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ELEVATED



Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks

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- The San Francisco Chronicle reports that chemically laced drinking water that has plagued Hinkley, California has continued to spread despite a long-standing order for Pacific Gas and Electric Co. (PG&E) to clean up the mess. (See item [35](#))
- A new study found that despite spending \$6 billion annually on data breaches of patient information, most hospitals have not made protecting patient data a priority, according to Healthcare IT News. (See item [39](#))

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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 9, KENS 5 San Antonio** – (Texas; National) **San Antonio-based corporation gets massive fine from EPA.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is investigating San Antonio, Texas-based Tesoro Corporation. The oil refiner's quarterly earnings report revealed the investigation. A deadly explosion and fire in April 2010 at the company's Washington state refinery sparked the probe. In October, the Washington Department of Labor and Industries fined Tesoro nearly \$2.4 million,

the largest fine in the agency's history. Tesoro has appealed the fine.

Source: <http://www.kens5.com/news/San-Antonio-based-corporation-gets-massive-fine-from-EPA-106950903.html>

2. *November 9, Associated Press* – (Missouri; National) **New coal-fired power plant begins producing electricity in southwest Missouri.** After 4 years of construction, a new coal-fired plant is producing electricity in southwest Missouri. The Southwest 2 power plant in Springfield has been producing electricity for more than 1 week. A dedication for the 300-megawatt plant is planned for November 10. Operators connected the City Utilities (CU) plant to the regional power grid for the first time November 2. The Springfield News-Leader reported that tests will continue at the \$697 million plant until it begins producing power commercially in January 2011. The CU manager of power supply said the the plant has been using natural gas during early testing, but will switch to coal power next week. Springfield voters rejected plans for the plant in 2004. But it was approved 2 years later, along with a 16 percent rate hike to pay for it.
Source: <http://www.kspr.com/news/local/sns-ap-mo--newpowerplant,0,3879538.story>
3. *November 8, WTOK 11 Meridian* – (International) **Mississippian kidnapped by pirates off Nigeria.** WLOX-TV reported a Mississippi oil worker was kidnapped off an oil rig on the Nigerian coast. The oil worker was on board an oil platform when it was stormed by armed men, who took him and four others captive. Two other oil workers who were shot were airlifted to a nearby clinic. The oil worker works for the London-based company, Afren PLC. His oil rig is managed by Transocean, the same company that operated the rig tied to the massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. No one has claimed responsibility for the attack, and the company said it is seeking a quick resolution. According to the International Maritime Bureau, there were more than 153 vessels that were boarded worldwide in 2009. Forty-nine of those vessels were hijacked and 120 vessels were fired upon. A total of 1,052 crew were taken hostage, with 68 injured and 8 killed. The level of violence and injuries has increased throughout the years.
Source:
http://www.wtok.com/news/headlines/Mississippian_Kidnapped_by_Pirates_Off_Nigeria.html?ref=424
4. *November 8, Arizona Republic* – (National) **APS suggests partially closing coal-fired plant.** Arizona Public Service Co. (APS) plans to partially close one of the nation's dirtiest coal-fired power generators, the Four Corners Power Plant in New Mexico, company officials said November 8. If state and federal regulators approve, APS will spend \$294 million buying a larger stake in two of the plant's newer, larger, cleaner-burning generators to replace the power lost in closing the oldest three units. The massive, 47-year-old plant supplies power to customers in four states, and the move could affect utility rates and air quality across the Southwest, as well as the economy of the Navajo Nation where it is located. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) last month unveiled a proposal for environmental upgrades to improve air quality, and APS officials estimated they would cost \$1 billion. Rather than pay for all that work at

the five-generator power plant, APS proposes closing the first three generators, which it owns, and buying Southern California Edison out of its share of units 4 and 5, which don't need as much investment to meet EPA standards.

Source: <http://www.azcentral.com/12news/news/articles/2010/11/08/20101108biz-coalplant1109-ONL.html>

5. *November 8, Buffalo News* – (New York) **Power failure reported after towers fall.** National Grid crews were working on a large steel transmission tower in Lockport, New York November 8 when it fell, dragged down several other transmission towers and caused a power failure for nearly 6,000 customers. The towers came down about 11:30 a.m. just off of Hinman Road, near the Lafarge stone quarry and west of the Erie Canal. No injuries were reported in the mishap, however the loss of the bulk transmission lines caused a power failure at the Swann Road substation in Lewiston. Just under 5,900 customers in Lewiston and Porter and parts of Niagara had a short loss of power. The tower collapse caused the loss of service on bulk power circuits, a National Grid spokesman said. “These are the lines that carry large amounts of power over long distance and feed the substations, which step the power down to lower voltage and spread it out to the neighborhoods.” Crews were able to reroute power to re-energize the Swann Road substation in about 15 minutes, he said. He said it will take several days to make repairs to the towers.

Source: <http://www.buffalonews.com/city/communities/niagara-county/article246213.ece>

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Chemical Industry Sector

6. *November 9, KMBC 9 Kansas City* – (Kansas) **Tanker leak closes part of US 169.** A tanker leak shut down part of U.S. 169 for a time in Olathe, Kansas, the night of November 8. A driver called authorities after noticing a tractor-trailer leaking ammonia, authorities said. Hazardous materials crews closed U.S. 169 between 154th and 159th streets as a precaution. According to a spokesman of the Olathe Fire Department, a set screw was missing from the tanker, allowing liquid ammonia to vent as a gas. The leak was sealed and the truck was taken to nearby parking lot, where the ammonia was transferred to another tanker. No one was hurt.

Source: <http://www.kmbc.com/r/25678333/detail.html>

7. *November 8, Red Wing Republican Eagle* – (Minnesota) **Firefighters contain anhydrous ammonia leak.** Red Wing, Minnesota firefighters safely contained a tank that had been leaking hazardous gas November 8. Firefighters were called at 3:10 a.m. to County Road 18 and Brink Road for an anhydrous ammonia leak. According to a press release from Red Wing Fire chief, firefighters could see a small plume of gas and discovered a trailer about 50 yards off County Road 18 in an open field. Firefighters, who first conferred with the state duty officer, closed the tank's valves and secured the leak. It appeared someone had cut a one-inch hose, causing the leak. The chief said investigation of the apparent tampering was turned over to Red Wing police.

Anhydrous ammonia can be used in the illegal manufacturing of methamphetamines. Farmers use anhydrous ammonia as a fertilizer, but it can become dangerous if inhaled. No firefighters were exposed to the ammonia. Though County Road 18 was closed during the incident, no evacuations were necessary. He said it was unclear how long the tank had been leaking before firefighters were called.

Source: <http://www.republican-eagle.com/event/article/id/70288/>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

8. *November 8, Platts* – (National) **US NRC chairman should have consulted Congress on Yucca Mountain: Klein.** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Chairman should have consulted Congress and the new commission before shutting down the agency's licensing review of the proposed Yucca Mountain, Nevada, repository project, according to a former agency Chairman. "I can find no good reason for him not doing so," the former chairman told Platts November 7 in an e-mailed reply to questions. The current chairman has defended the decision to proceed with an orderly shutdown of the review, saying the decision underwent a careful review by NRC's general counsel. The decision fully complies with NRC's statutory and legal obligations, the Chairman has said. NRC's Office of Inspector General, however, has initiated an investigation into the shutdown. The former Chairman said normally he would not comment on his "successor's stewardship of the NRC" but that he was drawn into the debate when the current Chairman defended his actions by saying he was fulfilling the panel's direction in the NRC fiscal 2011 budget justification document.

