



Homeland Security

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Current Nationwide Threat Level

ELEVATED



Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks

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- According to the Jersey Journal, a man was arrested and charged with stealing a frequency generator with military applications from ITT Corp. in Clifton, New Jersey, and selling it on eBay. (See item [11](#))
- NBC News reported that one day after German officials issued a terror alert, police found a suspected bomb in a parcel bound for Germany at an airport in Namibia. (See item [20](#))

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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 18, Martinsburg Journal* – (West Virginia) **High winds cause power outages, damage.** Power was still out in some areas November 17 after storms swept through late November 16 and early November 17, leaving about 2,000 Allegheny Energy customers in Berkeley and Jefferson counties, West Virginia without electricity. The heaviest concentration of affected customers, more than 1,800, was in Berkeley County, specifically around Martinsburg. There also were smaller, isolated power outages around Martinsburg and in Jefferson County. Most outages were caused

by strong winds knocking tree limbs onto power lines. Overall, the storm knocked out power for around 7,000 Allegheny customers. The power had been restored by the afternoon of November 17 for most of those ratepayers, a spokesman for Allegheny said.

Source: <http://www.journal-news.net/page/content.detail/id/551648/High-winds-cause-power-outages--damage.html?nav=5006>

2. *November 18, MidHudsonNews.com* – (New York) **Strong winds bring down trees, power lines.** Strong, gusting winds November 17 brought down power lines and ripped trees out by the roots in the Hudson Valley in New York. A wind advisory was in effect in the region until November 18. Telephone poles were brought down, knocking out power in the east end of Newburgh. From Circleville to the Sullivan County line, power was reported out around 9 p.m. In Walden, trees were ripped out of the ground. In Orange and Rockland Utilities' Orange County territory, 2,500 customers saw electric service interrupted for a time. In Sullivan County, about 74 customers lost power. In Rockland, less than 1,000 were affected. In Central Hudson Gas and Electric territory, about 11,000 customers lost power, mostly in Dutchess, Orange, and Southern Ulster counties.

Source: <http://www.midhudsonnews.com/News/2010/November/18/wind-18Nov10.html>

3. *November 17, WGAL 8 Lancaster* – (Pennsylvania) **Lightning sparked natural gas fire In York County, Pennsylvania.** A wall of fire fueled by natural gas evacuated homes and backed up traffic on Springwood Road in York Township, Pennsylvania early November 17. The fire started at about 1:30 a.m. at the substation in the area of Springwood and Chestnut roads. Firefighters stood by for 5 hours while Columbia Gas workers dug into the ground hundreds of yards from the blaze to cutoff the flow of gas. A Columbia gas representative said the fire was caused by a lightning strike. The blaze broke out across from the Ore Valley Elementary School. As a result, the Dallastown Area School District operated on a 2-hour delay November 17. The lightning bolt struck a tree near a gas line meter outside the school and traveled along the tree's roots before making contact with the gas line at the substation, Columbia Gas officials said.

Source: <http://www.wgal.com/r/25822558/detail.html>

4. *November 17, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **Massey now blames natural gas for West Virginia mine blast.** The chief executive of Massey Energy Co. is changing his tack on what caused the coal mine explosion that killed 29 miners in West Virginia, blaming the tragedy on natural gas rather than methane. Massey investigators found the Upper Big Branch mine was inundated at the time of the April explosion with natural gas, which the company now blames for causing the nation's deadliest coal mine explosion since 1970, the chief executive said at a November 17 investor conference. "When you have natural gas, you have other gases included, like ethane or propane, that are a little bit more explosive," he said. Massey had previously said it believed a crack in the mine floor let loose a dangerous amount of methane gas — a position the company bolstered with air samples taken in the hours after the blast. The federal Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) had dismissed that theory. The company

still suspects gas entered the mine through cracks in the floor, adding it hopes to continue its investigation and has asked MSHA for permission to bring in specialized equipment to study the area.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/Business/wireStory?id=12168514>

5. *November 17, KRIV 26 Houston* – (Texas) **Gas line rupture at Beltway 8 in Pasadena.** A broken gas line November 17 led to an emergency closure of Beltway 8's southbound frontage road lanes from Pine Street to Spencer Highway in Pasadena, Texas. Also closed is the portion of Spencer Highway east and westbound underneath Beltway 8 in Pasadena. Both were expected to be closed through the November 17 evening rush hour. A Texas Department of Transportation (DOT) contractor working to install a traffic signal on Beltway 8 and Spencer Highway hit a gas line, according to a Texas DOT statement. Centerpoint Energy crews were working to locate and clamp the gas line.

