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Current Nationwide Threat Level

ELEVATED



Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks

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- WTKR 3 Norfolk reports 12 bridges in Chesapeake, Virginia are in such need of repair that fire trucks and emergency vehicles cannot use them even in emergencies. (See item [43](#))
- A new report predicted that state-sponsored hacking in Stuxnet-like attacks, man-in-the-browser attacks, and insider attacks are among the key cyber threats facing organizations in 2011, according to v3.co.uk. (See item [51](#))

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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 16, Zanesville Times Recorder* – (Ohio) **Three counties affected by power outage near Roseville, Ohio.** American Electric Power (AEP) customers in parts of three counties lost power November 15 after an electrical line was shot down near Roseville, Ohio. The outage, which occurred around 9 a.m. when someone shot at insulators on utility poles near the Roseville Substation, affected 4,030 customers scattered among Morgan, Muskingum, and Perry counties. Power was restored to all but about 900 customers in the Roseville area by early evening, an AEP Spokeswoman

said. Most customers, with the exception of those in the Roseville area, were back in service by 11 a.m. The spokeswoman said the shooting caused a live transmission line to hit the ground, which in turn caused a circuit breaker to blow out at the Crooksville Substation. The line was about a mile to a mile and a half from Ohio 93 in the Avondale State Wildlife Area.

Source: <http://www.zanesvilletimesrecorder.com/article/20101116/NEWS01/11160325>

2. *November 16, KOMO 4 Seattle* – (Washington) **Thousands still without power after powerful storm batters region.** Thousands of people were still in the dark November 16, hours after heavy winds battered Western Washington. November 15's storm brought wind gusts as high as 60 mph in some places, cutting power to more than 150,000 customers across the region. Several school districts were forced to cancel or delay the start of classes because their buildings were still without power. By 7:30 a.m., Seattle City Light said it had about 1,300 customers still without power and hoped to have all service restored by noon. Tacoma Power reported 20,000 still without power and expected all customers to be back online November 16. Snohomish PUD said 7,500 customers without power were scattered throughout the county, and 19 line crews were out working to restore service. About 76,000 Puget Sound Energy customers are still without power, and the utility said it may be November 18 before all customers have power again.

Source: <http://www.komonews.com/news/local/108423689.html>

3. *November 16, WDRB 41 Louisville* – (Kentucky) **Transformer explosion knocks out power.** It may have been a squirrel that caused a power outage November 16, affecting about 5,800 homes and businesses. LG&E said an animal, possibly a squirrel, got onto one of the transformers at a substation at East Madison Street in downtown Louisville, Kentucky around 2:15 a.m. Crews were also working at a transformer at South Clay and Muhammad Ali. The outage was restored at 2:45 a.m. LG&E said University Hospital was running on a generator until 3:30 a.m. November 16. The outage affected homes and businesses in downtown Louisville, Smoketown, and Germantown.

Source: <http://www.fox41.com/Global/story.asp?S=13509701>

4. *November 16, Bloomberg* – (Texas) **BP Texas refinery had equipment failure, Galveston news says.** BP Plc's Texas City, Texas, refinery had a piece of equipment fail November 15 as workers were performing maintenance on a sour water compressor, according to an article in the Galveston County Daily News. The equipment failure may have caused a leak of hydrogen sulfide, the newspaper said, citing a BP spokesman and the director of homeland security for Texas City. The sour water compressor is associated with the refinery's Power 2 unit, the newspaper said, citing the company spokesman. There was a brief "shelter-in-place" within the refinery for areas downwind of the leak, the newspaper reported, citing the BP spokesman.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2010-11-16/bp-texas-refinery-had-equipment-failure-galveston-news-says.html>

5. *November 16, Ozarks First* – (Missouri) **Missourians asked to help locate overlooked coal mines.** The Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is seeking maps of

old coal mines. It is expanding its database of abandoned underground coal mines and hoping to protect citizens. The project is being funded by the Department of the Interior's Office of Surfacing Mining. DNR is investigating, collecting, and scanning maps of thousands of underground coal mines in the coal region. An electronic file is also being sent to Pennsylvania to be part of the National Mine Map Repository. DNR said safety issues are the greatest concern because mines can collapse at the ground surface and damage homes and buildings, roads, and other infrastructure. According to the department, some mines were small, family operations whose maps may be passed down to family members. Others may reside in county courthouses, libraries, historical societies, and at other locations throughout the state.

Source: http://ozarksfirst.com/fulltext?nxd_id=355986

6. *November 15, KENS 5 San Antonio* – (Texas) **Gas well blowout in Frio County sends plumes of water into air.** A natural gas well blew out November 14 in Frio County, Texas sending plumes of water gushing into the air. A hazardous materials crew was monitoring the smelly situation November 15. Officials are asking residents of a Pearsall mobile home park to voluntarily evacuate the area that sits about a quarter mile from the site. A nearby resident said she heard a big boom at about 9 p.m. November 14. Gas was escaping, but it is being tested and is non-hazardous, the Frio County sheriff said. The hazmat crew is working on stopping the flow and capping it, but there was no estimate on how long that might take. The incident closed a 3-mile stretch of lightly traveled FM 1581.

Source: <http://www.kens5.com/home/Well-blowout-in-Frio-County-sends-plume-of-oil-into-air-108193429.html>

7. *November 15, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* – (West Virginia; National) **MSHA threatens to seize Upper Big Branch mine.** Federal mine safety officials are threatening to seize the explosion-damaged Upper Big Branch coal mine in Montcoal, West Virginia, saying the mine's owner, Massey Energy, is impeding their investigation. Two sources with direct knowledge of the investigation said state, and federal investigators complain Massey officials have impeded the investigation. West Virginia, and federal Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) officials said the company has refused to cooperate in testing on the mine's long wall cutting machine. Accident investigators want to push water through the machine's dust suppressing spray system to see if it functions properly and had sufficient water pressure. The sprayers are designed to reduce explosive dust created when the machine shears the coal face. Massey officials have insisted they are not finished with their own internal investigation into the probe and that applying water to the machine would taint evidence. The standoff developed late the week of November 8 and MSHA gave the company until the end of November 15 to comply or the government would seek sanctions. A seizure order would give MSHA total control of the mine.

Source: http://www.tradingmarkets.com/news/stock-alert/mee_brief-msha-threatens-to-seize-upper-big-branch-mine-1310546.html

Chemical Industry Sector

8. *November 16, Dalton Daily Citizen* – (Georgia) **Plant briefly evacuated after chemical spill.** A cloud of dust caused by a small chemical spill led authorities to evacuate a plant and shut down streets in a half-mile radius around the Industrial Park plant in Dalton, Georgia. The November 15 mishap at Marktec — a company that manufactures countertop glues — occurred around 11:30 a.m., according to Whitfield 911. By 1 p.m. authorities had given an “all clear” and units from the Dalton fire and police departments began demobilizing. A spokesman said two people were taken to Hamilton Medical Center to be treated for skin irritation. Nearby Dalton Wrecker Service was evacuated briefly, he said. “The release was just a spill of a solid powder substance called polymethyl methacrylate,” he said. “When it was spilled it created a dust cloud that employees thought was smoke and they called it in as a fire. The spill was contained to the building.”
Source: <http://daltondailycitizen.com/local/x967716332/Plant-briefly-evacuated-after-chemical-spill>
9. *November 15, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Missouri) **HPI Products, Inc., related company and owner to pay \$150,000 in civil penalties for state, federal environmental violations.** HPI Products, Inc., of St. Joseph, Missouri, along with an affiliated property holding corporation and the owner of both companies, have agreed to pay \$150,000 in civil penalties, in addition to covering undetermined cleanup costs at six of their chemical processing and manufacturing facilities, to settle a series of alleged violations of state and federal environmental laws. HPI Products, a chemical and pesticide manufacturing company, and St. Joseph Properties, LLC, which owns most of HPI’s production and storage facilities, have agreed to pay \$62,500 to the United States, and \$62,500 to the State of Missouri to settle the civil claims, according to a consent decree lodged November 15 in U.S. District Court in Kansas City, Missouri.
Source:
<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/69D46BCCF714BCF6852577DC006A7566>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

10. *November 16, New London Day* – (Connecticut) **NRC cites Millstone for two violations in triennial fire inspection.** A 3-year fire inspection at Millstone Power Station in Waterford, Connecticut turned up two violations that owner Dominion is in the process of rectifying. Conducted September 22 by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), the inspection is a major review of firefighting plans and procedures in place to protect two operating reactors, Units 2 and 3. (Unit 1 is permanently shut down.) Such inspections are conducted at all of the 104 reactors in

the country. The two violations received by Millstone are of low safety significance and in the range of what has been identified at other plants in recent years, an NRC spokesman said. Nuclear fire brigades must comprise at least five available members on each shift, according to NRC requirements. Training requirements include the ability to fight a variety of different fires, such as those involving energized electrical equipment, fires in electrical cables and cable trays; hydrogen fires; and several others, the spokesman said.

