



# Homeland Security

## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 12 November 2010

Current Nationwide Threat Level

ELEVATED

Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks

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### Top Stories

- The UK Guardian reports the Armenian government said it had detained a man suspected of supplying nuclear bomb-grade uranium to two smugglers caught in the Republic of Georgia trying to sell it on the black market. (See item [15](#))
- The University of Texas-Brownsville campus was evacuated after a series of gun battles in neighboring Matamoros, Mexico killed 55 people, according to the Daily of the University of Washington. (See item [46](#))

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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 10, WTNH 8 Bridgeport* – (Connecticut) **Some derailed train cars back on tracks.** Crews working on a train derailment in Willimantic, Connecticut, hoped to have its cargo of flammable ethanol off-loaded by late morning November 10. Six cars of an 80-car freight train derailed November 9 morning. Only two of the derailed cars fell over and none of the 50,000 gallons of ethanol leaked. Willimantic Fire Department officials said November 10 morning four cars are back on the tracks and have been

moved. One container had already been emptied of ethanol, and the other was expected to be emptied by 9:00 a.m. Once that is done, the tanker cars were to be up-righted and put back on the tracks. Riverside Drive remains closed until further notice, authorities said. Officials from the Federal Railroad Administration and Connecticut Department of Transportation are investigating the derailment.

Source: [http://www.wtnh.com/dpp/news/windham\\_cty/willimantic-freight-train-wednesday](http://www.wtnh.com/dpp/news/windham_cty/willimantic-freight-train-wednesday)

2. *November 10, News-Bulletin.com* – (New Mexico) **Contaminated soil removed from old gas station site.** The New Mexico Environment Department is in the process of removing contaminated soils from a site that was once a gas station on the southeast corner of Reinken Avenue and Main Street. A geologist from the New Mexico Petroleum Storage Tank Bureau, said crews have dug a 200-foot by 200-foot hole and are removing soil that has become contaminated by overfilling and leaks from the station's tanks over the years. The geologist said drinking wells "are far enough away" that residents should not worry about the containments polluting drinking water in the area." He said two wells southwest of the site are more than a mile away, with another well about three-fourths of a mile southeast of the site. The \$900,000 project, which is expected to take another eight to 12 business days, is being paid for by the state corrective action fund, a fund that is collected through gasoline surcharges in the state. The geologist said plumes of oil and gas that have gotten on top of the groundwater and migrated to the site at 222 N. Main St. from the current Walgreen's location have also contributed to the contamination. That site, once a Chevrolet dealership, has since been cleaned.

Source: <http://www.news-bulletin.com/nb/index.php/news/3423-Contaminated-soil-removed-from-old-gas-station-site.html>

3. *November 10, Lorain Morning Journal* – (Ohio) **Lorain power outage cause unknown.** Nearly 20,000 FirstEnergy customers in Lorain, Ohio, were without power November 9, but a cause could not be determined, according to a FirstEnergy spokesman. The power outage began around 10:40 a.m. and affected large portions of the city's west and south sides, he said. Mercy Regional Medical Center was running on power generators, a spokeswoman said. City hall was also temporarily without power until 11:05 a.m., according to employees. A Lorain City Schools official said all but four of the city's schools lost power as well. Traffic lights were dark throughout the city as police and auxiliary officers directed traffic at intersections. Portions of the city reported power returning around 11:15 a.m. By 11:50 a.m., 100 percent of the power had been restored. While a direct cause could not be positively identified, another FirstEnergy spokesman said the outage was likely due to a tree limb or other obstruction on a transmission line.

Source: <http://morningjournal.com/articles/2010/11/10/news/mj3643009.txt>

4. *November 10, WHIO 7 Dayton* – (Illinois) **Thousands lose power during smoke stack demolition.** Authorities in Springfield, Ohio said an Ohio Edison Power stack may have fallen the wrong way during a demolition November 9. The demolition of the tower had been planned for months. However, when the smoke stack came down, there

are reports that the tower fell on a generator, causing power to be cut to as many as 3,500 customers.

Source: <http://www.whiotv.com/news/25745761/detail.html>

5. *November 9, Associated Press* – (National) **Testimony indicates poor cementing of drilling rigs is a widespread problem.** Drilling engineers and government officials are almost lackadaisical in their approach to the critical steps of closing down an offshore oil drilling rig and sealing it, 2 days of testimony before a Presidential commission investigating the explosion of BP's Deepwater Horizon drilling rig indicate. In testimony that concluded November 9, government officials, representatives of the companies drilling the well, and outside engineers all testified to shortfalls that showed the critical task of sealing the well with cement was filled with missteps and what the commission co-chairman called "a series of almost inexplicable failures." The panel's deputy legal counsel used the 2 days of detailed questioning to suggest the failings aboard the Deepwater Horizon rig were not a one-time event but the result of lax oversight, inadequate regulation, and inattention to detail that may exist on all deepwater drilling operations. One example of the problems that emerged November 9 was illustrated on BP's drilling application for the Deepwater Horizon well in the Gulf of Mexico, which the deputy legal counsel said called for using only a fraction of the cement needed to seal such a well. That fact did not trigger any questions from government engineers who approved the plan. Investigators now think the cement intended to seal the well failed, and that crude oil and natural gas surged up the Deepwater Horizon's drilling pipe when the rig's crew began to remove heavy drilling mud and then replaced it with lighter seawater.

Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2010/11/09/1917737/testimony-indicates-poor-cementing.html>

6. *November 9, KFYZ 5 Bismarck* – (North Dakota) **Pipe rupture kills one; two injured.** One is dead in a Montrail County gas line explosion. Police received a call around 1 p.m. from a caller who said he hit a gas line northwest of Tioga, North Dakota. The police and the fire department responded. They said a 30-year-old individual was working installing electrical lines when a plow hit Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline's high pressure gas line. It was charged with 650 pounds of pressure. The rupture threw the individual 100 feet to his death. Two other workers were taken to Tioga medical center and were later released. Police were still investigating the incident.

Source: [http://www.kfyrtv.com/News\\_Stories.asp?news=44371](http://www.kfyrtv.com/News_Stories.asp?news=44371)

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

7. *November 10, Richmond Palladium-Item* – (Indiana) **Truck leaking chemical closes South E Street.** A chemical spill November 9 shut down South E Street between South Seventh and Eighth streets in Richmond, Indiana, for 6 hours as emergency workers contained and cleaned up hazardous material. Richmond police at 10:14 a.m. pulled

over a semi-tractor trailer leaking a clear liquid while it was traveling south on Eighth Street. A large quantity of Stencil, a cleaning solvent, spilled onto the roadway. The Richmond Fire Department hazardous materials crew contained the leak and authorities evacuated the CountryMark gas station and made sure homes across the street were empty as they began the cleanup process. The business reopened and people were allowed to return to their homes around 1:30 p.m. Even as authorities kept bystanders at a distance of more than 100 yards, the chemical's pungent odor filled the air. "It is highly corrosive and you are not supposed to be breathing it," the Richmond Fire Department battalion chief said. The truck had been leaking a thin layer of Stencil since the overpass at U.S. 27 North. About 275 gallons of Stencil were in the semi, and the chief said the container was empty when firefighters in hazardous material gear opened the trailer. "It looks like the shut-off valve on the bottom of the container had broken off in transport," he said. "It had a flammable placard, so we just wanted to make sure we got it contained," a fire captain said. "We were initially worried that if someone flicked a cigarette out a car window that it might ignite." A special hazardous material recovery unit from Indianapolis arrived in Richmond around 2:30 p.m. to complete the cleanup process.