Source: <http://www.myfoxhouston.com/dpp/traffic/101117-gas-line-rupture-at-beltway-8-in-pasadena>

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Chemical Industry Sector

6. *November 18, Associated Press* – (New York) **Thruway near Albany reopens after truck fire.** Traffic was moving again November 18 on the Thruway just south of Albany, New York, after the highway was closed in both directions when a tanker truck hauling liquid nitrogen caught fire. The state police Thruway detail said all lanes on Interstate 87 were closed between 3:05 a.m. and 4:11 a.m. November 18 as the truck was engulfed in flames near Exit 22 at Selkirk, 7 miles south of Albany. The highway was closed in both directions between Exit 22 and Exit 23 at Albany as firefighters doused the blaze. A stretch of nearby Route 9W was also closed for a time. State police said the truck was hauling liquid nitrogen. Troopers said no one was injured. The cause of the fire and other details were not available.

Source: <http://online.wsj.com/article/AP0933e2f93dd94be89c832169a69e18eb.html>

7. *November 17, KAIT 8 Jonesboro* – (Arkansas) **Paragould chlorine spill drill.** The morning of November 17, Paragould Light Water and Cable (PLWC) held a mock chlorine drill in Paragould, Arkansas to prepare for a real event. A spokesperson with PLWC said, "We deal with chlorine on a daily basis. We actually add chlorine to the wastewater to disinfect it to make sure it's safe to return to the environment." Another spokesperson said, "We have a cylinder that we hook a water hose to, it sprays water out and it simulates chlorine. The fire guys get suited up in their class A suits and go in and shut it down." Several agencies are involved with this training plan that is known as the incident command system. Officials said they have improved their response to chemical spills in many areas including communication. It took a total of 1 hour and 30

minutes to complete the drill.

Source: <http://www.kait8.com/Global/story.asp?S=13522533>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

8. *November 18, Associated Press* – (Vermont) **NRC: Vt. Yankee makes security grade.** Vermont's nuclear plant in Vernon has received a passing grade from federal regulators, but details of the review are secret. The Vermont Yankee's site vice president received a letter from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission saying it found no problems during a recent security review. A plant spokesman called the results of the inspection, which was completed October 8, a clean bill of health. The nuclear industry and federal regulators have been stepping up security since the attacks of September 11.

Source:

<http://www.burlingtonfreepress.com/article/20101118/NEWS01/11180307/NRC-Vt.-Yankee-makes-security-grade>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

9. *November 18, Associated Press* – (International) **Qantas: 40 engines on A380s need to be replaced.** As many as half of the 80 Rolls-Royce engines that power some of the world's largest jetliners may have to be replaced after an oil leak caused a fire and the partial disintegration of one on a Qantas flight in November, the Australian national airline's chief executive said November 18. The 40 potentially faulty engines on the Airbus A380 would need to be replaced with new engines while the fault is fixed, raising the specter of engine shortages that could delay future deliveries of the 7-story-tall superjumbo. It was not clear how serious the problem would be, but the comments by Qantas's CEO were the most definite accounting yet of a problem that now appears larger than first imagined when one of his airline's engines came apart over Indonesia, spewing metal shrapnel into a wing and severing vital operating systems. Qantas has grounded its fleet of six A380s, each powered by four of the giant Rolls-Royce Trent 900 engine. Qantas's CEO told reporters that Qantas may have to replace 14 engines, each worth about \$10 million.

Source: <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/huff-wires/20101118/superjumbo-woes/>

10. *November 18, Detroit Examiner* – (Michigan) **Former Ford employee pleads guilty to stealing trade secrets.** A former Ford Motor Company employee has entered a guilty plea in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan in Detroit to two counts of theft of trade secrets, the Department of Justice reported November 17. According to the plea agreement, the man 49, of Beijing, China was a product engineer

for Ford from 1997 to 2007 and had access to Ford trade secrets, including design documents. In December 2006, he copied approximately 4,000 Ford documents onto an external hard drive, including sensitive Ford design documents. He then traveled to his new employer's location in Shenzhen, China, taking the Ford trade secrets with him. On January 2, 2007, he e-mailed his Ford supervisor from China and informed him that he was leaving Ford's employ.