Source: <http://www.theday.com/article/20101116/BIZ02/311169931/-1/BIZ>

11. *November 16, San Luis Obispo Tribune* – (California) **Diablo unit powers up after refueling.** Operators at Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant in San Luis Obispo County, California restarted the Unit 1 reactor at 2:10 p.m. November 13 after a 43-day refueling shutdown. It was the unit's 16th refueling and the 31st for the plant as a whole, said the site manager. In addition to replacing about 40 percent of the fuel in the reactor, workers installed a new reactor vessel head and performed thousands of maintenance, testing and repair tasks. The new vessel head is of a better design and has integrated components that require less maintenance, the site manager said. "That will pay off during future outages," he said.

Source: <http://www.sanluisobispo.com/2010/11/15/1371159/diablo-unit-powers-up-after-refueling.html>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

12. *November 15, Associated Press* – (International) **Rolls-Royce to replace leaking engines on A380s.** Rolls-Royce will temporarily replace any oil-leaking engines like the one that caught fire and blew apart on a Qantas superjumbo jet in November, an aviation official said November 15. Because airlines keep some spare engines on hand, the long-term impact to the Airbus A380 and its buyers may not be dire, aviation analysts said. However, future deliveries of the A380 could be delayed if the scope of the oil-leak problem turns out to be greater than disclosed and a large number of temporary replacement engines are needed, they said. The airlines that fly A380s powered by the Rolls-Royce engines ran tests for leaks in the Trent 900, a lighter-weight motor designed to lift the four-engine superjumbo with less noise and fuel consumption. The engines cost an estimated \$10 million to \$11 million apiece.

Source: http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20101116/ap_on_bi_ge/superjumbo_woes

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

13. *November 16, Defence Professionals* – (Arkansas) **U.S. Army completes chemical stockpile destruction at Pine Bluff chemical agent disposal facility.** The U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency announced the disposal of the last mustard agent-filled ton container in the chemical weapons stockpile of the Pine Bluff Arsenal in Arkansas.

Disposal was completed safely November 12, marking the end of chemical weapons storage at the Arsenal after nearly 7 decades.

Source:

<http://www.defpro.com/news/details/19685/?SID=a42250a9ccb4d7dc5e2fd6eb489d0ba3>

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Banking and Finance Sector

14. *November 16, Insurance Journal* – (National) **Cyber crime reaches milestone.** Complaints about Internet crimes have reached a milestone. On November 9, the Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) logged its 2 millionth consumer complaint alleging online criminal activity. The IC3, a partnership between the FBI and the National White Collar Crime Center, became operational in May 2000 and received its 1 millionth complaint 7 years later, on June 11, 2007. It took half that time to receive the 2 millionth complaint., which may be due to the IC3's increased visibility as well as the continued growth of cyber crime. The IC3 refers cyber crime complaints to law enforcement agencies. Since its inception, the IC3 has referred 757,016 criminal complaints to law enforcement around the globe. The majority of referrals involved fraud in which the complainant incurred a financial loss. The total reported loss from these referrals is approximately \$1.7 billion, with a median reported loss of more than \$500 per complaint. Many complaints involved identity theft, such as loss of personally identifying data, and the unauthorized use of credit cards or bank accounts.

Source: <http://www.insurancejournal.com/news/national/2010/11/16/114909.htm>

15. *November 16, RIA Novosti* – (International) **Russian banks probed for involvement in U.S. hacker attacks.** Russia's financial watchdog is looking into the activities of its banks and other financial institutions for possible involvement in hacker attacks in the United States, the head of the agency said November 16. "We are working together with the Americans. The question we are looking at is whether our Russian financial institutions could have been involved in these [money laundering and hacking] operations," the head of the Russian Financial Monitoring Service said at a meeting with the Russian Prime Minister. In mid-October, a U.S. court found two Russians guilty of staging a cyber attack on banks and stealing money. The two Russians were members of the group behind a scam to penetrate companies' computer networks, steal bank details, and siphon off cash. Their partners in crime have yet to be identified.

Source: <http://en.rian.ru/russia/20101116/161361696.html>

16. *November 16, Bay City News Service* – (California) **Geezer Bandit strikes again.** A serial bank robber responsible for 10 bank robberies in California in San Diego County and one in Temecula, has apparently struck for the 12th time, this time in Kern County, the FBI said. The "Geezer Bandit" is believed to have held up a Bank of America branch office in Bakersfield November 12, an FBI Special Agent said. Authorities dubbed the serial thief the Geezer Bandit because he appears to be a man in his 70s or 80s. However, authorities have said it was possible the bandit was actually a younger

person disguised by a realistic Hollywood-style mask and rubber hand coverings. He first appeared in August 2009 and has been the subject of several Facebook fan pages. November 12's robbery in Bakersfield marks the Geezer Bandit's first robbery since June 24, when he held up a bank in Temecula.

Source: <http://www.sandiego.com/news/geezer-bandit-strikes-again>

17. *November 16, Toledo Blade* – (Ohio) **Masked gunmen rob W. Toledo credit union.** Two men held up the Toledo Fire Fighters Credit Union the morning of November 15, and fled in a stolen car, the FBI said. Authorities said two men armed with handguns entered the credit union at 2800 West Laskey Rd. at 9:35 a.m. and demanded money. A surveillance camera photographed one of the robbers jumping over the teller's counter. Police would not say whether any money was taken. The men fled in a stolen blue Cutlass Ciera, which was recovered a short distance from the credit union. No injuries were reported. The men were wearing dark clothing, dark ski masks, and gloves. Anyone with information is asked to contact the FBI at 419-243-6122 or Toledo Police Crime Stopper Program at 419-255-1111.

Source: <http://toledoblade.com/article/20101116/NEWS02/101119664>

18. *November 15, Elyria Chronicle-Telegram* – (Ohio) **FBI still hunting for four bank robbers.** Four of 12 bank robbers remain at large after robbing different Lorain County banks this year, including a man who dressed as a woman during a heist November 13. A Cleveland FBI spokesman said there have been no updates in the unsolved robberies as authorities continue to work the cases. The FBI spokesman said Lorain County has seen a sharp rise in bank robberies in 2010 compared to only two occurring in 2009. Neighboring Cuyahoga County has also seen a rise in robberies with 24 reported since September 4, the FBI spokesman said. "Certainly the economy does have an effect on crime rates, but most are robbing banks because they have an addiction," the FBI spokesman said. "The majority of our bank robbers are addicted to drugs, alcohol or gambling. They're very desperate people." The latest heist involved a man dressed as a woman who robbed the Chase Bank at 2232 Fairless Drive, Lorain, November 13. The robber was described as a black man in his late 20s or early 30s wearing a navy pea coat, a wig and sunglasses.

