at the metal recycling plant. No one was injured, but the blaze torched the building’s interior, burning wood walls, and roof trusses. The building has been ruled unsafe as a result of the fire, and no employees will be allowed back inside until further notice. A cause has not been determined, and the investigation is ongoing.

Source: <http://www.komonews.com/news/local/106501123.html>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Banking and Finance Sector

12. *November 2, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Pa. robbery suspect caught ‘red-handed’ due to dye.** The FBI said a southwestern Pennsylvania bank robbery suspect has been caught “red-handed.” The 50-year-old suspect, of Charleroi, is in jail after police and the FBI said he robbed a Citizens Bank branch a few doors down from his apartment. Witnesses said a dye pack hidden in the money he stole exploded in his hands, creating a red cloud that led authorities to his home. Authorities searched the suspect’s apartment above a thrift and used furniture shop November 1 after the heist. Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/11/02/AR2010110202264.html>
13. *November 2, NBC San Diego* – (California) **Robbery suspect claimed to be ‘That Bandit’.** A North County man accused of holding up two banks and a medical facility at gunpoint claimed to be the robbery suspect known as the “Geezer Bandit”, according to police. However, FBI investigators said the suspect has been identified as a 58-year-old and is not believed to be the Geezer Bandit, wanted for 11 robberies around San Diego County over the last year. It is unclear why the suspect claimed to be the Geezer Bandit, agents said. Witnesses told police that a man walked into the bank on Vista Way shortly before 3:30 p.m. November 1 and demanded money from a teller. “Teller gave him an undisclosed amount of money, after he exposed a firearm, a handgun in his waistband,” said an Oceanside Police spokesman. Police said the suspect told the teller he was “that bandit” according to a Carlsbad police report. Police got a break when a witness wrote down the license plate number of the PT Cruiser the suspect was seen driving away from the bank. Source: <http://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local-beat/Police-Robber-Claimed-To-Be-Geezer-Bandit-106504063.html>
14. *November 2, KITV 4 Honolulu* – (Hawaii; Texas) **Local credit card scam also affects Houston business.** A telephone credit card scam targeting people in Hawaii caused some collateral damage to a business thousands of miles away in Texas November 1. Over the weekend, Oahu residents complained about phone calls they received claiming their banks were having problems with their security systems. In order to keep their credit cards active, a message left on their phones said they would have to report their credit card numbers. Arya Limousine service in Houston, Texas, was also targeted by the scam. Source: <http://www.kitv.com/r/25602743/detail.html>
15. *November 2, Quincy Patriot Ledger* – (Massachusetts) **Weymouth bank robbery looks familiar to police.** Police believe the same man is behind two bank robberies in Columbian Square in Weymouth, Massachusetts, that occurred within 9 days of each other. A man holding a tissue or handkerchief over his face entered the Sovereign Bank at 51 Pleasant St. just after 2 p.m. November 1 and handed a teller a note demanding money, police said. The man did not show a weapon. On October 23, a man who robbed the Hingham Institute for Savings at 32 Pleasant St. also used a handkerchief or tissue to cover his face when he announced he was robbing the bank and demanded

\$100, \$50 and \$20 bills, police said. Both times, the robber was described as a white male, about 6 feet tall, wearing a hooded sweatshirt and blue jeans. “If you compare notes, it’s pretty obvious it’s the same person,” said a detective. “We’re reviewing surveillance tapes from other businesses hoping to get a better look at him.”

Source: http://www.patriotledger.com/news/cops_and_courts/x370073771/Weymouth-bank-robbery-looks-familiar-to-police

16. *October 29, WSYR 9 Syracuse* – (New York) **Civic Center credit card breach may be a computer hack.** Investigators believe scammers used either a skimming device or a computer hack to steal credit and debit card information from victims that had used their cards at the Onondaga County Civic Center in Syracuse, New York. Police have now heard from more than 60 victims. So far, Syracuse Police said most of the victims have reported using their credit or debit card in the basement at the cafeteria of the civic center. One of those victims said his bank called him a few days ago to check on some irregular charges made at the Long Island Rail Road. “The bank had paid five to six transactions, almost \$800,” he said. While police are not sure which method the scammers used to get the card information, they said it appears they have had the information for about 8 to 10 months and only recently started using it. Although investigators believe it has been narrowed down to the civic center, they want anyone who has used a card at the Oncenter or War Memorial to also check their statements. Source: <http://www.9wsyr.com/mostpopular/story/Civic-Center-credit-card-breach-may-be-a-computer/PSvXYnSEs0WFPp-zCXQf5w.csp>