Source: <http://www.pal-item.com/article/20101110/NEWS01/11100320>

8. *November 9, WKBW 7 Buffalo* – (New York) **One dead after explosion at Tonawanda DuPont Plant.** One person is confirmed dead and another seriously injured after a 10,000 gallon tanker exploded at the DuPont plant on River Road in Tonawanda, New York. The tanker, which is normally filled with the chemical known as poly vinyl fluoride, exploded around 11:10 a.m., but was empty. A large response of fire, EMS, police, and HazMat teams responded. Town of Tonawanda Police said two men were working on the tanker for an outside contractor when it exploded. One victim was killed and the other was transported to an area hospital with serious chemical burns. The exact cause of the explosion is unknown at this time and several internal investigations are underway. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration also responded. DuPont manufactures a number of products used in the building industry for counter-top installations, wall cladding, and a polyvinyl fluoride film for covering applications.

Source: <http://www.wkbw.com/news/local/Explosion-at-Tonawanda-Dupont-Plant-106965313.html>

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

9. *November 10, Brattleboro Reformer* – (Vermont) **VY restarted following leak fix.** The Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant in Vernon, Vermont has restarted and is expected to be back on the New England Power Grid November 10 or 11. A leaking plug on the feedwater discharge pipe that caused the shutdown of the plant November 7 was fixed, a spokesman said. The plug, leaking about 60 drops of radioactive water per minute, was part of a port used during the initial construction of the plant in 1972, and was used to perform radiography on the pipe and check on the integrity of the welds,

said a spokesman for Vermont Yankee. While the plant was in cold shutdown, plant personnel also made repairs to the drain line of a high-pressure coolant injection system drain line that was found to have a pinhole leak discovered in late October, he said.

Source: [http://www.reformer.com/localnews/ci\\_16569375](http://www.reformer.com/localnews/ci_16569375)

10. *November 10, KCRG 9 Cedar Rapids* – (Iowa) **Cracked weld discovered during Duane Arnold refueling outage.** NextEra Energy has begun steps to repair a cracked weld joint in a nozzle found during a refueling outage at the Duane Arnold Energy Center near Palo, Iowa. The discovery was described in a 21-page letter to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission November 6. It describes an “indication identified in the N2A Recirculation Inlet Safe End to Safe End extension Dissimilar Metal Weld.” The report said a preliminary assessment attributes the problem to “stress corrosion cracking.” Following the discovery, three similar welds were examined using ultrasound technology, but no indications were found requiring repairs. NextEra’s letter detailed a repair plan it said is based on restoring the integrity of the weld joint while limiting radiation exposure to repair personnel to the maximum extent practical. The discovery comes just as NextEra is in the final stages of an application for a 20-year extension of the plant’s operating license, which expires in 2014.

Source: <http://www.kcrg.com/news/local/Cracked-Weld-Discovered-During-Duane-Arnold-Refueling-Outage-107041508.html>

11. *November 9, Associated Press* – (New York) **NY lab cited for spill of radioactive water.** New York environmental officials said the Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory discharged 630 gallons of water tainted with radioactive material into the Mohawk River when a pump failed for 3 hours in October. The state department of environmental conservation said the overflow into storm drainage October 25 at the research lab in Niskayuna, 11 miles northwest of Albany, was not a public health concern. The lab, operated for the Department of Energy by San Francisco-based Bechtel Corporation, said the water likely contained low levels of Cesium-137, Strontium-90, uranium, and plutonium. The pump system now directs overflow to a storage tank.

Source: <http://online.wsj.com/article/APb7e9c2a0d53b44d1881604186913936b.html>

12. *November 9, World Nuclear News* – (National) **AP1000 impact study not adequate.** Westinghouse has been told to resubmit its assessment of aircraft impact on the AP1000 reactor. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) said documents put to it in order to demonstrate a 2009 requirement did not include “realistic” analyses, which amounted to a violation of requirements Westinghouse must explain and rectify. A 2009 NRC rule states that new nuclear power plant buildings and safety systems must maintain containment, cooling of the reactor core, and the integrity or cooling of used fuel facilities in the event of the impact of a large passenger jet. All reactor vendors must fulfill this requirement for their designs. For Westinghouse, this regulatory work comes in addition to a 2007 design amendment to the original AP1000 design, which was certified by the NRC in 2006.

Source: [http://www.world-nuclear-news.org/IT\\_AP1000\\_impact\\_study\\_not\\_adequate\\_0911101.html](http://www.world-nuclear-news.org/IT_AP1000_impact_study_not_adequate_0911101.html)

13. *November 9, Associated Press* – (Utah) **Court: Compact can keep foreign nuke waste out.** A federal appeals court ruled November 9 that an interstate compact can block EnergySolutions Inc. from disposing of low-level radioactive waste from foreign countries in Utah's west desert. The Salt Lake City-based company sought to import up to 20,000 tons of waste from Italy's shuttered nuclear power program into the United States. In July, however, the company abandoned those plans and indicated it would try to help open a disposal facility in Italy instead. "The lawsuit nevertheless continued in order to clarify the relationship between the company and the Northwest Compact," the company president said in a statement. "The company is pleased that the court has now clarified its relationship with the eight-state regional compact, with which the company has had a long mutually satisfactory working relationship." EnergySolutions said it would not appeal the ruling, noting that it does not affect its domestic business.  
Source: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Court-Compact-can-keep-apf-3026639173.html?x=0&.v=1>
14. *November 8, National Nuclear Security Administration* – (California) **Federal agencies, private industry remove highly enriched uranium from suburban San Diego.** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) announced November 8 the successful removal of nearly 60 kilograms of spent nuclear fuel from a NRC-licensed facility near San Diego, California. The facility includes a research reactor that supported government research for more than 4 decades, but is permanently shut down and awaiting decommissioning. Over the course of 3 weeks in August and September 2010, the NRC and DOE — including its National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) — worked with the licensee to complete three shipments totaling 19.7 kilograms of highly enriched uranium and 37 kilograms of low enriched uranium. Each convoy completed a 22-hour, nearly 1,000-mile trip from San Diego to a secure federal facility.  
Source: <http://nnsa.energy.gov/mediaroom/pressreleases/sandiegoheuremoval11.08.10>
15. *November 8, UK Guardian* – (International) **Nuclear smuggling: Armenia arrests suspected supplier.** The Armenian government said November 8 it had detained a man suspected of supplying nuclear bomb-grade uranium to two smugglers caught in the Republic of Georgia earlier this year trying to sell it on the black market. The Armenian national security service said the man, who served several months in 2005 for a previous attempt to smuggle highly enriched uranium (HEU), had been arrested based on information from Georgian investigators. Officials said Armenian security officials were conducting a joint investigation into the March incident with their Georgian counterparts. Two Armenians pled guilty in a Tbilisi court to an attempt to sell a weapons-grade sample of HEU in the Georgian capital to a man they believed to be a representative of an Islamist jihadist group. The would-be buyer in the alleged March 11 deal was an undercover Georgian security agent. The two men admitted smuggling 18 grams of uranium into Georgia from Yerevan, the Armenian capital. The smugglers told Georgian investigators they were given the HEU by the supplier, a petty trader and an acquaintance of one of the men, who had boasted he could get hold of much more from contacts in the Urals and in Siberia. The Armenian smugglers were asking \$50,000 per gram for their sample and were offering more if the sale was



successful.

