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ELEVATED



Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks

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- ProPublica reports that the an internal BP report found the extensive pipeline system that moves oil, gas, and waste throughout its operations in Alaska is plagued by severe corrosion that could lead to explosions or spills. (See item [2](#))
- According to The Register, a U.S. computer security team has warned a search engine that indexes servers and other Internet devices is helping hackers find vulnerable industrial control systems for equipment at gasoline refineries and power plants. (See item [3](#))

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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 3, Bozeman Daily Chronicle* – (Montana) **Bozeman outage darkens 4,500 homes.** A power outage affected about 4,500 NorthWestern Energy customers on Bozeman, Montana's west side November 2, a company spokeswoman said. The power went out at about 8:45 p.m. A faulty relay at an electrical substation caused the outage. The spokeswoman did not know the geographical extent of the outage, but said power was expected to be completely restored by midnight. The outage affected

neighborhoods from Huffine Lane almost to Interstate 90 between Four Corners and North 19th Avenue, a Bozeman police sergeant said. A dispatcher at the county's 911 call center off Davis Road said at 10 p.m. the center was operating on backup electrical service. Partial power was restored to the North 19th Avenue area just before 10:30 p.m. Although police were busy patrolling and directing traffic where signals were down, there were no "specifically related outage problems," the sergeant said.

Source: http://www.bozemandailychronicle.com/news/article_df1c21ae-e716-11df-b45d-001cc4c002e0.html

2. *November 2, ProPublica* – (Alaska; National) **With eyes on Gulf, BP Alaska pipes remain at risk.** The extensive pipeline system that moves oil, gas, and waste throughout BP's operations in Alaska is plagued by severe corrosion, according to an internal maintenance report generated 4 weeks ago. The document shows that as of October 1, at least 148 pipelines on Alaska's North Slope received an "F-rank" from BP. According to BP oil workers, that means inspections have determined more than 80 percent of the pipe wall is corroded and could rupture. Most of those lines carry toxic or flammable substances. Many of the metal walls of the F-ranked pipes are worn to within a few thousandths of an inch of bursting, according to the document, risking an explosion or spills. BP oil workers also said fire and gas warning systems are unreliable, giant turbines that pump oil and gas are aging, and some oil and waste holding tanks are verging on collapse. A BP Alaska spokesman said the company has "an aggressive and comprehensive pipeline inspection and maintenance program," which includes spending millions of dollars and regularly testing for safety, reliability and corrosion. He said that while an F-rank is serious, it does not necessarily mean there is a current safety risk. He added BP would immediately reduce the operating pressure in worrisome lines until it completes repairs. The spokesman noted BP has more than 1,600 miles of pipelines, and does more than 100,000 inspections per year.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/11/02/AR2010110207033.html>

3. *November 2, The Register* – (International) **Hackers tap SCADA vuln search engine.** A search engine that indexes servers and other Internet devices is helping hackers to find industrial control systems that are vulnerable to tampering, the US Computer Emergency Readiness Team (US CERT) has warned. The 1-year-old site known as Shodan makes it easy to locate Internet-facing SCADA, or supervisory control and data acquisition, systems used to control equipment at gasoline refineries, power plants, and other industrial facilities. As white-hat hacker and Errata Security CEO explained, the search engine can also be used to identify systems with known vulnerabilities. According to the Industrial Control Systems division of US CERT, that is exactly what some people are doing to discover poorly configured SCADA gear. "The identified systems range from stand-alone workstation applications to larger wide area network (WAN) configurations connecting remote facilities to central monitoring systems," the group wrote in an advisory (PDF) published October 28. "These systems have been found to be readily accessible from the internet and with tools, such as Shodan, the resources required to identify them has been greatly reduced." Besides opening up industrial systems to attacks that target unpatched vulnerabilities, the data

provided by Shodan makes networks more vulnerable to brute-force attacks on passwords, many of which may still use factory defaults, CERT warned.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2010/11/02/scada_search_engine_warning/

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Chemical Industry Sector

4. *November 3, Aurora Beacon-News* – (Illinois) **No injuries in Geneva fire.** No one was injured when a 500-gallon chemical vat ignited at a Geneva, Illinois business November 3. According to the Geneva deputy fire chief, firefighters were call to Olon Industries, 411 Union Street, at 5:52 a.m. for a fire inside the building. A vat containing 500 gallons of acetone ignited while employees were adding chemicals. The sprinkler system activated and contained the fire to the vat. Firefighters were able to put out the fire using chemical extinguishers. There was no physical damage the building, and the deputy chief estimated the clean-up would cost about \$1,000. He said the company is investigating the cause of the fire, but officials suspected a static spark may have started it. Firefighters were able to leave the building by 7:29 a.m. The Geneva Olon plant makes sheet vinyl.