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Transportation Sector

17. *November 2, CNN* – (International) **Aviation chief calls for security overhaul.** Outdated security systems introduced to combat airliner hijacking 40 years ago must be overhauled to address new terrorism threats, the head of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) said November 2. “Today’s threats require a different approach and different technology,” IATA’s director-general told delegates at the AVSEC aviation security conference in Frankfurt, Germany. His comments came 4 days after authorities in the United Arab Emirates and Britain found two packages sent from Yemen believed to contain the explosive material PETN. “The events in Yemen have put cargo security at the top of our agenda,” the official said, pointing out that 35 percent of goods traded worldwide are shipped by air, which in 2009 amounted to some 26 million tons. “Transporting these goods safely, securely and efficiently is critical,” he said, emphasizing that the responsibility for that should not just fall on airlines, but “the entire supply chain, from manufacturer to airport,” driven by co-operation between government and industry. Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2010/WORLD/europe/11/02/aviation.cargo.security/>
18. *November 1, WSMV 4 Nashville* – (Tennessee) **15 train cars derail in Lincoln County.** Fifteen CSX train cars derailed in Lincoln County, Tennessee November 1, according to the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency. The accident occurred at

about 4 a.m. No injuries and no hazardous materials spilled. The cause of the derailment is under investigation.

Source: <http://www.wsmv.com/news/25597514/detail.html>

19. *November 1, New York Times* – (International) **Early parcels sent to U.S. were eyed as dry run.** American intelligence officials in September 2010 intercepted several packages containing books, papers, CDs, and other household items shipped to Chicago from Yemen and considered the possibility that the parcels might be a test run for a terrorist attack, two officials said November 1. Now the officials believe the shipments, whose hour-by-hour locations could be tracked by the sender on the shippers' Web sites, may have been used to plan the route and timing for two printer cartridges packed with explosives that were sent from Yemen and intercepted in Britain and Dubai October 29. In September, after American counterterrorism agencies received information linking the packages to Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), the terror network's branch in Yemen, intelligence officers stopped the shipments in transit and searched them, said the officials, who would discuss the operation only on the condition of anonymity. They found no explosives, and the packages were permitted to continue to what appeared to be "random addresses" in Chicago with no connection to the terrorist group. "At the time, people obviously took notice and — knowing of the terrorist group's interest in aviation — considered the possibility that AQAP might be exploring the logistics of the cargo system," one official said. The apparent test run might have permitted the plotters to estimate when cargo planes carrying the doctored toner cartridges would be over Chicago or another city. That would conceivably enable them to set timers on the two devices to set off explosions where they would cause the greatest damage.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/11/02/world/02terror.html?src=twrhp>

20. *November 1, WXII 12 Winston-Salem* – (Virginia) **Plane lands safely at Virginia airport after bird strike.** A U.S. Airways flight returned to Norfolk International Airport in Norfolk, Virginia after a bird hit an engine. The airport's deputy executive director said the Boeing 737 400 series plane had reached about 1,000 feet November 1 when the pilot reported a vibration in an engine. The director said the pilot decided to return to the airport and the plane landed safely. There were 137 passengers and five crew members on the plane. U.S. Airways said the plane was en route to Charlotte, North Carolina when the incident occurred. The passengers were being put on other flights. Four internal engine fan blades were damaged. A blood sample will be sent to the Smithsonian Institution to determine the type of bird.

Source: <http://www.wxii12.com/news/25594954/detail.html>

21. *October 31, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **Police: Late passenger says bomb on Denver plane.** Police said a man who just missed his flight out of Denver, Colorado got angry and claimed there was a bomb in his luggage, which was already aboard. Police said a search of the plane turned up no explosives, and the flight took off an hour late for its destination, Salt Lake City, Utah. The incident occurred October 30. Officials said the plane carrying 54 passengers and crew was on the ground when the alleged threat was made. The 49-year-old was arrested on suspicion of endangering

public transportation.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/10/31/AR2010103103573.html>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

22. *November 2, Associated Press* – (International) **Mail under scrutiny. U.S. issues advisory.** The FBI and Homeland Security Department have cautioned that foreign-origin packages without return addresses and excessive postage require a second look, according to an advisory sent to local officials around the country that was obtained November 1 by the Associated Press. And Germany's aviation authority extended its ban on air cargo from Yemen to include passenger flights. Britain banned the import of larger printer cartridges by air November 1 as it also announced broader measures to halt air cargo from Yemen and Somalia following the ink cartridge bomb plot. Yemeni authorities November 1 continued to hunt for suspects tied to the mail bomb plot, but a young woman arrested soon after the attacks were thwarted was released. Investigators there said someone had stolen her identity and used it to mail the package.