Source: <http://chronicle.northcoastnow.com/2010/11/15/fbi-still-hunting-for-four-bank-robbers/>

19. *November 15, Central Valley Business Times* – (California) **Arrest in \$11 million Ponzi scheme.** A 43-year-old of Sacramento has been arrested on a complaint charging him with wire fraud stemming from a Ponzi scheme that bilked investors out of \$11 million, according to an U.S. district attorney. The complaint alleged that between 2005 and 2009, the suspect, using the corporate name Genesis Innovations, recruited people to invest in real estate, promising investors a 14 percent annual rate of return. According to the complaint, the suspect got about \$11 million dollars from investors, some of them giving him their retirement savings. But, said the government, he only invested about \$2.5 million in real estate with the rest of the money going to pay supposed investment returns and to fund the suspect's lavish lifestyle, which included a leased Lamborghini and Range Rover, a purchased BMW, frequent meals at high-end

restaurants, stays at luxury hotels, and jewelry.

Source: <http://www.centralvalleybusinesstimes.com/stories/001/?ID=16862>

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Transportation Sector

20. *November 16, St. Louis American* – (Missouri) **Electrical fire causes MetroLink delays.** Commuters across the St. Louis, Missouri, area were experiencing delays on Metrolink November 16. The disruption and delays were reportedly caused by mechanical failure. MetroLink said all Blue Line service will terminate at the Forest Park-DeBaliviere MetroLink Station. A passenger told KMOV that Metrolink riders were told the outages were caused by an electrical fire at the 5th and Missouri station on the Illinois side. Passengers were also told Metro had crews on the scene trying to fix the problem. Several passengers headed to downtown St. Louis from the Metro-East were forced to exit the trains at the Emerson Park station and then get on Metro buses. MetroLink riders throughout the system were told to expect delays of about 20 to 30 minutes.

Source:

http://www.stlamERICAN.com/articles/2010/11/16/news/local_news/localnews000000000000000000001.txt

21. *November 16, Burlington Free Press* – (Vermont) **Vermont railway waste sat undetected since 1960's; company pays big fine.** A long list of hazardous-waste violations that led to a \$120,000 fine against Vermont Railway in November included several containers of waste stored in discarded boxcars in a Rutland rail yard that were there since the 1960s, according to the state Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) and state attorney general's office. Previous inspections had missed the boxcars because they were off to the side of the rail yard, away from the main area where locomotives are maintained, according to an environmental analyst with ANR who is also a veteran inspector. A legal counsel to the railroad and chief negotiator with ANR and the attorney general's office said the hazardous waste was in a single boxcar that had been on the site since 1964, when the state bought the property from the former Rutland Railway. According to his records, there was kerosene in 19 drums found in the boxcar, which could have been burned in the railway's locomotives. But because Vermont Railway did not know at the time of the inspection what was in the barrels, it was treated as hazardous waste. An inspection revealed additional violations in Burlington, and in Rutland.

Source:

<http://www.burlingtonfreepress.com/article/20101116/NEWS02/101115033/Vermont-Railway-waste-sat-undetected-since-1960-s-company-pays-big-fine>

22. *November 15, Reuters* – (International) **U.S. officials defend new airport screening procedures.** DHS officials defended heightened airport security screening measures

November 15, but said they would consider adjustments to new rigorous patdowns after complaints from travelers. With the busy holiday travel season about to begin, the Homeland Security Secretary made it clear that new full-body scan checks would become the routine as hundreds of the machines are installed at U.S. airports and that the alternative would be physical patdowns. “This is all being done as a process to make sure the traveling public is safe,” she said, adding that the scans did not pose health risks and that privacy safeguards have been adopted to prevent the images from being saved or transmitted. There are almost 400 body scan machines in some 68 U.S. airports. Some airports still only use metal detectors.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE6AB5B820101115>

23. *November 15, Washington Post* – (District of Columbia) **Escalators used by Metro have history of trouble.** A recent independent audit found widespread deficiencies in the Washington, D.C. Metro’s escalator brakes as well as a lack of adherence to escalator maintenance standards. The report suggested that the failure of the moving staircase at the L’Enfant Plaza Station that injured 6 people in October was not an isolated problem but an accident waiting to happen, according to escalator experts. The escalator involved is a Westinghouse Modular 100, one of 489 spread throughout the rail system, making up 83 percent of Metro’s 588 escalators. The model was discontinued 30 years ago, and has been the source of repair problems and injury-causing incidents in the Atlanta transit system since 2007. In Washington D.C., investigators looking for the cause of the accident have focused on uncertainty about work performed on the L’Enfant Plaza escalator. A quarterly inspection performed 1 month before the accident should have included an inspection of the brakes, a Metro spokeswoman said.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/11/14/AR2010111403988_pf.html

24. *November 15, South Florida Sun Sentinel* – (Florida) **Downed power lines prompt minor evacuation at Port Everglades.** The security operations center at Port Everglades, Florida, was temporarily evacuated November 15 after power lines outside the facility broke and caught fire, according to Broward Sheriff Fire Rescue. When the incident happened around 11 a.m., several palm trees next to the building along the 1800 block of Eller Drive caught fire and chunks of concrete were blown out of the sidewalk, officials said. While Florida Power & Light workers de-energized and removed the damaged lines, traffic at the port was diverted around the scene. Several security operations center employees were evacuated as a precaution while fire rescue crews ventilated the facility because of a smoke odor. No injuries were reported and the roadway near the center was reopened about noon.

Source: http://articles.sun-sentinel.com/2010-11-15/news/fl-live-port-wires-20101115_1_power-lines-evacuation-port-everglades

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Postal and Shipping Sector

25. *November 15, KARE 11 Minneapolis* – (Minnesota) **Officials say package found at Fort Snelling was harmless.** Part of a federal office building at the Ft. Snelling complex in Minnesota was evacuated November 15 after an employee discovered a suspicious package containing a white powdery substance. Authorities were notified after the package was found around 9 a.m. The individual who found the package had opened it and got a small amount of the suspicious material on his hands. Firefighters quickly responded and secured a small area of the Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Building, at 1 Federal Drive in St. Paul. Employees working in that section were evacuated while hazmat specialists removed the package and its contents. As a precaution, the individual who found the package was placed under quarantine. The Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Building houses six federal agencies and about 1,900 employees. A spokesman with the U.S. General Services Administration said initial tests showed the white powder is harmless talc.
Source: http://www.kare11.com/news/news_article.aspx?storyid=882485&catid=391

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Agriculture and Food Sector

26. *November 16, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **More than 900 pigs found dead on Pennsylvania farm.** Police are investigating the deaths of more than 900 pigs inside a barn at an abandoned south central Pennsylvania farm. A state police lieutenant said authorities are examining the deaths of 925 pigs found November 8 in a warehouse-style barn in Warfordsburg. He told the Philadelphia Inquirer that necropsies are being conducted on some of the carcasses after they were found in various states of decay. Authorities said the farm's owner left the property in August. The animals appear to have been dead for several months. Warfordsburg is about 75 miles southwest of Harrisburg, near the Maryland border.
Source:
http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/us_pig_farm_deaths;_ylt=Ai5NfxuaZTl_n1vxjVJ2Szms0NUE;_ylu=X3oDMTNtdHYzM3ViBGFzc2V0A2FwLzlwMTAxMTE2L3VzX3BpZ19mYXJtX2RIYXRocwRjY29kZQNtb3N0cG9wdWxhcGRjcG9zAzgEcG9zAzUEcHQDaG9tZV9jb2tlBHNIYwN5bl9oZWFKbGluZV9saXN0BHNSawNtb3JldGhhbj
27. *November 16, Madison Capital Times* – (Wisconsin) **100 cows die in Green County barn fire.** A large dairy cow herd was almost totally wiped out early November 15 in a fire that destroyed a barn in Green County, Wisconsin. The fire, on a farm in the town of Jordan, was reported at 12:11 a.m., according to the Green County Sheriff's Department. The barn housed 120 dairy cattle; about 100 were lost in the blaze. When firefighters arrived, the barn was fully engulfed in flames, the sheriff's department said. A tractor and feed mixer outside the barn were severely damaged, and another tractor a short distance away caught fire but was extinguished. Firefighters from Browntown, Argyle, Woodford, Wiot, South Wayne, and Monroe fought the blaze, with crews from Argyle EMS and Scenic River Utilities also at the scene.