Source: <http://beaconnews.suntimes.com/news/2222345-418/koster-fire-geneva-firefighters-vat.html>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

5. *November 2, Bloomberg* – (International) **Britain, France to share nuclear-test facilities, carriers.** Britain and France will share nuclear-testing facilities and use each other's aircraft carriers under treaties on defense cooperation signed November 2. The two accords will also allow the formation of a joint troop expeditionary force capable of deploying at short notice. One of the treaties will allow for a team of Britons to share testing resources at Valduc, 28 miles northwest of Dijon, France. A French team will share nuclear technology development at the Atomic Weapons Establishment at Aldermaston, 45 miles west of London.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2010-11-02/u-k-france-to-share-nuclear-test-facilities-carriers-in-defense-treaty.html>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

Nothing to report

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

6. *November 3, Aviation Week* – (National) **Boeing tests new rotor blade for CH-47F.** Boeing has completed wind tunnel tests of a new rotor blade for the CH-47F Chinook that is designed to generate 2,000 pounds more lift without degrading the heavy-lift-helicopter's forward-flight performance. Results of scale-model tests of the latest blade configuration are "promising," said the CH-47F/G program manager. "We are seeing the lift we are looking for with little or no degradation in forward flight," he said. Increased rotor lift usually comes at the expense of higher drag in forward flight, the program manager added. The new swept dihedral-anhedral blade tip is similar to that developed for the canceled Boeing/Sikorsky RAH-66 Comanche scout/attack helicopter, he said. Having completed wind tunnel testing of the final configuration, Boeing will now produce several full-sized blades for dynamic and fatigue testing. Flight tests are scheduled for 2014, and the new blade is planned to be retrofitted to in-service CH-47Fs and MH-47Gs and become standard on new-production Chinooks. Source:

http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story_channel.jsp?channel=defense&id=news/asd/2010/11/03/13.xml

7. *November 2, Space-Travel.com* – (Florida) **Electrical malfunction delays Discovery launch to November 4.** An electrical malfunction has forced the U.S. space agency to delay until November 4 the shuttle Discovery's final mission to the International Space Station, NASA said. "Space shuttle Discovery's launch on the STS-133 mission has been delayed until no earlier than Thursday," NASA said in a statement. Earlier delays were announced so that technicians at the John F. Kennedy Space Center in Florida could repair quick-disconnect fittings in the system used to pressurize one of Discovery's orbital maneuvering rocket engines.

Source: http://www.space-travel.com/reports/Electrical_malfunction_delays_Discovery_launch_to_Thursday_999.html

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Banking and Finance Sector

8. *November 3, Sky News* – (International) **Stock exchange probes 'suspicious' tech error.** The London Stock Exchange (LSE) said it has launched a probe after a "suspicious" glitch brought down one of its trading systems for 2 hours November 2. The problem took out Turquoise, the stock exchange's European-wide trading platform. The LSE said in a statement that "human error was to blame for the disruption" which began shortly after 8 a.m. It added: "Preliminary investigations indicate that this human error may have occurred in suspicious circumstances." A full internal investigation has been launched by LSE and London authorities have been informed. The glitch is the second to hit Turquoise in less than a month, after a problem with a network card forced the exchange to shut the system for over 1 hour October 5. Source: <http://news.sky.com/skynews/Home/Business/London-Stock-Exchange->

[Probes-Suspicious-Trading-System-Glitch-Turquoise-Down-For-Two-Hours/Article/201011115792889?lpos=Business_First_Business_Article_Teaser_Regi on_0&lid=ARTICLE_15792889_London_Stock_Exchange_Pr](#)

9. *November 3, Chicago Sun-Times* – (Illinois) **Robbers caught in hail of gunfire.** On November 2, a 23-year-old woman and a 36-year-old man, both wearing stocking masks and armed with automatic handguns, burst into a US Bank branch in Chicago, Illinois, and demanded cash, police and the FBI said. But a quick-thinking customer who ran from the bank as the heist began dialed 911, and Homewood and Hazel Crest police officers were waiting for the robbers when they left moments later. In “an exchange of gunfire” with the officers, the female bank robber hastily abandoned a blue backpack stuffed with thousands of dollars in cash and was shot in the shoulder as she attempted to flee, and she and the man were arrested. A third suspect, the male getaway driver, was on the run. None of the 10 customers and bank workers who were in the bank during the robbery was hurt. The branch was targeted in an unsuccessful robbery in August, authorities said. The robbers escaped without cash on that occasion.
Source: <http://www.suntimes.com/news/24-7/2859676,CST-NWS-bankshoot03.article>
10. *November 3, WFOR Miami* – (Florida) **Reputed mobster linked to Rothstein sentenced.** A reputed Italian mobster linked to a massive South Florida Ponzi scheme has been sentenced to 4 years in prison for money laundering conspiracy charges. He was arrested in a U.S.-Italian sweep of suspected Mafia figures in March. Authorities said he sought to broker business deals between Italian and U.S. crime families. He was nabbed after the FBI set up meetings between him and an ex-attorney who admitted operating a \$1.2 billion Ponzi scheme.
Source: <http://cbs4.com/local/Reputed.Italian.mobster.2.1994300.html>
11. *November 3, Lorain Morning Journal* – (Ohio) **First Federal Savings bank in Lorain robbed again.** For the second time in 2 weeks, police and federal agents are searching for an unidentified person who robbed First Federal Savings of Lorain, Ohio, according to an FBI Special Agent. A man walked into the bank around 9:31 a.m. November 2 and passed the teller a note demanding money. After being handed an undisclosed amount, the robber fled the bank on foot. The FBI agent described the suspect as a white man with a medium build, between 5 feet 6 inches and 5 feet 8 inches tall, wearing sunglasses, a hooded jacket, blue jeans, boots and a baseball cap with a red brim. The same bank was robbed by an unidentified woman October 21. She walked into the bank around 5 p.m., just before closing. She was described as a white female about 5 feet 3 inches tall, between the ages of 20 and 30, wearing a red University of Cincinnati hooded sweatshirt, a white cap and dark sunglasses. The robbery remains under investigation.
Source:
<http://www.morningjournal.com/articles/2010/11/03/news/mj3596455.txt?viewmode=fullstory>
12. *November 2, Associated Press* – (Nebraska) **Neb. man gets 5 years prison for investment fraud.** A Nebraska man who pleaded guilty to securities fraud has been

ordered to spend 5 years in prison and repay \$6.8 million to his victims. A U.S. District judge sentenced the 47-year-old of Omaha November 1. Prosecutors said he lured mostly elderly investors under false pretenses and used their money to buy luxury items for himself and to pay off some early investors. Authorities said he collected more than \$8 million from about 25 investors.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9J82LCG0.htm>