Source: <http://www.ohio.com/news/nation/106501208.html>

23. *November 1, Louisville Courier-Journal* – (International) **UPS crash in Dubai not caused by explosives, agency says.** The September 3 crash of a UPS cargo jet near Dubai was not caused by an explosive device, the United Arab Emirates' aviation authority has concluded. The agency said an analysis of data from flight recorders found no acoustic or other evidence that explosives were detonated. The General Civil Aviation Authority announced its finding October 31, 1 days after explosive devices were found in packages on a UPS jet in England and a FedEx facility in Dubai. Both packages were bound for the United States. The U.S. President's chief counter-terrorism advisor told CNN October 31 that officials were "looking very carefully" at the September crash for a possible link to the discovery of the dangerous packages. The September UPS crash, which killed the plane's two pilots, was caused by a cargo hold fire that filled the cockpit with smoke, the agency has said. The cause of the fire hasn't been determined.

Source: [http://www.courier-journal.com/article/20101101/BUSINESS/311010063/1008/NEWS01/UPS+crash+in+Dubai+not+caused+by+explosives++agency+saysReporter+Patrick+Howington+can+be+reached+at+\(502\)+582-4229](http://www.courier-journal.com/article/20101101/BUSINESS/311010063/1008/NEWS01/UPS+crash+in+Dubai+not+caused+by+explosives++agency+saysReporter+Patrick+Howington+can+be+reached+at+(502)+582-4229).

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Agriculture and Food Sector

24. *November 1, Associated Press* – (Montana) **Brucellosis found in bison on Ted Turner ranch.** A bacterial disease has been found in a 4,600-head bison herd in Montana, the first time brucellosis has been discovered in a domestic herd in the state in more than 2 years. The disease, which can cause pregnant bison, cattle, and elk to abort their fetuses, was found in a 7-year-old cow about 2 weeks ago and is suspected in two other bison on the ranch, a state veterinarian said. The cow has been killed and the other two have been quarantined from the rest of the herd pending test results, he said. They also will be slaughtered after the testing is completed. Officials have tested most of the 2,000 animals on the ranch that livestock officials have determined could carry the disease. An investigation is under way to trace the source of the infection and to find out whether it has spread.
Source: http://www.necn.com/11/01/10/Brucellosis-found-in-bison-on-Ted-Turner/landing_scitech.html?&blockID=3&apID=68b67926906446ce8996cd89868581f2

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Water Sector

25. *November 2, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Rhode Island) **Rhode Island concrete manufacturing plant faces fine for Clean Water Act violations.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has proposed that a concrete manufacturing plant in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, pay a penalty of up to \$177,500 for illegally discharging stormwater and process water in violation of the federal Clean Water Act (CWA). According to EPA's New England office, PRM Concrete Corporation violated the CWA by discharging stormwater and process water to municipal catch basins and to the Seekonk River without required authorization under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit. The violations occurred from October 2005 through August 2008. Specifically, the company: Discharged stormwater associated with industrial activity, without authorization, from October 2005 until August 2008; Discharged process water, without authorization, from October 2005 until May 2007; and Failed to file for permit coverage for stormwater discharges from its facility until August 2008. The complaint grew out of an inspection of the School Street plant in May 2007. PRM informed EPA at the end of September it had ceased operations.
Source: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/58035A8F060CFBA4852577CF00465A4B>
26. *November 1, Louisville Courier-Journal* – (Kentucky; Indiana) **Faulty gates cause big sewage spill into Ohio River near Butchertown.** Louisville, Kentucky Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) crews November 1 stopped a sewage spill into the Ohio River but not until an estimated 4.1 million gallons had escaped, authorities said. A gate failure October 31 at the Starkey Pump Station, 147 Buchanan St. was not discovered until the next morning, said a senior MSD engineer. Sewage discharged for about 11 hours from an overflow point in the Ohio River near the Butchertown neighborhood. MSD advised people to avoid contact with any water in the river or downstream for 48 hours.