Source:

<http://www.platts.com/RSSFeedDetailedNews/RSSFeed/ElectricPower/6582028>

9. *November 8, Victoria Advocate* – (Texas) **Nuclear plant throws breaker, shuts down Unit 2, no danger to public or workers.** A failed breaker that caused an automatic shut down at South Texas Project's Unit 2 the week of November 1 was no mock drill. The unit went offline November 3 in response to a non-safety equipment failure, said the director of communication for South Texas Project. The public or employees at the plant did not face a hazard, he added. "We have an experienced and well-trained team at our facility, and our focus and priority is always on safety," said the South Texas Project president and chief executive officer. "Unit 2 operated as designed when the incident occurred. We have a root cause team working to determine the cause of the issue, and will work to safely and efficiently correct the condition and return the unit to service," he added. Unit 2 remains offline but repairs have been completed and the company is beginning the process of restoring the unit to full power.

Source: <http://www.istockanalyst.com/article/viewiStockNews/articleid/4651269>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

10. *November 9, Reading Eagle* – (Pennsylvania) **Welding sparks fire at Montgomery County industrial site.** A November 8 fire accidentally sparked by welders at Universal Concrete burned a building occupied by Dematta Recycling at the rear of the large industrial site in West Pottsgrove Township in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. A preliminary investigation determined welders working on the second floor of the 210-foot-by-60-foot building sent sparks to the plywood-and-rubber floor of the first floor, which ignited. Heavy smoke and fire were at the rear of the building when firefighters arrived. Firefighters from 30 companies in Berks, Montgomery, and Chester counties battled the blaze for about 4 hours before they controlled it. In addition to Dematta Recycling, two other businesses in the rear building were damaged. The township fire marshal is investigating.
Source: <http://readingeagle.com/article.aspx?id=262741>

11. *November 8, GovInfoSecurity.com* – (National) **Hackers' future target: automobiles.** the chief technology officer and vice president at integrator Northrop Grumman Information Systems said most cars contain 50, perhaps 100 or more tiny computers accessed through a diagnostic port that could be used to “take over a car by controlling the brakes, the accelerator, the steering wheel, despite whatever the driver might want to do.” A paper, Experimental Security Analysis of a Modern Automobile, delivered earlier this year at an IEEE journal symposium, said the potential attack window could widen as more automakers provide vehicle-to-vehicle and vehicle-to-infrastructure communications networks to third-party development: “An attacker who is able to infiltrate virtually any electronic control unit can leverage this ability to completely circumvent a broad array of safety-critical systems,” the paper said. In the lab and road tests, the researchers took control of a number of a car’s functions and the driver could do nothing about it. They bypassed basic network security protection within the car, and embedded malicious code in its telematics unit to erase any evidence of the hack’s presence after a crash. The Northrop Grumman CEO sees the threat to cars as more theoretical than practical. But he said it shows people must think about cybersecurity more broadly than they have in the past.
Source: <http://blogs.govinfosecurity.com/posts.php?postID=780>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Banking and Finance Sector

12. *November 9, Chicago SouthtownStar* – (Illinois) **Acid threat used in bank heist.** Police said the November 6 robbery of a TCF Bank in Chicago, Illinois where a

robber threatened a bank teller with acid follows a rash of similar crimes against the bank chain. The robbery occurred about 10:30 a.m at a TCF branch at 3220 Chicago Road, police said. According to officials, a man walked up to a teller and claimed he had a container of acid inside his coat. He said he wanted only \$100 bills and threatened to toss the acid on the teller if she sounded any alarm, police said. No one saw a container with acid. The teller said she had no money and notified the manager, police said. He approached the robber, who reiterated his threat. The manager grabbed a handful of cash from a drawer and gave it to the robber, who exited and jogged north until he disappeared into a crowd. Police said the robber, who got away with about \$600, appeared to be about 50-years-old. He was wearing a white shirt, a light-colored jacket, glasses, and a black knit hat. The crime took only 2 to 3 minutes, police said.

Source:

<http://www.southtownstar.com/news/2877318,110910schichtsbankrobbery.article>

13. *November 8, The Register* – (International) **Bank insiders charged in ZeusS cybercrime smackdown.** Six corrupt bank insiders turned ZeusS money mule suspects have been arrested in Moldova. All half dozen of the suspects worked in local banks in the east European country. Investigators believe the suspects specialized in laundering Western Union and MoneyGram payments received from co-conspirators in Western nations that can ultimately be traced back to compromised corporate and personal bank accounts. The arrests in Moldova follow charges against alleged members of a massive cybercrime ring estimated to have raked in up to \$70 million by using the ZeusS banking Trojan to steal online banking log-in credentials and loot accounts. Further arrests may follow in Moldova and elsewhere, a Washington Post staffer turned security blogger reports.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2010/11/08/zeus_moldova_bank_worker_arrests/

14. *November 8, WDIV 4 Detroit* – (Michigan) **Ann Arbor bank evacuated briefly Monday.** A Comerica Bank branch in Ann Arbor, Michigan, was evacuated briefly November 8 when a suspicious tube with an unidentified liquid was found on a counter, police said. Police said the bank was evacuated at about noon after an employee reported finding a clear tube wrapped with masking tape and paper clips. Police said the bank was evacuated as a precaution. They said there were no threats made and no injuries. The substance inside the tube was determined to be rubbing alcohol.

Source: <http://www.clickondetroit.com/news/25674358/detail.html>

15. *November 8, KCSG 14 St. George* – (Nevada; Utah) **St George police arrest Mesquite bank robbery suspect.** A 33 year-old suspect from Akron, Ohio, was arrested by St. George police November 8 at the Greyhound bus depot in St. George, Utah, and charged with armed robbery of the Nevada State Bank at 350 Sandhill Boulevard in Mesquite, Nevada November 5. A Mesquite Police Department public information officer said Mesquite police detectives identified the suspect after reviewing bank surveillance video and promptly issued an arrested warrant. A manhunt by Mesquite police and FBI agents assisted by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department helicopter combed the Mesquite area. Mesquite detectives acting on leads they has developed alerted St. George police that the suspect might be on a Greyhound headed

north. St. George police located the suspect at the Greyhound bus stop where he was taken into custody without incident.

Source: http://www.kcsg.com/view/full_story/10208002/article-St--George-Police-Arrest-Mesquite-Bank-Robbery-Suspect?instance=home_first_stories

16. *November 8, Mount Helix Patch* – (California) **Police arrest suspect in Spring Valley bank robbery.** The FBI announced the arrest of a 36-year-old suspect in the November 4 robbery of Bank of the West in Casa de Oro-Mount Helix, California. A complaint was filed in U.S. district court November 5 charging the suspect with one count of bank robbery. The complaint said the suspect slipped a male teller a demand note that stated, “This is a robbery.” After receiving an undisclosed amount of money, the suspect left. He was picked up by a San Diego County sheriff’s deputy about 2 hours later in the parking lot of Shadow Point Apartments on Dale Avenue. Based on a description, the patrolling deputy approached the suspect and gained consent to search his wallet, which contained a large amount of cash. The deputy detained the suspect. After further investigation by the FBI and local law enforcement, the suspect was arrested. The FBI reported he eventually confessed to robbing the bank.