Source: http://host.madison.com/ct/news/local/crime_and_courts/article_c3d38dcc-f181-11df-91c7-001cc4c002e0.html

28. *November 15, Reuters* – (National) **NOAA opens more Gulf waters to fishing after BP spill.** U.S. federal waters in the Gulf of Mexico are now almost completely open for fishing in one of the most promising signs of environmental recovery in the wake of the massive BP oil spill. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) said November 15 it had reopened more than 8,400 square miles of Gulf waters to recreational and commercial fishermen, leaving only a fraction of the area still closed because of the spill. It was the 11th such opening since July 22. NOAA said 99.6 percent of federal waters in the Gulf were now open to fishing. Only an area covering 1,041 square miles immediately around the ruptured Macondo wellhead remains closed. Over 88,000 square miles of the Gulf were closed to fishing at one point because of the spill, stoking anger in local communities which rely heavily on the sea as a source of income and recreation.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE6AE3RT20101115>

29. *November 15, Reuters* – (National; International) **U.S. animal disease lab carries risks, report says.** A high-security laboratory that the U.S. government wants to build in Kansas to study dangerous animal diseases could jeopardize the safety of U.S. livestock and expose them to highly contagious pathogens, according to a report requested by Congress. The proposed lab would be the world's third Biosafety-Level 4 Pathogen laboratory that could work with large animals. The other facilities are in Australia and Canada. The government wants to build the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF) in Manhattan, Kansas. The laboratory is part of the U.S. government's efforts to prevent natural disease outbreaks or terrorist bio-attacks on the U.S. food supply and agricultural economy. But the council's report, requested by Congress before it funds construction of the facility, said that a risk assessment conducted by DHS revealed "several major shortcomings." Among the risks, the council said, is a nearly 70 percent chance over the 50-year lifetime of the facility that the highly contagious foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) could be released, and it estimated that a spreading infection could cost the economy \$9 billion to \$50 billion.

Source: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/40199157/ns/business/>

30. *November 15, CNN* – (International) **5 killed in attack at Mexican border city bar.** At least five men were killed when attackers wielding assault rifles raided a bar at the Mexican border city of Ciudad Juarez November 14, authorities said. At least nine others were injured during the attack, which occurred after people had packed the "Desesperados" bar to watch a boxing match, Chihuahua state prosecutors said. Witnesses told investigators that several of the alleged assailants guarded the bar's doors while others entered to locate their targets. The victims ranged in ages from 30 to 35, prosecutors said. Ciudad Juarez, Mexico's most violent city, shares a border with El Paso, Texas. There have been more than 2,500 drug-related deaths reported there in 2010. Nationwide, more than 28,000 people have died in drug violence since December 2006, when Mexico's president took office and began an increased campaign against

organized crime.

Source: <http://edition.cnn.com/2010/WORLD/americas/11/15/mexico.violence/>

31. *November 15, KGBT 4 Harlingen* – (International) **Three tons of marijuana hidden inside grapefruit juice shipment.** A McAllen, Texas, truck driver is behind bars after Border Patrol agents discovered more than 3 tons of marijuana hidden in a tanker filled with grapefruit juice. U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents have filed federal drug charges against the 34-year-old suspect. The truck driver pulled up to the Falfurrias Border Patrol checkpoint in a tanker truck at 3 p.m. November 12. A Border Patrol K-9 detected the presence of drugs prompting agents to X-Ray the tanker. Authorities fished out 486 bundles with 6,723 pounds of marijuana from inside compartments in the tanker. ICE officials believe the marijuana would have been worth \$5.3 million on the streets. Court records showed the tanker truck had logos from a Florida company, but the company told Border Patrol agents that it was not their truck and the suspect was not their employee. He told investigators that he was supposed to deliver the shipment to Tennessee.

Source: <http://www.valleycentral.com/news/story.aspx?id=541074>

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Water Sector

32. *November 15, Associated Press* – (Florida) **EPA announces Florida water pollution rules.** The federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the first time November 15 in Florida set numeric water pollution standards for a state, although 13 others already have adopted such rules on their own. The federal standards are required by the settlement of a lawsuit last year. They replace Florida's vague descriptive regulations for determining when rivers, lakes, and other inland waters are polluted with such contaminants as fertilizer and animal and human waste. Those pollutants are blamed for toxic algae blooms that have clogged Florida's waterways.

Source: http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2010/11/15/business-us-algae-blooms-florida_8107501.html?boxes=Homepagebusinessnews

33. *November 11, Sacramento Business Journal* – (California) **Study: Wastewater plant upgrade too costly.** Investing in an upgrade to the Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant in California to substantially reduce ammonia discharge into the Sacramento River would reduce Sacramento area incomes by an annual average of \$246 and cut employment by 976 jobs in an average year, according to a report released November 10 by the Business Forecasting Center (BFC) at the University of the Pacific. While construction and operation of the upgraded facility would create jobs and income, the gains are more than offset by the negative impacts of a 140 percent to 210 percent increase in wastewater bills and fees on area households and businesses, the report said. A study BFC released in August concluded that such upgrades to the plant would reduce area incomes by \$94 million per year and reduce employment by

390 jobs per year, examined one treatment process targeting nutrients. The update evaluates the full treatment process recommended in the tentative discharge permit. The permit is under consideration by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board. Both studies were commissioned by the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District, which has faced considerable pressure over the past few years to remove the ammonia.

Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/sacramento/news/2010/11/11/report-wastewater-plant-upgrade-too.html>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

34. *November 16, Detroit News* – (Michigan) **Henry Ford Health System faces fed scrutiny over theft of patient files.** The Henry Ford Health System in Michigan could face a federal investigation, corrective action, or possible fine after reporting November 15 that an employee's laptop containing unsecured personal health information was stolen from an unlocked office. The health system is not saying how many people are affected, but it has notified male patients who received prostate services from the system between 1997 and 2008, a Henry Ford spokesman said. Henry Ford said it learned of the theft September 24. Federal law requires health care organizations that suspect a breach of unsecured health information to notify patients within 60 days. They also must notify the media and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services if at least 500 people are affected. The laptop did not contain Social Security numbers, health insurance numbers, or patients' electronic medical records. The hospital said it did have some of the following information: patient name, medical record number, date of birth, mail and e-mail addresses, phone number, treatment, and doctor visits. Henry Ford said the laptop was password protected, but patient information could possibly be viewed. "The data should be encrypted. Password protection is not sufficient," said the director of policy and advocacy for the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse in San Diego, California.
- Source: <http://www.detnews.com/article/20101116/BIZ/11160334/1001>

35. *November 15, Becker's Hospital Review* – (California) **12 California hospitals fined by Department of Public Health for safety violations.** The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) issued administrative penalties to 12 California hospitals for patient safety violations that could result in serious injury or death, according to a November 12 CDPH news release. The fines range from \$25,000 to \$75,000, and some hospitals received multiple fines. Some violations include objects left inside patients after surgery, such as retractor blades, drill bits, and surgical sponges, according to a San Francisco Chronicle report. A 2007 state law gave CDPH the authority to issue administrative penalties. Since its inception, the state has issued 170 citations to 112 California hospitals, collecting \$3.65 million in fines, according to the Chronicle report.
- Source: <http://www.beckershospitalreview.com/hospital-financial-and-business-news/12-california-hospitals-fined-by-department-of-public-health-for-safety-violations.html>

36. *November 15, Healthcare IT News* – (National) **Laptop thefts top cause of health data breaches.** Laptop theft is the most prevalent cause of the breach of health information affecting more than 500 people, according to the Health & Human Services Department (HHS), which last year began tracking data breaches by public and private healthcare organizations. The fact that laptops are so easily stolen underscores the importance of physical security in the protection of health information, according to a senior health IT and privacy specialist in HHS' Office for Civil Rights. Of the 189 records of data breaches affecting more than 500 individuals in the first year, 52 percent were from theft. About 20 percent were from unauthorized access and disclosure of protected information, while 16 percent were from loss, he said November 10 at the mHealth Summit conference. Laptops were involved in 24 percent of data breaches affecting more than 500 people and paper records were close behind at 22 percent. Desktop computers accounted for 16 percent of the breaches and portable devices accounted for 14 percent. His advice is to "encrypt, encrypt, and encrypt. The information remains protected to a significant degree," he said, even when the device falls into the wrong hands.