Source: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/nov/08/nuclear-smuggling-armenia-arrest>

16. *November 5, World Nuclear News* – (South Carolina) **Fine for fuel plant spill.** Westinghouse has been handed down a \$17,500 penalty for violations in safety requirements at a nuclear fuel fabrication plant. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has proposed the civil penalty after reviewing a January 24 spill of about 750 liters of wastewater containing ammonia and low levels of uranium. This occurred at Westinghouse's Columbia facility in South Carolina, where the company designs and makes nuclear fuel assemblies as well as other reactor-core items for use in pressurized water reactors. The NRC said the cause of the spill was the failure of a pump. Operators shut down processes after a few minutes and plant workers cleaned up the spill with no one suffering significant exposure. A special inspection was launched at the site by NRC officials in February to assess the safety significance of the event and check the adequacy of Westinghouse's response and corrective action. The regulator opted to issue a civil penalty because the plant had been under "escalated enforcement" within the last 2 years. The fine must be either paid or contested with 30 days.  
Source: [http://www.world-nuclear-news.org/RS\\_Fine\\_for\\_fuel\\_plant\\_spill\\_0511101.html](http://www.world-nuclear-news.org/RS_Fine_for_fuel_plant_spill_0511101.html)

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

17. *November 10, Bloomberg* – (Texas) **Boeing Suspends 787 Test Flights After Jet Loses Electric Power.** A fire broke out November 9 in an equipment bay of a Boeing 787 Dreamliner, knocking out some controls and cockpit displays as the plane neared the Laredo, Texas, airport. The jet, carrying 42 people, touched down safely. The incident adds to the attention on a plane whose commercial debut has been delayed six times as Chicago-based Boeing struggles with new materials, parts shortages, redesign work, and an increased reliance on outside suppliers. The 787 is the first jetliner made chiefly of plastic composites. Flight ZA002's emergency landing occurred less than 1 week after an Airbus SAS A380 flown by Qantas Airlines Ltd. performed a similar maneuver in Singapore after one of its four engines blew up, sending shrapnel through the wing. Boeing Co. suspended test flights of the 787 Dreamliner while the planemaker investigates the problem that occurred in Texas.  
Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2010-11-10/boeing-suspends-787-test-flights-after-jet-loses-electric-power.html>
18. *November 10, Associated Press* – (International) **Singapore Airlines pulls 3 A380s due to engines.** Tests uncovered oil stains in three Rolls-Royce engines on Singapore Airlines' A380 superjumbos, prompting the airline to yank the planes from service November 9 just 2 days after Qantas announced troubling oil leaks on its A380s. The oil on the Qantas and Singapore planes was discovered during tests prompted by the explosion of a Rolls-Royce engine on a Qantas A380 during a flight from Singapore to

Sydney, Australia last week. The plane made a safe emergency landing in Singapore, but the Australian airline immediately grounded its entire fleet of A380s while it investigated the cause. Singapore Airlines said it does not know whether the oil stains found in its engines have any connection to the engine oil leaks found on Qantas, but was temporarily pulling the planes from service as a precaution. The planes, in Melbourne, Sydney and London, will be flown to Singapore without passengers, where they will be fitted with new engines.

Source:

[http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/superjumbo\\_woes;\\_ylt=AoxVNJMBY3Nbalwq8i.mLlys0NUE;\\_ylu=X3oDMTNqa3BoMmZvBGFzc2V0A2FwLzIwMTAxMTEwL3N1cGVyanVtYm9fd29lcwRjY29kZQNtb3N0cG9wdWxhcGRjcG9zAzQEcg9zAzEEcHQDaG9tZV9jb2t1BHNIYwN5bl9oZWFKbGluZV9saXN0BHNsawNzaW5nYXBvcmlhaXI](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/superjumbo_woes;_ylt=AoxVNJMBY3Nbalwq8i.mLlys0NUE;_ylu=X3oDMTNqa3BoMmZvBGFzc2V0A2FwLzIwMTAxMTEwL3N1cGVyanVtYm9fd29lcwRjY29kZQNtb3N0cG9wdWxhcGRjcG9zAzQEcg9zAzEEcHQDaG9tZV9jb2t1BHNIYwN5bl9oZWFKbGluZV9saXN0BHNsawNzaW5nYXBvcmlhaXI)

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

19. *November 9, Naval Open Source Intelligence* – (National) **Northrop Grumman to provide 40 STARLite radars for U.S. Army's extended-range multi-purpose UAVs.** Northrop Grumman Corporation has been selected to supply an additional 40 STARLite wide area surveillance radars featuring synthetic aperture radar and ground moving target indicator capabilities for the U.S. Army's Extended-Range Multi-Purpose unmanned aerial vehicle. Under the terms of the contract option, radar deliveries to the Army's Product Manager Robotic & Unmanned Sensors Program Management Office will begin in March 2011 and conclude in March 2012.

Source: <http://nosint.blogspot.com/2010/11/northrop-grumman-to-provide-40-starlite.html>

20. *November 9, Naval Open Source Intelligence* – (National) **Raytheon-Boeing JAGM team verifies rocket motor during flight test.** Raytheon Company and The Boeing Company completed the third company-funded missile launch of the Joint Air-to-Ground Missile. The test sets the stage for Raytheon and Boeing to enter engineering and manufacturing development.

Source: <http://nosint.blogspot.com/2010/11/raytheon-boeing-jagm-team-verifies.html>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

21. *November 10, Bank Info Security* – (National) **Online banking, ATM outage: malware likely to blame.** Malware is likely to blame for the so-called "computer glitch" that took down a handful of the country's largest banks' ATMs and online banking sites over the weekend of November 5. The nation's three largest banks and a handful of others were derailed over the weekend when their ATM and online banking channels were taken down. All of the institutions affected — Bank of America, Chase, U.S. Bank, Wells Fargo, Compass, USAA, Suntrust, Chase, Fairwinds Credit Union,



American Express, BB&T on the East Coast, and PNC — are blaming the outage on a computer glitch related to the time-zone change. But a senior analyst at Aite Group LLC who covers banking and payments fraud said there is likely a great deal more going on behind the scenes. In fact, she suspects the weekend outage is related to a widespread malware attack. “It has all the hallmarks of that, based on the geographic spread of it, the targeted systems and the banks in question,” she said.

Source: <http://www.bankinfosecurity.com/podcasts.php?podcastID=837>

22. *November 10, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (District of Columbia) **D.C. man convicted in connection with bank robbery spree.** A 46-year-old has been convicted by a federal jury of one count of bank robbery and two counts of attempted bank robbery, all of which occurred during a week-long robbery spree in 2010, a U.S. attorney said. The verdicts were returned October 28, 2010 and followed a 3-day trial in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. Sentencing is scheduled for February 11, 2011. According to the government’s evidence, between February 26, 2010, and March 4, 2010, the suspect robbed a Citibank located in Northwest Washington D.C., and attempted to rob a Bank of America in Southwest Washington, and a BB&T bank in Northwest Washington. During each of the robberies, the suspect presented a teller with a note warning that he would detonate a bomb if he was not given money.

Source:

[http://7thspace.com/headlines/363227/dc\\_man\\_convicted\\_in\\_connection\\_with\\_bank\\_robbery\\_spre.html](http://7thspace.com/headlines/363227/dc_man_convicted_in_connection_with_bank_robbery_spre.html)

23. *November 10, Kansas City Star* – (Kansas) **Teller found tied to chair after being kidnapped, forced to open bank.** A teller at an Overland Park, Kansas, bank told authorities he was kidnapped November 10 and driven to the bank so his kidnapper could rob it. A co-worker called police about 7:20 a.m. after finding the teller tied to a chair inside the U.S. Bank branch, a Kansas City FBI spokeswoman said. The co-worker was going through normal opening procedures when the teller was found, she said. The kidnapping victim told authorities a man kidnapped him about 1 or 1:30 a.m. and drove him around for a while before taking him to the bank at 10100 W. 119th St. The victim suffered minor injuries. The bank robber was described as a white male, about 5 feet 8 or 10 inches tall and weighing 180 pounds. He was wearing black or dark blue pants with a white stripe down the right leg, a black dress shirt with a gray T-shirt over it. The robber’s face was covered with mask, and a dark colored ski mask. The robber fled in the teller’s light blue, small four-door Chevrolet car, which had Kansas tags. U.S. Bank announced November 10 it is offering a reward of up to \$100,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of this robber or anyone responsible for recent robberies of other of its banks in the Kansas City area.

