



# Homeland Security

## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 5 November 2010

### Current Nationwide Threat Level

ELEVATED



Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks

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- The New York Times reports that the DHL Express cargo area at John F. Kennedy International Airport in Queens, New York, was briefly evacuated November 3 when a suspicious package from Yemen was discovered, authorities said. (See item [27](#))
- According to the San Antonio Express-News, a Cameron County, Texas sheriff's deputy was arrested on bribery charges for allowing cars containing firearms to pass to Mexico as he monitored international bridge lanes for southbound stolen vehicles. (See item [48](#))

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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 4, Palo Alto Daily News* – (California) **PG&E's controlled gas release surprises city, results in evacuation of three schools.** Three South Palo Alto, California schools were evacuated November 3 after Pacific Gas & Electric Co.(PG&E) apparently failed to properly notify the city it was conducting a controlled release of natural gas in the area, officials said. PG&E crews released the gas between 10 and 11 a.m. as part of an effort to assess the structural integrity of a transmission

pipe that runs through Palo Alto and Mountain View, a spokesman said. The release was related to work PG&E is conducting on the Peninsula following the fatal explosion and fire in San Bruno in September. According to the spokesman, PG&E gave Palo Alto and Mountain View a heads-up about the possibility of a gas odor. Palo Alto, however, did not register the warning until its call centers were swamped with reports of a gas leak and JLS, Palo Verde, and El Carmello schools were evacuated. PG&E apparently sent an e-mail notification to just one city employee late November 2, said the Palo Alto Utilities Department director. The Palo Alto Fire Department responded to the reports of a gas leak, said the acting battalion chief. Students were allowed to return to class after firefighters learned the odor was due to PG&E's work.

Source: [http://www.mercurynews.com/peninsula/ci\\_16517538?nclink\\_check=1](http://www.mercurynews.com/peninsula/ci_16517538?nclink_check=1)

2. *November 4, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Natural gas line severed; Hyde Park home explodes.** A city contractor replacing water and sewer pipes November 3 in Readville, Massachusetts severed a utility line that sent gas seeping into a home, where it detonated and leveled the house shortly after the homeowner left for work, NStar and city officials said. The enormous blast on Danny Road sent shock waves through the Hyde Park neighborhood and led authorities to evacuate up to 40 homes. The explosion knocked some neighbors off their feet, shattered scores of windows several blocks away, and sent a mix of pink insulation and shingles skyward. It was so powerful it cracked one of the 95-year-old brick ovens used by a neighborhood bakery and shattered most of the windows of the closed St. Anne Elementary School, both about two blocks away. A spokesman for Occupational Safety and Health Administration, said the company doing the excavation work, Defelice Corp. of Dracut, has been targeted by federal inspectors 10 times, and cited for five violations since 2000.

Source:

[http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2010/11/04/natural\\_gas\\_line\\_severed\\_hyde\\_park\\_home\\_explodes/?page=full](http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2010/11/04/natural_gas_line_severed_hyde_park_home_explodes/?page=full)

3. *November 3, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **Methane forces investigators out of West Virginia mine.** Government investigators evacuated Massey Energy Co.'s Upper Big Branch mine in Montcoal, West Virginia after encountering methane gas while searching for clues to the deadliest U.S. coal mine explosion in four decades. A federal Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) spokeswoman said the evacuation occurred November 1. She said methane started to accumulate while crews were pumping water from a flooded section of the southern West Virginia mine. Methane occurs naturally in coal seams and poses one of mining's greatest hazards. The gas can explode at concentrations between 5 percent and 15 percent of the atmosphere. MSHA suspects the Upper Big Branch explosion started with a methane ignition. The April 5 blast killed 29 coal miners.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2010/11/03/methane-forces-investigators-west-virginia/>

4. *November 3, National Public Radio* – (Kentucky; National) **Labor Department asks court to close Massey mine in Kentucky.** The Labor Department took an unprecedented step against a Kentucky coal mine November 3, asking that a federal

judge shut it down immediately to protect the lives of those who work there. In filing for a preliminary injunction in U.S. District Court, the government cites persistently dangerous conditions in Massey Energy's Freedom Mine No. 1 in Pike County. The action — the toughest enforcement action available to federal regulators — would shut down the mine until safety hazards are addressed and Massey Energy demonstrates it can operate the mine safely. For 33 years, the agency has had the authority to take mining companies to federal court when they have serious and persistent safety violations. But this "injunctive relief" section of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act has not been invoked until now. In its statement November 3, Massey said closing Freedom is now a possibility. The Freedom Mine has a history of serious and repeated safety violations. Two hundred of its federal citations this year are classified as "serious and substantial," according to MSHA records, and 50 are listed as an "unwarrantable failure" to comply with mine safety law.

Source: <http://www.wbur.org/npr/130596700/labor-dept-asks-court-to-close-massey-mine-in-ky>

5. *November 3, Marin Independent Journal* – (California) **Construction mishap cuts power.** Power was restored in Kentfield, California November 3 after a construction worker dug into an electrical line, causing smoke and flames. The worker was not injured, authorities said. The outage started shortly after 2 p.m. November 2 on Goodhill Road, where a crew was working on a new sewer line, authorities said. While working below ground, a worker apparently struck a 12-kilovolt electrical line with his equipment. Fire officials reported the incident to Pacific Gas and Electric Co. (PG&E), which restored power to most customers by 5 p.m., a company spokeswoman said. The outage affected about 240 homes and businesses, the last of which saw its power restored at 3:36 a.m. November 3, the spokeswoman said. "This serves as a very timely reminder to construction crews to call before you dig," the PG&E spokeswoman said. PG&E will ask the construction company to pay to repair the damage it caused, she said. A dollar figure for damages was not available.  
Source: [http://www.marinij.com/marinnews/ci\\_16515893](http://www.marinij.com/marinnews/ci_16515893)

6. *November 3, Coal Geology* – (National) **MSHA urges miners and mine operators at underground coal mines to follow safety checklists.** The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) kicked off its 2010 Winter Alert campaign to warn miners and mine operators about the dangers colder weather can bring to the mining environment. Historically, statistics show most coal mine explosions occur during the colder months. Low barometric pressures and low humidity, coupled with seasonal drying of many areas in underground coal mines, have contributed to the larger number of mine explosions during winter months. Other hazards include limited visibility, icy haulage roads and walkways, and the freezing and thawing effect on highwalls at surface mines. MSHA urges miners and mine operators at underground coal mines to follow safety checklists by ensuring there is adequate ventilation, applying liberal amounts of rock dust, conducting frequent and thorough examinations, and being familiar with emergency procedures to prevent coal mine ignitions and explosions. Miners also should be vigilant about keeping escapeways clear of impediments. Miners and operators of surface mines should examine the stability of highwalls, remove snow and

ice from walkways, de-ice any equipment, and apply salt and sand liberally where needed. During their normal inspection duties, MSHA inspectors will distribute posters and hardhat stickers with the slogan “Beat Winter Hazards, Win with Winter Alert” to alert miners about potential risks.

Source: <http://coalgeology.com/msha-urges-miners-and-mine-operators-at-underground-coal-mines-to-follow-safety-checklists/8233/>

7. *November 3, Reuters* – (National) **3-Enbridge shuts, reopens U.S. Midwest oil line.** Enbridge Inc. shut down one of its major oil pipelines in the U.S. Midwest for the second time in 2 months to investigate high-pressure alarms, the company said November 3. The 670,000 barrel-per-day (bpd) pipeline, a main artery for Canadian crude shipments to the United States, was turned off as a precaution November 2 and placed back into service November 3, an Enbridge spokesman said in an e-mail. The pipeline, which extends to Griffith, Indiana, from Superior, Wisconsin, was shut for 8 days in September after it sprung a leak near Romeoville, Illinois. It has since been running at 80 percent of its operating pressure. At the time, the company was also dealing with the shutdown of the 290,000 bpd Line 6B, and an oil spill that fouled a river system in Michigan. It was out of service for more than 2 months. Since the summer’s incidents, Enbridge has boosted monitoring and testing of its system.  
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSN0315128220101103>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