Source: <http://www.courier-journal.com/article/20101101/NEWS01/311010070/Faulty+gates+cause+big+sewage+spill>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

27. *November 2, U.S. Justice Department* – (Texas) **Texarkana man pleads guilty to making bomb threat.** A 30-year-old Texarkana, Texas, man has pleaded guilty in connection with a bomb threat in the Eastern District of Texas announced a U.S. Attorney November 2. The man pleaded guilty to false information and hoaxes November 1. According to information presented in court, on April 27 and May 29, the man called Health South Rehabilitation Hospital in Texarkana, Texas, and made a false bomb threat. Also, on May 29, he created, placed, and then pretended to find a note in the hospital which stated that, “Healthsouth killed my mother and there was a bomb in the building and that it was going to explode in 20 minutes.” He also created and placed a fake explosive device in the hospital that was found by law enforcement May 30. As a result, patients were evacuated twice from the hospital, and several law enforcement agencies, including the bomb squad had to report to the scene. The suspect was indicted by a federal grand jury June 4, and now faces up to 5 years in federal prison.

Source: <http://www.ksla.com/Global/story.asp?S=13428795>

28. *November 1, Newark Post* – (Delaware) **Two bomb threats, an hour apart, keep State Police busy.** Delaware State Police troopers are investigating bomb threats that were called in to two separate locations November 1. The first incident occurred at about 2:50 p.m. when a male called the Rite Aid Pharmacy in New Castle and spoke to the pharmacist. He said he had placed a bomb inside the store, inside each store employee’s car, and inside each store employee’s home. Two police canines specifically trained in bomb detection and their handlers responded to the scene and conducted a search of both the interior and exterior of the store. No devices were located and the store was re-opened for business. At 3:45 p.m. troopers responded to the Emily P. Bissell Hospital located in Wilmington in reference to a bomb threat called in at that location. A state police bomb-trained canine and his handler then responded to the hospital and conducted a search of the exterior. No device was located. The hospital was not evacuated.

Source:

<http://www.newarkpostonline.com/articles/2010/11/01/news/doc4ccf502817dc6972230032.txt>

29. *October 31, Sunday Business Post* – (International) **Records lost at Vincent’s Hospital.** A computer back-up containing patient records has gone missing from St. Vincent’s University Hospital in Dublin, Ireland. Notices have been posted at the hospital asking if anyone has seen the Western Digital external hard drive. A spokesman for St. Vincent’s said that October 21, the hospital informed the data protection office of the data protection breach relating to the loss of an external storage

device. But he said the loss of the device would not have any impact on patient care. “It contained archived copies of the files of a small subset of patients with laryngeal disorders who attended the ear, nose and throat department between 2002 and 2008,” the spokesman said. “The original patient records are still preserved.” He said that, in line with the code of practice, the incident was being fully investigated by the hospital and a report would be produced for the data protection office.

Source: <http://www.sbpost.ie/news/ireland/records-lost-at-vincent-hospital-52600.html>

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30. *November 2, Washington Examiner* – (Virginia) **Shots fired at Coast Guard recruiting station in Woodbridge.** Police are investigating a report of shots fired into a Coast Guard recruiting station in Woodbridge, Virginia, the fifth overnight shooting at a Northern Virginia military facility since October 17. The shots were discovered early November 2, said a Prince William County police spokeswoman. No one was injured, she said. The recruiting station is near the Potomac Mills mall. Police and the FBI are probing four other similar shootings — two at the National Museum of the Marine Corps, one at the Pentagon, and one at a Chantilly Marine Corps recruiting station. The same weapon was used in at least three of those shootings, and FBI officials said they believe the gunman is someone who has a grievance against the Marines, but who is not trying to hurt anyone.
Source: <http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/local/blogs/capitol-land/shots-fired-at-coast-guard-recruiting-station-in-woodbridge-106517918.html>
31. *November 2, Salt Lake Tribune* – (Utah) **12 hospitalized, three critical in scalding incident at U.** University of Utah and federal workplace safety officials are investigating “a system malfunction” involving high-temperature water lines that spewed scalding water on construction workers November 1, sending 12 to area hospitals. Five of the workers remained in University Hospital’s burn unit early November 2, three of them in critical condition. Four other members of the crew were in fair condition at University Hospital. The remaining five workers were being treated at Salt Lake Regional Medical Center. The crews were inside a utility vault November 1 that runs under a U. campus parking lot near 300 S. 1850 East, according to a Salt Lake City fire captain. They were working on pipes that were supposed to be empty. They “were actively working on open-ended pipes when they were actuated, resulting in the release of the high-temperature water and steam. The cause of the activation is under investigation by OSHA [Occupational Safety and Health Administration],” the fire captain said in a press statement. While the workers applied insulation, the water lines suddenly filled with super-heated water shortly before 11 a.m., spewing steam and boiling water into the vault, which is about 100 feet long.
Source: <http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/50582073-78/workers-monday-burns-campus.html.csp>