Source: <http://www.kansascity.com/2010/11/10/2415703/police-investigating-morning-bank.html>

24. *November 9, Tacoma News Tribune* – (Washington) **Three arrested for ATM skimming incidents.** Three suspects believed to have skimmed several bank ATMs in the Puget Sound, Washington, area are in custody following a multi-agency operation

targeting fraud. Skimming is placing devices in ATMs to gather data from other cards, then using that information to make fraudulent withdrawals and point of sale purchases. The U.S. Secret Service Electronic Crimes Taskforce, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, King County Sheriff's Office, and police officers from Seattle, Bellevue, Kirkland, and Lynwood joined forces in the surveillance operation that culminated in arrests November 6. One suspect in a Newcastle skimming incident was located and arrested in Kirkland. Two others were followed to a bank ATM in Puyallup, where law enforcement officers watched the men place a skimming device on the ATM and steal money.

Source: <http://blog.thenewstribune.com/crime/2010/11/09/three-arrested-for-atm-skimming-incidents/>

25. *November 9, Arizona Republic* – (Arizona) **Downtown Phoenix gas leak forces evacuation, light-rail delays.** A gas leak in downtown Phoenix, Arizona, near Central Avenue and Monroe Street forced an office building to be evacuated and Valley Metro Light Rail to stop trains for about 30 minutes November 9. A construction company hit a 2-inch natural gas line near 112 N. Central Ave. after 11 a.m. The leak caused an evacuation of approximately 5,000 people from the U.S. Bank building on First Avenue, according to a Phoenix fire spokesman. Fire and emergency crews isolated the immediate area and confirmed that the gas did not reach explosive or dangerous levels of concentration. Light Rail's line on Central Avenue and Washington Street, which runs westbound, was shut down from Culver Street to 11th Street, a Valley Metro spokeswoman said. Service also ran slower than normal due to the gas leak, but Metro Light Rail reopened both lines and resumed its normal service at about 12:45 p.m. Source: <http://www.azcentral.com/news/articles/2010/11/09/20101109downtown-phoenix-gas-leak-abrk.html>

26. *November 9, WLBT 3 Jackson* – (Mississippi) **Phony debt collector scam warning.** A warning for consumers from Mississippi's Attorney General's Office about phony debt collectors: A number of people have reported receiving threatening phone calls, accusing them of defaulting on payday loans. The attorney general warned the scammers have the victims' Social Security numbers, old bank account numbers, and other personal information. They tell people they will be arrested if they do not pay up immediately. "We've had over 150 calls in the past 4 weeks for individuals stating that they've had this same scam call. In fact, one lady lost \$1,300 by giving them her bank account information. So that's what they're fishing for," the attorney general said. Source: <http://www.wlbt.com/Global/story.asp?S=13474897>

27. *November 9, KUSA 9 Denver* – (Colorado) **2 men, 2 women sought in 4 bank robberies.** The FBI Rocky Mountain Safe Streets Task Force is releasing surveillance pictures of bank robbers in three Denver, Colorado-area bank heists November 8, and a fourth November 5. In the first robbery November 5 just after 5 p.m. at Bank of the West on West Hampden Avenue near South Sheridan Boulevard in Englewood, a man showed the teller a demand note. On November 8, a white man went into the Wells Fargo Bank on East Hampden Avenue near South Tamarac Drive in Denver and showed a stun gun as he demanded money. Later that day, a woman went into the U.S.

Bank on S. Monaco Street near East Hampden Ave. and got away with money after showing a demand note. And shortly after that, a different woman used a handgun to rob the 1stBank on East 104th Avenue near Colorado Boulevard in Thornton.

Source: <http://www.9news.com/news/local/article.aspx?storyid=162610&catid=346>

28. *November 9, Gresham Outlook* – (Oregon) **FBI investigating three East County bank robberies.** Gresham, Oregon, police and the FBI are investigating a series of three bank robberies, the most recent November 9. The first robbery took place at 9:50 a.m. November 6, at the U S Bank at 300 E. Powell Blvd. in Gresham. A lone suspect entered the bank, demanded cash from a teller, and fled. Three robbers then hit the Wells Fargo Bank at 2501 S.W. Cherry Park Road in Troutdale at 11:45 a.m. November 6. The suspects approached bank tellers, demanded money, and fled. Between the two robberies, an attempt was made to rob the Bank of the West at 825 N.E. Hogan Drive at 11:30 a.m., said a sergeant with the Gresham Police Department. But the robbers did not realize that only the drive-through was open. So when they tried to open the bank's doors, they were locked. A third robbery took place at the West Coast Bank at 473 N.W. Burnside Road in Gresham at 10:36 a.m. November 9. The suspect is described as a Caucasian female who fled the scene before police arrived. Source: [http://portlandtribune.com/news/story.php?story\\_id=128933547473758900](http://portlandtribune.com/news/story.php?story_id=128933547473758900)

29. *November 8, Bank Info Security* – (International) **New, improved Trojans target banks.** Security researchers are warning financial institutions about the Qakbot Trojan, a rare kind of malware that is allegedly infiltrating large banks and other global financial institutions. It is unlike other types of malware because it has the ability to spread like a worm, but still infect users like a Trojan. Named for its primary executable file, \_qakbot.dll, the Trojan is not new, but its qualities and difference in attack set it head and shoulders above other more well-known Trojans, such as Zeus, in that it can infect multiple computers at a time. It is the only Trojan known to exclusively target U.S. banks, said an RSA security researcher. The more well-known Trojans and their variants, Zeus and Spyeye, are all available for sale on the black market, said the researcher who is head of new technologies, consumer identity protection at RSA, the security division of EMC. First discovered by Symantec in 2007, Qakbot is likely being run by one group. It is likely an organized crime group developed it, focusing on their own specific methods, and tailored the Trojan to a specific segment — large banks and their commercial customers. Source: [http://www.bankinfosecurity.com/articles.php?art\\_id=3075](http://www.bankinfosecurity.com/articles.php?art_id=3075)

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## **Transportation Sector**

30. *November 10, CNN* – (International) **Scotland Yard: Cartridge bomb might have exploded over Eastern US.** An explosive device found in a cargo plane in England last month probably would have exploded over the Eastern Seaboard of the United States if

it had not been discovered, Scotland Yard said November 10. The device was primed to explode about 6 hours after it was found, a senior U.S. counterterrorism source told CNN. Authorities in the United Arab Emirates and Britain found two explosives-laden packages sent from Yemen October 29 that were addressed to synagogues in Chicago, Illinois. Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula claimed responsibility last week for the plot. The devices, loaded with the powerful explosive PETN, were packed in computer printer toner cartridges and designed to be detonated by a cell phone, a source close to the investigation has said.

Source:

<http://www.cnn.com/2010/WORLD/europe/11/10/britain.cargo.explosives/index.html?hpt=T2>

31. *November 10, WFAA 8 Dallas-Fort Worth* – (Texas) **Hazardous materials spill closes northbound I-45 in Hutchins.** A hazardous material spill on Interstate 45 in Hutchins, Texas, closed all northbound lanes November 10. The spill happened about 7 a.m. near Dowdy Ferry Road when a large white drum fell off a vehicle. Hazmat crews wearing full-body suits were at the scene, along with several state troopers. It is unclear what was in the container.

Source: <http://www.wfaa.com/news/local/Hazardous-materials-spill-closes-northbound-I-45-in-Hutchins-107036478.html>

32. *November 9, Associated Press* – (Missouri; Colorado) **Radio talk hints at chaos after jet hit turbulence.** Pandemonium broke out aboard a Boeing 777 flight that was carrying 265 passengers and crew when it hit turbulence while flying at 34,000 feet over Missouri July 20, reveal recordings obtained recently by the Associated Press through a Freedom of Information Act request. Twenty-two people were injured in the incident. The plane was bound from Washington, D.C., to Los Angeles but diverted to Denver, Colorado so the injured could be treated. The recordings show the crew asked for and received permission from air traffic controllers to change course before the plane hit turbulence. It is not clear whether the plane did change course before hitting the turbulence. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) is investigating. Officials from the NTSB, the Federal Aviation Administration and United declined to comment, citing the ongoing investigation. The crew first told ground controllers about the turbulence 5 minutes after hitting it. The first mention of injuries came about 18 minutes after that. Turbulence researchers at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colorado, said radar maps show the plane flying on a straight line through the storm over Missouri, rather than changing course.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9JCSJAG0.htm>

33. *November 9, WCNC 36 Charlotte* – (North Carolina) **Rowan airport closed for explosive search.** The Rowan County Airport in Salisbury, North Carolina, closed November 9 as police investigated reports of an explosive in the area. Salisbury police said there was a possibility that there was an explosive in a vehicle located on Airport Road. Police said the vehicle is not at the airport or at the National Guard Armory; instead it is near those facilities. Police have restricted traffic access to the area during the investigation.