Source: <http://www.healthcareitnews.com/news/laptop-thefts-top-cause-health-data-breaches>

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Government Facilities Sector

37. *November 16, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Ohio State closes library, 3 labs in bomb scare.** Ohio State University in Columbus evacuated four buildings, including the main library, November 16 because of bomb threats e-mailed to the FBI. An FBI spokesman in Cincinnati said a threat was sent to the bureau's Washington D.C. headquarters. Campus police said they were alerted at 8:19 a.m. that the threats involved the William Oxley Thompson Memorial Library, and three laboratory buildings. All were evacuated and closed, and authorities also closed off three streets, while several helicopters circled overhead. Students and faculty were warned by text-message alerts and online and phone messages to stay clear of the area. The Columbus Fire Department bomb squad, school security, and FBI responded. Classes at the university's other academic buildings were held as scheduled. Ohio State is among the nation's largest universities with more than 56,000 students enrolled on its Columbus campus.

Source: <http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5g-P5WWG3V0zEZBTi5kgDzeLWxpMA?docId=3245feb0b6614eab912022aeacd94883>

38. *November 16, Times of Trenton* – (New Jersey) **County inmate sparks hazmat scare at center.** An inmate at the Mercer County Correction Center in Hopewell Township, New Jersey who hoped to get someone to take his case instead sparked a hazmat scare with an envelope full of white powder November 15, police said. The envelope full of paint shavings, denture cream, and grass spores harmed no one and apparently was not intended to terrorize, a Hopewell lieutenant said. "It was addressed to a law office in Philadelphia, and the inmate was attempting to draw attention to some conditions at the correction center," he said. But the inmate made a mistake while writing the law firm's

address, leading the letter to be returned to the correctional facility. Two corrections officers opening mail in a secure room found the envelope and immediately initiated hazardous condition procedures. They secured the envelope, shut off the ventilation in the area, notified master control, and went outside. The Union Fire Co. was dispatched to the scene, and the hazmat task force from the Trenton Fire Department headed for the jail at 1:30 p.m. The officers did not report any symptoms, and Trenton firefighters entered the mail room without protective gear and used portable equipment to determine what the materials were, officials said. They cleared the scene by 2:30 p.m. Source: <http://www.nj.com/news/times/regional/index.ssf?/base/news-21/1289889924195350.xml&coll=5>

39. *November 16, Binghamton University Pipe Dream* – (New York) **Water main break results in power loss.** Several buildings have reopened after being closed due to a water main that broke on the Binghamton University (BU) campus in Binghamton, New York at around 7 a.m. November 13. The break significantly damaged Science III, Science IV and the Science Library. The Science Library has since reopened, and Science III is open on a limited basis. Science IV remained closed as of November 15. According to a BU spokesman, the university was alerted about the main break November 13 when water started leaking outside of the science buildings, eventually entering and flooding the basements. The university notified the student body and faculty of the situation just after 7 a.m. through the Rave Alert emergency warning system. Further Rave Alert messages, as well as e-mail and Web updates, were posted throughout the day. The break was fixed by noon that same day with the help of the Broome County Emergency Service, the Vestal Fire Department, the Town of Binghamton Fire Department, the Broome County Health Department, and the Vestal Water Department.

Source: <http://www.bupipedream.com/Articles/Water-main-break-results-in-power-loss/16545>

40. *November 15, Associated Press* – (National) **NASA finds 4th crack on space shuttle fuel tank.** NASA engineers have found another crack — the fourth so far — in the metal skin of the external fuel tank attached to the space shuttle Discovery. The new crack is similar to three others spotted on aluminum ribs near the midpoint of Discovery's 15-story external fuel tank. The cracks and a hydrogen gas leak on the tank have prevented Discovery from launching on its final spaceflight this month from its seaside pad at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida. A NASA spokesman told SPACE.com November 15 that an analysis is under way on Discovery's fuel tank, and engineers are discussing plans to inspect other nearby ribs for cracks as well. The cracks and gas leak on Discovery's tank must be repaired before the shuttle can launch on its last space voyage, he added. Inspectors initially spotted a long crack in the insulating foam on the shuttle fuel tank. While investigating that crack, engineers found two smaller cracks in one of the 108 ribs that girdle the external tank's midpoint between its liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen tanks. A third crack was discovered last week, only to be followed by this latest, fourth crack over the weekend.

Source: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/40198732/>

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Emergency Services Sector

41. *November 16, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **5 indicted in alleged scheme to fake EMT recertification.** Five people, including a Boston firefighter, were indicted November 15 in the far-reaching scandal in which hundreds of emergency medical workers allegedly faked their recertification with the help of two instructors who rarely held training courses. A 50-year-old paramedic formerly employed by Trinity EMS in Haverhill, Massachusetts, was indicted as the alleged ringleader of a scheme that included firefighters and emergency medical technicians from Boston and to the north, said a statement by the Massachusetts attorney general. The suspect, who had been certified to teach EMT refresher courses, was indicted on charges of conspiracy and submitting false documents. The attorney general's office said he gathered the emergency workers' signatures on attendance forms and submitted them to the state Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) between 2006 and 2009. According to the attorney general, more than 200 names appeared on those fake attendance sheets. Four others were indicted and accused of gathering their co-workers' signatures for the fake attendance sheets. Charges they face include aiding and abetting the making of false statements in documents submitted to the OEMS, violating an office requirement, and conspiracy to commit office violations.

Source:

http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2010/11/16/5_indicted_in_alleged_scheme_to_fake_emt_recertification/

42. *November 15, NationalTerrorAlert.com* – (New York) **NYPD begins using iris scans on suspects.** Along with fingerprints and mug shots, the New York City Police Department (NYPD) is now taking photographs of the irises of crime suspects. The NYPD said November 15 that the images will be used to help avoid cases of mistaken identity. The process takes about 5 minutes. Every suspect will be scanned again using a handheld device shortly before they are arraigned to make sure the irises match. Police said the software, handheld device, and cameras cost about \$23,800 each, and 21 systems will be used around the city. Central booking in Manhattan started taking photos November 15.

Source: <http://www.nationalterroralert.com/2010/11/15/nypd-begins-using-iris-scans-on-suspects/>

43. *November 15, WTKR 3 Norfolk* – (Virginia) **Debilitating bridges in Chesapeake pose big problems for emergency vehicles.** The worst bridge in Chesapeake, Virginia, is crumbling so badly that fire trucks can not cross it, not even in emergencies. The bridge is shedding large pieces of concrete, some weighing up to 3 pounds, and pieces of metal that could be a danger to the cars traveling right underneath. A small neighborhood bridge on Bells Mill Road is too fragile for some of the city's heavier fire trucks. Other fire trucks can use it but only in emergencies. Chesapeake leaders are

telling state politicians, “There are twelve bridges in the city that, due to weight restrictions, pose problems for emergency response times as public safety vehicles are forced to take circuitous routes to return to service.” Firefighters said sometimes they have to detour so far around a problem bridge that, when they get a call, they can be miles out of position. City leaders said if Chesapeake got hit with a major hurricane, heavy supply trucks might be endlessly re-routed around these battered bridges before getting help to neighborhoods. The Chesapeake Fire Department just released a list of bridges that pose the biggest problems for its heavy trucks.