Source: <http://www.examiner.com/legal-news-in-detroit/former-ford-employee-pleads-guilty-to-stealing-trade-secrets>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

11. *November 18, Jersey Journal* – (New Jersey) **West New York man charged with high-tech theft.** A 38-year-old resident of West New York, New Jersey was arrested and charged November 17 with stealing a frequency generator with military applications from ITT Corp. in Clifton, New Jersey, and selling it on eBay, according to the U.S. attorney's office. The suspect was arrested in Clifton November 17. Using his Department of Defense security clearance, the staff engineer for ITT Corporation, allegedly stole the frequency generator July 25. The device is valued at about \$50,000. According to the U.S. attorney's office, the generator can be used in the manufacturing process of other items to mimic radio frequencies of surface-to-air missiles and can be used in the testing and manufacturing of other items.

Source:

http://www.nj.com/hudson/index.ssf/2010/11/west_new_york_man_charged_with_2.html

12. *November 17, Fort Worth Star-Telegram* – (National) **Lockheed finds cracks in F-35B test aircraft.** Lockheed Martin has discovered a potentially significant problem with one model of its F-35 joint strike fighter, the company reported November 17. Lockheed issued a statement saying its Fort Worth engineering staff had found cracks in the rear bulkhead — a major structural part weighing about 300 pounds — of an F-35B ground test plane undergoing fatigue testing. The cracks were found after the plane had been subjected to the equivalent of about 1,500 hours of flight time. The airplane's structural components are designed to last at least 8,000 hours. Lockheed said the cracks were found in a special inspection after engineers discovered unusual data from test instruments. The latest problem comes at a key juncture for the troubled F-35, which, at an estimated \$382 billion, is the costliest weapons program ever.

Source: <http://www.star-telegram.com/2010/11/17/2640453/lockheed-finds-cracks-in-f-35b.html>

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Banking and Finance Sector

13. *November 18, IDG News Service* – (International) **European banks see new ATM skimming attacks.** Banks in Europe are seeing innovative skimming attacks against ATMs, where fraudsters rig special devices to the cash machines to record payment card details. Many banks have fitted ATMs with devices that are designed to thwart criminals from attaching skimmers to the machines. But it now appears in some areas that those devices are being successfully removed and then modified for skimming, according to the latest report from the European ATM Security Team (EAST), which collects data on ATM fraud throughout Europe. Skimming devices are designed to record the account details from the magnetic stripe on the back of a payment card. The data can then be encoded onto a dummy card. A person's PIN (personal identification number) is often captured with a micro-camera, which was done with the illicitly modified anti-skimming devices, according to the report. Banks in five countries also reported seeing a new type of skimming device, which uses a modified MP3 player to record card details. It also has a micro-camera to record PINs, according to a photo seen by IDG News Service.
Source: http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9197138/European_banks_see_new_ATM_skimming_attacks
14. *November 18, LoanSafe.org* – (Illinois) **Sunrise Equities: Owners accused of cheating investors in \$43 million Ponzi and bank fraud scheme.** Three owners of a bankrupt Chicago, Illinois real estate development firm that purported to adhere to Islamic law in handling investments from individuals in the Chicago area and nationwide actually operated a Ponzi-scheme that defrauded hundreds of victims and three banks of more than \$43 million, according to a federal indictment made public November 18. The defendants, who owned Sunrise Equities, Inc., allegedly fraudulently obtained more than \$40 million from more than 300 investors through the sale of promissory notes, and fraudulently obtained more than \$29 million in loans from three area banks. The individual victims collectively lost approximately \$30 million, and the banks lost approximately \$13.7 million when the alleged scheme collapsed in the fall of 2008.
Source: <http://www.loansafe.org/sunrise-equities-fraud-scam>
15. *November 18, WEWS 5 Cleveland* – (Ohio) **Cleveland man suspected of robbing four banks.** Authorities are looking for a man they believe has robbed four Cleveland, Ohio-area banks since October. The 34-year-old male, who hails from Cleveland, is wanted on federal bank robbery charges. The FBI said the suspect is a suspect in the robbery of the Huntington Bank on Coventry Road in Cleveland Heights, November 17, according to the FBI. Authorities said the suspect is also suspected of robbing a PNC Bank in North Randall, a US Bank in Warrensville Heights, and a Charter One Bank in Maple Heights. All of the robberies occurred over the last few weeks. The suspect is a black male and is about 6-foot-2, and weighs between 180 and 200 pounds. He was last seen wearing a dark brown hat, beige jacket, and dark green shirt.
Source: http://www.newsnet5.com/dpp/news/local_news/Cleveland-man-suspected-of-robbing-four-banks