Source: <http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2010/11/09/1825251/rowan-airport-closed-for-explosive.html>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

34. *November 10, Leesburg Daily Commercial* – (Florida) **Police: Suspicious powder found in mail harmless.** The Clermont, Florida Police Department was evacuated for about 1 hour just after 2 p.m. November 9 after a man walked in the front door with an envelope full of a white powder. And although the powder turned out to be a substance used in some envelopes to prevent the two sides from sticking together, it caused quite a stir. According to a Clermont Police captain, a 70-year-old individual had just come from the Minneola Post Office after checking his box for mail. Before pulling his retirement check out of the envelope however, he noticed white powder falling out of it. The more he opened, the more powder he saw. That is when he placed the partially opened envelope into a plastic shopping bag and drove it to the police department. The captain said when the individual entered the station with the bag, the station was considered contaminated. The Clermont Fire Department was called to the scene and all emergency calls were routed to the Lake County Sheriff's office. Officers out on the road were told to stay on the road until further notice and the streets were closed off from 8th and 9th Streets to Montrose and DeSoto near the station. The individual and his car were checked for any possible effects of anthrax but, after two negative tests on the suspicious powder, were cleared from danger. Police personnel were allowed back into their building at around 3:30 p.m. and the roads were reopened to the public.

Source: <http://www.dailycommercial.com/localnews/story/111010anthraxscare>

35. *November 9, Lower Hudson Journal News* – (New York) **Suspicious envelope prompts evacuation of Elmsford offices.** The corporate offices of Town Sports International, the company that owns and operates New York Sports Clubs, was evacuated this morning after receiving a suspicious envelope, Greenburgh police said. The office at 399 Executive Blvd. called police at 11:15 a.m. after receiving a white business-sized envelope addressed there. Four employees made contact with the letter after it was delivered at 10 a.m., including a woman who touched an unknown white powdery substance along the folding ridge line of the letter. She reported skin irritation and itching. More than 70 people were evacuated from the first floor of the building. The Greenburgh and Fairview Fire Department's joint Hazmat-Tech Rescue Team was assisted by the Westchester County police bomb squad, the county Department of Emergency Services and Hazmat team, the county Office of Emergency Management, the state police Joint Terrorist Task Force, the FBI, and the Elmsford Volunteer Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services. A mobile decontamination station was set up to treat the four employees and one postal worker. The letter containing the unknown substance was removed from the scene and transported to the county lab for further testing.

Source: <http://www.lohud.com/article/20101109/NEWS02/11090373/-1/newsfront/Suspicious-envelope-prompts-evacuation-of-Elmsford-offices>

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

36. *November 10, Columbus Dispatch* – (Ohio) **Train hits herd, killing 20 cows.** A 6,700-foot-long freight train killed about 20 cattle early November 9 when it ran into a wandering herd in Clark County, Ohio. The sheriff's office said the train was traveling at 38 mph when it struck the livestock at about 6 a.m., past the South Buena Vista Road crossing. The engineer saw the cattle on the tracks but could not stop the 122-car train in time. "An average freight train requires more than a mile to come to a complete stop," said a spokesman for Norfolk Southern Railroad. The train, which carried various types of cargo but no hazardous materials, rolled about 1 mile before stopping just past the Plattsburg railway crossing at Rt. 54. There, it sat with a broken engine, blocking traffic, until workers finished repairs about 3 hours later. Police have not determined the cost of the damage or how the cattle, which came from a nearby farm, got onto the tracks. No railroad employees were hurt.

Source: [http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/local\\_news/stories/2010/11/10/train-hits-herd-killing-20-cows.html?sid=101](http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/local_news/stories/2010/11/10/train-hits-herd-killing-20-cows.html?sid=101)

37. *November 10, Associated Press* – (National) **USDA plan could partially lift sugar beet ban.** Federal agriculture officials have released a plan to let farmers plant genetically modified sugar beets while a lawsuit over them is resolved, but farmers fear a partial lifting of a court-ordered ban will not come in time for 2011's crop. A federal judge in California issued an order the summer of 2010, halting the planting of genetically modified sugar beets until the U.S. Department of Agriculture completes an environmental impact study on how the beets could affect conventional crops. The ruling had a widespread effect since nearly all the nation's sugar beet farmers had converted to genetically modified seed. Half of the nation's sugar comes from sugar beets, and 95 percent of them are grown using so-called Roundup Ready seed produced by St. Louis-based Monsanto Co. The seeds are engineered to withstand the weed killer Roundup, allowing farmers to reduce the use of other chemicals and limit tilling, which kills weeds but can contribute to erosion.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jeXCGKLkg2YtQtBkl5X3DsoJ235A?docId=81e756ee7866466f84a6f2ede93880ee>

38. *November 10, WKBW 7 Buffalo* – (New York) **Rescue attempt turns fatal at Southern Tier dairy farm.** A 27-year-old man has died after attempting to rescue a co-worker who had become overwhelmed by methane gas at a southern tier dairy farm in Freedom, New York. State police said a 46-year-old was attempting to clear a blockage in a manure spreader and become overwhelmed by methane fumes. At that time, the 27-year-old entered the tanker to assist the other man and was also overcome by fumes. Both men were extracted from the tanker by several workers. The 46-year-



old was transported to ECMC where he remains in critical condition, while the 27-year-old was taken to Bertrand Chaffee Hospital in Springville where he was pronounced dead. State police are continuing to investigate the incident.

Source: <http://www.wkbw.com/news/local/Rescue-Attempt-Turns-Fatal-at-Southern-Tier-Dairy-Farm-107031148.html>

39. *November 10, USA Today* – (National) **Stink bug numbers ‘explode’ along East Coast.** During the summer of 2010 as the first, major population explosion of a new, invasive insect hit the middle Atlantic region, researchers at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) were busily trying to find a natural enemy to fight the brown marmorated stink bugs. Newly-arrived alien insects often survive under the radar for years before their population suddenly reaches a point where they “explode,” said the research leader at USDA’s Beneficial Insects Introduction Research Unit in Newark, Delaware. This variety of stink bug is originally from Asia and was first seen in the United States in 1998 in Pennsylvania. It has now been detected in New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia, and Virginia. Limited populations also have been detected in Mississippi, Ohio, Oregon, and California. The bugs suck the juice out of corn, fruits, and other crops, making them unsalable.  
Source: [http://www.usatoday.com/tech/science/2010-11-10-stink-bugs\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/tech/science/2010-11-10-stink-bugs_N.htm)
40. *November 9, CNN* – (National) **Oil traces found in Gulf food chain, scientists say.** A “shadow” of oil from the Deepwater Horizon spill is in the Gulf of Mexico’s food chain, scientists at Alabama’s Dauphin Island Sea Lab have found. But that is not necessarily a bad thing. “Signatures” of oil carbon turned up in zooplankton, animals such as fish larvae and microscopic crustaceans that form the base of the food chain, said the lead author of a study published the week of November 8. Plankton is consumed by other organisms, such as crabs, mussels, oysters, and shrimp, which are in turn consumed by humans and other species. Scientists tracked a particular isotope of carbon identified with oil and found it turned up in zooplankton. The study concludes that oil was consumed by microbes, or oil-eating bacteria, which were then consumed by micro-organisms in the plankton food web. “What we found was that the system works. It doesn’t mean everything is OK and it doesn’t mean that there isn’t anything out there that isn’t toxic. It just explains that the ecosystem is working to process this oil as if it were food,” the author said.  
Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2010/US/11/09/gulf.spill.food.chain/>
41. *November 9, Wenatchee World* – (Washington) **Tons of grain spilled as train cars derail.** Five cars on a Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (BNSF) train derailed about 6 p.m. November 8, spilling about 5 tons of grain into the Apple Yard in south Wenatchee, Washington. The derailment did not interrupt the main line, a BNSF spokesman said. The cause of the derailment was under investigation. Initially, four cars in the middle of a westbound train derailed. They remained upright but caused another grain car on an adjacent track to derail. That car then scrapped a locomotive but the locomotive did not derail. The train that initially derailed was traveling at less than 10 mph when the accident occurred, the spokesman said. All five cars were back on the rails by 7 a.m. November 9. Crews were disposing of the spilled grain.