8. *November 4, Livonia Observer* – (Michigan) **Merriman Road shut down because of fertilizer spill.** Merriman Road remained closed for much of the day November 2 in Livonia, Michigan, as crews worked to clean up a hazardous material spill. A mix of fertilizer urea and water spilled onto Merriman after a truck containing 400 gallons of the mixture was rear-ended by a van at about 8 a.m. at Merriman and Myrna, according to the battalion chief for the Livonia Fire Department. The accident caused a closure between Five Mile and Six Mile for much of the day. Crews worked to contain the spill all morning and afternoon. A contractor who specializes in such cleanups was called in to vacuum up the water that had been contained, along with the amount that was left in the truck and some that had gone into catch basins. The fire official said very little of the mixture went into the catch basins, where he believes it was contained because of low water levels due to a lack of rain. Northbound traffic was rerouted onto Wentworth, while southbound traffic was turned around and directed to Six Mile.  
Source:  
<http://www.hometownlife.com/article/20101104/NEWS10/11040551/1027/news10/Merriman+Road+shut+down+because+of+fertilizer+spill>
9. *November 4, KTLA 5 Los Angeles* – (California) **Fire rips through L.A. commercial building.** A fire engulfed a large commercial building in Chatsworth, California, November 3, sending flames and huge plumes of smoke into the air above the San Fernando Valley. The blaze broke out around 6:15 p.m. at the Victory Building, located

in the 9200 block of Owensmouth Ave. It was still smoldering around 9 p.m. The building houses a printing plant for Coronet Printing, and authorities said chemicals were likely present. A number of explosions forced firefighters to take defensive measures. The fire had spread through the roof within 10 minutes of firefighters arriving on scene. The fire was so intense that firefighters made the decision to pull back and focus on defending nearby structures. No other damage was reported. A hazmat crew was called to the scene because of the possible chemicals. Authorities said the building was secure when they arrived, and they did not believe anyone was inside. The cause of the fire is not yet known. Fire officials said the structure is a total loss.

Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/news/top-headlines/fire-rips-through-la-commercial-building>

10. *November 3, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (National) **Six New England companies face fines for chemical reporting violations.** Six companies in New England that store, manufacture or use chemicals in their operations have been charged recently by the federal Environmental Protection Agency with violating the federal right-to-know law meant to protect the health and safety of citizens and the nearby environment. All six companies — four in Connecticut, one in Massachusetts and one in New Hampshire — were charged with failing to file reports that are required by federal laws that ensure residents, as well as emergency responders, have the necessary information to protect the community and the environment. The companies face fines ranging from just over \$8,000 to nearly \$139,000 for violating the federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act. The violations involved a number of different chemicals, including sulfuric acid, nitric acid, anhydrous ammonia, styrene, methyl methacrylate, propylene, diesel fuel, lead, quench oil, and zinc compounds.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/B6FC169AA8BEF29A852577D00059D093>

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## **Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector**

11. *November 4, Salinas Californian* – (California) **Burglar in Salinas faces health risk after stealing radioactive device.** A burglar's health may be in jeopardy after the thief stole radioactive equipment from a car in Salinas, California police said. A Salinas police spokesman said November 3 that a car burglar had taken a "moisture density gauge" — a type of equipment used to measure moisture in soil — that contains two types of radioactive substances. The potential danger comes only if the device is broken or opened, he said. No immediate problems are expected, but exposure to the substance could lead to cancer in the long run, said the Monterey County health officer. Police said they received a report of the burglary around 8:55 a.m. November 1 on the 400 block of Rainer Avenue. A Troxler 3440 was among the items stolen from a vehicle, the police spokesman said. The gauge was in a yellow case — 18 inches long, 16

inches deep, and 34 inches wide — with radioactive placards on them. The item weighs up to 40 pounds, police said.

Source: <http://www.thecalifornian.com/article/20101104/NEWS01/11040309/Burglar-in-Salinas-faces-health-risk-after-stealing-radioactive-device>

12. *November 4, Bloomberg* – (Texas) **U.S. nuclear output at 80%; fault shuts South Texas 2.** U.S. nuclear production was little changed at 80 percent of capacity after South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Co. shut a unit following an explosion in an electrical breaker, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) said. Output from the 104 U.S. nuclear plants rose 163 megawatts, or 0.2 percent, to 81,150 megawatts from November 3 according to a report from the NRC and data compiled by Bloomberg. Twenty plants were offline. South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Co. shut its 1,410-megawatt South Texas 2 reactor, about 60 miles southwest of Galveston, after a “feeder breaker for the start-up feedpump exploded” at 10:21 p.m. November 3, the NRC said. “The breaker malfunction did not result in a fire,” according to the NRC report, which called the incident an “unusual event.” The unit is in “hot” standby, meaning it is at normal operating temperature and pressure, while the cause of the malfunction is investigated. Another unit at the plant, South Texas 1, was operating at full capacity, the NRC said.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2010-11-04/u-s-nuclear-output-little-changed-as-fault-shuts-south-texas-2.html>

13. *November 3, York Daily Record/York Sunday News* – (Pennsylvania) **Peach Bottom to unload spent fuel.** Soon, workers at the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station in Peach Bottom, Pennsylvania will unload more than 60 spent fuel assemblies from a 18-foot cask into the grid-like racks of the power station’s spent fuel storage pool, said a Nuclear Regulatory Commission spokesman. The assemblies are bundled fuel rods that have been removed from the reactor and replaced with fresh alternates. In October, workers found a small amount of the inert gas had leaked from the system on the cask, which is designed to prevent helium inside the 115-ton container from escaping. Helium helps reduce the heat given off by the fuel assemblies, and prevents corrosion. No radiological material leaked from the cask, and the public is not in danger from the escaped helium. The plant will store the fuel assemblies in fitted slots at the bottom of the roughly 40-foot pool. Once the cask is empty, plant officials will repair it.

Source: [http://www.ydr.com/ci\\_16514173](http://www.ydr.com/ci_16514173)

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

14. *November 4, Aviation Week* – (National) **Boeing insists 787 first delivery on track.** Boeing is playing down reports that a rising tide of rework is about to trigger another delay to the already lagging 787 delivery schedule. The company, faced with a laundry list of engineering items to finalize on the production aircraft and its Rolls-Royce Trent 1000 engines, as well as niggling rework over workmanship issues with the horizontal stabilizer, is reportedly reviewing its delivery schedule. This calls for



delivery of the first aircraft to Japanese launch customer All Nippon Airways in February 2011. The company remains adamant that the initial delivery plans remain unchanged from the last re-scheduling of the timetable earlier this year. "Our plan remains first delivery of the Boeing 787 mid-first-quarter 2011," it said. Aside from the better-known production and test issues associated with the Alenia-made stabilizer and Trent engines, other problems are reportedly being tackled concerning the aircraft's environmental control system and main deck passenger doors. Rolls said it is on track to correct hardware and software issues with the Trent 1000 discovered during tests in August and September, most of which will be evaluated on test aircraft ZA004.

Source:

[http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story\\_generic.jsp?channel=aviationdaily&id=news/avd/2010/11/03/02.xml](http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story_generic.jsp?channel=aviationdaily&id=news/avd/2010/11/03/02.xml)

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

15. *November 4, Defence Professionals* – (International) **Joint Japan-U.S. missile defense test flight successful.** The Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) and the United States Missile Defense Agency (MDA) announced the successful completion of an Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) intercept flight test, in cooperation with the U.S. Navy, off the coast of Kauai, Hawaii, October 29. The event marked the fourth time a JMSDF ship has engaged a ballistic missile target, including three successful intercepts, with the sea-based midcourse engagement capability provided by Aegis BMD. A separating 1,000 kilometer class ballistic missile target was launched from the Pacific Missile Range Facility at Barking Sands, Kauai, Hawaii. The Japanese vessel detected and tracked the target, then developed a fire control solution and launched a Standard Missile -3 (SM-3) Block IA missile. About 3 minutes later, the SM-3 successfully intercepted the target approximately 100 miles above the Pacific Ocean.

Source:

<http://www.defpro.com/news/details/19370/?SID=a80e06262af1059536d50a1bba8ce6f0>

16. *November 4, WMUR 9 Manchester* – (New Hampshire) **Gun manufacturer employee badly burned at work.** A worker at a weapons manufacturer in Newport, New Hampshire was seriously hurt in an accident. The employee of Ruger Firearms was using an enclosed testing machine to fire a gun November 3. The weapon caught fire inside the machine, and when the man opened it, flames engulfed his head and hands. The Newport Fire Department said he suffered second-and-third-degree burns.