Source: <http://mounthelix.patch.com/articles/police-arrest-suspect-in-spring-valley-bank-robbery>

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Transportation Sector

17. *November 9, Associated Press* – (International) **Cruise ship loses power after engine room catches fire in seas south of San Diego.** Tugboats headed about 150 miles south of San Diego, California, to tow in a 952-foot Carnival Splendor cruise ship that lost power after a November 8 engine-room fire. The ship is about 55 miles off the northern Baja coast, and tugboats will take it to the Mexican port of Ensenada. Miami, Florida-based Carnival Cruise Lines said the ship, on a 7-day cruise to the Mexican Riviera, has auxiliary power, but air conditioning, hot food service, hot water and telephones were knocked out. The cruise line said toilets and cold water were restored overnight. Carnival said the tugboats were expected to arrive about midday November 9.

Source:

http://www.google.com/hostednews/canadianpress/article/ALeqM5gGHWUWTx7iAcGX6_FRT2NaNZWNSw?docId=5077454

18. *November 9, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Passenger plane makes emergency landing after bird strike near Dodger Stadium.** A Horizon Air turboprop with 73 passengers aboard made an emergency landing November 8 at Los Angeles International Airport after a bird strike near Dodger Stadium damaged the right wing and a fuel tank. The plane touched down safely around 2 p.m. after a collision with a bird or birds at an altitude of about 6,600 feet. The damage to the twin-engine Bombardier DASH-8 was so severe the incident is being classified as an accident and will be investigated by the Federal Aviation Administration.

Source: <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2010/11/jet-makes-emergency-landing-after-bird-strike-near-dodger-stadium.html>

19. *November 9, KWCH 12 Wichita* – (Kansas) **Salina police seize 105 lbs of cocaine from plane.** Salina, Kansas, police seized 105 pounds of cocaine from a private airplane at the Salina Municipal Airport. According to the Salina Journal, police announced the bust in late-September. The commander of the I-125/I-70 Drug Task Force said the cocaine has an estimated street value of more than \$2 million. Authorities turned over the cocaine to the Drug Enforcement Administration. The plane landed at the airport to refuel when the discovery was made. No arrests were made when the cocaine was first found, but several people were arrested in Hollywood, California the week of November 1, the commander said. One of the arrestees was a passenger on the plane that stopped in Salina.
Source: <http://www.kwch.com/news/crimewatch/kwch-salina-police-seize-105-lbs-of-110910,0,5195750.story>
20. *November 8, Las Vegas Review-Journal* – (Nevada) **Suspects deny knowledge of heroin found in suitcases at airport.** Las Vegas police seized nearly 13 pounds of black tar heroin with a street value of more than \$1 million from two men's suitcases at McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas, Nevada, November 6. The men were arrested, and told investigators they did not know the illegal drugs were stashed in secret compartments in their luggage, according to a criminal complaint filed November 8 in U.S. District Court. However, each man gave authorities a different story about why heroin was found in their bags. The two men are now connected to what the metropolitan police department called one of the largest heroin seizures in its history. Both men are charged with possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance. The complaint said a Transportation Security Administration officer became suspicious of one of the men's suitcase after it set off a baggage scanner alarm. The officer discovered a compartment affixed with four screws to the pull handle inside the suitcase. The hidden compartment was removed. He found "six individual packages wrapped in black tape and plastic." Detectives with the Southern Nevada Interdiction Task Force were assigned the case. The task force includes the Drug Enforcement Administration, Las Vegas police, Henderson police, and the Nevada Highway Patrol.
Source: <http://www.lvrj.com/news/suspects-deny-knowledge-of-heroin-found-in-suitcases-at-airport-106933673.html>
21. *November 8, BNO News* – (National) **U.S. bans toner and ink cartridges on passenger planes, extends air cargo ban to Somalia.** The United States announced an immediate ban on toner and ink cartridges over 16 ounces (453 grams) on passenger aircraft in both carry-on bags and checked bags on domestic and international flights in-bound to the United States, while extending a Yemeni air cargo ban to Somalia. The new security measures were announced by DHS in wake of a failed al-Qaeda plot to bomb two U.S.-bound cargo planes. In addition, no cargo deemed "high risk" will be allowed on passenger aircraft. The DHS Secretary said the U.S. administration is working closely with industry international partners to expedite the receipt of cargo manifests for international flights to the United States prior to departure in order to

identify and screen items based on risk and current intelligence.

Source: <http://channel6newsonline.com/2010/11/u-s-bans-toner-and-ink-cartridges-on-passenger-planes-extends-air-cargo-ban-to-somalia/>

22. *November 8, Chicago Sun-Times* – (Illinois) **No explosives found in suspicious package at Blue Line stop.** Portions of the Kennedy Expressway and multiple Blue Line Chicago Transit Authority train stops in Chicago, Illinois, were closed for at least 2 hours November 8 when a briefcase with wires sticking out of it was discovered at the Blue Line's Addison stop on the Northwest Side. It was later determined that the briefcase did not contain explosive materials. As a precaution, Illinois State Police closed the Kennedy in both directions until 8 p.m. The Addison ramps remained closed late into the night while the Chicago Police Bomb & Arson unit continued their investigation.
- Source: <http://www.suntimes.com/news/metro/2876740,kennedy-expressway-blue-line-package-110810.article>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

23. *November 9, Cypress Times* – (Ohio) **Oregon man sentenced for threatening Lima, Ohio, civil rights leader.** A Portland, Oregon, white supremacist was sentenced November 8 to 18 months in prison and 3 years supervised release for threatening the president of the Lima, Ohio, chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) by mailing him a noose. The suspect entered a guilty plea May 17, to using the U.S. Postal Service to send a threatening communication. In the plea agreement, the convict admitted to mailing a hangman's noose, which arrived at the NAACP official's home on or about February 14, 2008. The convict stated in the plea agreement that he mailed the hangman's noose in order to convey a threat to the official because he was an African-American who publicly advocated for better police services for African-Americans in Lima. The indictment indicated the NAACP official also spoke out in the media against the convict's white supremacist group's mailing of hate flyers related to the shooting of an African American woman by a member of the Lima Police Department.
- Source:
http://www.thecypresstimes.com/article/News/National_News/OREGON_MAN_SENTENCED_FOR_THREATENING_LIMA_OHIO_CIVIL_RIGHTS_LEADER_BY_MAILING_NOOSE/35974

24. *November 8, Bellvue Reporter* – (Washington) **Mail theft hits Medina.** Multiple locked mail boxes in Medina, Washinton were tampered with between 5 p.m. October 31 and 8 a.m. November 1, according to Medina Police. Approximately five of the mailboxes in the 3400 to 4000 block of Hunts Point Road were damaged at the lock, while the others were not forced open. Only some of the mailboxes had mail removed

from them. Medina police are investigating to determine if the situation was a Halloween hoax or a continuation of previous mail thefts in the area.