32. *November 2, Spokane Spokesman-Review* – (Washington) **Prison evacuated after suspicious device found.** A suspicious device found in a living area at the Airway Heights Corrections Center in Airway Heights, Washington prompted an evacuation of inmates and staff November 1. The Spokane County bomb squad and hazmat team responded and removed a can with a paper wick, according to a press release. There was a small amount of mineral oil in the can. The minimum-security facility houses 600 inmates.
Source: <http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2010/nov/02/prison-evacuated-after-suspicious-device-found/>
33. *November 2, Associated Press* – (International) **Greek mail bombers target 5 embassies.** Small mail bombs exploded outside the Russian and Swiss embassies in Athens, Greece, November 2, and police destroyed at least three more as they tried to halt a wave of attacks on foreign missions blamed on far-left domestic extremists. Authorities closed down sections of the capital and checked dozens of potential targets, while all embassies were given additional police security. No group claimed responsibility for the attacks, which caused no injuries. No warning was given. No link has been made with the recently discovered Yemen-based mail bomb plot, which used much more powerful devices. The attacks began November 1, when a mail bomb addressed to the Mexican embassy exploded at a delivery service in central Athens, lightly wounding one worker.
Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/11/02/AR2010110201349.html?hpid=moreheadlines>
34. *November 1, Associated Press* – (Georgia) **Bomb warning led to courthouse sweep.** Fulton County, Georgia, authorities said they were forced to sweep the downtown courthouse complex for explosives November 1 after receiving a threat warning that a device in the building would explode at 1 p.m. A sheriff's spokeswoman said more than a dozen agencies, some armed with bomb-sniffing dogs, inspected the three-building complex after the threat was received around 10:30 a.m. The complex was not evacuated, but authorities asked everyone to remain in their offices, and streets outside the building were closed. Authorities reopened the courthouse at 12:42 p.m. after it was deemed safe.
Source: <http://www.sfexaminer.com/local/ap/fulton-courthouse-receives-bomb-scare-106453318.html>
35. *November 1, SouthCoastToday.com* – (Massachusetts) **Keith Middle School closed Tuesday after smoky fire.** Keith Middle School in New Bedford, Massachusetts, was closed November 2 as HazMat crews continued to clean up after a smoky fire November 1. The HazMat workers, firefighters and police have been at the school since about 7 p.m. According to fire officials, a small fire broke out in Room 123 of the school, in what is believed to be a science classroom. Initial reports of the incident came in from a custodian. There were no students in the building at the time. While the fire was quickly extinguished, officials said heavy smoke spread throughout the school and there was a chemical-like smell. HazMat crews were called in, and the building was evacuated. People who had been in the building were being hosed down as a

precaution, fire officials said.

Source:

<http://www.southcoasttoday.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20101101/NEWS/101109992>

36. *November 1, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Judge sentences Dallas man who threatened Obama.** A judge has sentenced a Dallas, Texas, man to more than 2 years in federal prison for threatening the U.S. President. A statement from the U.S. Attorney's Office in Dallas November 1 said the suspect received a 27-month sentence without parole. He could have received a prison sentence of up to 5 years in federal prison for pleading guilty to posting a threat to kill the president on the Craigslist Web site in March. He posted the message "Obama must die" the night Congress passed a health care overhaul bill. The posting said the suspect was following through on a vow to become a terrorist if the bill passed. Authorities were able to track him through his e-mail address.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/11/01/AR2010110105575.html>