Source: <http://www.wmur.com/newsarchive/25630825/detail.html>

17. *November 3, Military Times* – (National) **Navy asks Congress to buy both LCS designs.** Rival teams from Lockheed Martin and Austal USA have been waiting all year to see which of their designs would be chosen for the Navy's littoral combat ship competition. Now, if the Navy gets permission from the lame-duck Congress, the winner could be: both. At stake had been an award to the winner for 10 LCS hulls. But

the Navy, convinced the competition has driven down ship costs, has asked Congress for permission to award each team contracts for 10 ships, for a total of 20 new LCS hulls. A spokeswoman cautioned the move does not mean the effort to pick only one design has been put aside. “The Navy’s LCS is on track for a down-select decision. We have not stopped the current solicitation,” she said. “If the [dual-award] path doesn’t prove feasible and we don’t get the congressional authorization, we will proceed to down-select in accordance with the terms of the current solicitation.” Under the new proposal, the Navy would split its buy equally each year between Lockheed and Austal USA. Two ships would be awarded under the 2010 budget and two in 2011, with four ships year each from 2012 through 2015. One key issue that will be put off appears to be the choice of combat systems. Each team created its own system, with virtually no commonality between the two types. Under the new proposal, each team would continue to build ships with their original combat systems.

Source: <http://www.militarytimes.com/news/2010/11/defense-navy-picks-both-lcs-designs-110310/>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

18. *November 4, WCMH 4 Columbus* – (Ohio) **Suspect arrested 2 days after Hilliard Bank robbery.** A suspect was arrested November 3 after a November 1 bank robbery in Hilliard, Ohio. Columbus police arrested the 38-year-old of Columbus late November 3, according to the FBI. The suspect was charged with robbery in connection with the Key Bank robbery on Hilliard Rome Road. A male suspect entered the Key Bank at about 2:55 p.m. He passed a note to a teller that said he was robbing the bank and wanted cash, according to the FBI. The teller complied and gave the man money from her drawer. She did not see a weapon. The suspect took the money and fled the bank, the FBI said. It was Central Ohio’s 39th bank robbery of 2010 — compared to 33 at the same time in 2009.

Source: <http://www2.nbc4i.com/news/2010/nov/03/3/hilliard-man-idd-holdup-ar-280178/>

19. *November 4, WOOD 8 Grand Rapids* – (Michigan) **Police: Alleged serial robber confessed.** A man suspected of a series of armed robberies in Grand Rapids and Kentwood, Michigan, surrendered and was arrested November 4, police said. The 28-year-old admitted to robbing a Huntington Bank branch on Wealthy Street SE and committing other armed robberies, a Grand Rapids police investigator said. According to a news release, the suspect was arrested by the Grand Rapids FBI Fugitive Task Force. Officers executed a number of search warrants in the case, the GRPD investigator said, including one at a home not far from the bank. Grand Rapids and Kentwood police, along with Kent County sheriff’s investigators, will contact prosecutors to seek charges, the release stated. And the FBI will seek federal bank robbery charges. Investigators said they were already looking at connections among four October armed robberies when the Wealthy Street bank robbery happened. Three of those earlier robberies were at Grand Rapids gas stations. Another was at a



Kentwood party store.

Source: [http://www.woodtv.com/dpp/news/local/grand\\_rapids/serial-robber-arrested](http://www.woodtv.com/dpp/news/local/grand_rapids/serial-robber-arrested)

20. *November 3, Easy Reader* – (California; Montana; New York) **Bank robber nabbed after nationwide spree.** Police in California arrested a man suspected of robbing a downtown Manhattan Beach bank in October, after he allegedly robbed a bank in Missoula, Montana 1 week later, according to authorities. The 64-year-old is also suspected of robbing a bank in New York — where he was dubbed the “Santa Clause bandit” due to a white beard — 3 days before the Manhattan Beach robbery, said a Manhattan Beach Police detective. “He does New York, then comes to Manhattan, then does Missoula,” the police detective said. “He used the same [method of operation] with a note each time.” The suspect allegedly entered the Chase Bank in downtown Manhattan Beach October 18 and passed a note to a teller that demanded money and claimed he had a gun. He was wearing a green New York Jets jersey with “Sanchez” written on the back, police said. The bank’s surveillance camera picked up an image of the suspect, who fled on foot.

Source: <http://www.easyreadernews.com/2010/11/news/manhattan-beach/bank-robber-nabbed-nationwide-spreed>

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## **Transportation Sector**

21. *November 4, Bloomberg* – (International) **Glasgow airport package is safe following evacuation.** Part of the main passenger terminal at Glasgow International Airport in Scotland was evacuated November 3 after security staff found a suspicious package. Police said the incident turned out to be a false alarm. Police later said the airport had acted correctly, while the package was found to be safe. Security has been heightened at airports across the world after the discovery last week of air-freight bombs originating in Yemen and bound for synagogues in Chicago, Illinois.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2010-11-03/glasgow-airport-package-is-safe-following-evacuation.html>

22. *November 4, Aviation Week* – (International) **Qantas grounds A380s after uncontained engine failure.** A Qantas Airbus A380 flight was forced to turn back to Singapore November 4 because of the apparent uncontained failure of a Rolls-Royce Trent 900 engine soon after takeoff. The carrier has grounded its A380 fleet until more is known about the incident. There were no injuries among passenger or crew. Debris from the engine cowling was recovered on the island of Batam, just south of Singapore. Photos taken by passengers show damage to the upper surface of the left wing caused by debris from the No. 2 engine. Other photos show blackened areas of damage near the rear of the Trent 900, including what looked like a hole near the top of the casing in line with the turbines. One picture from Batam showed what looked like a segment of a disc from the engine’s turbomachinery, without blades attached, while another showed

separated blades.

Source:

[http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story\\_channel.jsp?channel=comm&id=news/awx/2010/11/04/awx\\_11\\_04\\_2010\\_p0-266862.xml](http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story_channel.jsp?channel=comm&id=news/awx/2010/11/04/awx_11_04_2010_p0-266862.xml)

23. *November 4, WCBS 2 New York* – (New York) **Report: MTA layoffs to blame for lack of security.** New questions are being raised about security coverage in New York City. The Daily News reported that there was no increase of security at the city's bridges and tunnels after last week's terror scare, and that layoffs and cutbacks at the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) are to blame. According to the paper, managers at the MTA said the agency is struggling, and the decision not to beef up defense measures stems from a need to cut overtime — but that safety is not being compromised in the process and that coverage remains "comprehensive."

Source: <http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2010/11/04/report-mta-layoffs-to-blame-for-lack-of-security-at-bridges-tunnels/>

24. *November 3, Aviation Week* – (International) **U.S. suggests measures for cargo security.** Top-level U.S. security leaders November 3 communicated directly with officials of the major all-cargo and express air carriers and visited Yemen, the country believed to be the source of last week's printer bomb threats. The Homeland Security Secretary discussed enhanced security measures with officials at UPS, DHL, FedEx, and TNT, and suggested preventative measures that would include terrorism awareness training for their employees, who number about 1 million. In a talk with the director general of the International Air Transport Association (IATA), she underscored the partnership with airlines and alliances that focuses on layered security. An IATA spokesman said the industry group was pleased that the secretary "reached out to the industry." At a security conference in Frankfurt, Germany this week, the IATA chief also met with the director of the Transportation Security Administration.

Source:

[http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story\\_generic.jsp?channel=aviationdaily&id=news/avd/2010/11/04/05.xml](http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story_generic.jsp?channel=aviationdaily&id=news/avd/2010/11/04/05.xml)

25. *November 3, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **Wyoming County police investigate pipe bomb.** Wyoming County, West Virginia authorities are investigating a pipe bomb that prompted the evacuation of six houses and the closure of a highway after it was discovered. A sheriff's chief deputy said that renters preparing to move into a house next to the Itmann Post Office found the device on a porch November 1. The house had been empty for about 1 month. Nearby houses were evacuated and West Virginia Route 10/16 was closed for nearly 7 hours after the device was discovered. A West Virginia State Police bomb squad removed the bomb and detonated it.

Source: <http://www.herald-dispatch.com/news/briefs/x1137342406/Wyoming-County-police-investigate-pipe-bomb>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

26. *November 3, City News Service* – (California) **Menifee man finds ‘suspicious white powder’ in envelope; authorities investigate.** Sheriff’s investigators are looking into a suspicious envelope containing a white powder that was delivered to and opened by a Sun City, California man November 3, said a police spokesman. The man who opened the envelope did not display any medical problems, said the spokeswoman for the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department. The incident was called in about 6:55 p.m. in the 26800 Maris Court area, near Murrieta Road in the Sun City area of Menifee, the spokesman said. The man received the envelope and opened it before seeing a white powder inside, prompting him to call authorities. The spokesman said there have been no evacuations and the hazardous material team is handling the incident, along with sheriff’s investigators.