13. *November 2, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **Hedge-fund manager Mueller pleads guilty in \$70 million Ponzi scheme.** A Cherry Hills Village, Colorado hedge-fund manager faces up to 40 years in prison for running a \$70 million Ponzi scheme that lured wealthy Denver-area investors. The suspect pleaded guilty November 1 to the scam that ensnared about 65 people who invested funds since 2001 with Mueller Capital Management. The manager had less than \$9.5 million in cash and investments in April, and liabilities to investors of \$45 million. Some investors may have made withdrawals, officials said. He attracted investors with a strategy of day trading that he claimed earned regular returns of 12-15 percent per year. Police took him into custody April 22 after he sent apologetic messages to investors and threatened to jump off an RTD parking garage in Greenwood Village. The hedge-fund manager was hospitalized and later released. The state eventually shut down his funds and seized his assets.

Source: http://www.denverpost.com/headlines/ci_16496306

14. *November 2, eSecurity Planet* – (National) **Phishing scam targets military families.** A new phishing scam is taking aim at members of the U.S. military and their families, using unsolicited e-mails purportedly from United States Automobile Association (USAA), one of the nation's largest financial services and insurance companies, to trick people into divulging their personal information to identity thieves. USAA and the Navy Federal Credit Union in May were hit by a similar phishing scam that also attempted to extract Social Security numbers, credit card numbers, birth dates and other information used to either pilfer bank accounts or steal unsuspecting users' identities. This time around, according to an advisory on security software maker AppRiver's Web site, the con artists are sending a slew of unsolicited e-mails with subject titles, such as "USAA Notification" or "Urgent Message for USAA customer" in the hope of getting just a small fraction of a percentage of recipients to click on a link embedded in the missive. According to the Anti-Phishing Working Group, a consortium of Web retailing, software, security and financial firms, more than 126,000 fake Web sites designed solely to steal users' personal information were discovered in the first half of this year alone.

Source: <http://www.esecurityplanet.com/features/article.php/3911141/Phishing-Scam-Targets-Military-Families.htm>

15. *November 2, Tampa Bay Newspapers Inc.* – (Florida) **Two arrested for ATM skimming.** Clearwater, Florida police arrested two suspects accused of using a scanning device for ATM skimming, police reported. Regions Bank security notified police about two possible skimming/scanning devices attached to two of their ATM machines. Detectives from the robbery unit and narcotics unit immediately set up surveillance on the ATM machines. At about 8:55 p.m. October 25, the suspects

approached the Regions ATM and immediately removed the attached scanning device, the report said. Police closed in on the suspects as they left the area, and they conducted a traffic stop. Both suspects were arrested and one scanning device was recovered from their vehicle. A second scanning device was located at a separate ATM machine. The suspects are from the Chicago, Illinois area and apparently traveled to Clearwater for their crimes. The U.S. Secret Service was notified and responded to assist.

Source:

http://www.tbnweekly.com/pubs/clearwater_beacon/content_articles/110210_clw-01.txt

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Transportation Sector

16. *November 3, Avstop.com* – (National) **Flight attendants call on TSA to fully implement CrewPass.** The Association of Flight Attendants-CWA (AFA-CWA) has once again called for the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to fully implement CrewPass, an identification credential for aviation workers that promotes expedited screening of those who most frequently must pass through airport security. For years, AFA-CWA has been urging TSA to devote resources to the development and full implementation of an aviation workers' identification credential that will promote expedited screening. This credential could employ biometrics, such as fingerprints, to quickly screen flight attendants and others. This would ultimately allow TSA to focus on more effective screening of the hundreds of airport vendors and thousands of aircraft passengers who daily pass through checkpoints. Back in July 2008, the TSA launched "crewPASS", a test program designed to evaluate expedited access to secure areas of airports for properly credentialed commercial flight deck crew members.

Source:

http://avstop.com/news_november_2010/flight_attendants_call_on_tsa_to_fully_implement_crewpass.htm

17. *November 3, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **4 cars derail from RRVW train in Leonard, N.D.** Authorities are investigating the derailment of four cars on a Red River Valley & Western train in Leonard, North Dakota. A Cass County sheriff's deputy said no hazardous materials were in the rail cars that derailed about 10 p.m. November 2. No injuries were reported. The cause of the derailment is under investigation.

Source: <http://www.grandforksherald.com/event/article/id/182016/group/homepage/>

18. *November 2, KGW 8 Portland* – (Oregon) **FBI: Suspicious items found on flight into PDX.** A flight to Portland, Oregon that originated in Tokyo, Japan had suspicious, but non-explosive items on board, according to the FBI. The crew of Delta Flight 90 "opted to contact authorities and request they meet the aircraft upon arrival as a result of some box cutter blades found onboard while the aircraft was enroute," according to Delta Airlines. The 154 passengers and 10 crew members were interviewed November 2 at Portland International Airport, said an FBI spokeswoman. Flight 90 originates in Seoul,

South Korea according to the airline Web site.