Source: http://www.pnwlocalnews.com/east_king/bel/news/106925288.html

25. *November 8, ARLnow.com* – (Virginia) **Hazmat investigation at Fort Myer.** An Arlington County, Virginia hazardous materials team has been dispatched to Fort Myer to investigate a white powder that reportedly fell out of a package mailed to the base. The building that houses the installation's personnel office has been evacuated while hazmat crews determine whether the substance could be harmful. Initial reports suggested the package contains spices mailed from a family member to someone stationed at the base.

Source: <http://www.arlnow.com/2010/11/08/hazmat-investigation-at-fort-myer/>

26. *November 8, Southern Maryland Newspapers* – (Maryland) **Metal mailbox explosion investigated.** Maryland fire marshals investigated a mailbox that was destroyed in Owings by an improvised explosive device some time between November 4 and November 7, and they are still searching for the suspect, a report by a deputy fire marshal stated. The exploded metal mailbox at Horace Ward Road was discovered by its owner November 7 at about 1 p.m. The explosion destroyed the mailbox's content and it is estimated at a \$50 loss. The fire marshals were on the scene for 1 hour and were assisted by the Calvert County Sheriff's Office and the state fire marshal's office. The investigation is continuing.

Source: http://www.somdnews.com/stories/11052010/rectop101408_32417.shtml

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Agriculture and Food Sector

27. *November 9, Newark Advocate* – (National) **Salmonella detected in eggs from Ohio Fresh Eggs in Croton.** A recall was ordered November 8 of eggs produced by Ohio Fresh Eggs in Croton. According to a press release from egg distributor Cal-Maine Foods Inc., the company was notified by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) that a supplier, Ohio Fresh Eggs LLC, had a routine environmental study sample test positive for salmonella enteritidis. Cal-Maine said it bought about 24,000 dozen unprocessed eggs from Ohio Fresh Eggs that were processed and re-packaged by the company's Green Forest, Arkansas, facility between October 9 and October 12. Cal-Maine said in the release it was not notified of the test results until November 8. In a statement from company officials, Ohio Fresh Eggs said the farm had held back eggs from the Croton barn where the salmonella was found. However, through discussions with the FDA, the company discovered some eggs from that barn mistakenly were sent to a distributor. The eggs involved, which were not produced from Cal-Maine flocks, were distributed to food wholesalers and retailers in Arkansas, California, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.

Source: <http://www.newarkadvocate.com/article/20101109/NEWS01/11090311>

28. *November 8, WETM 18 Elmira* – (New York) **Gas leak in Painted Post.** Three businesses in Painted Post, New York, had to be evacuated November 8 because of a gas leak. The Painted Post fire chief said a food delivery truck hit a gas pipe on the outside of the En En Chinese Buffet building located on South Buffalo Street. Fifteen employees inside were evacuated as well as people at the nearby Wendy's and AutoZone. The fire chief said Corning Natural Gas came to the scene right away to fix the pipe.
Source: http://www.wetmtv.com/news/local/story/Gas-Leak-in-Painted-Post/N4x3D3XWAUSN1q2_bniBgg.csp
29. *November 8, WLEX 18 Lexington* – (Kentucky) **Juvenile charged in vandalism at Lexington horse farm.** Police said a juvenile has been charged in the vandalism of a Lexington, Kentucky, horse farm November 6. Owners at McConathy Farm found damaged property and taunting messages. They said their horses were not spared from the attack, as some of their tails were cut, and their food and water was tampered with. Police said the juvenile faces a charge of criminal mischief.
Source: <http://www.lex18.com/news/juvenile-charged-in-vandalism-at-lexington-horse-farm>
30. *November 8, United Press International* – (International; National) **Food wrapper chemicals may leach into food.** Chemicals applied to fast-food wrappers and microwave popcorn bags are migrating into food and being ingested by consumers, researchers in Canada said. Perfluorinated carboxylic acids (PFCAs) are the breakdown products of chemicals used to make non-stick and water- and stain-repellent products ranging from kitchen pans to clothing to food packaging. PFCAs, the best known of which is perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), are found in humans all over the world, University of Toronto (UT) scientists said. A UT graduate student said the study exposed rats to polyfluoroalkyl phosphate esters orally or by injection, and the rats were monitored for a 3-week period to track concentrations of the polyfluoroalkyl phosphate esters and PFCA metabolites, including PFOA. The researchers used the concentrations previously observed in human blood together with the esters and PFCA concentrations observed in the rats to calculate human PFOA exposure from polyfluoroalkyl phosphate esters metabolism. The findings are published in the journal *Environmental Health Perspectives*.
Source: http://www.upi.com/Health_News/2010/11/08/Food-wrapper-chemicals-may-leach-into-food/UPI-62541289275374/
31. *November 5, Associated Press* – (Hawaii) **Association calls for halt to green coffee imports.** The Kona Coffee Farmers Association is seeking an immediate suspension of green coffee imports into Hawaii. The move would be designed to prevent further damage by the destructive coffee berry borer. Meanwhile, West Hawaii Today quoted a state department of agriculture official as saying a proposal to quarantine the transportation of green coffee beans from Kona is being prepared. He said the beetle has been found at 21 sites on the Big Island between Kaloko and Manuka State Park. A Hawaii coffee farm survey is being conducted to determine the extent of the infestation. As of October 28, federal and state agriculture officials had surveyed 104 sites.

Infestations were found only in the Kona area.

Source: <http://www.kpua.net/news.php?id=21512>

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Water Sector

32. *November 9, WAVY 10 Portsmouth* – (North Carolina) **Murfreesboro boil water notice lifted.** The Town of Murfreesboro, North Carolina, lifted the boil water notice that was issued after November 4 testing found contamination. The mayor issued a press release November 8 saying the notice was lifted at 7 p.m. November 8, and it is no longer necessary to boil water for human consumption. He said public works will run extra tests to ensure the town's water is safe, the system has been flushed completely, and an increased disinfectant residual has been used.
Source: http://www.wavy.com/dpp/news/north_carolina/water-contaminated-in-nc-town
33. *November 9, AnnArbor.com* – (Michigan) **Dexter fined for chemical incident at its wastewater treatment plant.** The Village of Dexter, Michigan, was cited for two violations by the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration for a chemical mishap at the Wastewater Treatment Plant that caused an evacuation last summer. The village was fined \$1,000 but succeeded in getting it reduced to \$400. On August 4, a delivery driver for a chemical company mistakenly pumped bisulfate, an acid, into an unmarked valve on the outside of the building that led to a chlorine tank inside the building. This caused a white cloud, an evacuation of the area, and required the services of the Washtenaw County Hazardous Materials Response Team. About 20 gallons of bisulfate from the truck was pumped into the chlorine tank within the chemical room instead of into a separate bisulfate tank. In addition, the village had to pay about \$16,000 for proper disposal.
Source: <http://www.annarbor.com/news/dexter/dexter-fined-for-chemical-incident-at-wastewater-treatment-plant/>
34. *November 9, Palm Beach Post* – (Florida) **300,000 gallons of sewage spill in Acreage pipe break.** A wastewater pipe broke the first weekend of November in The Acreage community in West Palm Beach, Florida, spilling thousands of gallons of raw sewage. The 30-inch main broke November 6, spilling about 300,000 gallons of sewage in the area of 40th Street North and 113th Avenue, said the deputy director of Palm Beach County Utilities. The break was repaired and the spill cleaned up by the next day.
Source: <http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/300-000-gallons-of-sewage-spill-in-acreage-1031358.html>
35. *November 8, San Francisco Chronicle* – (California) **Hinkley water tainted by chromium 6 spreading.** The creeping plume of chemically laced drinking water that plagued the Mojave Desert town of Hinkley, California, and led to the major motion picture "Erin Brockovich" about the scandal, has continued to spread despite a long-standing order for Pacific Gas and Electric Co. (PG&E) to clean up the mess. Higher