Source: <http://www.swrnn.com/southwest-riverside/2010-11-03/news/menifee-man-finds-suspicious-white-powder-in-envelope-authorities-investigate>

27. *November 3, New York Times* – (New York) **J.F.K. airport cargo area evacuated after package is found.** A cargo area at John F. Kennedy International Airport in Queens, New York was briefly evacuated November 3 when a suspicious package from Yemen was discovered, authorities said. The package, found in a DHL Express cargo area about 5:30 p.m., contained a cellphone, officials said. The discovery prompted concern because it came 1 week after authorities foiled a plot in which two separate bombs — each containing circuit boards from cellphones — were sent from Yemen to Chicago via FedEx and U.P.S. Those packages were intercepted before reaching the United States. The discovery of the package November 3 led to the evacuation of the DHL cargo facility out of an abundance of caution, said a FBI spokesman. The package was determined safe just after 8 p.m., and workers were allowed to return. The evacuation did not affect any passenger terminals, a Port Authority spokesman said.

Source: [http://www.nytimes.com/2010/11/04/nyregion/04evacuation.html?\\_r=1](http://www.nytimes.com/2010/11/04/nyregion/04evacuation.html?_r=1)

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

28. *November 3, Food Poison Journal* – (New York) **Expansion of New York Gourmet Salads, Inc. recall.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is expanding its October 30 public health alert for an undetermined amount of various meat and poultry products produced without the benefit of federal inspection by N.Y. Gourmet Salads Inc., a Brooklyn, New York establishment. This public health alert was initiated based on evidence collected during an ongoing investigation being conducted by FSIS involving this establishment. Additional products subject to this expanded alert include, but are not limited to, the following: 4.5-pound and 5-pound containers of “Lemon Grilled Chicken”; 5-pound containers of “Grilled Chicken”; 4.5-pound and 5-pound containers of “Breaded Chicken”; 6-pound containers of “Stuffed Cabbage”; 5-pound containers of “Grilled Chicken, Plain”; 5-pound containers of “Teriyaki Grilled Chicken”; and 5-pound containers of “Chopped

Chicken Liver.” The implicated products were produced between April 20 and October 29, and were distributed to retail establishments in New York.

Source: <http://www.foodpoisonjournal.com/2010/11/articles/food-poisoning-watch/expansion-of-new-york-gourmet-salads-inc-recall/>

29. *November 3, Springfield State Journal-Register* – (Illinois) **Springfield firefighters contain anhydrous ammonia leak.** Springfield, Illinois firefighters were called to an anhydrous ammonia leak November 3 in a field north of Clear Lake Avenue near East Enos Avenue and North Hill Street. The deputy division chief, spokesman for the fire department, said a hose on a piece of farm equipment failed and spilled the ammonia. A farmer knocked on the doors of a few nearby houses to alert residents, but nobody was home. When firefighters arrived, the cloud of anhydrous was hugging the ground. Firefighters sprayed the area with water and were able to turn off a valve and stop the leak. Firefighters monitored the air quality, and no dangers were found. The incident occurred about 9 a.m. The anhydrous tank was being pulled by a tractor as the farmer worked the field.

Source: <http://www.sj-r.com/breaking/x4796655/Springfield-firefighters-contain-anhydrous-ammonia-leak>

30. *November 3, McDonough County Voice* – (Illinois) **Anhydrous leak forces mandatory evacuation.** A leaking anhydrous ammonia tank forced the evacuation of several residents and high school students November 3 in northern McDonough County, Illinois. At about 9:30 a.m. numerous police and fire departments were called to Crop Production Services on Washington Street in Sciota for a report that a tank was leaking. Firefighters from Good Hope-Sciota, Macomb, and Blandinsville were joined by officers from the McDonough County Sheriff’s Department and the District 14 Illinois State Police. Macomb’s fire chief said the leak was in a 30,000-gallon bulk storage tank at the site. The leak was caused when a driver was filling a smaller tank and drove away with the vapor line still hooked up. Police began going door-to-door to evacuate the eastern half of Sciota and homes in adjoining rural areas, including 2 miles of Illinois Route 9. Police also evacuated students from West Prairie High School. The students were transported by bus to the Colchester Middle School.

Source: <http://www.mcdonoughvoice.com/news/x742793737/Anhydrous-leak-forces-mandatory-evacuation>

31. *November 3, Associated Press* – (Texas) **FDA tests confirm listeria at Texas food plant.** Federal health officials found the listeria bacteria at a San Antonio food processing plant that Texas authorities have linked to four deaths from contaminated celery, the Food and Drug Administration said November 3. The federal agency said it found the pathogen in multiple locations in the SanGar Produce & Processing Co. plant, confirming the testing announced last month by the Texas Department of State Health Services. The Texas health authority shut the plant down October 20 and ordered a recall of all produce shipped from there since January. A hearing on the case is set for November 17 in Austin.

Source: [http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/39988756/ns/health-food\\_safety/](http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/39988756/ns/health-food_safety/)

## **Water Sector**

32. *November 4, Ligonier Echo* – (Pennsylvania) **Texas drilling company cited for dumping waste.** The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has cited a Texas energy company for dumping industrial waste into Tubmill Creek while drilling its Flickinger Well in St. Clair Township to tap Marcellus shale. According to DEP records, 2 to 3 cubic yards of bentonite, a naturally occurring clay used when drilling under streams, leaked into the creek. The drilling accident did not harm aquatic life or well-water supplies, said a DEP spokeswoman. On August 4, state inspectors cited Fort Worth-based XTO Energy Inc. for four violations at the Flickinger Well: Discharging industrial waste into state waters; Discharging pollution-causing material into state waters; Discharging wastes without a permit; and failing to notify the department of the pollution.  
Source: [http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/westmoreland/s\\_707625.html](http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/westmoreland/s_707625.html)
33. *November 4, KONP 1450 AM Port Angeles* – (Washington) **Rains caused sewer spill in PA harbor.** Recent heavy rains caused sewage to spill into the Port Angeles (PA), Washington harbor. According to the Clallam County Environmental Health Division, the city's four combined sewer overflow outfalls in Port Angeles discharged about 1.3 million gallons of a mixture of stormwater and raw sewage into Port Angeles Harbor. Two of the CSO outfalls are near Hollywood Beach. The city is currently designing a project to reduce the frequency and volume of these discharges during heavy rains.  
Source: <http://www.konp.com/local/6324>
34. *November 4, Aspen Daily News* – (Colorado) **Chlorine spill likely killed fish in Colorado River.** The Colorado Department of Wildlife (DOW) is investigating the Glenwood Springs Hot Springs Pool, and could possibly take action against it for allegedly discharging 190 gallons of chlorine-filled liquid into the Colorado River November 2, killing at least 84 fish. A maintenance worker apparently erred when cleaning a storage tank filled with water that had a 10 percent strength of bleach in it, which was drained directly into the river across from Two Rivers Park, according to the lead waste engineer at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). The discharge, which occurred between 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., was enough of a shock to the habitat to kill rainbow and brown trout, as well as whitefish and some suckers. The DOW has collected the dead fish, which were mostly located along the riverbank, and are taking samples from them to determine their cause of death. The DOW is currently the lead agency in the investigation, but it may be turned over to the CDPHE. An official said the diluted liquid, which was discharged from a pipe that the hot springs pool has a permit for, would be the equivalent of 300 gallons of regular household bleach, which contains about 5 percent chlorine. He surmised that further damage to the river and surrounding ecosystem is unlikely.  
Source: <http://www.aspendailynews.com/section/home/143531>

35. *November 2, National Geographic News* – (National) **Americans value water more than energy, and want government to fix leaking pipes.** America's drinking water and wastewater infrastructure is aging at the cost of wasted water and the risk of contamination, according to advocates for increased public funding for repairs. Ninety-five percent of Americans said water delivery is more important than access to energy sources and Internet and cell phone service, according to a survey released the week of October 25 by ITT. ITT also asked survey participants if they thought federal, state, and local governments should invest more in repairing aging pipes and treatment facilities. The answer any water engineering company wants to hear: Yes, by 85 percent. ITT reached out to 1,605 people representative of 2006 voting population demographics over the phone, asking 82 questions. The opinions are important, experts said, given that some pipes that carry water are more than 100 years old. The survey indicated Americans are willing to take some of the cost of repairs on themselves, paying on average \$6.20, or 11 percent, more per month for water service. ITT estimated that if 63 percent of Americans paid \$6.20 more each month, the nation could collect at least \$5 billion per year to fix water infrastructure and secure long-term access to clean water.  
Source: <http://blogs.nationalgeographic.com/blogs/news/chiefeditor/2010/11/american-water-infrastructure-expensive-fixes.html>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