Source: <http://www.wtkr.com/news/wtkr-ch-bridges-nov15,0,3466383.story>

44. *November 15, Associated Press* – (Wyoming) **Chemical discovery forces evacuation in Cheyenne.** The discovery of a possibly explosive chemical at the state crime laboratory forced the evacuation of several buildings in downtown Cheyenne, Wyoming. A sergeant from the Cheyenne Police Department said hazardous materials teams responded November 15 to the state Division of Criminal Investigations (DCI) building. A public library and other buildings were evacuated for 4 hours. People were allowed to return when a chemist determined the container and its contents were stable. The Wyoming attorney general oversees the DCI. He said the state office of homeland security told him the chemical is picric acid, which had been in storage so long it had crystalized. He said a plan would be devised to get rid of the chemical. The state crime lab is being relocated and the container was discovered during the move.

Source: <http://cbs4denver.com/wireapnews/DISCOVERY.of.chemical.2.2010895.html>

45. *November 15, KABC 7 Los Angeles* – (California) **LAPD cop caught hacking info for gang member.** The Los Angeles, California police chief spoke out publicly for the first time since the resignation of a rookie officer accused of accessing a law-enforcement database on behalf of a murder convict and reputed gang member. The officer resigned in September when internal affairs investigators searched his home. They reportedly found information on two witnesses in the murder trial of an 18-year-old man. The L.A. district attorney’s office will decide whether to file criminal charges against the officer.

Source:

http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/local/los_angeles&id=7791007

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Information Technology Sector

46. *November 16, Sophos* – (International) **Is a Facebook security hole helping hackers spread iPhone 4 spam?** Is a security weakness on Facebook allowing cybercriminals to post spam messages directly onto users’ walls. Overnight November 15 into November 16, a number of users saw posting messages like the following on their Facebook walls: “Apple is giving away 1000 Iphone4s i just got mines =).” Clicking on the link takes one to a Web site that promotes a “make money fast” scheme, attempting to recruit home workers. This latest wave of spam messages indicated they were posted

“via Email”. That is the facility Facebook supplies to post status updates to a Facebook page remotely, by sending an e-mail to a unique address (every Facebook account has a specific e-mail address for this purpose). One guess is the facility may have been compromised, and scammers have found a way to update users’ statuses of users by sending an e-mail message directly to their walls.

Source: <http://nakedsecurity.sophos.com/2010/11/16/facebook-security-hole-iphone-spam/>

47. *November 16, v3.co.uk* – (International) **Zeus malware targets Citrix Access Gateway.** Versions of the Zeus malware have begun harvesting log-in credentials for network appliances, according to researchers. Security firm Trusteer has uncovered new code within certain Zeus configuration files that attempts to collect data from Citrix VPN tools. The company said the code appears to be specific to certain Zeus 2.0 installations, and instructs an infected machine to capture and transmit a screenshot of all mouse clicks whenever the text ‘/citrix/’ appears in the browser’s address bar. Researchers at Trusteer believe the code is an attempt by a Zeus botnet operator to harvest account details from Citrix Access Gateway deployments by using screenshots to capture “keystroke” images from virtual keyboards. The on-screen keyboards are typically used to thwart key-logging malware tools. “This attack code clearly illustrates that Zeus is actively targeting enterprises, and specifically remote access connections into secure networks,” Trusteer said. “Fraudsters are no longer satisfied with simply going after bank accounts. They are also targeting intellectual property and sensitive information contained in company IT networks and applications.”

Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3/news/2273166/zeus-malware-citrix-access>

48. *November 16, The Register* – (International) **World’s most advanced rootkit penetrates 64-bit Windows.** A notorious rootkit that for years has ravaged 32-bit versions of Windows has begun claiming 64-bit versions of the Microsoft operating system as well. The ability of TDL, aka Alureon, to infect 64-bit versions of Windows 7 is something of a coup for its creators, because Microsoft endowed the OS with enhanced security safeguards that were intended to block such attacks. The rootkit crossed into the 64-bit realm sometime in August 2010, according to security firm Prevx. According to research published November 15 by GFI Software, the latest TDL4 installation penetrates 64-bit versions of Windows by bypassing the OS’s kernel mode code signing policy, which is designed to allow drivers to be installed only when they have been digitally signed by a trusted source. The rootkit does this by attaching itself to the master boot record in a hard drive’s bowels and changing boot options. Prevx researchers said TDL is the most advanced rootkit ever seen in the wild. It is used as a backdoor to install and update keyloggers and other types of malware. Once installed it is undetectable by most antimalware programs. In keeping with TDL’s high degree of sophistication, the rootkit uses low-level instructions to disable debuggers, making it hard for white hat hackers to do reconnaissance.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2010/11/16/tld_rootkit_does_64_bit_windows/

49. *November 15, Softpedia* – (International) **Tumblr and 4chan battle it out with DDoS and cute kittens.** The Tumblr and 4chan Web sites suffered various downtimes after

its members decided to attack each other with distributed denial of service (DDoS) and images of cute kittens. The 4chan image board is the birthplace of many Internet memes and is responsible for advancing many others, such as the LOLcat phenomenon — the posting of cat pictures with funny captions. The Web site is best known for its /b/ random board, where most users post as “Anonymous” and where almost any subject can be approached. Meanwhile, Tumblr is a microblogging site with a similar focus on image posting, but whose users favor pictures of cute things and inspirational quotes. Users of the two sites hardly see eye to eye and 4chan members in particular have repeatedly harassed Tumblrs. 4chan’s recent anti-Tumblr campaign, dubbed Operation Overlord, was scheduled to conclude November 14 with a coordinated DDoS attack using the Low Orbit Ion Cannon (LOIC) program. However, Tumblr members unexpectedly went on the counter-offensive and called for an invasion of 4chan. Their weapon of choice? Images of cute kittens. Lots of them. And the idea actually worked to some extent. As Tumblr users rushed to 4chan and started posting, the image board experienced a temporary downtime. Of course, DDoS has historically proven more efficient than kitty flood, so 4chan’s retaliation caused significant disruptions on Tumblr. 4chan members are experienced DDoSers, since the site is the origin of the notorious Anonymous group of hacktivists, which has organized many such attacks over the years.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Tumblr-and-4chan-Battle-it-Out-with-DDoS-and-Cute-Kittens-166654.shtml>

50. *November 15, The Register* – (International) **‘Super-secret’ debugger discovered in AMD CPUs.** A hardware hacker has discovered a secret debugging feature hidden in all AMD chips made in the past decade. The password-protected debugger came as a shock to reverse-engineers who have hungered for an on-chip mechanism for performing conditional and direct-hardware breakpoint operations. Although AMD has built the firmware-controlled feature into all chips since the Athlon XP, the company kept it a closely guarded secret that was only disclosed late the week of November 8 by a hacker who goes by the name Czernobyl. “AMD processors (Athlon XP and better) have included firmware-based debugging features that expand greatly over standard, architecturally defined capabilities of x86,” the hacker wrote. “For some reason, though, AMD has been tightly secretive about these features; hint of their existence was gained by glancing at CBID’s page.” To put a chip into developer mode, a user must first enter what amounts to a password — 9C5A203A — into the CPU’s EDI register. Czernobyl was able to deduce the secret setting by brute forcing the key. Presumably, the debugger is an internal AMD utility used during development and then turned off before shipping.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2010/11/15/amd_secret_debugger/

51. *November 15, v3.co.uk* – (International) **Imperva warns of rise in Stuxnet hacking threats.** State-sponsored hacking, man-in-the-browser, and insider attacks are among the key threats facing organizations in 2011, according to research from Imperva. The data security firm released its top security trend predictions November 15, warning that the likely proliferation of Stuxnet-like attacks means that companies must monitor traffic and set security controls across all organizational layers. To reduce the threat

from insider attacks, Imperva recommended tightening controls so access to sensitive information is given only on a need-to-know basis, and to eliminate unnecessary privileges. The sophistication of man-in-the-browser attacks will increase, meanwhile, forcing online service providers to invest in better protection such as strong device identification, client profiling, session flow tracking, and site-to-client authentication. Other trends noted by Imperva include the growing use of sophisticated smartphones in the enterprise, which could present challenges to IT departments as they struggle to include the devices in traditional data and application security practices. Finally, Imperva predicted that social networks will finally begin to take seriously threats such as cross-site scripting attacks by boosting application layer security, and rolling out stronger authentication and account control features.

Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3/news/2273136/imperva-malware-threats-security>

52. *November 15, DarkReading* – (International) **Cybercriminals, insiders may work together to attack businesses.** Employees working with cybercriminals might not be the norm for security breaches, but it is not a rare crime, either, experts said. It is not unusual for cybercriminals to gain inside access through bribery and solicitation — two components of social engineering, according to Verizon Business' Data Breach Investigations Report. Social engineering accounted for 28 percent of breaches analyzed in the report, with solicitation and bribery leading to nearly a third of those breaches. "These were scenarios in which someone outside the organization conspired with an insider to engage in illegal behavior," the report said "They recruit, or even place, insiders in a position to embezzle or skim monetary assets and data, usually in return for some cut of the score." Most of the cases of insider cooperation analyzed by Verizon Business — which included data from the U.S. Secret Service — involved embezzlement from banks, retailers, or the hospitality industry.

Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/insider-threat/167801100/security/perimeter-security/228200983/cybercriminals-insiders-may-work-together-to-attack-businesses.html>

53. *November 14, PCWorld* – (International) **New Trojan threat emerges.** Internet security specialist BitDefender has warned about the dangers of a new spying Trojan it describes as "a serious enemy" that can be used as a corporate spying tool. BitDefender stated that Trojan.Spy.YEK sniffs for critical data and archives that may hold private information and sends them back to the attacker. BitDefender malware researchers indicated that because Trojan.Spy.YEK has spying and backdoor features, it is a serious enemy. "A spying malware in the local network of a company means danger and unfortunately the number of such threats is constantly increasing," the researchers said. "With an encrypted dll in its overlay, this Trojan is easily saved in windows\system32\netconf32.dll and once injected in explorer.exe nothing can stop it from connecting (whenever necessary) to a couple of meeting spots with the attacker," the researchers said. "The backdoor component helps it register itself as a service so as to receive and follow instructions from a command and control center, while the spyware component sends away data about files, operating system, while also making screenshots of the ongoing processes." Some of the commands Trojan.Spy.YEK is supposed to execute are: sending the collected files using a GET request, sending info

regarding the operating system and computer, taking screenshots and sending the results, listing the processes that run on the system and sends them away, finding files with a certain extension. “Shortly put,” the researchers said, “it uploads all the interesting data on a FTP server without the user’s consent.

Source: <http://www.pcworld.com/article/210499/>

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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

54. *November 16, PhoneNews.com* – (National) **T-Mobile Samsung Galaxy Tab hacked to enable voice calls.** Not long after the launch of the Samsung Galaxy Tab for T-Mobile, the enterprising hackers of XDA-Developers have developed a method to re-enable voice calling via the device, although the method is more involved for the average modder. The U.S. version of the Galaxy Tab has had its voice calling capability removed by Samsung, whereas the European carrier and unlocked versions tout voice calling over Bluetooth or the built-in microphone as a feature.
Source: <http://www.phonenews.com/t-mobile-samsung-galaxy-tab-hacked-to-enable-voice-calls-13816/>

55. *November 16, Targeted News Service* – (National) **U.S. Department of Commerce takes major step towards unleashing the wireless broadband revolution.** The Commerce Department, through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), announced November 16 that it is recommending that 115 MHz of spectrum be reallocated for wireless broadband service within the next 5 years — an important step towards achieving the President’s goal to nearly double the amount of commercial spectrum available over the next decade. NTIA released two complementary reports detailing the effort to nearly double commercial wireless spectrum: a Ten-Year Plan and Timetable, as well as a Fast Track Evaluation identifying the 115 megahertz of spectrum to be made available within 5 years. NTIA developed the Ten-Year Plan and Timetable in response to the June 28, 2010 Presidential Memorandum that directed the Secretary of Commerce, working through NTIA, to collaborate with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to make available a total of 500 megahertz of federal and nonfederal spectrum over the next 10 years for mobile and fixed wireless broadband use. The report, developed with input from other Federal agencies and the FCC, identifies 2,200 megahertz of spectrum for evaluation, the process for evaluating these candidate bands, and the steps necessary to make the selected spectrum available for wireless broadband services.
Source: <http://m2m.tmcnet.com/news/2010/11/16/5139929.htm>

56. *November 16, Towanda Daily Review* – (Pennsylvania) **Fire ruled as arson.** The fire November 14 that destroyed a house on Southside Road in Franklin Township, Pennsylvania and caused telephone and Internet outages to over 300 households has been ruled arson, according to fire officials and the state police. There are currently no suspects in the case, according to the chief of the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company and the first assistant chief of the fire company. The fire damaged copper lines used for telephone and Internet services, as well as fiber optic cable, said the local manager for Frontier Communications. The fire knocked out telephone and Internet service for a total of 316 Frontier Communications customers, 266 of whom were in the Franklindale and Barclay Mountain areas. The other affected customers were in the Overton, Preacher Brook, and Laquin areas, he said. All telephone and Internet service was restored by 2:30 a.m. November 15. The fire, which was extremely hot, damaged Frontier Communications lines near the house, the fire chief said.
Source: <http://thedailyreview.com/news/fire-ruled-as-arson-1.1064382>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

57. *November 15, KETV 7 Omaha* – (Nebraska) **Building partially collapses near downtown.** Fire crews were called to a partial building collapse November 15 near 25th and Douglas streets in Omaha, Nebraska. One person was taken to a hospital as a precaution, police said. The collapse happened at about 5 p.m. in the International Food Mart, a strip mall that houses multiple businesses and restaurants. Firefighters said they are investigating the cause.
Source: <http://www.ketv.com/r/25803147/detail.html>
58. *November 15, Tampa Tribune* – (Florida) **Apparent suicide by cyanide leads to hotel evacuation.** About 75 people were evacuated from a hotel in Temple Terrace, Florida, after a guest apparently committed suicide and left a note saying she took cyanide November 15, police said. The Extended Stay America Hotel remained vacant November 16 as owners waited for an independent contractor to sanitize the building. The investigation began when Temple Terrace police received a call that a woman in her hotel room was suffering from cardiac arrest. When officers went to her room to investigate, they found a note that said she had consumed cyanide. Police also found a powdery substance in her room but do not know what it is, a police spokesman said. Along with examining rooms and hallways, officials are also examining officers, paramedics, and firefighters who were in the room and general vicinity and had contact with the victim, he said.
Source: <http://www2.tbo.com/content/2010/nov/15/160639/temple-terrace-hotel-evacuated-after-woman-claimed/news-breaking/>
59. *November 15, Los Angeles Daily News* – (California) **2 injured at fire at Van Nuys office complex.** Two men were injured, one seriously, in a fire at an office complex in Van Nuys, California, which may have involved the use of bug bombs, authorities said. The fire was reported at 4 p.m. November 14 at a two-story office complex in the

13600 West Victory Boulevard, said a Los Angeles Fire Department spokesman. It took 30 firefighters about 12 minutes to put out the fire, he added. “One adult man was transported to a local hospital with serious injuries,” he said. A second man was treated at the scene for minor injuries and was later transported to a local hospital. There was also an investigation into the possibility a “bug bomb” may have somehow figured into the fire. A Los Angeles police officer said arson investigators and Los Angeles Police Department personnel were at the scene to investigate if the cause was accidental or deliberate.