16. *November 18, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Guilty plea for Pa. ‘mummy bandit’**. A Philadelphia, Pennsylvania man dubbed “the mummy bandit” for using gauze bandages to conceal his face pleaded guilty November 17 to five bank heists. Federal prosecutors said the 45-year-old suspect is the man behind the mummy mask. They said he also wore a doctor’s coat, scrub hat and stethoscope in a June holdup in Wyndmoor. An FBI affidavit said that robbery netted just \$568. Prosecutors said the suspect pleaded guilty to four bank robberies and the attempted robbery of a fifth bank since January 2009. All of the banks are in or near Philadelphia. The suspect faces up to 100 years in prison and more than \$1 million in fines at his scheduled February 17 sentencing.
Source: <http://voices.washingtonpost.com/crime-scene/around-the-nation/guilty-plea-for-pa-mummy-bandi.html>
17. *November 17, Worcester Telegram and Gazette* – (Massachusetts) **Sturbridge bank teller finds powder in coin roll**. A Main Street bank in Sturbridge, Massachusetts was closed a few hours November 17 because of a suspicious white powder a teller found in a bag of rolled up coins. The police chief said the report came in at about 9 a.m. November 17 from Savers Bank, and the building was evacuated shortly thereafter. “At no time was there a threat to the public,” the chief said. “The bank had not opened yet.” He said a bank worker was going through a bag of the rolled-up coins received from customers and discovered the powder in one of the rolls. “There was no identifying marks on in, no threat, no special or suspicious packaging. She popped one of them open and noticed that there was a white substance in there,” the police chief said. “It wasn’t a lot. It was a small amount. It didn’t cause a big puff or anything like that.” A hazardous materials team and fire department personnel secured the area. The substance was packaged and sent out to the state police forensic lab for analysis, the chief said.
Source: <http://www.telegram.com/article/20101117/NEWS/101119702/1116>
18. *November 17, Associated Press* – (Arkansas) **Police evacuate complex after standoff with man suspected of shooting at Ark. bank building**. Little Rock, Arkansas police have evacuated an apartment complex following an incident involving a man they believe fired shots into a bank building. Police said someone fired several shots through windows on the third floor of the Metropolitan Bank building about 8:30 a.m. November 17. There were no reports of injuries. About 10:15 a.m., a suspect was tracked down at the Westside Loft Apartments, but an unknown incident occurred between an officer and the man. Attempts to communicate with the man were unsuccessful. Authorities said they evacuated the apartment complex and a health clinic attached to the building because they believe the man is armed. Access also was blocked to streets in the area.
Source: <http://www.kfsm.com/news/sns-ap-ar--bankbuilding-shots,0,5575347.story>

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Transportation Sector

19. *November 19, Sydney Morning Herald* – (International) **Qantas aircraft could have exploded.** Shrapnel from the engine explosion on Qantas QF32 severed a fuel pipe and narrowly missed the wing's fuel tank, according to official preliminary reports. Qantas's chief executive also confirmed November 18 that as many as 40 Rolls-Royce Trent 900 engines fitted to A380 superjumbos worldwide might have to be replaced. The airline had already replaced three engines and could end up swapping about 14, he said. The reports of the damage incurred on November 4 reveal the extent to which metal components tore through the wing. The debris severed wiring looms, chopping a main fuel pipe, puncturing structural spars and ribs and punching through wing surface panels. According to the reports, engine parts struck the fuselage immediately above the wings between the two decks of windows, while other metal pieces damaged the plane's belly.
Source: <http://www.smh.com.au/travel/travel-news/qantas-aircraft-could-have-exploded-20101118-17zer.html>
20. *November 18, NBC News, Reuters, and Associated Press* – (International) **Airport stops Germany-bound suspected bomb.** Police have found a suspected bomb in a parcel bound for Germany at an airport in Namibia, officials said November 18. The security alert came just 1 day after authorities in Germany warned that terrorists were planning an attack on that country by the end of November. The Air Berlin flight carrying more than 300 people from Namibia's capital Windhoek to Munich was delayed after police found the "unlabeled" parcel in the luggage hall, an airline spokeswoman told NBC News. A scan of the parcel showed batteries attached by wires to a fuse and a clock, Germany's federal criminal police office said. German security officials told NBC News they were in the process of assessing whether the device was "a fake bomb" or could have actually detonated.
Source: http://today.msnbc.msn.com/id/40250388/ns/world_news-africa/
21. *November 18, Denver Daily News* – (Colorado) **Passengers stranded at DIA.** For the second time in 2 weeks, a train at Denver International Airport (DIA) broke down. The November 17 incident took place just after 10 a.m. when a circuit breaker tripped causing the train to stall, stranding about 50 passengers for around 10 minutes inside the train between Concourse A and the west side of the main terminal, according to a DIA spokeswoman. She said all of the passengers were safely evacuated.
Source: <http://www.thedenverdailynews.com/article.php?aID=10756>
22. *November 18, Hackensack Record* – (New Jersey) **Gusts bring down wires on busy highways.** Powerful wind gusts pulled down several utility wires near Willowbrook Mall in Wayne, New Jersey November 17, forcing police to close Route 46 in both directions and contributing to several hours of gridlock. The trouble started just before 2:30 p.m., when several wires fell onto Route 46 near the highway's complex interchange with Routes 23 and 80, said a Wayne police lieutenant. The wires scorched the asphalt, but no injuries were reported, he said. Traffic backed up for several miles as police closed Route 46 and blocked access from Route 80, police said. Single lanes were reopened to traffic near the mall around 4:40 p.m. All lanes had been reopened by 6 p.m. and traffic was flowing normally, police said. No power outages were reported,