36. *November 4, WPVI 6 Philadelphia* – (New Jersey) **Nursing home fire injures cop, firefighter.** A fire late November 3 forced the evacuation of about 115 residents of Sterling Manor Center, a nursing home, in Maple Shade, New Jersey. The blaze started about 11 p.m. Police, firefighters, and other emergency workers assisted with the evacuations. The fire started in a basement dryer and quickly spread. Fire crews managed to get the fire under control quickly. All the residents got out safely, but a firefighter was sent to the hospital with burns, and a police officer was also taken to the hospital with smoke inhalation.  
Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/wpvi/story?section=news/local&id=7764426>
37. *November 3, DatacenterDynamics* – (National) **Power infrastructure lacks reliability in many US hospitals.** Many IT managers and IT operations professionals in U.S. hospitals are not adequately informed about the importance of power infrastructure strategies, while reliance of the sector on IT continues to grow, concluded a survey conducted by Emerson. The 2010 survey on IT and facility issues in hospitals questioned North America-based IT management and IT operations professionals, as well as data center and facilities managers. More than half of respondents said they had upgraded their facilities' power and cooling infrastructure as they implemented new technologies like VoIP, network communications, picture archiving, and communication systems. The importance of uninterruptible power supply (UPS) for



hospital facilities is apparently not as well understood as its importance in data centers and network closets. More than half of patient rooms are not supported by a source of uninterruptible power, according to the release, and only 28 percent of operating rooms have emergency power receptacles serviced through a UPS.

Source:

<http://www.datacenterdynamics.com/ME2/dirmod.asp?sid=&nm=&type=news&mod=News&mid=9A02E3B96F2A415ABC72CB5F516B4C10&tier=3&nid=FDECA003F2734F8589AEA59DDF1E8595>

38. *November 3, Newark Post* – (Delaware) **Rash of pharmacy bomb threats continue.** Delaware State Police detectives are investigating another bomb threat called in to an area pharmacy November 2. An unknown male suspect called the Manor Pharmacy located on North DuPont Highway in New Castle and asked to speak to the pharmacist. The suspect then demanded that prescription medications be placed in a bag and left outside of the rear door of the pharmacy. The suspect stated that if his demands were not met, a bomb would be detonated. The pharmacist contacted 9-1-1 and evacuated the store without complying to the suspects demands. A state police canine trained in explosive detection and his handler responded to the pharmacy and searched both the interior and exterior of the building. No explosive devices were found and the store was re-opened. It is not known if the caller is the same person who had made previous threats at the Rite Aid Pharmacy in New Castle, November 1 or the Rite Aid Pharmacy in Rehoboth October 30.

Source:

<http://www.newarkpostonline.com/articles/2010/11/03/news/doc4cd1745b38744164325019.txt>

39. *November 3, KERO 23 Bakersfield* – (California) **Clinic workers, patient sickened by odor.** A patient and five employees at the Clinica Sierra Vista in Bakersfield, California, were sickened by something in the building November 3. It started about 3:40 p.m., when a patient and several employees became dizzy and nauseous. Clinic officials said the employees are trained for emergency situations like this, and reacted well by evacuating the building and calling the fire department. Everyone was checked by paramedics, but six people were especially sick, and three were taken to a local hospital. Hazardous materials crews with the fire and environmental health departments checked out the building but did not find anything suspicious.

Source: <http://www.turnto23.com/news/25627090/detail.html>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

40. *November 4, Homeland Security Today* – (National) **Concerns over leftwing extremists.** In advance of the historic midterm Congressional election that swept conservatives, moderates, and fundamentalist constitutionalists into power November 2, a disturbing “surge of intelligence” began to warn of a possible threat from ultra-leftwing extremist groups and individuals should Democrats and liberals lose one or

both chambers of Congress, according to counterterrorism officials who spoke to HSToday.us. The intelligence is in glaring contrast to concerns by largely partisan groups and organizations this past year that dwelled on fears that extremist rightwing elements pose the greatest homegrown domestic terrorism threat. The officials said intelligence indicates some may be planning to engage in terrorist acts in response to the significant gains made in Congress by Republicans, Independents, and “conservatives in general.”

Source: <http://www.hstoday.us/content/view/15310/150/>

41. *November 3, WHIO 95.7 FM Dayton* – (Ohio) **UC building evacuated after chemical accident.** Students and staff in Cincinnati, Ohio were evacuated November 3 from the University of Cincinnati Engineering Research Center after a chemical accident. A lab worker was handling chemicals under a fume hood with a glass shield when the chemicals exploded and shattered the glass. Fire and hazmat crews responded. The worker suffered facial cuts and was taken to a hospital.  
Source: <http://newstalkradiowhio.com/localnews/2010/11/uc-building-evacuated-after-ch.html>
42. *November 3, Columbus Dispatch* – (Ohio) **Authorities: Licking County man found with pipe bomb threatened courthouses.** Authorities said a Licking County, Ohio, man arrested October 27 after he crashed into a church while fleeing law enforcement officers, had threatened to place bombs at county court buildings. The 35-year-old suspect, of Newark, was arrested after he struck the cruiser of a deputy sheriff who tried to serve him with a warrant for failure to pay child support. He then led officers on a chase from the Newark motel where he was staying to a church on Jacksontown Road, south of the city, where he crashed his vehicle. Inside his van, police found a working pipe bomb that was later neutralized by the Franklin County sheriff’s bomb squad. In a subsequent search of the vehicle this week, detectives found evidence that suggested the suspect had either placed or intended to place a second bomb at a Licking County courthouse, a captain said.  
Source: [http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/local\\_news/stories/2010/11/03/Licking-County-bomb-threat.html?sid=101](http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/local_news/stories/2010/11/03/Licking-County-bomb-threat.html?sid=101)
43. *November 3, Ventura County Star* – (California) **Buena student arrested after explosive device injures girl.** A Buena High School student in Ventura, California, was arrested November 3 on suspicion of planting two homemade explosive devices on campus, one of which exploded under a cafeteria table during the lunch hour, injuring a student, Ventura police said. Police said they were notified by school administrators about 12:55 p.m. of the explosion. The student, a 15-year-old female, “sustained minor irritation and redness to her right leg due to a chemical in the explosive device,” police said. The student was treated at the scene by a school nurse. While police were investigating the explosion in the cafeteria, another device exploded “in the southeast corner planter outside of the cafeteria wall,” they said. Police arrested a 15-year-old male student after interviewing witnesses and administrators about the explosions. Police said the student had studied how to make the bombs and “obtained the necessary materials from home.” The student allegedly took the materials to school and made the

explosive devices before “setting them in and around the cafeteria during lunchtime,” police said.

Source: <http://www.vcstar.com/news/2010/nov/03/student-injured-by-explosive-device-at-buena/>

44. *November 3, UMass Daily Collegian* – (Massachusetts) **UMass experiences campus-wide blackout.** At around 1:27 p.m. there was a campus-wide blackout on the University of Massachusetts campus. Power is out in the Campus Center, W.E.B. Dubois library, Worcester Dining Commons, Goodell, Southwest residential area, and Mahar auditorium. Bartlett Hall experienced a brief surge, but the electricity remained on. Back-up electricity was on in the campus center. According to the physical plant, a transformer is down. According to the physical plant service desk, power is back on or should be back on shortly for the UMass campus. The blackout was caused by animal damage to a transformer. The damaged transformer caused power outages and surges in all campus buildings.

Source: <http://dailycollegian.com/2010/11/03/umass-experiences-campus-wide-blackout/>

45. *November 2, Reuters* – (National; International) **New Yorker accused of plan to attack US troops.** A New York man accused of trying to join the U.S. military with the intent of attacking U.S. troops in Iraq did not enter a plea as he faced a U.S. judge November 2 in New York. The 21-year-old U.S. citizen was arrested October 22 in Hawaii and transferred to the U.S. District court in Brooklyn, where he is charged with making materially false statements in a matter involving international terrorism. He faces 8 years in prison.