Source: <http://www.kgw.com/home/FBI-detains-Delta-passengers-at-PDX-on-flight-from-Tokyo-106535433.html>

19. *November 1, Westlaw News* – (California) **Man convicted of scheming to import missiles from China.** A jury has convicted a California man of conspiring to import surface-to-air missiles into the United States from China. The man was found guilty of conspiring to smuggle Chinese-made QW-2 shoulder-fired missiles and counterfeit cigarettes into the country. The man is the first person to be convicted by a jury under 18 U.S.C. Â§ 2332g, an anti-terrorism law prohibiting the importation of missiles that can be used to destroy aircraft. He faces a mandatory minimum prison term of 25 years when he is sentenced in February 2011, prosecutors said. In September 2005, the man and a co-conspirator negotiated with an undercover FBI agent to have several QW-2 missiles and associated hardware transported to the United States from China. Agents arrested both men before the missiles could be shipped.

Source: http://westlawnews.thomson.com/California_Litigation/Insight/2010/11_-_November/Man_convicted_of_scheming_to_import_missiles_from_China/

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Postal and Shipping Sector

20. *November 3, CNN* – (International) **Explosive packages sent to leaders of Germany, Italy.** The discovery of a number of packages originating in Greece containing bombs, including ones addressed to leaders of Germany and Italy, led Greece's Public Order Ministry to announce November 3 that it was suspending for 48 hours all air shipments of packages to other countries. A package containing explosives was found at the office of Germany's chancellor November 2 and was handed over to police. The package had been shipped via cargo plane from Greece. Greece saw a wave of attempted bombings November 1 and 2. Police destroyed the package sent to the German chancellor in a controlled explosion; no one was hurt. The package was found during a routine inspection in the office mailroom. In addition, two other parcels containing explosives were discovered in the cargo section of the Athens airport, a police spokesman said. They were addressed to the European Union law enforcement agency (Europol), based in The Hague, Netherlands, and the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg. In Bologna, Italy, police said they found a package containing an explosive device addressed to the prime minister. Authorities offered no details of what type of explosive the package contained except to say that while detonating it, it produced a "burst of flame," a police officer said.

Source:

<http://edition.cnn.com/2010/WORLD/europe/11/02/germany.suspicious.package/?hpt=T2>

21. *November 2, WSB 2 Duluth* – (Georgia) **Gov’t building evacuated after white powder scare.** Police and firefighters have issued an all-clear after a hazmat situation prompted the evacuation of an Atlanta, Georgia government building November 2. Someone mailed an envelope containing a small amount of white powder to the Sloppy Floyd building. There was so little powder that officials said they could not detect the contents at the scene. The envelope and contents were taken to an area crime lab for further testing. The call came in at about 4 p.m., prompting the building’s west tower to be evacuated, said a spokeswoman for the Georgia Building Authority. Four people were isolated and evaluated during the ordeal, police said. Homeland Security was also notified of the incident, police said. Piedmont Avenue was shut down from Martin Luther King to Decatur while the investigation continued.

Source: <http://www.wsbtv.com/news/25609520/detail.html>

22. *November 2, KXAN 36 Austin* – (Texas) **Haz mat call investigated in Georgetown.** A hazardous materials team responded to an unknown powder delivered to a Georgetown, Texas, residence. The owner of the residence on Berry Creek Drive in the Villages of Berry Creek called the Georgetown fire department after receiving an envelope with an unknown white crystalline powder. The substance tested positive for a certain protein in an initial test, so GFD crews called in another hazardous materials team for further testing, according to Georgetown police. Further testing found the substance to be a narcotic. The residents were taken to the hospital for evaluation during the testing.

Source: <http://www.kxan.com/dpp/news/local/williamson/haz-mat-squad-on-scene-in-georgetown>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

23. *November 3, Food Safety News* – (Vermont) **High Neomycin levels found in Vermont veal calves.** The prescription animal drug Neomycin is an antibiotic that kills bacteria rapidly by suppressing protein synthesis and growth. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) tolerance level is 7.2 parts per million (ppm) for Neomycin in the kidneys of cattle. Health officials fear that when antibiotics like Neomycin get into the food supply at higher levels, the practice could contribute to humans building up resistance to commonly prescribed antibiotics. That is why FDA regulates the use of drugs in animal agriculture. On a recent inspection of Vermont’s Longway Farm, located near Swanton, FDA found Bob veal calves being sold for slaughter as food with higher than tolerated levels of Neomycin. In an October 5 warning letter to Longway Farm, FDA said the animals the dairy was offering for sale were adulterated because of the improper use of animal drugs. Three Bob veal calves sold on March 15 and 29, and slaughtered the next day, were found with 17.25 ppm; 21.58 ppm; and 8.25 ppm of Neomycin in their kidney tissues. The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety and Inspection Service conducted the tissue analysis.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2010/11/vermont-veal-calves-found-with-high-neomycin-levels/>

24. *November 3, Mount Airy News* – (North Carolina) **Livestock evacuated from stockyard after fire starts.** A blaze caused the evacuation of the Mount Airy Stockyard in North Carolina November 2. Area firefighters, rescue workers, and livestock owners worked to remove the livestock from inside the stockyard around midnight after the building caught fire, causing heavy smoke to pour from the roof. The call was paged out around 11:50 p.m., and first responders on the scene reported through radio traffic to central communications that there were animals inside the building but they believed they were unaffected. Workers loaded cattle onto a transport trailer out of the back of the stockyard and firefighters worked to assess the blaze and the best plan of attack.