than normal levels of cancer-causing hexavalent chromium, or chromium 6, have been detected over the past year in groundwater more than a half-mile beyond the previous boundary of contamination in the San Bernardino County farming community, water quality regulators revealed the week of November 1. PG&E representatives said the levels of chromium 6 in the new location were never above California's safe drinking water standard and have recently been reduced to natural background levels. The senior engineering geologist for the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board, which oversees the Hinkley area, issued a cleanup and abatement order in August 2008, instructing PG&E to stop the expansion of the underground chromium plume by December 31 of that year. The plume nevertheless continued spreading, she said.. It is now 2.6 miles long and 1.3 miles wide, and extends 0.6 miles farther northeast than it did 2 years ago, The geologist said chromium has been found in what she called "the lower aquifer," an area of groundwater separated from the upper aquifer by a layer of clay. "This is important," she said, "because the pollution originally affected only the upper aquifer, and a lot of the domestic wells were tapped into the lower aquifer because it was believed to be uncontaminated."

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2010/11/08/MN11G1P93.DTL&type=printable>

36. *November 8, WAVE 3 Louisville* – (Kentucky) **Cause found for MSD sewage spill into river.** A suspected cause for a large sewage spill in Louisville, Kentucky from the first week of November has been discovered. The Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) executive director said an alarm system at the central computer room failed to warn MSD that a gate at the Starkey Pumping Station malfunctioned. Approximately 4 million gallons of sewage spilled into the Ohio River. The gate underwent repair, and a new alarm system was installed. He said MSD could face a federal fine and/or a state fine.

Source: <http://www.wave3.com/story/13467192/cause-found-for-msd-sewage-spill-into-oh-river>

37. *November 8, Kansas City Star* – (Missouri) **Damaged water main leaves some Northland residents without service.** A damaged water main near Barry Road and Northwest Mace Road has left hundreds of customers without service, though workers plan to make repairs overnight, the Kansas City, Missouri Water Services Department said. The damage happened about 4 p.m. while a contractor was working on roads in the area, the department said. It touches 800 customers, who are between Barry Road and Tiffany Springs Road, from North Childress to North Everton. The outage also affects Weatherby Lake and Platte County Water District No. 1. The water department expected repairs to be complete by 6 a.m. November 9.

Source: <http://www.kansascity.com/2010/11/08/2409335/damaged-water-main-leaves-some.html>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

38. *November 8, WSBTV 2 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **Medical records from ob-gyn found in dumpster.** Woodstock, Georgia police have opened an investigation into the discovery of hundreds of confidential medical records discarded in a dumpster outside the former office of a Cherokee County Ob-Gyn. Acting on a tip, a Channel 2 Action News reporter went to the medical park off Highway 92 in Woodstock where he discovered garbage bags filled with the personal medical records of patients. The records included names, addresses, check numbers, as well as reports on doctor's visits by expectant mothers and sonograms. When the reporter brought his discovery to the attention of an office park manager, she said the records should not have been thrown away. She called police who arrived and placed crime scene tape around the dumpster. A police sergeant said the dumpster was taken to an impound lot where the medical records will be separated from the trash. Police said the doctor whose office the records came from could face charges of violating patient confidentiality laws.
Source: <http://www.wsbtv.com/news/25676754/detail.html>
39. *November 8, Healthcare IT News* – (National) **Hospitals 'struggling' to protect patient data.** The healthcare industry is spending an estimated \$6 billion annually on data breaches of patient information, according to the latest benchmark study by Ponemon Institute. On November 9, the Ponemon Institute and ID Experts released Benchmark Study on Patient Privacy and Data Security. The study indicated that protecting patient data is a low priority for hospitals, and that organizations have little confidence in their ability to secure patient records. Among the findings, researchers found that the cost of a data breach over a 2-year period is approximately \$2 million per organization, and the lifetime value of a lost patient is \$107,580. The average organization had 2.4 data breach incidents over the past 2 years. The researchers also found that 70 percent of hospitals stated that protecting patient data is not a top priority, and that patient billing (35 percent) and medical records (26 percent) are the most susceptible to data loss or theft. A majority of organizations have less than two staff dedicated to data protection management (67 percent).
Source: <http://www.healthcareitnews.com/news/hospitals-struggling-protect-patient-data>
40. *November 8, California Healthline* – (California) **Investigation: State falls short in tracking hospital seismic safety.** California has publicized limited information about the likelihood of hospital building collapses during earthquakes and has not required numerous at-risk facilities to provide detailed structural risk assessments, according to an investigation by California Watch. State law requires hospitals to replace, retrofit, or remove patients from certain at-risk buildings by 2013 or 2015. Hospitals placed in a lower-risk category have until 2030 to meet seismic safety regulations. In 2002, California compiled a list of 1,100 hospitals that could possibly collapse during an earthquake. Of those, the state conducted complex evaluations of 370 hospital buildings and determined 280 facilities had low enough collapse risks to qualify for the 2030 seismic safety deadline. State authorities now are focusing on about 700 buildings placed in the highest-risk category. Of those, the state has determined collapse risks for only 90 facilities. Fourteen of those 90 facilities have been assigned collapse risks of between 10 percent and 32 percent, far higher than the 1.2 percent collapse risk

officials deemed reasonably safe. State law does not require hospitals to complete the risk evaluation process. California does not require hospitals to determine collapse risks. The state does not publicly post data on collapse risk scores.

Source: <http://www.californiahealthline.org/articles/2010/11/8/investigation-state-falls-short-in-tracking-hospital-seismic-safety.aspx>

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Government Facilities Sector

41. *November 9, Muscatine Journal* – (Iowa) **Safety fines cost county \$4,500.** The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors in Iowa agreed November 8 to pay \$4,500 in fines — half the original amount — imposed by the Iowa Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). Initially, the county was fined \$9,000 but negotiated a lower amount with the state. During a September inspection, the Iowa OSHA identified 11 violations at the county’s department of human services building. All 11, grouped into two main violations because they involve similar or related hazards, have already been corrected, the county auditor said. By a 5-0 vote, the board agreed to pay half the fine now rather than contest it before an administrative law judge in Des Moines, who could have possibly reduced the fine even further or eliminate it.
Source: http://www.muscatinejournal.com/news/local/government-and-politics/article_b761df74-ebcf-11df-a104-001cc4c002e0.html
42. *November 9, Washington Post* – (National; International) **Panetta reminds CIA workers to avoid unauthorized leaks of information.** Asserting that lives have been endangered and sources compromised by “a damaging spate of media leaks on a wide range of national security issues” in recent months, the CIA Director reminded the spy agency’s employees November 8 that unauthorized disclosures of classified information “cannot be tolerated.” The agency-wide message said: “When information about our intelligence, our people, or our operations appears in the media, it does incredible damage to our nation’s security and our ability to do our job of protecting the nation.” Informed sources said the former White House Chief of Staff and California Congressman had no special cases in mind. But a U.S. intelligence official said: “A number of leaks over time — and across our government — prompted [the CIA director] to remind agency employees of their obligation to protect America’s secrets. Unauthorized disclosures of classified information can harm national security, and he wanted to emphasize that important point.”
Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/11/08/AR2010110805885.html>
43. *November 9, Huffington Post* – (Washington) **V For Vendetta hacker infiltrates Washington State University.** A sophisticated hacker managed to infiltrate dozens of Washington State University (WSU) classrooms the week of November 1 with a video featuring a call for student involvement from someone dressed as V from the film V for Vendetta November 5. The Chronicle of Higher Education reports: After hacking into the university’s academic media system, which manages classroom-presentation and