Source: <http://af.reuters.com/article/somaliaNews/idAFN0224303220101102>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

46. *November 3, WJXT 4 Jacksonville* – (Florida) **Police substation evacuated by envelope.** The hazardous materials team and bomb squad were called to the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office at Cedar Hills Shopping Center in Jacksonville, Florida, November 3, when a man showed up with an envelope with powder inside. Channel 4 reported that a man opened an envelope with a check and thought it had anthrax inside, so he brought it to the police office on Blanding Boulevard. The area was evacuated until the substance could be analyzed and it was not hazardous. The substation reopened after about 2 hours. The shopping center was never closed.

Source: <http://www.news4jax.com/news/25620875/detail.html>

47. *November 3, Brownsville Herald* – (International) **CBP officer arrested on smuggling charges.** A U.S. Customs and Border Protection officer who had fled, apparently to Mexico, in February 2009, was arrested over the weekend of October 30 and 31 on

various trafficking charges, court records show. The 38-year-old man was arrested October 30 at B&M International Bridge as he was heading toward Brownsville, Texas according to a press release from the U.S. Attorney's office. He is named in a 13-count indictment from 2009 that charges him with trafficking, drug trafficking, and bribery. According to the criminal complaint, since August 2005, he allegedly conspired to bring undocumented immigrants into the country by using his official capacity as a government official for financial gain. From November 2007, he is accused of conspiring to use his official capacity to bring kilogram quantities of cocaine into the country. The case was investigated by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Professional Responsibility, the FBI, CBP Internal Affairs, and the DHS Office of the Inspector General.

Source: <http://www.brownsvilleherald.com/articles/arrested-118898-charges-officer.html>

48. *November 2, San Antonio Express-News* – (International) **Valley sheriff's deputy charged with gun smuggling.** A Cameron County, Texas sheriff's deputy was arrested on charges he took bribes to allow cars containing firearms to pass to Mexico as he monitored international bridge lanes for southbound stolen vehicles. The 31-year-old Brownsville, Texas resident was arrested on a federal warrant November 1. A complaint unsealed in federal court alleges the man accepted payments from an undercover federal agent in exchange for allowing vehicles he knew contained guns through his checkpoint. The deputy was part of a joint local-federal operation aimed at preventing contraband and stolen goods from entering Mexico. He was being detained pending a bond hearing set for November 3. The vehicles were intercepted and the weapons recovered before entering Mexico, federal prosecutors said.

Source:

[http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/mexico/valley\\_sheriffs\\_deputy\\_charged\\_with\\_gun\\_smuggling\\_106545858.html](http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/mexico/valley_sheriffs_deputy_charged_with_gun_smuggling_106545858.html)

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## **Information Technology Sector**

49. *November 4, v3.co.uk* – (International) **Malware writers step up AutoRun attacks.** Anti-virus firm Avast Software has warned of a growing risk to enterprise systems from infected USB devices targeting the AutoRun feature in Windows. The company said one in eight of the 700,000 attacks recorded by the firm's CommunityIQ system came from USB devices. "The threat of USB-distributed malware is much more widespread than just the Stuxnet attacks on enterprise computers, which were also spread via infected memory sticks," said an Avast Virus Lab analyst. "Cyber criminals are taking advantage of people's natural inclination to share with their friends, and the growing memory capacity of USB devices. Put these two factors together and we have an interesting scenario." Once infected with a generic USB worm, detected by Avast as 'INF:AutoRun-gen2 [Wrm]', an executable file is started which then allows a wide

variety of malware to copy itself into the core of Windows. The malware then replicates each time the computer is started. “This danger is poised to increase with the introduction of the new USB 3 standard,” he said.

Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3/news/2272718/avast-autorun-windows-malware>

50. *November 4, SC Magazine UK* – (International) **Zero-day flaw affects three versions of Internet Explorer, as Microsoft warns of activity in the wild.** Microsoft has issued an advisory about a zero-day flaw in three versions of Internet Explorer. It said the vulnerability is present in versions 6, 7 and 8 of Explorer and could allow remote code execution. It is currently investigating public reports around it. Microsoft said the vulnerability exists due to an invalid flag reference within Internet Explorer, and under certain conditions it is possible for the invalid flag reference to be accessed after an object is deleted. In a Web-based attack scenario, an attacker could host a Web site that contains a Web page, which is used to exploit this vulnerability and in addition, compromised Web sites and ones that accept or host user-provided content or advertisements could contain specially crafted content that could exploit this vulnerability. The CTO of Qualys, said: “Data Execution Prevention (DEP), a security feature first implemented in 2005, currently prevents the exploit from executing successfully. IE8 users have DEP enabled by default and are protected and according to Microsoft, only a single Web site was found to host the exploit, but others are soon expected. Upgrading to IE8 with DEP is highly recommended.”

Source: <http://www.scmagazineuk.com/zero-day-flaw-affects-three-versions-of-internet-explorer-as-microsoft-warns-of-activity-in-the-wild/article/190131/>

51. *November 4, Computerworld* – (International) **U.S. says China building ‘entirely indigenous’ supercomputer.** China may be no more than 1 year away from developing a supercomputer built entirely from its own technology, a big step toward freeing itself of Western technology. This is the view of some research and industry experts in the United States, but most notably the undersecretary for science at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), who said China is now working on petaflop-class supercomputer “using entirely indigenous components that is expected to be complete within the next 12 to 18 months.” Explaining how the 12-to-18 month estimate was made, an advisor in the undersecretary’s office told Computerworld it was a collective assessment based on data coming from China and Chinese researchers and visits to China by several people. A professor of computer science at University of Tennessee and a distinguished research staff member at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, made a similar prediction, and cited China’s work on microprocessors, which include chips based on MIPS architecture, and the Loongson or Godson processor.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9194799/U.S.\\_says\\_China\\_building\\_entirely\\_indigenous\\_supercomputer](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9194799/U.S._says_China_building_entirely_indigenous_supercomputer)

52. *November 4, Computerworld* – (International) **PC typing errors can help guard against intruders.** Japan’s NTT Communications has developed a computer security system that analyzes the way a computer user types, and then checks it against a profile of authorized users to detect if the person at the keyboard is an imposter. The system,

called Key Touch Pass, records the speed at which a user is typing, the length of time they typically hold down each key and the errors they normally make. Every few hundred characters it checks this against a profile of the user that is supposedly logged in to the computer. If the two differ by more than a predetermined threshold, the system concludes the computer's user isn't who it should be. NTT Communications anticipates the system could have uses beyond security and has already conducted trials with e-learning networks. Distance learning systems rely on the honesty of users, especially when taking online tests. The company is also eyeing potential use in the online banking field. During a demonstration of the system, which works in both Japanese and English, it was able to detect an imposter after several lines of text had been typed.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9194859/PC\\_typing\\_errors\\_can\\_help\\_guard\\_against\\_intruders](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9194859/PC_typing_errors_can_help_guard_against_intruders)

53. *November 4, The New New Internet* – (Florida) **Former IT manager sent to prison for hacking employer.** A former IT manager for a law firm in Tampa, Florida, has been sentenced to 18 months in prison for committing computer intrusions causing damage of at least \$120,000. The court also ordered the convict to pay restitution of \$120,000 to Consuegra Law Firm. He will also be placed on supervised release for 3 years after completing his sentence. The convict pleaded guilty to the charge August 19. According to court documents, CLF fired him August 13, 2009, for deleting files off a computer belonging to the human resources manager. The deletions happened after the convict had been counseled by his managers for unacceptable behavior. On at least four different occasions, he accessed CFL's computers by unauthorized means and destroyed and deleted data on the company servers. He also disabled operating systems and deleted CFL's e-mail accounts and other records. FBI agents interviewed the convict November 24, 2009, and after first denying any involvement, he admitted to accessing an open wireless network from his home using his computer to access the CLF computer servers.

Source: <http://www.thenewnewinternet.com/2010/11/04/former-it-manager-sent-to-prison-for-hacking-employer/>

54. *November 4, EUobserver* – (International) **OECD computers hacked as EU conducts cyber-games.** The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD, the Paris-based club of the world's 33 richest countries, has been successfully hacked by people looking for sensitive information on money laundering, high-level corruption and tax evasion. An OECD spokesman told EUobserver November 4 the body first detected "unusual" activity in its IT network in August 2010, and is still battling to get malware out of its computers 3 months later despite calling in help from the French security services and private cyber-defense firms. The spokesman said the malware appears to have gotten in via a USB memory stick and that the attacks are coming from "different geographical areas, quite a few points in Asia." He was unable to say if the assault involves a government or a private entity. The OECD's members include 20 EU countries, as well as the United States, Canada, Israel, Japan, Switzerland, and Turkey.