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37. *November 1, WRTV 6 Indianapolis* – (Indiana; National) **Officers under fire for radio chatter.** Indianapolis, Indiana police and an area school district are investigating claims officers are using radio frequencies without the proper permission. A licensed ham radio operator and former police, fire, and ambulance dispatcher told 6News that late at night, he hears officers have conversations on a frequency licensed to Greenfield Schools. "It wasn't the type of conversation I would expect to hear on that frequency," he said. "They were talking about cases they were working on. They were running license numbers and talking about people coming and going from an east side apartment complex." The operator said he has recorded 72 hours of what sounded like car-to-car conversations, some of them not fit for broadcast. Police said officers oftentimes use their own private two-way radios to communicate with each other about suspects or crimes, rather than tie up radio channels operated by police dispatchers. After 6News raised the issue with police in February 2009, the department created a policy allowing for use of personally owned two-way radios, but only if officers seek the written permission of a deputy chief and obtain the proper federal licenses. A spokeswoman for Greenfield Schools, said the district was not aware police officers were using its frequency. At least one other Indianapolis-area licensed ham radio operator has filed formal complaints with Federal Communications Commission offices in Chicago and Washington D.C. against the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department citing improper use of radio frequencies.

Source: <http://www.theindychannel.com/news/25597817/detail.html>

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Information Technology Sector

38. *November 2, Latin American Herald Tribune* – (International) **Hacker attacks Peruvian National Police web site, taunts cops.** A hacker attacked the Peruvian National Police Web site and challenged the law enforcement agency to catch him “if you can.” The cyber attack occurred October 31 and was mounted by a hacker who identified himself as “Jardha” and said he was from the southern city of Arequipa, located about 745 miles from Lima. “Catch me if you can,” the hacker said in a message posted on the police Web site. The hacker, who said he found a weakness in the Web site’s security, left some e-mail addresses to taunt police. The national police did not comment on the incident, but the Web site was back up later in the day October 31.
Source: <http://www.laht.com/article.asp?ArticleId=375149&CategoryId=14095>
39. *November 2, International Business Times* – (International) **Computer scientist creates new way to combat hacking.** In the fight against malicious hackers, a Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) professor said she has created a new weapon to fend off malware. The assistant professor of computer science said she has developed a framework to combat “spoofing attacks.” A spoofing attack is when organized botnets — groups of computers that are controlled by malicious software — run by hackers, are able to penetrate someone’s computer and steal their identity. These attack bots are able to do this by emulating a user’s keystroke sequences. The assistant professor holds a patent on her human-behavior-driven malware detection technology. The professor and her colleague, now a graduate student in the computer science department at Stanford University, have developed a system to combat these attacks. Called “Telling Human and Bot Apart” (TUBA), it is able to differentiate when the bot and human are typing. It is based on a remote biometrics system. It also uses a cryptographic mechanism that prevents the bot from pretending to be human.
Source: <http://www.ibtimes.com/articles/77893/20101102/tech-malware-hacking-virginia-tech-hackers-computer-security.htm>
40. *November 1, DarkReading* – (International) **Researchers to demonstrate new attack that exploits HTTP.** A flaw in the HTTP protocol leaves the door open for attackers to wage a new form of distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attack that floods Web servers with very slow HTTP “POST” traffic. Researchers at the upcoming OWASP 2010 Application Security Conference will demonstrate the new attack, showing how online gaming could be used as a way to recruit bots in an “agentless” botnet that executes the attack. The bot does the bidding of the botnet without getting infected with bot malware. The researcher who first discovered the attack in 2009 with a team of researchers in Singapore, said HTTP is “broken” and leaves all Web-based servers or systems with a Web interface vulnerable to this form of attack. “This talk is very sensitive and should be highlighted for U.S. critical infrastructure,” the researcher said of his upcoming presentation. “If it has a Web interface, we can knock it down [with this attack]: think SSL VPN and other critical systems accessed with a Web browser that you need to connect to by posting information.” It could be used to take down any

HTTP or HTTP-S service — including some supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) systems. “Internal clients can be exploited to launch the slow HTTP POST attacks to the SCADA systems via authorized HTTP connections and from authorized clients,” he said. “One does not need millions of connections to bring down a Web server.”