distance-learning technology, the as-of-yet-unidentified culprit or culprits programmed motorized screens to unfurl themselves and scheduled projectors to broadcast the 5-minute-long video once every hour. The video — ostensibly a diatribe against campus squirrels and a call to end student apathy — interrupted lectures and cut off access for distance-learning students until the IT staff was able to shut down the program in the early afternoon. According to the university's executive director for external communications, IT officials in some cases had to unplug computer hard drives in order to stop the hack. "It was a rather sophisticated program," he said. "Traditional ways of shutting down the software wouldn't work." The video featured the Web address for WSU 1812, a blog purporting to have "have grown tired of this university's disregard for the opinion of it's [sic] students" and naming the school's student government as a "prime culprit in this problem."

Source: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2010/11/09/v-for-vendetta-hacker-inf_n_780840.html

44. *November 8, WLTZ 38 Columbus* – (Georgia) **Fort Benning subcontractor under investigation for allegedly stealing explosives.** A civilian subcontractor of Fort Benning near Columbus, Georgia was arrested for theft and is now at the center of a federal and local probe. According to police, the 31-year-old suspect was initially charged for stealing a television from the Sam's Club in Columbus. He was arrested at his Phenix City home October 31. When police went to his home, they said he ran outside with a military-grade distraction device, called a "flash bang." Police said he threatened to use the device and ran to the woods nearby. Police said he eventually handed the "flash bang" over and was taken into police custody. Police said when they executed a search warrant on the suspect's home the following day, they found the stolen television, as well as explosives they said were stolen from Fort Benning. The suspect faces an outstanding warrant for possession of a destructive device. The case remains under investigation by Phenix City police and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.
- Source: <http://www.wltz.com/news/local/Stolen-explosives-investigation-106904683.html>

45. *November 8, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **Outage closes 2 county buildings in Atlantic City.** Officials said a power outage kept two county buildings in Atlantic City, New Jersey, closed throughout the day November 8. An Atlantic City Electric spokeswoman said about 500 homes and businesses lost their power just before 7 a.m. An Atlantic County office building and civil courthouse were closed. The cause of the outage was not immediately clear, though the Jersey shore was hit hard by strong early morning winds. The city's casinos were not affected.
- Source: <http://www.app.com/article/20101108/NEWS03/101108124/Outage-closes-2-county-buildings-in-Atlantic-City>

46. *November 6, New York Times* – (National) **U.S. workers are on alert after breach of data.** Federal workers at the General Services Administration are on alert against identity theft after an employee sent the names and Social Security numbers of the agency's entire staff to a private e-mail address. The agency, which manages federal

property, employs more than 12,000 people. Officials apologized to employees for the incident in a letter dated October 25 — almost 6 weeks after the breach occurred. The agency said it paid for employees to enroll in a 1-year program to monitor their credit reports, along with up to \$25,000 in identity theft insurance coverage. The letter was signed by the chief information officer and the agency's senior privacy official. An agency spokeswoman said in a statement November 3: "Ensuring the security of employee data is no small challenge in large organizations. We will continue to evolve our protocols to protect the employee information entrusted to us."

Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2010/11/07/us/07breach.html?_r=1

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Emergency Services Sector

47. *November 9, Chester County Daily Local News* – (Pennsylvania) **State police deem emergency preparedness drill a success.** More than 75 law enforcement officials participated in an exercise November 5 that simulated a gunman in the halls of a school in Pennsylvania. State police coordinated the drill with help from Parkesburg and West Fallowfield police, the state department of emergency services, and Cochranville Fire Company. The drill took place at the Octorara Area School District Building, and teachers and district administrators participated. Students were off from school that day and did not participate, said a state police trooper. "Our training was focused on a few different scenarios we created, and we were dealing with hostile subjects within the school setting, including an active shooter — somebody in the act of doing harm in the building," he explained. The exercise was coordinated so emergency services officials can be prepared for the worst and was not in response to any particular incident in the county, he said.

Source:

<http://dailylocal.com/articles/2010/11/09/news/srv0000009905872.txt?viewmode=fullstory>

48. *November 9, St. Cloud Times* – (Minnesota) **Fire truck's electrical system was source of fire at Station 3.** An electrical problem in a truck started an October fire in one of the St. Cloud Fire Department's stations in Minnesota. The fire chief said preliminary reports show the fire caused about \$1 million in damage to Station 3 and trucks inside. The department is still determining the amount of damage to some systems, which could affect that cost, he said. A fire broke out about 6 a.m. October 29 in Fire Station 3, 1201 University Drive SE. Units from Fire Stations 1, 2, and 5 are responding to calls in the area Fire Station 3 covers. The fire chief said the department will use the city's central maintenance building, at 1200-15th Ave. SE, during the 3 to 6 months it takes to repair Station 3. That building is about 2 blocks from Station 3. The state fire marshal investigated the fire to avoid any conflict of interest.

Source: <http://www.sctimes.com/article/20101109/NEWS01/111080046/1009/Fire-truck-s-electrical-system-was-source-of-fire-at-Station-3>

49. *November 9, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **W.Va. regulators want phone outage plans.** The West Virginia Public Service Commission staff has recommended that phone companies disclose plans for notifying county emergency officials when large numbers of customers lose service. The staff also said companies should be required to provide contact information so that 911 dispatch centers could reach company executives during major outages. The Charleston Gazette reported the staff made its recommendation following two FiberNet telephone outages in October. In its 5-page recommendation, staff members said phone companies should be required to submit information that would be used to determine whether the companies are complying with state regulations. The staff also wants the phone companies to submit a list of all major outages in 2010.
Source: <http://www.herald-dispatch.com/news/briefs/x1441920604/W-Va-regulators-want-phone-outage-plans>
50. *November 9, Charlotte Observer* – (North Carolina) **Time change, glitches trip up emergency radio.** Emergency radio communications in Charlotte, North Carolina, went down for nearly 1 hour November 8, a glitch authorities said was caused by a broken backup generator, human error, and the switch from Daylight Savings Time. The radio system is the primary means of communication for police officers, firefighters, and paramedics in Charlotte. It was the second time in as many weeks that the emergency system has gone down. Despite the outages, all first responders were able to answer calls for service. During the outage, Charlotte-Mecklenburg police received 70 emergency 911 calls, which is about normal for that time. A police captain said the response to calls was “only slightly longer” than normal, but he could not provide numbers or say whether the department met its benchmarks for responding to emergency calls. The backup generator authorities believe was at fault has been replaced and tested, and the city has ordered a new one, city officials said.
Source: <http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2010/11/09/1823725/time-change-glitches-trip-up-emergency.html>
51. *November 8, KMOV 4 St. Louis* – (Missouri) **Officials blame outdated technology for false emergency alarm in county.** Officials in St. Louis County, Missouri, said a malfunction caused emergency sirens to go off on their own at the wrong time November 8, creating a false alarm for residents. The sirens are tested the first Monday of the month at 11 a.m., but they sounded at 9 a.m. November 8. A specialist at the county’s office of emergency management in Chesterfield said the problem is outdated technology, dating back to the 1960s. However, next summer, the county will have a new siren system installed as a result of the E-911 sales tax increase approved by voters in 2009. The county said about 25 percent of its 200 sirens are not working properly. The new emergency alert system will replace some of those sirens, and will update the technology.
Source: <http://www.kmov.com/news/local/Officials-blame-outdated-technology-for-false-emergency-alarm-in-county-106936664.html>
52. *November 8, Hanover Evening Sun* – (Pennsylvania) **Pa. fire officials fight for funding for chemical spills.** Local fire officials continue to seek funding they say is