Source: http://www.mtairynews.com/view/full_story/10142401/article-Livestock-evacuated-from-stockyard-after-fire-starts?instance=secondary_news_left_column

25. *November 2, Reuters* – (Louisiana) **Toxic chemicals found deep at oil spill site.** Toxic chemicals at levels high enough to kill sea animals extended deep underwater soon after the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana, U.S. researchers reported November 2. They found evidence of the chemicals as deep as 3,300 feet and as far away as 8 miles in May, and said the spread likely worsened as more oil spilled. The chemicals, called polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) can kill animals right away in high enough concentrations and can cause cancer over time. “From the time that these observations were made, there was an extensive release of additional oil and dispersants at the site. Therefore, the effects on the deep sea ecosystem may be considerably more severe than supported by the observations reported here,” the researchers wrote in the journal *Geophysical Research Letters*.

Source: <http://af.reuters.com/article/energyOilNews/idAFN0225046020101102>

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Water Sector

26. *November 3, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Wastewater spill in Kyle tops 100,000 gallons.** Environmental experts are monitoring a creek after more than 100,000 gallons of untreated wastewater leaked from a plant in Kyle, Texas. The city of Kyle, about 20 miles south of Austin, said the exact amount of the spill has not yet been determined. The spill apparently happened sometime between October 31 and November 1 at the plant, and also led to wastewater seeping through a nearby manhole. Kyle officials believe the cause was an equipment malfunction at a lift station that led untreated wastewater to back up and overflow. The problem, which caused overflow into a tributary of Plum Creek, has been fixed. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is helping investigate the spill.

Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=news/state&id=7762292&rss=rss-ktrk-article-7762292>

27. *November 2, San Francisco Chronicle* – (California) **Major water main explosions throughout Concord, Walnut Creek and Pleasant Hill.** Contra Costa County Fire in California was responding to several water main explosions throughout Concord, Walnut Creek and Pleasant Hill on November 2. The broken water mains are on Clayton Road and Detroit and on Oak Grove and Apple in Concord, on Coggins Drive in Pleasant Hill, and on Dos Robles Court in Walnut Creek. Apple Drive in Concord is actually starting to crack, and sewage is flowing up through the manhole cover. There's no word yet on what exactly caused the massive breakage. ConFIRE and all the local police departments are on scene trying to control the water flow. At the exact time of the explosion, several alarms were set off throughout Concord. All the locations seemed to be clear, and no flooding was reported at those locations.

Source: http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/blogs/incontracosta/detail?entry_id=76195

28. *November 2, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Massachusetts) **Massachusetts power station faces fines for clean water violations.** A power station located in Holyoke, Massachusetts, faces up to \$177,500 in Clean Water Act fines for allegedly discharging muddy storm water and other pollutants into the Connecticut River. According to EPA, the Mt. Tom Generating Company, LLC violated its federally issued permit by exceeding permit discharge limits over a 5 month period of time. The company was performing construction work at the coal-fired power plant facility during this period.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/B9452FB2ACFFB9A1852577CF005CDD58>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

29. *November 2, Walton Sun* – (Florida) **Local doctor links spill to symptoms.** A doctor for the Younger You Institute in Santa Rosa Beach, Florida, recently started testing and treating patients in relation to high levels of volatile solvents in the blood stream that he said may be linked to BP's oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. These compounds (petroleum and dispersants) are liposoluble; meaning they have a "high affinity for fat," he said. "It is not the fat that you would think of, it is the fat tissue in your body; the brain is 70 percent fat and the glands, immune cells, the intestinal tract, thyroid, breast, prostate, the organs and systems," he said. According to Mississippi Riverkeeper of the Waterkeeper Alliance, blood samples from eight individuals "were analyzed for volatile solvents and all came back with Ethylbenzene and m,p-Xylene in excess of 95th percentile values of 0.11 parts per billion (ppb) for ethylbenzene and 0.34 ppb for m,p-Xylene." The highest concentration value was four times the 95th percentile. The report went on to say, "The blood of all three females and five males had chemicals that are found in the BP crude oil."