Source:

http://www.darkreading.com/vulnerability_management/security/attacks/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=228000532

41. *November 1, DarkReading* – (International) **The 10 most common database vulnerabilities.** Protecting databases is hardly an easy task, but it is often the attacks that go after the simplest vulnerabilities that are most successful. Enterprises that stick to the basics will generate the most bang for their database security bucks. According to the manager of AppSec’s Team SHATTER (Security Heuristics of Application Testing Technology for Enterprise Research), his team has found 10 common database vulnerabilities that keep plaguing organizations. The common thread is databases rarely ship security-ready, and their configuration is not a fire-and-forget operation for database administrators. Organizations must continually assess packages to determine if they are really necessary and disable those they do not need to reduce attack surfaces. They need to be vigilant about keeping on the lookout for default or weak log-in credentials. They have to put sound privilege and authentication practices into play. And most important, they need to patch regularly. About half of the vulnerabilities named by Team SHATTER are directly or indirectly related to lax patch management practices within the database environment. That is a scary thought considering only 38 percent of administrators patch their Oracle databases within the initial 3-month patch cycle. And almost a third take a year or more to patch.

Source:

http://www.darkreading.com/database_security/security/vulnerabilities/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=228000482

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Communications Sector

42. *November 2, Sky News* – (International) **Hacker beats 2G and 3G encryption.** Using a simple computer, a home-built transmitter and receiver, plus some readily available software, a developer was able to develop a system whereby he could monitor any conversation using 2G or 3G technology. In the early 1990s came the second generation (2G), which switched from analog to digital transmission, signaling a

massive rise in phone usage. The switch to digital also meant that conversations could not be monitored by third parties, due to encryption. Hackers and ham radio enthusiasts had been trying ever since 2G emerged to beat the encryption and now after much experimental work, this developer has managed to crack the system using a device that cost him around 1,000 pounds.

Source: <http://www.gaj-it.com/26646/hacker-beats-2g-and-3g-encryption/>

43. *November 2, WMUR 9 Manchester* – (National) **Massive amount of political calls jam Comcast system.** Telecommunications company Comcast said massive numbers of automatically dialed political telephone calls that caused service problems in New England have dropped off sharply. A Comcast spokesman in Philadelphia said the volume of calls dropped precipitously starting at about 8:30 p.m., November 1, easing the service problems. He said only the New Hampshire area and perhaps parts of Massachusetts appeared to have been affected. Another Comcast spokesman said the company experienced severe call volumes on its phone network due to an increase in inbound political phone calls. He said in a statement November 1 that Comcast believed that other phone carriers in New Hampshire and Massachusetts experienced similar issues. The Philadelphia-based company said congestion resulting from the calls November 1 forced it to reroute phone traffic. The outages came as political campaigns hit the phones to woo voters before November 2 midterm elections. About a dozen campaign headquarters across New Hampshire said that their landlines went down at about 1:30 p.m. November 1, while both parties were trying to reach out to more than 100,000 Granite State voters.

Source: <http://www.wmur.com/r/25600386/detail.html>

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44. *November 2, Huntington Herald-Dispatch* – (West Virginia) **Harveytown Park reopened Monday after mercury spill.** Harveytown Park in Huntington, West Virginia, reopened November 1 after a hazardous materials crew cleaned a small mercury spill. Emergency dispatchers received word of the incident about 4:30 p.m. October 31. Officials described it as a very small leak. The Huntington Fire Department responded to the spill, but turned over cleanup to the Greater Huntington Park and Recreation District. Park officials said cleanup crews worked throughout the night. Source: <http://www.herald-dispatch.com/news/x1769795645/Harveytown-Park-reopened-Monday-after-mercury-spill>
45. *November 2, WHIO 95.7 FM Dayton* – (Ohio) **Building facade in downtown Dayton falls to the ground.** Firefighters were called to the corner of First and Main streets in Dayton, Ohio, on the report of a partial building collapse at 137 W. Main St., according to the regional dispatch center. A 20-foot section of Barclay building's facade fell 10 stories to the sidewalk outside of the Gold Star Chili November 2. According to the fire

chief, no one was hurt. The building has not been evacuated, and a building inspector was called to assess the damage and stability of the facade. West First Street between Main and Ludlow was closed so officials could investigate the scene.

Source: <http://newstalkradiowhio.com/localnews/2010/11/building-facade-in-downtown-da.html>

46. *November 1, WITI 6 Milwaukee* – (Wisconsin) **Thiensville apartment building evacuated after foundation shifted.** More than a dozen Thiensville, Wisconsin, residents are without a home after their apartment building's foundation started shifting November 1. The building had to be evacuated. Thiensville police said the main support pillars in the basement of the building on Linden Lane sank several inches. That caused the foundation to shift. A building inspector and structural engineer went inside the building that afternoon to examine what happened. Residents are not allowed back inside the property until engineers can determine what caused the 40-year-old building to sink and have a plan in place to repair it.