according to Public Service Electric and Gas Co.

Source:

http://www.northjersey.com/news/bergen/108869749_GUSTS_BRING_WIRES_DOWN_ON_BUSY_HIGHWAYS.html

23. *November 17, Consumer Reports* – (National) **Government reports: U.S. could do more to reduce traffic deaths.** Two new government reports claim America could do a better job promoting safety on the country's roads. The first, released by the National Research Council, showed recent U.S. declines in traffic fatalities have been outpaced by other developed nations. The United States could do a better job of road design and traffic management; regulation of vehicle safety; and regulation of driver behaviors regarding speed, alcohol and drug use, and seat belt and motorcycle helmet use. The second report is an update to the National Transportation Safety Board's (NTSB) "most wanted" list of safety improvements. The NTSB added motorcycle safety to its most wanted list, replacing recreational boating. The NTSB's most wanted list is a directive to states where they can best focus safety resources. Among the other items on NTSB's "wish list" are eliminating distractions for young drivers, improving child occupant protections, enacting primary-enforcement safety-belt laws, and cracking down on habitual drunk drivers.

Source: <http://blogs.consumerreports.org/cars/2010/11/us-could-do-better-at-reducing-traffic-fatalities-say-2-government-reports.html>

24. *November 17, KGBT 4 Harlingen* – (Texas) **Shootouts put Roma, Falcon Dam border crossings under alert.** Shootouts reported south of the border put two international crossings in Starr County, Texas under alert November 17. The Starr County sheriff said his office received reports about a drug cartel battle south of the border in Miguel Aleman, Mexico. The sheriff said the shootout forced authorities to temporarily close the Roma International Bridge November 17 between 30 minutes to 1 hour in late afternoon. Another shootout was reported in Nueva Ciudad Guerrero, which is located on the Mexican side of the Falcon Dam border crossing. The Zapata County sheriff reported there were reports of heavy gunfire coming from the Mexican side of the dam. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officer stated customs officers were advised of the situation. He said neither the northbound nor southbound lanes of the American side of Falcon Dam and Roma International Bridge were open all day November 17.

Source: <http://www.valleycentral.com/news/story.aspx?id=542450>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

25. *November 17, Seacoastonline.com* – (New Hampshire) **White powder causes Passport Center evacuation.** A "suspicious white powder" found on a package in the mail room at the National Passport/Visa Center at Pease, New Hampshire, prompted an

evacuation November 16. According to the assistant fire chief, firefighters and members of the hazardous materials team were called to the 31 Rochester Ave. facility around 8:30 p.m. after an employee in the mail room reported finding the substance. The assistant fire chief said first responders were quickly able to determine the powder was not a threat after testing the substance. The evacuation was routine and part of procedure whenever anything suspicious in nature is found at a government facility, the assistant fire chief said.