Source: <http://www.waltonsun.com/news/doctor-5716-spill-soto.html>

Government Facilities Sector

30. *November 3, The Associated Press* – (Mississippi) **Weekend shooting prompts Newton school district to add more security at prep football field.** A shooting in the parking lot of Newton High School in Newton, Mississippi, during a football game October 29 has prompted officials to take steps to add security. Police said the shooting was not game-related, it did not involve any students, and no one in the stadium was hurt. Police said one person was wounded, but no arrests have been made. The school's superintendent said the school board is looking at ways to limit access, increase lighting, and increase security. She said the grassy field, which serves as the football field's parking lot, is located next to a county road. School officials now plan to enclose the entire field in a chain-link fence. The superintendent said the area is too large for the school system to hire more security to patrol it.
Source: <http://www.wreg.com/news/sns-ap-ms--newtonschoos,0,588802.story>
31. *November 3, WOFL 35 Orlando* – (Florida) **Fire damages Ocala college.** A fire at the College of Central Florida in Marion County, Florida November 2 is still under investigation. Public safety officers from the campus spotted the fire in the Newton Perry Aquatic Center at 3001 Southwest College Road just after 9 p.m. and notified fire rescue. A total of four stations, including one on the campus, responded to the scene and were quickly able to contain the fire which had already consumed about 30 percent of the building. Firefighters said the rest of the building suffered heavy smoke damage.
Source: http://www.myfoxorlando.com/dpp/news/marion_alachua/110310-fire-damages-ocala-college
32. *November 3, CNN* – (Virginia) **FBI: Gunfire at Virginia recruiting center linked to other incidents.** Ballistic tests have linked a shooting at a Coast Guard recruiting office in Virginia to four other shootings at military facilities last month, the FBI said November 3. The latest incident was reported November 2 after a bullet struck the recruiting office, housed in a Woodbridge strip mall. The description was "relatively similar" to October cases in which shots were fired at the Pentagon, the National Museum of the Marine Corps, and a vacant Marine recruiting station, said a spokeswoman for Prince William County police. No one has been injured in any of the incidents, including when six shots were fired at the Pentagon October 19.
Source:
<http://www.cnn.com/2010/CRIME/11/03/virginia.military.shooting/index.html?hpt=T2>
33. *November 2, Softpedia* – (New Jersey) **University accidentally emails personal student data.** Seton Hall University in New Jersey has inadvertently e-mailed an Excel spreadsheet with the personal and educational information of 1,500 seniors to 400 other students. It seems that the document, which contained the names, addresses, e-mails, student ID numbers, majors, credit hours, and grade-point averages of students identified as seniors got attached to the e-mail by mistake. The interim provost later sent another e-mail entitled "Security Incident," advising the 400 unintended recipients

not to open, view, forward, send, discuss or distribute the spreadsheet. According to the Setonian, the university has launched an investigation into the breach and apologized for the error. It expressed commitment to take the necessary precautions in order to ensure the safety of the exposed accounts.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Seton-Hall-University-Emails-Personal-Student-Data-Accidentally-164371.shtml>

34. *November 2, WCSH 6 Portland* – (Maine) **Empire Beauty School evacuated after carbon monoxide scare.** The Empire Beauty School in Bangor, Maine, was shut down November 2, and nearly 100 people were evacuated after a carbon monoxide leak was reported inside the building. The Bangor Fire Department along with crews from the state department of environmental protection, Bangor Gas, and the Orono Hazmat team determined the cause of the leak was a faulty propane heater on the roof. Six people were transported to Eastern Maine Medical Center for further evaluation. All of them have been released. The fire department said the building had no carbon monoxide detectors, and the situation could have been a lot worse. The fire department said the school has been closed, but expected it to be back open November 3 after the faulty propane heater was repaired.

Source: <http://www.wcsh6.com/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=134971&catid=2>

35. *November 2, Victorville Daily Press* – (California) **Gas leak evacuates VVC welding class.** Authorities evacuated some areas of Victor Valley College in Victorville, California about 10:30 a.m. November 1 after leaking gas from the welding class was discovered, San Bernardino County Fire officials said. Several engines and a hazardous materials unit were called to the scene, a fire captain said. The fire department stood by as the leaking acetylene cylinder was allowed to vent off. Depending on what a chemical may be, the best procedure may be to allow the chemical to vent safely into the atmosphere while monitoring it and keeping everyone else away from the location, officials said. No one was hurt in the incident, and the normal class schedule resumed after about 2 hours.

Source: <http://www.vvdailypress.com/news/leak-22730-victorville-vvc.html>

36. *October 28, Wired* – (National) **Despite scare talk, attacks on Pentagon networks drop.** A draft federal report indicated the number of “incidents of malicious cyber activity” in the Defense Department has decreased in 2010. It is the first such decline since the turn of the millennium. In the first 6 months of 2010, there were about 30,000 such incidents, according to statistics compiled by the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission. In 2009, there were more than 71,000. “If the rate of malicious activity from the first half of this year continues through the end of the year,” the commission noted in a draft report on China and the Internet, “2010 could be the first year in a decade in which the quantity of logged events declines.”

Source: <http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2010/10/despite-scare-talk-attacks-on-pentagon-networks-drop-in-2010>

Emergency Services Sector

Nothing to report

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Information Technology Sector

37. *November 3, Softpedia* – (International) **Websites hosted at Go Daddy under siege in mass injection attacks.** Security researchers warn that Web sites hosted at Go Daddy have been targeted in mass injection attacks, that add rogue code to their pages and direct visitors to scareware. This is the third wave of attacks in recent weeks affecting Websites hosted by the company. “As of 4 a.m. Pacific, November 3, we’ve received various reports of another related outbreak of exploited sites on GoDaddy,” researchers from Web integrity monitoring vendor Sucuri Security warn. The compromised sites get base64-encoded code added to all of their php files. When parsed, this code injects rogue JavaScript content into the resulting page. In addition to hitting Go Daddy, these attackers launched similar campaigns against other hosting companies around October 21. Many of the external domains used in the attacks are registered under the name of Hilary Kneber, an alias associated with many cybercriminal operations, including the notorious Zeus banking trojan. The malicious JavaScript code forces visitors’ browsers to load additional scripts from external domains, which in turn redirects them to pages displaying fake antivirus scans and pushing scareware. Despite these attacks beginning the weekend of October 30 and 31, some of the rogue domains are still up and serving scareware. Sucuri has created a free clean-up script, which affected Web masters can download and execute.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Websites-Hosted-at-GoDaddy-Under-Siege-in-Mass-Injection-Attacks-164536.shtml>