Source: <http://www.wenatcheeworld.com/news/2010/nov/09/tons-of-grain-spilled-as-train-cars-derail/>

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## **Water Sector**

42. *November 10, South Maryland News* – (Maryland) **Sewage flows into marsh.** A power failure November 8 sent hundreds of thousands of gallons of partially treated sewage into a marsh that runs directly into the Chesapeake Bay, the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission reported November 9 in Maryland. Power was disrupted from about 2:45 to 4 p.m. November 8 and in that time, the pumping stations and chlorinators failed at the Marlay-Taylor Water Reclamation Facility, the county's main treatment plant in Lexington Park. During that time, 213,500 gallons of treated, but not chlorinated, wastewater flowed into Pine Hill Run, a shallow marsh not used by watermen or swimmers. The sewage had been treated for nitrogen and phosphorus removal, but its fecal bacteria were not yet killed. The backup generator had not been working properly, said the MetCom facilities manager, so a rental unit was brought in. "We had a failure of that too," he said. The plant treats about 4 million gallons of water per day and its treated effluent is sent out in a pipe directly into the Chesapeake. Source: [http://www.somdnews.com/stories/11102010/entetop161337\\_32303.shtml](http://www.somdnews.com/stories/11102010/entetop161337_32303.shtml)

43. *November 9, Des Moines Register* – (Iowa) **Wastewater flows onto Kenyon Avenue.** Untreated wastewater briefly flowed out of a manhole on Des Moines' southeast side November 9, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reported. An unknown amount of the wastewater reached Easter Lake. A plugged sanitary sewer caused the discharge in the 1800 block of Kenyon Avenue, which was reported at about 2:45 p.m. The Des Moines Public Works Department had it fixed by 3:45. The discharge was estimated at about 5 gallons per minute. The DNR asked residents to keep children and pets away from the flow area on Kenyon Avenue for 24 to 48 hours. Source: <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20101110/NEWS/101109036/-1/OPINION02/Wastewater-flows-onto-Kenyon-Avenue>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

44. *November 9, Santa Cruz Sentinel* – (California) **Electricity out at Watsonville Community Hospital for more than a day; generators power essential services.** Watsonville Community Hospital in Santa Cruz, California was without its usual electrical power from about 12 p.m. November 8 to 6 p.m. November 9, hospital officials said. A problem with the electrical system in the building caused the outage, but the hospital has two generators which kicked-in and powered operations, said the hospital's board chairman. "Nothing came to a halt," he said. "Actually, the hospital is pretty good in that either generator can run the hospital." At least one problem was not

solved by the generators, though, as the overhead lights in patients' rooms on the third floor remained dark. Hospital staff brought in stand-up lanterns for a temporary fix, he said. However, some non-essential services did stop operating, a hospital employee said. The hospital was without television or hot food for a day and a half.

Source: [http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/ci\\_16568982?source=most\\_viewed](http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/ci_16568982?source=most_viewed)

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

45. *November 10, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **Fire destroys classrooms at Lidgerwood, N.D., school.** A fire November 9 at the K-12 school in Lidgerwood, North Dakota, destroyed at least two classrooms and caused extensive smoke damage to the first floor of the building. The school was hosting a regional volleyball tournament, and fans, students, and players were evacuated from the gymnasium. Officials estimated that more than 100 people were in the building. No injuries were reported. Firefighters from Hankinson and Lidgerwood battled the blaze for more than an hour. The cause was not immediately determined. The school's principal said students likely will be sent to another school for classes during cleanup and repairs.  
Source: <http://www.grandforksherald.com/event/article/id/182888/group/homepage/>
46. *November 10, Daily of the University of Washington* – (National; International) **Campus watch.** After gunfire on the Texas-Mexico border in Matamoros, Mexico, came in contact with parts of the University of Texas-Brownsville (UTB) campus November 5, students, faculty, and staff were evacuated and classes and activities were canceled, CNN reported. The shooting killed at least 55 people in Matamoros, according to a statement released by the Mexican Navy. Students expressed disbelief when they heard the gunshots. "I was shocked that this could happen so close to campus," a junior, who heard the shots from the soccer field, said to the Brownsville Herald. "I don't think the other (out-of-state) teams realized how close we were to the border, what we are dealing with down here." Although violence has been spilling across the Mexican border into Texas, students said they still felt safe going back to campus November 8 after the evacuation and cancellation.  
Source: <http://dailyuw.com/2010/11/10/campus-watch/>
47. *November 10, ABC News Radio* – (Florida) **Hundreds of Florida schools on lockdown after threat.** Hundreds of schools in Broward County, Florida, were on lockdown November 10 after a threat of a shooting. A captain with the Pembroke Pines Police Department said police initially received information from a local radio station indicating a woman had called the station to say her husband was going to show up at a school in Pembroke Pines and start shooting. Subsequently, an e-mail threat was sent but it is not clear to whom. The FBI was contacted.  
Source: <http://www.670kboi.com/rssItem.asp?feedid=118&itemid=29596351>
48. *November 9, Associated Press* – (Missouri) **Fire burns 1,500 acres of woods, grassland at Missouri's sprawling Fort Leonard Wood.** Officials at southern

Missouri's Fort Leonard Wood said a fire that broke out November 7 has consumed about 1,500 acres of woods and grassland. The fire was still burning in several small spots November 9 on the sprawling Army post. But a Leonard Wood fire chief said it is well under control. No structural damage or injuries have been reported. About 60 personnel were fighting the fire November 9. Much of Missouri remains extremely dry and windy, especially southern portions of the state.

Source: <http://www.kspr.com/news/local/sns-ap-mo--armypost-fire,0,6907929.story>

49. *November 9, Peoria Journal Star* – (Illinois) **Latest bomb threat evacuation ends at WIU.** For the fourth time in just over 2 weeks, Western Illinois University students were evacuated from a school residence hall November 9 for a bomb threat. The threat was called in at about 3:30 p.m. and this time involved Thompson Hall. About 1,029 students who live in the building were allowed back in just after 5 p.m. Campus police conducted a search of the building prior to the reopening. The first threat, directed at Tanner Hall October 25, resulted in the arrest of an 18-year-old from Chicago on a felony disorderly conduct charge. The other two threats were called in November 4 and 5 and also involved Tanner Hall. School officials said November 9 it is believed the threats are “a prank by the same individual.” A reward is being offered for information leading to an arrest.

Source: <http://www.pjstar.com/news/x647557390/Another-bomb-threat-reported-at-WIU>

50. *November 9, Goshen News* – (Indiana) **Goshen's fiber network to get a broadband boost.** Goshen, Indiana's Board of Public Works and Safety approved a measure to upgrade the city's data service agreement with the Goshen Fiber Network from a bandwidth of 3 Megabits/second to 6 Megabits/second, or approximately four times the bandwidth of a T1 line. The change comes after a long process started when the Goshen Police Department's (GPD) fiber connection to the former county jail on Third Street was accidentally cut during work there. The GPD chief said the department knew it would not have access to the connection — which it used to access the 911 call center and other services — for much longer, but expected more time to determine how it would obtain service. It has been using the city's Internet connection, with the 3 Megabit cap, since the disruption. The chief said the Goshen human resources director has been working with the department for months, even working with other departments to reduce Internet usage. It was eventually determined the upgrade in service would be the only complete solution. The completion date is May 15, 2011.