necessary to fight future Hanover, Pennsylvania-area chemical spills. The Penn Township fire chief said the week of November 1 that plans to secure federal funding for a foam trailer — an apparatus designed to spray a chemical mixture on fires and spills involving hazardous materials — are progressing. Local fire officials recently took another step forward, securing a needed federal waiver, he said, but still it is unlikely any new apparatus will be in place for at least another year. “The funds probably won’t be here until 2012,” he said. “But at least we’re getting somewhere.” The Hanover fire commissioner said the need for a foam trailer stationed in the area is clear. With no other such unit in the York-Adams area, local responders would be forced, in the event of a spill, to wait for help from foam task forces in Cumberland or Lancaster counties, he said. Initially federal officials were requesting the department get a waiver, which the fire chief has since received, with things to now move on to a new federal committee.

Source: <http://www.firerescue1.com/apparatus/articles/906211-Pa-fire-officials-fight-for-funding-for-chemical-spills/>

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Information Technology Sector

53. *November 9, IDG News Service* – (International) **iPhone’s Safari dials calls without warning, says security expert.** A security researcher is asserting that Apple has made a poor security decision by allowing its Safari browser to honor requests from third-party applications to perform actions such as making a phone call without warning a user. Safari, like other browsers, can launch other applications to handle certain URL protocols. These might be in clickable links, or in embedded iframes. An iframe containing a URL with a telephone number, for example, will cause Safari to ask if the user wants to make a phone call to that particular number, wrote a security researcher, on the SANS Application Security Street Fighter blog. Users can tap a button to make or cancel the call. But the researcher found that behavior changes in some cases. For example, if a user has Skype installed and stays logged into the application, Safari does not give an alert when it encounters a Skype URL in an iframe, and immediately starts a Skype call, he said. The researcher said he contacted Apple. The company said third-party applications should be coded to ask permission before performing a transaction. But in the current arrangement, third-party applications can only ask for authorization after a person has been “yanked” out of Safari and the application has been fully launched. “A solution to this issue is for Apple to allow third-party applications an option register their URL schemes with strings for Safari to prompt and authorize prior to launching the external application,” he wrote.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9195578/iPhone_s_Safari_dials_calls_without_warning_says_security_expert

54. *November 9, Times of India* – (International) **Moneycontrol.com hacked: Websense.** India’s financial Web site Moneycontrol.com was hacked last week, as unknown hackers inserted a malicious code inside its pages, making visitors vulnerable,

U.S. based cyber security firm Websense Security Labs said in its security alerts released November 9. According to Websense, the main Indian site was compromised and injected with malicious code November 6. The injected code redirected users to an exploit Web site. Exploit kits contain malicious programs which can be downloaded to infect a particular computer. The site was cleaned up the next day. Active injected codes can impact site performance. When a site is injected with code that leads to an exploit site, visitors generally experience hanged or slow browsers, and often a browser crash, as well.

Source: <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/tech/news/internet/Moneycontrolcom-hacked-Websense/articleshow/6896296.cms>

55. *November 8, Brookhaven Courier* – (Texas) **E-mail virus attacks campus.** Faculty at Brookhaven College in Farmers Branch, Texas received an e-mail October 20 warning them a virus was being transmitted through the GroupWise e-mail system. The IT director said the virus was contained within 24 hours. According to the e-mail, sent by the Dallas County Community College District network and systems specialist, the virus spread through attachments in e-mails with subject lines such as “Your friend invited you to Twitter!” and “Shipping update for your Amazon.com order.” Their antivirus software provider, eTrust, notified them of the virus almost immediately. Once the virus was detected, an e-mail alerting faculty not to open messages with the suspicious subject lines was sent. The specialist said, “There is a highly mobile virus on the loose on some district workstations that is coming into GroupWise through routes inside our filters.” She said if someone already received such an e-mail and opened the attachment, they should advise their data center immediately.

Source:

<http://media.www.brookhavencourier.com/media/storage/paper807/news/2010/11/08/News/EMail.Virus.Attacks.Campus-3955914.shtml>

56. *November 8, allafrika.com* – (International) **Kenya: Internet hackers attack treasury.** Kenya’s cyber highway is not safe from virtual fraudsters and other malignant cyber crooks. As the country boasts three undersea fiber optic cables, cyber attacks are on the increase. The weekend of November 6 and 7, the Finance Ministry’s Website was brought down by hackers. Opening the treasury Web site returned a blank black screen with words “Hacked by ReisBEY Muslim Turkish Hacker,” in red and white. The hackers are suspected to be similar to those who hacked Kenya Airways Web site in 2008. In the past year, many sites have been compromised, including the statehouse site and those of Kenya administration police, Kenya government portal, and mobile phone company’s among others. In July, a real estate site was hacked in an attempt to extract information. The hackers corrupted and shut down the Web site.

Source: <http://allafrica.com/stories/201011090261.html>

57. *November 8, Erictric* – (International) **AOL Mail goes down again?** Less than 3 weeks after AOL Mail went down, the service appeared to be having some downtime issues again November 8. Some users have reported that they were unable to access their AOL Mail accounts. In addition, various affected users have taken their

frustrations to Twitter.

Source: <http://erictic.com/2010/11/08/aol-mail-goes-down-again/>

58. *November 5, Threatpost* – (International) **Adobe investigating new Reader flaw.** Adobe is warning users about another new vulnerability in its Reader application that causes the software to crash and could possibly lead to remote code execution as well. The new Reader bug was disclosed November 4 on the Full Disclosure mailing list and Adobe security officials said that they are investigating the problem and looking into a potential fix. The bug can be used to cause a denial-of-service condition on vulnerable machines, Adobe said. However, one of the new security measures that the company introduced earlier this year can be used to help protect against attacks on the flaw. Adobe's JavaScript Blacklist Framework is designed to prevent malicious APIs from running, and Adobe said that the tool can be used to stop attacks on the new Reader vulnerability. IT staffs must enable and populate the blacklist manually, and Adobe has explicit instructions in its advisory on how to do that. Adobe patches Reader on a regular quarterly schedule, and the last release was October 5, which was 1 week earlier than scheduled. It is not clear whether Adobe would release a patch for this latest Reader bug before the next scheduled update.

Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/adobe-investigating-new-reader-flaw-110510

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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

59. *November 8, Seattle Times* – (Washington) **Comcast cable TV out in some Seattle neighborhoods.** Comcast cable subscribers in a handful of Seattle, Washington neighborhoods were finding themselves staring at black TV screens November 8. The cable provider experienced an outage at about 8:30 p.m. in Queen Anne, Green Lake, South Seattle, and downtown. As of 10 p.m., the problem had not been resolved.
Source: http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2013381679_comcast09.html
60. *November 8, Rexburg Standard Journal* – (Idaho) **Phone line severed during sewer work.** Phone service was out for several customers in sections of St. Anthony, Idaho for several hours November 8 after a crew digging trenches for new sewer lines in the city damaged a line. Fremont County Courthouse offices were among those without service. County officials had not been told when service might be restored. Other downtown agencies and businesses were also affected. Some banks had to close their doors and others opted to have land lines transferred to cell lines to take business calls. Some businesses were told services would be restored within a minimum of 3 hours

after service had been out since mid-morning.

Source: http://www.rexburgstandardjournal.com/news/article_e77a7e84-eb96-11df-8183-001cc4c03286.html

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Commercial Facilities Sector

61. *November 8, Gaithersburg Gazette* – (Maryland) **Possible pipe bomb found in apartment near NASA center.** The Prince George's County bomb squad blew up a possible pipe bomb November 8, which was found in a Lanham, Maryland apartment complex across the street from NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center. The suspicious device was reported to the Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department around 9 a.m. when a maintenance man found it in a vacant apartment at the Glendale Apartments, the battalion chief said. When bomb technicians entered the building at Good Luck Road, they found a device with wires coming out of it that resembled a pipe bomb. The device was placed inside a bomb squad robot and detonated. The remains have been turned over to authorities in the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for evaluation, the chief said. Residents were evacuated from two buildings in the apartment complex as a precaution, but no one was injured, she said. The apartment where the device was found was vacant for a short time, though the battalion chief could not say exactly how long.

Source: http://www.gazette.net/stories/11082010/prinnew135838_32560.php

62. *November 8, WSBT 22 South Bend* – (Indiana) **Bomb squad sent to Mishawaka shopping plaza.** Police, the bomb squad, and the FBI were on high alert in Mishawaka, Indiana, while responding to a suspicious package November 8. Police were called to the Boxes Plus store in the Wilshire Plaza around 1:30 p.m.. They blocked off five store fronts. Police said the bomb squad and FBI arrived shortly after. WSBT saw an officer in a blast suit and a robot being sent in to investigate before being asked to leave by the FBI. According to police, an addressed package was left unattended in front of the store. A worker then picked the package up and took it to the back of the building before notifying police. Police blew up the package. There was nothing explosive inside. Police are still investigating what was inside.

Source: <http://www.wsbt.com/news/wsbt-bomb-squad-sent-to-mishawaka-s-110810,0,3881699.story>

63. *November 8, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **50 evacuated in Denver area apartment blaze.** Fire officials are investigating what caused a fire in an apartment building near Denver, Colorado, that has forced 50 people from their homes. The fire started November 7 at a building in the Churchill Downs Apartments in unincorporated Arapahoe County. Half of the building's 24 units were severely damaged while the rest sustained light to moderate damage. Cunningham Fire Rescue said arson has been ruled out as a cause, as have fireworks, and barbecue grilling. The same building burned in a

fire in July 1999 that was sparked by a juvenile playing with fireworks.

Source: <http://cbs4denver.com/wireapnewsco/50.left.homeless.2.2000494.html>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

64. *November 8, Rapid City Journal* – (South Dakota) **Wildfire burning south of Rapid City.** The Beretta Road off U.S. Highway 16 in South Dakota will remain closed November 9 and possibly November 10 as firefighters battle the Dead End Beretta Fire. The 18-acre fire is under investigation. The incident commander of Black Hills National Forest, Mystic Ranger District, was leading efforts to contain the fire by November 8. Fire crews had dug a fire line that day around 50 percent of the blaze northwest of Rockerville near Storm Mountain. No structures were threatened. The man-caused blaze was spotted early November 8 while fire officials were doing a routine check on a previous prescribed burn. Two hand crews, four U.S. Forest Service engines, and fire engines from Rockerville Volunteer Fire Department, Keystone Volunteer Fire Department, and Rapid City Fire Department were on site.

Source: http://www.rapidcityjournal.com/news/article_5ed1443c-eb55-11df-bea6-001cc4c002e0.html

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Dams Sector

65. *November 9, Hackensack Record* – (New Jersey) **Gordon Lakes homeowners face dam-repair bills in West Milford.** Homeowners who live near Gordon Lakes in West Milford, New Jersey, can expect to see annual bills from the township to cover the cost of a \$1.03 million loan for the repair of a dam on the lake. The dam was damaged in 1999 by Tropical Storm Floyd, and a homeowners group was then formed to save the lake. Repairs to the dam were finished in 2009. The fees will be the subject of a November 10 hearing at town hall. About 120 homeowners will be charged with paying off the loan, plus 2 percent interest, in annual installments over 20 years.

Source:

http://www.northjersey.com/news/106940343_Gordon_Lakes_homeowners_to_be_billed_for_1M_dam_fix.html

66. *November 9, KMTR 16 Eugene* – (Oregon) **Crane topples on Dexter Dam, repairs in question.** Repairs are mostly on hold at Dexter Dam in Lowell, Oregon while crews figure out how to remove a crane that fell over on top of the dam. Officials still are not sure what caused the accident, which happened November 5. Gate repairs, which is why the crane was on the dam in the first place, were originally scheduled to be done in about 1 month. However, the concern is now righting the crane and figuring out if it is in working condition. Repairs are still going on in areas of the dam that do not require

the crane. Less than 10 gallons of mechanical fluids went into the water because of the fall. That has been cleaned up and all fluids have been drained to prevent future spills.

Source: <http://www.kmtr.com/news/local/story/Crane-topples-on-Dexter-Dam-repairs-in-question/qoaO9txqkEy5-ROPtqb5kg.csp>

67. *November 9, CTV News* – (International) **Heavy rain leads to states of emergency in Nova Scotia.** Canadian officials have declared states of emergency in parts of southwestern Nova Scotia after the region was hammered by heavy rains over several days that flooded homes, roads, and farmland. Local states of emergency were extended to parts of Barrington, Yarmouth, and Argyle due to flooding and damage from more than 200 millimeters of rain that has fallen on the region since November 5. Nova Scotia's Emergency Management Office said damage to bridges, as well as local road closures in those areas, have led to the removal of 120 families from their homes. Officials are also closely monitoring the Lake Vaughn Dam, the Carleton Dam, and the Gardner Mills Dam as water levels rise. More than a dozen roads in the region have been closed or washed out, but that figure could rise as water levels peak over the next 2 days. The heavy rainfall overwhelmed a spillway in Raynardton, leaving officials unable to control the flow of water. Because the local dam may give way, people living in Raynardton were told to leave the area.

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