38. *November 3, Saudi Gazette* – (International) **Saudi websites target of 68,000 hacking bids every day.** Saudi Web sites are hit by 68,000 hacking attempts every day and some official sites are not fully protected against the attacks, an information security officer said. The attacks are made against government and private sites, said the director general of the National Information Security Center. No specific government organization is tasked with protecting official Web sites from hacking and cybercrimes, said the information security officer, who added that the role of the Communication and Information Technology Commission is limited to technical support. The statement came after hackers posted pictures of the Hezbollah leader and a youth wielding a syringe on the Web site of the Ministry of Education November 1.

Source: <http://www.zawya.com/story.cfm/sidZAWYA20101103034438>

39. *November 2, Network World* – (Arizona; National) **Antivirus software didn’t help in zero-day malware attack on power plant.** When the zero-day attack known as the “Here You Have” virus hit about 500 PCs at the Salt River Project, a large public power utility and water supplier for Arizona, it turned out that the antivirus software in use provided no defense. The virus, arriving in mid-September as e-mail with a fake

PDF, burrowed past the McAfee and Symantec anti-malware software when the e-mailed victim clicked on the attachment, which appeared to be from someone known. In fact, the security and information event management (SIEM) equipment being used since last May at Salt River Project to monitor events, trouble-shoot the network, and provide log management, turned out to be the best weapon available to go into hand-to-hand combat against the virus. While the anti-virus software was knocked out of commission by “Here You Have,” the SIEM gear called QRadar from Q1 Labs was able to detect the PCs at Salt River Project that had been hit by analyzing the abnormal behavior the PC started to display. That is because each infected PC was suddenly detected trying to “call home” to an unknown command-and-control system on the Internet and spreading as spam via Microsoft Outlook. The QRadar SIEM gave IT staff a way to track down infections and go through the process manually cleaning them up, while it took about 1 day for McAfee and Symantec to provide the needed security updates, with McAfee slightly faster, a network analyst for the Salt River Project said. Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2010/110210-here-you-have-virus.html>

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Internet Alert Dashboard

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

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

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Communications Sector

40. *November 2, Wired.com* – (International) **Could a cellphone call from Yemen blow up a plane?** A White House counterterrorism adviser said that a pair of bombs shipped to the United States from Yemen were supposed to detonate aboard the airplanes carrying them. The bombs, hidden in printer cartridges, were hooked up to cellphones without SIM cards, the New York Times reported, so calling the phones during intercontinental travel could not have set them off. And experts noted that calling a phone to activate a bomb aboard a plane is one of the least efficient detonation methods. “They couldn’t call,” said a counterterrorism official from the last two Presidential administrations, now with Goodharbor Consulting. If the terrorists used a regular cellphone to call an airplane-borne bomb from a great distance, it probably would not be able to reach a tower that could bounce a signal to the phone — though it is not impossible. More likely, the official speculated, the bombmakers would have timed the phone’s alarm to go off, triggering the bomb. “If they set the alarm, say, two days in advance, and they had confidence how it was shipped and packed to the U.S., then they’d have confidence about where it would be when [it went] boom,” he said. A Pentagon adviser who specializes in stopping improvised bombs — and who would only talk on condition of anonymity — cautioned that a satellite phone would have the

signal strength to reach the phone packed into the printer-bomb. But keeping that phone ready to receive calls “increases your risk of detection from the device, because you’re emitting a signal.”

Source: <http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2010/11/could-a-cell-phone-call-from-yemen-blow-up-a-plane/>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

41. *November 3, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Natural gas leak leads to Ohio fire that injures 7.** Residents said they heard an explosion like a bomb going off before a fire that ripped through a Lebanon, Ohio, townhome complex and injured seven people. Fire officials in Lebanon tell The Cincinnati Enquirer the November 2 fire resulted when a woman lit a cigarette in a unit where natural gas was leaking. The cause has been ruled accidental. Three children and two adults were treated at a hospital and then released. A woman and a 13-year-old girl were taken to a hospital in Dayton, 24 miles away. Fire officials said both are expected to recover from their burns. Ten units in a two-story building were destroyed or heavily damaged. The American Red Cross is helping with shelter for displaced residents.
Source: <http://www.daytondailynews.com/news/ohio-news/natural-gas-leak-leads-to-ohio-fire-that-injures-7-993263.html>
42. *November 3, Buffalo News* – (New York) **Security firm at Bills games fined by state.** A company that provides security for Buffalo Bills professional football games at Ralph Wilson Stadium in Buffalo, New York has been fined \$194,000 by New York for employing unregistered security guards, and violating other sections of state business law. A decision from the state ordered that the fine be paid by the Apex Group and its local security manager. The decision calls into question the possibility — even if it is remote — that the Bills could be scrambling at the last minute to find part of a new security force for their November 14 home game. Apex employs about 250 security officers for the Bills games. Those officers are deputized, giving them the power to eject and arrest unruly fans. The ruling found that Apex employed 140 security guards who were not properly registered, and 75 whose connection to Apex was not documented with the proper state agency. “The security guards received no additional training to become deputized as ‘police officers,’ “ an administrative law judge wrote.
Source: <http://www.buffalonews.com/city/article240342.ece>
43. *November 3, Bloomberg* – (New York) **Knicks postpone game as tests show no asbestos threat.** The New York Knicks professional basketball team postponed their November 2 National Basketball Association game against the Orlando Magic in New York City, before tests showed that debris dislodged during cleaning of the Madison Square Garden ceiling did not contain asbestos. “The building is safe,” a spokesman for the city’s department of environmental protection said in a telephone interview. “No asbestos was released into the air.” During overnight maintenance from November 1 to

November 2, “dust-like material” fell from the attic above the ceiling. At the same time, “two monitoring systems signaled elevated fiber levels,” he said. “Tests were performed by the independent air-monitoring contractor,” the spokesman said. “The elevated levels were not asbestos. There is no health risk.”