Source: <http://www.tmcnet.com/usubmit/2010/11/09/5127256.htm>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

51. *November 10, Nashville Tennessean* – (Tennessee ) **Metro expands emergency notification.** The mayor of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson

Country, Tennessee, announced November 9 that Metro is now able to notify the public during emergencies via the Emergency Alert System, a network of broadcast stations. Before this, only the National Weather Service could issue the alerts that are heard on radio and seen on television. A combined effort of Metro's Office of Emergency Management, Clear Channel Radio, and Tennessee Association of Broadcasters has "significantly improved our ability to deliver alerts and warnings immediately as a local civil authority that can help prevent the loss of lives and property," he said. The emergency management office will send out an alert by sending a coded message to Clear Channel Radio's WSIX, the local primary alert station. The station will then relay the message to all area AM/FM radio stations, as well as television stations. Metro also will be able to send out warnings about non-weather-related emergencies.

Source: <http://www.tennessean.com/article/20101110/NEWS01/11100386/Metro-expands-emergency-notification>

52. *November 10, Indianapolis Star* – (Indiana) **Firefighter is injured when hose explodes.** An Indianapolis firefighter was seriously injured November 9 when a high-pressure hose exploded while he was setting up a training exercise on the Eastside. The man was in stable condition at St. Vincent Hospital after the 1:35 p.m. accident at an Indianapolis Fire Department training facility near 16th Street and Arlington Avenue, a captain said. The man was preparing for a training exercise by filling a hose with air instead of water when the system exploded in his right hand.

Source: <http://www.indystar.com/article/20101110/LOCAL1803/11100378/Firefighter-is-injured-when-hose-explodes?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|Communities>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

53. *November 10, Computerworld* – (International) **Microsoft forgets to patch Mac Office 2004, 2008.** Microsoft November 9 revealed four vulnerabilities in the Mac version of its Office suite, but then failed to produce patches for the 2004 and 2008 editions. Office for Mac 2011, which launched October 26, was the only version updated as part of Microsoft's monthly Patch November 9. Microsoft did not explain the omission of Office for Mac 2004 and Office for Mac 2008 patches, or say when it would ship updates for those editions. According to that bulletin, Office for Mac contains four vulnerabilities, all rated "important," the second-highest threat ranking in Microsoft's four-step scoring system. Microsoft confirmed that each bug could be used by attackers to infect a Mac with malware by labeling them with the phrase "remote code execution." Along with a fifth bug, the same four flaws were patched November 9 in all still-supported versions of Office for Windows.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9195819/Microsoft\\_forgets\\_to\\_patch\\_Mac\\_Office\\_2004\\_2008](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9195819/Microsoft_forgets_to_patch_Mac_Office_2004_2008)

54. *November 10, Network World* – (International) **Google SERP's show malicious URL links.** Cybercrooks continue to abuse the Web, boosting their ability to produce search engine optimization (SEO) poisoning so individuals using search engines such as Google increasingly are ending up with choices that are dangerous malware-laden URL links on the Search Engine Results Page (SERP). Some 22.4 percent of Google searches done since June 2010 produced malicious URLs, typically leading to fake antivirus sites or malware-laden downloads as part of the top 100 search results, according to the Websense 2010 Threat Report published November 9. That is in comparison to 13.7 percent of Google searches having that outcome in the latter half of 2009, said the Websense senior manager of security research. The rising level of SEO poisoning, also known as “Black Hat SEO,” shows that cybercriminals “are fine-tuning their activities and getting better at this,” he said, adding that although search engines such as Google work hard to try and stymie the Black Hat SEO effect, the trend is evident. The irony is that when it comes to getting infected by malware, the chances of that are now less risky at porn and adult content sites, historically viewed as a high source of malware (now at 21.8 percent) than just searching for less scandalous topics, such as news, IT, and entertainment.

Source: <http://news.techworld.com/security/3248172/>

55. *November 9, DarkReading* – (International) **Researchers see real-time phishing jump.** Real-time phishing attacks that cheat two-factor authentication are on the rise around the globe as phishers adapt to the latest barriers put in their way, according to a team of researchers. Researchers at Trusteer November 9 said 30 percent of all attacks during the past two-and-a-half months against Web sites using two-factor authentication have been real-time, man-in-the-middle (MITM) methods that allow attackers to bypass this stronger authentication. The data comes from a sampling of thousands of phishing attacks. Phishing attacks typically are static, so they are mostly rendered powerless when a bank uses two-factor authentication, such as one-time passwords. That is because the attacker may be able to capture the first level of credentials, but they are not able to easily capture and use OTPs, which quickly expire. So phishers are adapting their attacks to find ways around stronger authentication, and security experts said it was only a matter of time until they routinely started cheating banks and other transactional sites' two-factor authentication. This type of real-time MITM attack has been isolated and rare thus far, experts said. Trusteer researchers have spotted these attacks in South Africa, Europe, and now in the United States, the firm's CEO said. And while these attacks are not a new concept, this is the first time his team has seen them in such high numbers, he said.

Source:

<http://www.darkreading.com/authentication/security/attacks/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=228200550>

56. *November 9, CNET News* – (International) **FBI probes 4chan's 'Anonymous' DDoS attacks.** The FBI has launched an investigation into an online protest that allegedly took down numerous Web sites belonging to antipiracy and entertainment groups, as well as the U.S. Copyright Office, a source with knowledge of the probe told CNET November 9. Over the past 2 months, a group calling itself “Anonymous,” with links to



the 4chan Web forum and image board, has launched distributed denial-of-service attacks (DDoS) against Web sites operated by the Motion Picture Association of America, the Recording Industry Association of America, Hustler magazine, rocker Gene Simmons, the British Phonographic Industry, and other similar groups in France, Australia, Spain, and elsewhere.

Source: [http://news.cnet.com/8301-31001\\_3-20022264-261.html](http://news.cnet.com/8301-31001_3-20022264-261.html)

57. *November 9, Computerworld* – (International) **Microsoft patches critical Outlook drive-by bug.** Microsoft November 9 patched 11 vulnerabilities, including one in Office that hackers will quickly exploit to launch drive-by attacks, security experts said. As expected, Microsoft did not ship a fix for the flaw in Internet Explorer (IE) that criminals are using to hijack Windows PCs. Of the 11 flaws addressed in three separate updates, only one was pegged as “critical,” Microsoft’s top ranking in its four-step scoring system. The remaining 10 were all marked “important,” the second-highest rating. “The one that gives me the heebie-jeebies this month is the Office update,” said the director of security operations at nCircle Security. “The RTF vulnerability can be triggered simply by viewing a message in Outlook, so all you have to do is receive a [malicious] message. Then the game is over.” He was referring to MS10-087, a five-patch update for Office XP, 2003, 2007 and 2010 on Windows, and Office for Mac 2004, 2008 and 2011. The only critical bug this month is in the RTF (rich text format) parser within Outlook, the e-mail client packaged with Office. “The vulnerability could be exploited when the specially crafted RTF e-mail message is previewed or opened in Outlook,” Microsoft’s advisory stated. Both Office 2007 and Office 2010, Microsoft’s two newest suites, can be exploited using drive-by attacks launched against Outlook. Today’s patch was the first critical update for Office 2010, which launched only in June 2010.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9195719/Microsoft\\_patches\\_critical\\_Outlook\\_drive\\_by\\_bug](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9195719/Microsoft_patches_critical_Outlook_drive_by_bug)

58. *November 9, Computerworld* – (International) **Researchers sound alarm over critical Mac OS X bug.** Security researchers November 9 warned that Apple’s OS X contains a critical vulnerability that attackers could use to hijack Macs running the older Leopard version of the operating system. Although Leopard was supplanted by the new Snow Leopard operating system more than 1 year ago, the older version still accounts for about a third of all installations of Mac OS X. The bug is a variation of one Apple patched last August in iOS. The flaw was used to “jailbreak” iOS 4 devices, and it could also be exploited to plant malware or commandeer an iPhone, iPad, or iPod Touch. According to Core Security Technologies, which issued an advisory November 8, Apple has wrapped up work on a patch.