Source: <http://www.seacoastonline.com/articles/20101117-NEWS-101119794>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

26. *November 18, Associated Press* – (Missouri) **28 southern Missouri counties declared drought disaster areas.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has designated 28 counties across southern Missouri as natural disaster areas because of severe drought. The U.S. Agriculture Secretary announced the designation November 17. It paves the way for farm operations to seek millions of dollars in emergency loans for 2010 crop losses. The declaration covers the counties of Barry, Bates, Bollinger, Butler, Cape Girardeau, Carter, Dade, Dallas, Dent, Dunklin, Hickory, Howell, Laclede, Lawrence, Mississippi, New Madrid, Oregon, Pemiscot, Polk, Reynolds, Ripley, Scott, Shannon, St. Clair, Stoddard, Texas, Wayne, and Webster. The USDA said farmers in some contiguous counties also may qualify for natural disaster assistance.

Source: <http://www.kansascity.com/2010/11/18/2447287/28-southern-missouri-counties.html>

27. *November 17, KHOU 11 Houston* – (Texas) **Humane Society: Chickens found laying eggs on rotting corpses at Texas egg farm.** The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) the week of November 15 unveiled the results of an undercover investigation into the operations of Cal-Maine Foods — specifically the egg-laying facilities in Waelder, Texas, one of 37 such operations collectively producing over 20 million eggs per day. “Cal-Maine isn’t just any egg company. This is the largest egg producer in the nation,” the senior director of the HSUS factory farming campaign said. For 28 days, the HSUS said one of its investigators worked at the Waelder facility, documenting conditions. The investigator said he found birds laying eggs meant for human consumption on top of the rotting corpses of other birds in their cages. Other birds had reportedly become trapped in the cage wire and were dying of dehydration. On its Web site November 17, Cal-Maine issued a written response to the investigation, which reads, in part: “Cal-Maine foods has been a leader in accepting and implementing animal welfare measures. All of the company’s facilities are operated in full compliance with existing environment, health and safety laws.” Cal-Maine distributes eggs under various brand names to stores throughout the Houston, Texas area.

Source: <http://www.khou.com/news/Humane-Society-Chickens-found-laying-eggs-on-rotting-corpse-at-Texas-egg-farm-108785769.html>

28. *November 17, Food Poison Journal* – (National) **19 sickened in Arizona and 10 in Colorado with E. coli-tainted Bravo cheese.** The Center for Disease Control (CDC) reports that 37 persons infected with the outbreak strain of E. coli O157:H7 have been reported from five states. The number of ill persons identified in each state with this strain is as follows: Arizona (19), California (3), Colorado (10), New Mexico (3), and Nevada (2). Dates of illness onset range from October 16 through October 27. Patients range in age from 1 to 85 years and the median age is 16 years. There have been 15 reported hospitalizations and 1 case of hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS). Laboratory testing conducted by the New Mexico Department of Health on an unopened (intact) package of Bravo Farms Dutch Style Gouda Cheese purchased from a Costco retail location has identified E. coli O157:H7 matching the outbreak strain. This is the first confirmation from an unopened cheese sample, and is consistent with previous laboratory testing conducted on two opened packages of the Bravo Farms Dutch Style Gouda Cheese purchased at Costco, which also identified E. coli O157:H7 matching the outbreak strain.
Source: <http://www.foodpoisonjournal.com/2010/11/articles/food-poisoning-information/19-sickened-in-arizona-and-10-in-colorado-with-e-colitainted-bravo-cheese/>
29. *November 17, New York Times* – (National) **Alcoholic energy drink warning issued.** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) cracked down November 17 on four manufacturers of caffeinated alcoholic drinks, giving them 15 days to stop adding caffeine to the products or stop selling them altogether. The FDA commissioner said the drinks appeared to pose a serious public health threat because the caffeine masked the effects of the alcohol, leading to “a state of wide-awake drunk.” After a yearlong review found no conclusive evidence that the drinks were safe, she said, the FDA decided the caffeine in them was an illegal additive. In warning letters to the four companies — including Phusion Projects, which makes the top-selling caffeinated alcoholic drink, Four Loko — the FDA said drinking the beverages could lead to “hazardous and life-threatening situations.” The letters also warned the FDA could move more aggressively, seizing the beverages from store shelves and asking a judge to halt further sales, if the companies did not take corrective action.
Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2010/11/18/us/18drinks.html?_r=1&partner=rss&emc=rss
30. *November 17, Associated Press* – (Kansas) **Wichita police say grenade was rigged to explode.** Police in Wichita, Kansas, said a World War II-era grenade found November 16 in an alley behind a bakery was rigged to explode. But investigators also said there is no evidence that the Sara Lee bakery in southeast Wichita was targeted. They are trying to figure out who left the grenade in the alley and why. A bakery employee found the pineapple-style grenade around 8 a.m. The Wichita Bomb Squad retrieved the device and detonated it. Police said November 17 the live grenade had sophisticated modifications and could have caused damage if it had exploded.
Source: <http://www.koamtv.com/Global/story.asp?S=13521449>