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/g/a/2010/11/02/bloomberg1376-LB9V620YHQY01-749E3S8C8IP750OKV5NM0J41LV.DTL>

44. *November 3, WTVD 11 Durham* – (North Carolina) **Police: ‘Explosive device’ starts fire at club.** Firefighters said a suspicious fire at Club Illusions at 416 Raleigh Street in Fayetteville, North Carolina, appears to have been started by some sort of explosive device. Emergency services were called to the North Carolina club at 3:41 a.m. November 3. Firefighters put out a small fire on the roof of the building which caused minimal damage. Witnesses reported an explosion in the area at the time of the fire and debris from the rooftop was scattered about 180 feet. The Fayetteville Fire Investigation Team (FIT) is investigating along with members of the state bureau of investigation, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the FBI. Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/wtvd/story?section=news/local&id=7762578>

45. *November 2, WTOP 103.5 FM Washington D.C. and Associated Press* – (District of Columbia) **5 injured in 3-alarm D.C. apartment fire.** Five people were injured in a three-alarm fire at a high-rise apartment building in Northwest Washington, D.C. November 2. A D.C. Fire and EMS spokesman said three people and two firefighters were injured, though none seriously. Firefighters also rescued several people. The fire broke out on one of the upper floors of the 10-story building in the 1400 block of Rhode Island Avenue in Northwest around 4:30 p.m., the spokesman said. Some streets in the area were closed due to the fire. Source: <http://www.wtop.com/?nid=25&sid=2103083>

46. *November 2, KPCC 89.3 FM Pasadena* – (California) **Sewage spill closes beaches in Long Beach.** A 50,000-gallon sewage spill November 2 forced the closure of beaches between 3rd Place and 72nd Place in Long Beach, California, officials said. The 11:47 a.m. spill occurred in Burbank when a pressurized sewage line broke at 500 S. Beachwood Drive, close to the Los Angeles river, a Burbank police official said. While the spill was not expected to seriously impact water quality, as a precautionary measure the Long Beach Health Officer closed the beaches until further testing shows bacteria levels are within state standards for recreational swimming and other water-based activities. Water testing will be conducted so the bacteriological content of the water can be determined. Source: <http://www.scpr.org/news/2010/11/02/sewage-spill-closes-beaches-in-long-beach/>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

47. *November 2, Associated Press* – (Kentucky) **Forest Service circulating photos after fire.** The U.S. Forest Service is asking public help in finding two men they believe started a wildfire that closed nearly 3,000 acres in the Red River Gorge in Slade, Kentucky. The agency released photos of two of the three men believed responsible for the blaze discovered October 24. The Lexington Herald-Leader reports a Walmart receipt found at a campsite led investigators to a store in Dry Ridge, and security camera footage corresponds to men seen buying items. Men were seen running from the area when the fire was discovered.
Source: <http://www.kentucky.com/2010/11/02/1506146/forest-service-circulating-photos.html>

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Dams Sector

48. *November 3, Berkshire Eagle* – (Massachusetts) **Briggsville Dam set for destruction.** One of the largest dam removals ever in Massachusetts is scheduled to take place November 4. The Briggsville Dam in Clarksburg will be demolished using heavy machinery to break up and remove part of the dam structure. The Briggsville Dam is located on the Hoosic River, adjacent to the Clarksburg Town Hall. The 15-foot high, 145-foot long structure will be removed to improve cold water habitat for native fish species and to eliminate the need for costly repairs. The project involves removing the dam, stabilizing and vegetating banks, protecting an upstream bridge, and restoring the habitat in the North Branch of the Hoosic River. The restoration started in mid-October and is expected to be completed by mid-December.
Source: http://www.berkshireeagle.com/ci_16506647
49. *November 2, Nashville Business Journal* – (Tennessee) **Gaylord may build its own 500-year levee.** Gaylord Entertainment Co. in Nashville, Tennessee, has plans to build a 500-year levee to protect Opryland from another flood like the one that devastated the hotel in May. The levee would cost \$7 million to \$10 million. The company has been in discussions with the Army Corp. of Engineers and Nashville leaders about plans for better levees to protect the city, but the company CEO said those talks are going slower than Gaylord would like, and that the company may move forward with its own plan “if the broader plan is going to take a year, two years, three years.” May’s flood caused about \$220 million in damage to Gaylord properties in Nashville, including an estimated \$175 million in damage to the hotel. Only \$50 million was covered by flood insurance. The CEO said the company has bumped its flood insurance coverage up to \$150 million. Opryland Hotel is set to reopen November 15.
Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/nashville/news/2010/11/02/gaylord-may-build-own-500-year-levee.html>

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