Source: <http://euobserver.com/19/31199>



55. *November 4, Agence France-Presse* – (International) **Europe tests cyber defenses against hackers.** European computer guards battled November 4 against a simulated attempt by hackers to bring down critical Internet services in the first pan-continental test of cyber defenses. All 27 of the European Union's member nations as well as Iceland, Norway, and Switzerland took part in the simulation as participants or observers, working together against the fictitious online assault, the European Commission said. The exercise was based on a scenario in which one country after the other increasingly suffered problems accessing the Internet, making it difficult for citizens, businesses, and public institutions to access essential services. Security experts had to work together to prevent a simulated "total network crash," said a commission spokesman for digital affairs. The European exercise will be followed by more tests with more complex scenarios on the global level, the EU's executive arm said. The EU hopes the exercise will help the bloc understand how such an incident can take place and ensure that authorities know who to contact in other members states in any cyber strikes, the commission said.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5ju3jFtJDv9O6PyK9asIDOIKDUdA?docId=CNG.8ae3f888847f9e99244653ecde440932.3b1>

56. *November 3, Softpedia* – (National) **Anonymous attacks the United States Copyright Office.** After hitting riaa.org during the weekend of October 30 and 31, Anonymous members have turned their attention towards the U.S. Copyright Office and are coordinating a distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack against its Web site. On September 28, Anonymous began a DDoS campaign dubbed Operation Payback against the entertainment industry and anti-piracy organizations. It started after an Indian company called Aiplex Software openly admitted to attacking Torrent sites that failed to respond to takedown notifications sent on behalf of movie studios. So far, the group's targets have included music and film industry associations, law firms involved in copyright litigation, record labels and even artists, who were vocal against Internet piracy. It was not immediately clear if there is any specific reason why copyright.gov has become the main target, except for the organization's mission to protect copyrights.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Anonymous-Attacks-the-United-States-Copyright-Office-164623.shtml>

57. *November 3, The Register* – (International) **DDoS attacks take out Asian nation.** Myanmar was severed from the Internet November 2 following more than 10 days of distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks that culminated in a massive data flood that overwhelmed the Southeast Asian country's infrastructure, a researcher said. The DDoS assault directed as much as 15 Gbps of junk data to Myanmar's main internet provider, more than 15 times bigger than the 2007 attack that brought some official Estonian Web sites to their knees, said a researcher at Arbor Networks. It was evenly distributed throughout Myanmar's 20 or so providers and included multiple variations, including TCP SYN, and RST. "While DDoS against e-commerce and commercial sites are common (hundreds per day), large-scale geo-politically motivated attacks — especially ones targeting an entire country — remain rare with a few notable exceptions," he wrote, referring to the Georgia attacks, which coincided with the

country's armed conflict with Russia. "At 10-15 Gbps, the Myanmar [DDoS attack] is also significantly larger than the 2007 Georgia (814 Mbps) and Estonia DDoS."

Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2010/11/03/myanmar\\_ddos\\_attacks/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2010/11/03/myanmar_ddos_attacks/)

58. *November 3, DarkReading* – (International) **Zeus attackers deploy honeypot against researchers, competitors.** Attackers turned the tables on competitors and researchers investigating a recent Zeus attack, which targeted quarterly federal taxpayers who file electronically, by feeding them a phony administrative panel with fake statistics. The massive and relatively sophisticated spam campaign in October posed as e-mail alerts to victims, notifying them their electronic federal tax payments had failed and sending them to a link that infects the victim with the Zeus Trojan and sends victims to the legitimate Treasury Department Web site, [efile.gov](https://efile.gov), for filing quarterly taxes. A researcher with The Last Line of Defense, discovered attackers had set up a ruse for those trying to hack or access its administrative interface for the malware after studying the back-end malware server used in the attack. The purpose appeared to be to provide false data. He said the toolkit used in the attack came with an administrative interface that acts as a hacker's honeypot of sorts, gathering intelligence about the researchers or other users who try to access the console login or hack into it. Most exploit toolkits come with an admin interface that manages exploits and payloads, and tracks exploit success rates, but this fake one was a new twist, the researcher said. "It had a directory called 'fake admin' where they stored the logs of all of the IP addresses of people who tried the console and tried to access it," he said.

Source:

<http://www.darkreading.com/insiderthreat/security/attacks/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=228200070>

### Internet Alert Dashboard

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## Communications Sector

59. *November 4, Radio-info.com* – (Florida) **FCC fines a licensee \$25,000 for an absentee LMA in Florida.** Rama Communications leases Orlando, Florida-area WRHB, Leesburg (1410) out to Heartbeat Radio, which is permitted under Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules. But when FCC agents responded to a complaint and visited the main studio and transmitter location September 3, 2009, they found that "no managerial or staff personnel employed by Rama were present." The rules require the licensee to have a full-time presence. The FCC uncovered other problems: missing Issues/Programs lists in the public inspection file, and no copy of the time brokerage agreement available for inspection. It appeared that Rama soon hired

someone to work at the station, who greeted the agents on a followup visit in October. The result is a \$25,000 fine.

Source: <http://www.radio-info.com/news/fcc-fines-a-licensee-25000-for-an-absentee-lma-in-florida>

60. *November 4, WOWK 13 Huntington* – (West Virginia) **Copper thieves strike again.** Copper thieves struck again in Kanawha County, West Virginia cutting off phone service to many residents in the Sissonville and Pocatalico areas November 3. The phone lines belong to Frontier Communications. Service was restored late in the evening. Crews from the telecommunications company were in the area repairing the damage for most of the day. A Frontier spokesman said this is the third time since October 28 that thieves have struck the area stealing cable.  
Source: <http://wowktv.com/story.cfm?func=viewstory&storyid=88926>
61. *November 4, Press of Atlantic City* – (New Jersey) **Avalon, Stone Harbor officials angered by days-long Verizon land-line problems.** Widespread Verizon land-line telephone problems in Stone Harbor and Avalon, New Jersey the week of November 1 hampered businesses and riled municipal officials. Verizon said it fixed the problems November 3, apologized, and promised to investigate whether changes need to be made to prevent future problems. Both towns reported numerous cases of phone calls that did not go through or were dead on the other end starting November 1 or earlier. The issues affected residents, both borough halls, and both police departments' nonemergency numbers. Verizon said the problem was related to equipment that routes voice traffic and was fixed November 3. A Verizon spokesman said the problem originated in the Avalon Central Office Facility, which houses telephone equipment and routes call traffic across the network. The issue involved equipment that routes voice traffic, he said.  
Source: [http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/news/breaking/article\\_aadbcdc4-e769-11df-b4c6-001cc4c002e0.html](http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/news/breaking/article_aadbcdc4-e769-11df-b4c6-001cc4c002e0.html)
62. *November 4, Sydney Morning Herald* – (International) **PayPal patches hacker hole in iPhone application.** PayPal has rushed out a patch for a flaw in its iPhone application that could let hackers access accounts at the online financial transactions service, The Wall Street Journal has reported. The flaw only affected people that used PayPal applications on iPhones connected to the Internet through unsecured Wi-Fi networks, according to the Journal. A hacker would have needed to intercept PayPal transaction data by using commonly available gear to get between an iPhone and the Wi-Fi hotspot. PayPal told the Journal it knew of no accounts compromised by the flaw, which was fixed November 3.  
Source: <http://news.smh.com.au/breaking-news-technology/paypal-patches-hacker-hole-in-iphone-application-20101104-17f11.html>
63. *November 3, TMCnet* – (National) **Google voice working again after hours of downtime.** On November 2, Tech Crunch reported that Google Voice was experiencing major issues. Apparently, people who use the telecom service on their mobile phones were unable to complete outbound calls. Users could dial the number

and hear the phone ring on their end, but the call was never actually initiated. The problem was underreported because most users did not notice anything was wrong, other than the fact that the call never reached voicemail. “We had an issue this morning that affected some outbound calls placed through the Google Voice mobile app,” a company representative told Tech Crunch. “Inbound calls or calls from the Web were not affected, and the issue has now been fixed.” It is still unclear whether the issue extended to Google Voice’s Web interface, which allows Gmail users to place calls through an Internet connection.