31. *November 17, Palm Springs Desert Sun* – (California) **Employees overcome by fumes at Thermal date garden.** Eight people were hospitalized as employees of a Thermal date garden in Riverside County, California, were overcome by fumes early November 17, Cal Fire reported. Sheriff's deputies were called to a hazardous situation at Oasis Date Gardens, 59-111 Grapefruit Boulevard, at 7:55 a.m., a deputy said. Employees reported being sickened, and eight people were ultimately taken to hospitals for treatment of minor nausea symptoms, Cal Fire reported. It was not known how many of the hospitalized people were employees of the date gardens. A Cal Fire spokeswoman said crews looked for the source of the fumes, but a hazardous materials team and health officials found normal air quality in all the buildings at the date gardens. Source: <http://www.mydesert.com/article/20101117/NEWS01/101117007/Updated-Eight-hospitalized-as-employees-overcome-by-fumes-at-Thermal-date-garden>

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32. *November 18, Roanoke Times* – (Virginia) **Sewage plant operator is fined.** A private sewage treatment plant that serves Blacksburg Country Club in Roanoke, Virginia and the surrounding neighborhood has been cited by Virginia State regulators for excessive releases of bacteria and chlorine into the north fork of the Roanoke River. B&J Enterprises, which operates the plant, agreed to pay an \$11,583 fine as part of a consent order with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The plant exceeded its discharge limits for E. coli, residual chlorine, suspended solids, and biological oxygen demand for about 25 months over a 4-year period that ended in August, according to the DEQ. On about a half-dozen occasions, untreated wastewater was released into the river. Built in the early 1970s, the plant has struggled for years with overflow problems from outside sources such as storm water runoff. In addition to paying the fine, B&J agreed to take corrective actions that include creating an escrow account to complete work on a new pump station, and training employees. Source: <http://www.roanoke.com/news/roanoke/wb/267848>
33. *November 17, Legal Newsline* – (Missouri) **Mo. AG files suit against resort for wastewater violations.** The Missouri Attorney General (AG) announced November 17 he has filed a lawsuit against a resort and its principal organizer for allegedly violating the state's Clean Water Act. Buccaneer Bay LLC and its principal organizer allegedly were responsible for violations in the operation of a wastewater treatment facility connected to a restaurant the defendants owned called Captain Ron's. The AG and the department of natural resources alleged the defendants allowed sludge and solids to build up and collect in the treatment facility. By doing so, the defendants compromised the ability to treat the wastewater adequately. The lawsuit also charged the defendants exceeded the permitted effluent limitations of Buccaneer Bay on numerous occasions, and failed to submit the required one year evaluation of the treatment facility. The defendants also never installed a 5-foot high fence to prevent unauthorized entry, which is required by law. The AG is seeking a court order for a preliminary and permanent injunction requiring the company to comply with the clean

water law. He also wants to assess a civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000 per day for each violation, and wants payment for all litigation costs.

Source: <http://www.legalnewsline.com/news/229879-mo.-ag-files-suit-against-resort-for-wasterwater-violations>

34. *November 17, Seacoastonline.com* – (New Hampshire) **EPA cites Exeter for Clean Water Act violation.** As concern grows for the health of the Great Bay estuary, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently cited the town of Exeter, New Hampshire, for water pollution. On September 30, the EPA issued an administrative order, which was received by the town October 4, requesting Exeter address the fact untreated waste water and stormwater (known as combined sewer overflow) is being discharged into Clemson Pond. The public works director said while the town does have a permit for combined sewer overflow, it does not allow for any violations of the Clean Water Act (CWA or impact on the pond's water quality, and requires annual E. coli bacteria monitoring. The EPA cited the town for violating the CWA as data collected by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services found discharges from the town's outfall into Clemson Pond exceeded the state water quality standard for E. coli.