Source: http://www.dailynews.com/news/ci_16617502

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60. *November 16, Lewiston Sun Journal* – (Maine) **Forest service: Wildfire in Hartford may be arson.** The weekend wildfire that swept across 33 acres in Hartford, Maine November 13 may have been intentionally set. A regional ranger with the Maine Forest Service said given the damp ground and time of year, the probability of a cigarette butt or a stray spark starting the fire is low. “We’re leaning toward that human element, perhaps with some malice,” he said. Hunters alerted authorities to the fire. Buckfield, Leeds, and Turner firefighters responded to the blaze. The source of the fire has not been found, but investigators were going over the grounds and speaking to local landowners as well as the hunters who reported the fire.

Source: <http://www.sunjournal.com/oxford-hills/story/942989>

61. *November 16, WOWK 13 Huntington* – (West Virginia) **Historic Aracoma Hotel heavily damaged by fire.** A piece of presidential history has gone up in smoke in Logan County, West Virginia, November 15. According to 911 dispatchers, the historic Aracoma Hotel in Logan caught fire around 7:30 p.m. Witnesses at the scene said the fire was visible from the street and people were evacuated from the building. The hotel was home to several businesses and mostly used as an apartment building. At about 8:30 p.m., parts of the hotel collapsed. According to the American Red Cross, it is estimated that 60 people were staying at the hotel were displaced by the fire. The Aracoma Hotel is considered a historic landmark. It is best known for being a stop on President John F. Kennedy’s campaign tour in 1960. Crews were able to get the fire under control around 10:30 p.m. but remained on the scene overnight. About eight fire departments responded to the blaze. Fire marshals are investigating the cause.

Source: <http://wowktv.com/story.cfm?func=viewstory&storyid=89585>

62. *November 16, KUSA 9 Denver* – (Colorado) **Deputies: 1 dead, 1 injured at Cherry Creek State Park shooting range.** Deputies said one woman is dead and another is injured after being shot at the Cherry Creek State Park shooting range in Colorado. The Arapahoe County Sheriff’s Office said the shooting happened just before 3 p.m. November 15. Deputies said the two women are both 29-years-old. The condition of

the injured woman was not released but authorities said she was shot in the head and is in surgery. Authorities said they are not currently searching for a suspect. Investigators reviewed surveillance video of the incident, but they said it does not show what happened in the lane where the two women were shooting. They do not believe there was any kind of fight that led up to the shooting. Deputies said this is a death investigation and not a homicide investigation at this time. Investigators said the women were using the same lane at the outdoor shooting range and were there for an hour and a half.

Source: <http://www.9news.com/news/article.aspx?storyid=163820&catid=339>

63. *November 15, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* – (Pennsylvania) **Historic George Washington Hotel struck by fire.** The state fire marshal's office in Pennsylvania is investigating the cause of a fire that forced the 10-story George Washington Hotel to be evacuated November 14. No injuries were reported, but five people were treated with oxygen at the scene, a Washington Fire Department spokesman said. The fire is believed to have started in the laundry room and sent smoke wafting through much of the hotel. "Everybody is safe and accounted for," the hotel manager said. Built in 1923, the George Washington Hotel on South Main Street hosted notable guests such as three U.S. Presidents, a famous industrialist, and a baseball legend. In October 2006, a fire gutted three floors of the building.

Source: http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/regional/s_709400.html

64. *November 15, Charleston Gazette* – (West Virginia) **Firefighters battle blaze at historic Aracoma Hotel.** The historic Aracoma Hotel in downtown Logan, West Virginia, was significantly damaged by fire the night of November 15. Logan County Sheriff's Department dispatchers said the fire broke out just before 8 p.m. More than 60 people were evacuated from the building, which also houses several businesses. Dispatchers said that no injuries had been reported, and firefighters were trying to prevent the fire from spreading to neighboring buildings. Fire departments from throughout Logan County and from neighboring counties were fighting the blaze. The hotel is on the National Registry of Historic Places.

Source: <http://www.firefightingnews.com/article-us.cfm?articleID=86774>

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Dams Sector

65. *November 16, Associated Press* – (District of Columbia) **DC: Work to begin on National Mall levee.** Construction on a new barrier to protect downtown Washington, D.C. and the National Mall from Potomac River flooding during a massive storm will soon be underway. Officials said November 15 the \$9.6 million levee project, which has been many years in development, will begin in late November or early December. Built on the banks of the Potomac, the District of Columbia has always been under threat of flooding from a major storm. In a review done after Hurricane Katrina in

2005, however, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers concluded that the city's flood-control system — built 70 years ago — was inadequate to protect the city during a major storm. An updated map of potential flooding drafted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) said museums such as the National Gallery of Art and federal buildings like the Commerce Department could be under as much as 10 feet of water if the current flood-control measures failed. That triggered planning for a better system. The bulk of the construction on the new barrier is expected to take place in March. The project is expected to be finished by summer 2011. D.C. officials originally pledged to build an improved levee system by the end of 2009. FEMA's updated flood map of the D.C. area went into effect in September, affecting who must purchase flood insurance. Once the levee is completed, however, the map could be revised.

Source:

<http://www.delmarvanow.com/article/20101116/NEWS01/101116002/1002/DC--Work-to-begin-on-National-Mall-levee-->

66. *November 16, Associated Press* – (Nebraska) **Feds to discuss plans for fixing Nebraska dam.** Federal authorities have scheduled a public meeting to discuss repair plans for Red Willow Dam in southwest Nebraska. The meeting is scheduled for November 18 in McCook. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation has been studying repair options since discovering tension cracks in the dam's embankment and a sinkhole on the downstream side of the dam last fall. A Bureau spokesman said Hugh Butler Lake behind the dam is almost empty, drained as a safety precaution. Bureau officials soon will send their plan to officials in Washington for review and funding. Repairs could begin as soon as late 2011. The dam is about 11 miles north of McCook.
Source: <http://www.nebraska.tv/Global/story.asp?S=13509487>
67. *November 15, Centralia Chronicle* – (Washington) **Flood panel considers 1 dam.** A new analysis from the firm originally charged with studying a plan to build two earthen dams on the Chehalis River in Washington shows it might be possible to construct just one. Kirkland-based EES Consulting recently released the newest results of its economics study to the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority, which includes Thurston County and the Town of Bucoda. The largest dam, built along the upper Chehalis River near Pe Ell, is the only piece of the project that would meet the Army Corps of Engineers' cost-benefit ratio. A project consisting only of the smaller dam on the South Fork of the Chehalis River near Boistfort or involving the construction of both dams would fall short of the Army Corps' 1-to-1 cost-benefit requirement. However, the study also shows that building the dam near Pe Ell would not protect Interstate 5 from flooding. There would need to be upgrades to the current dam design and the airport levee in Chehalis to keep the thoroughfare open during flooding. The basic upper Chehalis River dam alone would cost almost \$207 million. The cost would rise to almost \$296.5 million if the multipurpose version were constructed, according to the cost-benefit charts in the study.
Source: <http://www.theolympian.com/2010/11/15/1440234/flood-panel-considers-1-dam.html>

68. *November 15, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **Work to repair WV dam reaches halfway point.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said it has reached the midpoint of a 20-year, \$300 million project to strengthen the Bluestone Dam in Hinton, West Virginia. The work is supposed to bring the 60-year-old structure up to modern safety standards. It was built to handle 13 inches of rain in a 24-hour period, but the Corps said it now has to be capable of withstanding 20 inches of rain in the New River watershed. The dam protects the Kanawha Valley from flooding. If it failed, the Corps said nearly 15 feet of water would flood Charleston. A Corps spokesman said the dam has already saved many lives and prevented an estimated \$5 billion in damage along the New and Kanawha rivers. The Corps expects to finish the project in 2020.

Source:

[http://www.whsv.com/westvirginiaap/headlines/Work to Repair WV Dam Reaches Halfway Point_108262539.html](http://www.whsv.com/westvirginiaap/headlines/Work_to_Repair_WV_Dam_Reaches_Halfway_Point_108262539.html)

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