Source: <http://www.fox6now.com/news/witi-110110-thiensville-apartment-foundation,0,3791195.story>

47. *November 1, WJXX 25 Jacksonville* – (Florida) **Meth lab explodes in Starke motel room.** According to the Bradford County Sheriff's Office in Florida, the explosion of a suspected meth lab around 7:30 p.m. at the Sleepy Hollow Motel in Starke, October 31 left the room damaged. Deputies identified parts inside that would be used for a meth lab, so the area was cleared so specialists could clean it properly. Police reports said deputies spoke with a man who admitted causing the explosion while trying to make methamphetamine in the room. His injuries were severe enough to warrant transfer to Shands Gainesville, which has a burn unit.

Source: <http://www.firstcoastnews.com/news/local/news-article.aspx?storyid=174302&catid=3>

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Nothing to report

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Dams Sector

48. *November 1, Hunterdon County Democrat* – (New Jersey) **Construction contractor indicted on fraud charges for public jobs in Clinton, Lambertville, Chatham and Hope.** A construction contractor who was hired to restore the town of Clinton, New Jersey's dam and then fired after fraud was uncovered, was charged by a state grand jury with numerous crimes for allegedly using a stolen identity, a fictitious company and fraudulent documents to successfully bid on public projects. The accused, age 61, of New Providence, was indicted October 29 and the information made public

November 1. He was arrested in July, when Clinton police officers, who were investigating an incident in which a worker broke his leg at the Clinton dam site, learned that the suspect, the project manager, was using an alias. They subsequently discovered that two companies run by him, Murray Hill Enterprise Inc. and Murray Hill Equipment Inc., were prohibited from bidding on public contracts by the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development because of prevailing wage violations and unpaid fines. Other projects the suspect secured included a \$98,060 contract to complete modifications to the Chatham Township Senior Center; a \$286,400 contract by the New Jersey Water Supply Authority (NJWSA) to do construction work on the Swan Creek Aqueduct Restoration Project in Lambertville and West Amwell Township, and a \$222,330 bridge construction project in Hope Township. Meanwhile, a new contractor was hired for the Clinton dam project and work is underway.

Source: http://www.nj.com/hunterdon-county-democrat/index.ssf/2010/11/clinton_dam_contractor_indicte.html

49. *November 1, KIRO 7 Seattle* – (Washington) **Aging Skagit River levee could fail, Army Corps says.** The aging levees along the Skagit River in Washington could fail this winter, putting an area of the county in northern Mount Vernon under water, said local officials and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Corps said it has identified 35 weak points along the levee since 2006 and fixed 32 of those points. The rest will be repaired next summer. The Skagit River tore away several sections of the levee during a severe flood in 2006. Now, a 60-foot gap is a weak point that could fail if the river rises above 28 feet, considered flood stage, the Corps said. In the meantime, the Corps has created an emergency response plan.

Source: <http://www.kirotv.com/news/25599566/detail.html>

50. *November 1, Voice of America News* – (International) **Hungary threatened by new chemical disaster, experts warn.** Environmentalists have warned of a new industrial accident in Hungary that they said could once again threaten villages, towns and even Budapest with toxic red sludge. Just outside the Hungarian capital, a reservoir is being watched that has potentially similar problems as the one that collapsed in western Hungary in early October, killing at least nine people and injuring over 120 others. The factory in Almasfuzito, once the pride of communist Eastern Europe, was forced to close in the 1990s amid market reforms. More than 1,000 people lost their jobs. The plant left behind a gigantic decrepit reservoir complex filled with toxic red sludge, a byproduct of the conversion of bauxite for use in aluminum production. Seven pools hold 12 million tons of the hazardous waste produced since 1945, more than 10 times the amount of Hungary's deadly October 4 toxic spill. In that accident the collapse of a reservoir of a metals plant near the western village of Kolontar, caused a catastrophe. There are now concerns a similar accident will occur in Almasfuzito. Even the facility's manager admitted there are dangers. He said earthquakes could happen in the area where the former plant is located. Another problem is frequent flooding from the Danube River, but he said his workers constantly monitor the reservoir.

Source: <http://www.voanews.com/english/news/Hungary-Threatened-By-New-Chemical-Disaster-Experts-Warn-106437578.html>

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