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[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9195680/Researchers\\_sound\\_alarm\\_over\\_critical\\_Mac\\_OS\\_X\\_bug](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9195680/Researchers_sound_alarm_over_critical_Mac_OS_X_bug)

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### Communications Sector

59. *November 9, Port Huron Times-Herald* – (Michigan) **Phone service working.** Phone issues reported November 9 have been resolved in Port Huron, Michigan. The Marysville fire chief said phones throughout the city were down. He said the outage was caused by a cut in a fiber line run by telephone service provider PAETEC. Repairs were made and service has been restored, Marysville Fire Department officials said. A spokesman for the St. Clair County Community College, said the campus also was without landlines. As of 4:25 p.m., landlines were working again on campus.  
Source: <http://www.thetimesherald.com/article/20101109/NEWS05/101109008/Phone-service-working>
60. *November 9, Tuscaloosa News* – (Alabama) **Comcast services out for about 15 hours in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.** An equipment failure led to the loss of high-definition television, Internet, and phone services for Comcast customers in Tuscaloosa and Northport, Alabama for about 15 hours. The outage was first reported to Comcast officials about 8 p.m. November 7, said the senior director for government affairs for Comcast's Southern region. The director said services had been restored to most households by 11:30 a.m. November 8, but the evening of November 8, some households reported still being without Internet service. "At this point, it appears that a piece of electronic data transport gear may have failed, but we have now restored services through a back-up link," she said. On the morning of November 8, Comcast technicians were relying on a back-up temporary measure to restore services. She said she was unsure when a permanent fix would be in place. Officials with the cities of Northport and Tuscaloosa said the Internet loss did not affect city operations, as both city halls rely on other providers for Internet access.  
Source:  
<http://www.tuscaloosaneews.com/article/20101109/NEWS/101109616/1007/news02?Title=Comcast-services-out-for-about-15-hours&tc=ar>

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### Commercial Facilities Sector

61. *November 9, ARLnow.com* – (Virginia) **Fire forces evacuation of Rosslyn office building.** An office building on the 1500 block of Wilson Boulevard in Arlington,

Virginia was evacuated around 12:15 p.m. November 9 after smoke started pouring from a shaft in the building's parking garage. Firefighters quickly extinguished the small blaze by spraying water from a grate above the garage. The fire forced the evacuation of at least one building. It also snarled traffic on Wilson Boulevard, where fire trucks completely blocked the road, bringing cars to a standstill.

Source: <http://www.arlnow.com/2010/11/09/fire-forces-evacuation-of-rosslyn-office-building/>

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

62. *November 9, Santa Barbara Independent* – (California) **Workers stumble upon meth lab dumping ground.** Donning protective equipment, sheriff's narcotics detectives responded November 4 to a construction site in the Los Padres National Forest in California after workers discovered what appeared to be a methamphetamine byproduct dump. The collection of highly dangerous hazardous waste — leftover from the meth manufacturing process and oftentimes taking the form of solidified chemicals — was found in the area of Paradise Road and Manzanita Street near the Fremont Campground. A sheriff's spokesperson said the site was probably used to make several pounds of meth over the last few years, and that the waste appears to have been left there in the last 12 months. A county fire department haz-mat representative helped detectives transport the materials to a secure off-site facility.

Source: <http://www.independent.com/news/2010/nov/09/workers-stumble-upon-meth-lab-dumping-ground/>

63. *November 9, Harrisburg Daily Register* – (Illinois) **Shawnee National Forest fighting Jackson County fire.** Shawnee National Forest firefighters were battling the Grassy Knob fire in southwestern Jackson County, Illinois November 9. The fire was estimated at 80 to 100 acres and is burning downed trees from May 8, 2009, storm damage. The site is made up of steep, rocky terrain. Firefighters were taken off the fire through the night because of safety issues related to terrain. Current resources include 20 firefighters and a water tender from the Murphysboro, Pamona, Somerset Fire District. Additional resources expected to join the effort November 9 included a helicopter, a 20-person hotshot crew, and three engines. The cause of the fire is under investigation. A closure order for the fire area was issued by the forest supervisor, requiring the public to stay out of the area because of safety concerns. Fire personnel and emergency vehicles will be in the area and will need unencumbered access to the fire.

Source: <http://www.dailyregister.com/newsnow/x115984215/Shawnee-National-Forest-fighting-Jackson-County-fire>

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## **Dams Sector**

64. *November 10, Worcester Telegram and Gazette* – (Massachusetts) **Horse Pond Dam project in limbo.** The \$1.24 million repair of the Horse Pond Dam in North Brookfield, Massachusetts, should be well under way by now. The projected completion date is the end of December, but there is no certainty the project will even be started by this time next year — unless, of course, the town decides to go it alone, without more than a half-million dollars in federal grant assistance. The Water Department superintendent noted: “The federal government ran out of money and the project wasn’t funded.” Rural Development officials said North Brookfield was not alone in seeing a project moved to the back burner. The Rural director of Business and Cooperative Programs said for fiscal 2010 the program had \$100 million in applications, of which \$11 million were funded. “The remaining 90 percent were rolled over,” he said. The Rural public affairs specialist said North Brookfield’s project had been competing nationally for stimulus package money. The department of conservation and recreation’s office of dam safety has already issued a consent order to the town, mandating the comprehensive inspection with repairs and improvements completed by January 31. The required work included replacing the existing broken concrete spillway; replacing a rusted, inoperative, low-level outlet valve with an aluminum outlet valve; installing a drain to control seepage from the base of the dam; adding concrete and rip-rap to buttress the concrete-core earthen dam; and removing trees from the top of the dam.

Source: <http://www.telegram.com/article/20101110/NEWS/11100376/1101/local>

65. *November 10, Albany Democrat-Herald* – (Oregon) **Officials respond to flooding risk.** There is a slightly higher chance of flooding in the Willamette Valley in Oregon this coming winter, and mid-valley officials want people to be ready. In conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Linn and Benton County emergency officials will spend November 12 and 13 going over precautions. A seminar in flood fighting has been organized for November 12 at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library for local government officials and public works, road, and fire departments. The next morning, a class on the same subject will be held for emergency volunteers and team leaders at the Linn County Fair & Expo Center. The volunteers will get tips on other ways to ward off high water using materials such as plywood and plastic sheeting. In October, the Corps notified the public it expects to lose about 15 percent of the flood control capacity at some of the 13 dams in the Willamette Valley because of repairs needed at spillway gates. The emergency preparedness coordinator at the Linn County Sheriff’s Office said a major flood would present a big risk, but its probability remains low. Still, he said of the preparations, “If we don’t do it and we have a flood, we’ve got a bigger problem.” He has invited the roughly 50 members of CERT, the Community Emergency Response Team, to the November 13 training. The Corps said about 38 spillway gates need attention. Work is underway at Dexter, Lookout Point, Fall Creek, and Hills Creek. No work is planned for Fern Ridge or Detroit at this time. At Foster, the structural work has been completed. Cottage Grove and Dorena dams do not have gates.

Source: [http://www.democratherald.com/news/local/article\\_5b7e837e-ec92-11df-88db-001cc4c03286.html](http://www.democratherald.com/news/local/article_5b7e837e-ec92-11df-88db-001cc4c03286.html)

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