Source: <http://voice-quality.tmcnet.com/topics/voip-quality/articles/113762-google-voice-working-aga-after-hours-downtime.htm>

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## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

64. *November 4, Sun Times Media Wire* – (Illinois) **Suspicious fire destroys Ford Heights church, homes.** Crews remain on the scene of a suspicious fire that erupted in a vacant house, spread to another house and then to a large church during a night service November 3. No one was hurt but the church was left “completely destroyed” and 10 families were displaced in Ford Heights, Illinois. At 7:31 p.m., a small house fully engulfed in flames was reported in the 1400 block of Woodlawn Avenue, according to a Cook County Sheriff’s office release. The fire spread to a house with two occupants and to a church with 14 people inside named Christ For Everyone Ministry. As of 12:45 a.m. November 4, no one had been hurt and the fire was under control, but flames could still be seen from time to time inside the church, according to a sheriff’s spokesman who was on the scene. Because the blaze began in a vacant house, police believe foul play was involved.

Source: <http://www.myfoxchicago.com/dpp/news/metro/fire-ford-heights-church-homes-christ-for-everyone-ministry-destroyed-blaze-20101104>

65. *November 4, KHOU 11 Houston* – (Texas) **HPD: Homemade bomb explodes at southwest Houston Walmart.** Houston, Texas police are investigating after a homemade bomb exploded at the front entrance of a Walmart in southwest Houston November 3. Police said someone placed a plastic bottle with a magnesium strip loaded with fluid near the front door of the store located on Kirkwood at Westheimer. The makeshift bomb exploded around 11:30 p.m. The explosion was so loud, an HPD unit driving on the street heard it and rushed to the scene. The HPD bomb squad came out to investigate, but the store was never evacuated. Police said the explosive device was placed in a corner undetectable by surveillance cameras. There were no injuries reported.

Source: <http://www.khou.com/news/local/Homemade-bomb-explodes-at-southwest-Houston-Walmart-106684938.html>

66. *November 4, Cypress Times* – (Illinois) **Maryland man sentenced for sending threatening email to Illinois mosque.** A 25-year-old resident of Maryland was sentenced November 3 to serve 12 months in prison and to pay a \$3,000 fine for

violating the civil rights of members of an Urbana, Illinois mosque, the U.S. Department of Justice announced. During a guilty plea hearing in August, the man admitted he sent an e-mail to a member of the Central Illinois Mosque and Islamic Center (CIMIC), in which he threatened, among other things, that he would “do WHATEVER it takes to eradicate Islam.” Officials at CIMIC reported the threat to the FBI, which referred the case to the department’s civil rights division. The federal Magistrate Judge, referring to the defendant’s crime as “an act of terror,” gave the defendant the maximum sentence permitted by law.

Source:

[http://www.thecypresstimes.com/article/News/National\\_News/MARYLAND\\_MAN\\_SENTENCED\\_FOR\\_SENDING\\_THREATENING\\_EMAIL\\_TO\\_ILLINOIS\\_MOSQUE/35766](http://www.thecypresstimes.com/article/News/National_News/MARYLAND_MAN_SENTENCED_FOR_SENDING_THREATENING_EMAIL_TO_ILLINOIS_MOSQUE/35766)

67. *November 3, WUPW 36 Toledo* – (Ohio) **Sylvania Hotel Wingate evacuated.** The Hotel Wingate in Sylvania, Ohio was evacuated for nearly 4 hours November 3 due to an unknown substance found in the hotel, city law enforcement said. While hotel housekeeping was cleaning a room around 12:30 p.m. they found suspicious materials, hotel management said. Moments later the hotel alerted Sylvania police. A cleaning crew became concerned by a smell and a clay-like suspicious substance. After investigating, police ordered the hotel to be evacuated and called a bomb squad. Hotel staff and guests, and employees and patrons of a hair salon in the hotel were ordered to evacuate. The bomb squad brought in a canine to sniff the contents of the room. Sylvania police and fire crews said there is likely nothing to be concerned about, noting they erred on the side of caution. Law enforcement officials gave the all-clear at around 5:45 p.m.

Source: <http://www.foxtoledo.com/dpp/news/local/Sylvania-Hotel-Wingate-evacuated>

68. *November 1, Associated Press* – (Nevada) **Cops: Man bought ammo at Walmart before shooting.** A gunman bought ammunition at a Walmart in Reno, Nevada shortly before opening fire on three co-workers in the same store, authorities said November 1. The suspect purchased the handgun ammunition in the sporting goods department about 1 hour before three managers were shot October 26, police said. The attacker was armed with two handguns during the videotaped attack, but only a semi-automatic pistol was fired, a police lieutenant said. The .44-magnum revolver for which the ammunition was bought was not fired, he added.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/11/01/AR2010110105008.html>

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

69. *November 4, Associated Press* – (National) **Illegal immigrant guilty in marijuana conspiracy.** A 22-year-old immigrant from Mexico has pleaded guilty to federal

charges accusing him of growing more than 1,675 marijuana plants on U.S. National Forest land in Idaho. The Idaho Statesman reported that the suspect of La Angostura, Mexico, pleaded guilty November 2 to conspiracy, to growing 1,000 or more marijuana plants, and two firearms charges. The suspect faces a mandatory minimum of 30 years in prison. Prosecutors said a bear hunter discovered the pot farm in Valley County.

Source: <http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/home/50602671-76/guilty-growing-idaho-marijuana.html.csp>

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## **Dams Sector**

70. *November 4, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **DEP orders Consol to pay for leaking Pa. park dam.** The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has ordered Consol Pennsylvania Coal Co. to pay more than \$1 million for repairs already made to a dam at Ryerson Station State Park in Wind Ridge, and to make another \$20 million in repairs at the company's expense. The DEP said a study proves Consol's longwall mining caused cracks in the dam that forced the department of conservation and natural resources to drain 62-acre Duke Lake in Greene County to keep the dam from failing in 2005. Consol denied its mining caused the damage and said in a statement it was operating under a DEP permit based on engineering studies that took into account impact on the dam. The company said it is willing to pursue an "amicable and reasonable solution" to avoid years of appeals.  
Source: <http://www.abc27.com/Global/story.asp?S=13444178>
71. *November 4, Associated Press* – (North Carolina) **EPA tells neighbors of NC mine's pollution threat.** Neighbors of an abandoned Ashe County, North Carolina, copper mine are getting an update about what government has done to keep hazardous substances from spreading in the water and keep a dam from collapsing. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state health and environment agencies held a public meeting November 4 to discuss cleanup work at the Ore Knob Mine. The site is on the EPA's national list of hazardous sites. The mine produced copper, iron, silver and gold from the 1850s to 1962, before a federal law required companies to clean up old mining sites. The EPA has been testing drinking water wells to check whether groundwater in the area has been polluted. Long-term cleanup of the soil, surface water and sediment is down the road.  
Source: [http://www.wlos.com/template/inews\\_wire/wires.regional.nc/3a16ce00-www.wlos.com.shtml](http://www.wlos.com/template/inews_wire/wires.regional.nc/3a16ce00-www.wlos.com.shtml)
72. *November 4, UK Telegraph* – (International) **'Mountains' of rubbish hauled out of China's Three Gorges Dam.** Workers in central China have fished 3,800 tons of rubbish out of the Three Gorges Dam in just 6 days, as the mounting rubbish threatened to block up the world's largest dam. The clean-up process, which began October 26 when the water level in the dam's reservoir hit its maximum capacity, involved 100 people and 15 boats daily, the China Daily quoted the head of the operation. Over 6 days, the workers in Hubei province pulled out more than 600 tons of rubbish each day,



which consisted mainly of tree trunks, branches and straw, the report said. Household garbage is also a problem, as more than 150 million people live upstream from the dam, and rubbish is sometimes dumped directly into the Yangtze River because nearby municipalities are unequipped for waste disposal. The piles of rubbish was threatening the operation of the dam's 26 power generators, the report said. In August, heavy rains and floods washed a lot of rubbish into the Yangtze, China's longest waterway, causing concern as it created a pile-up threatening to block the dam. The garbage was so thick in parts of the river that people could walk on the surface, state media reported at the time. An official with the China Three Gorges Corporation, said in August up to 7 million cubic feet of garbage is collected from the dam every year.

Source: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/asia/china/8109292/Mountains-of-rubbish-hauled-out-of-Chinas-Three-Gorges-Dam.html>

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