Source: <http://www.seacoastonline.com/articles/20101117-NEWS-101119795>

35. *November 17, New Bern Sun Journal* – (North Carolina) **Goose Creek Island residents without power, safe water.** Many residents of Goose Creek Island, North Carolina, had neither electric power nor safe running water at sunset November 17. They woke up that morning to a 6 a.m. Tidewater Electric power outage and by about noon were placed under an advisory to boil water and a mandatory water conservation directive by Pamlico County Water System officials. The advisory and directive followed a November 16 break in the water main under the Intracoastal Waterway. The cause is being investigated for the water line break affecting all water customers in Hobucken and Lowland, and the power outage affecting mostly Lowland, the Pamlico County manager said. "We don't know that they are related but we know a dredge boat working for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was in the area," he said. Power is expected to be restored "by the morning hours," he said. Safe water to the area through Pamlico County Water System lines is not expected to be available "until at least Sunday as best we can tell," he said. He said the water outage "is probably affecting about 200 customers." He said the Pamlico County Recreation Department, Emergency Management Service, and recycling staff is assisting efforts to get safe water to those affected.

Source: <http://www.newbernsj.com/news/island-92387-power-residents.html>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

36. *November 18, Healthcare IT News* – (Florida) **AvMed Health sued over ‘one of the largest medical breaches in history’**. A class action filed against Florida insurer AvMed Health Plans seeks redress for a data breach that occurred when two laptops, containing patient information for 1.2 million members, were stolen from the company’s headquarters in December 2009. According to AvMed the laptops were left unattended and contained members’ names, home addresses, phone numbers, and Social Security numbers — as well as medical history data such as diagnosis information, medical procedure, and prescription information. The insurer is being sued by a commercial litigation and legal and political consulting firm. According to the law firm, AvMed repeatedly underestimated the gravity of the theft and had to make subsequent admissions about the vast quantity of data stolen. Initially, the insurer contacted only 280,000 members to warn them of the dangers that accompanied the data loss, but then made numerous subsequent revisions.
Source: <http://www.healthcareitnews.com/news/avmed-health-sued-over-one-largest-medical-breaches-history>
37. *November 17, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* – (Wisconsin) **Formaldehyde spill leads to evacuation**. A 300-gallon container of formaldehyde at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Wauwatosa ruptured November 17, prompting an evacuation of the Basic Sciences building, the Milwaukee County sheriff’s office said. No injuries were reported, and authorities did not have to remove patients from the campus, according to the sheriff’s office. The spill occurred about 4:30 p.m. at a loading dock at 1101 N. 87th St., according to the sheriff’s office. The cause of the spill had not been determined as of November 17. Parts of Watertown Plank Road were closed during the incident. Formaldehyde is flammable and can be toxic if inhaled or swallowed. It also can cause severe burns to a person’s skin and eyes.
Source: <http://www.jsonline.com/news/108846229.html>
38. *November 17, NextGov* – (Hawaii; Tennessee) **VA loses and recovers unencrypted thumb drive**. A Veterans Affairs Department (VA) claims examiner used a personal unencrypted thumb drive to store records on veterans that included Social Security numbers and then lost the drive. In another instance, a VA employee printed out records containing personal information on veterans and took them home. The two incidents were described by the VA Chief Information Officer November 17 in a monthly briefing on data breaches reported to Congress. He said an employee at the regional Veterans Benefits Administration claims office in Nashville, Tennessee, plugged an unencrypted thumb drive into his VA computer to store information as he worked. The data included files on 186 veterans and contained a range of sensitive personal information, including names, medical and financial records, dates of birth, addresses, and Social Security numbers. A security guard found the drive somewhere in the office, took it home to examine it, and returned it the next day. Additionally, a VA health care employee in Honolulu, Hawaii, printed out a list of 180 veterans, including their Social Security numbers, and took it home to have his wife help him develop a Word document from the list. Veterans Affairs discovered this breach when the employee tried to e-mail the completed Word document to his department e-mail

account, which rejected it because the document contained Social Security numbers.
Source: http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20101117_2815.php

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Government Facilities Sector

39. *November 18, Frederick News-Post* – (Maryland; Texas) **U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command reports misconduct investigations.** A senior commissioned officer at the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command (MRMC) in Maryland was reprimanded last November for releasing information about the suspect in the mass shooting at Fort Hood, Texas. A month later, a male MRMC employee was found to have mishandled classified information, placing secret documents on several nonclassified locations on his computer. In all, a dozen MRMC employees were investigated last year under Army Regulation 15-6 and found to have violated conduct policies, according to documents obtained by the Frederick News-Post through the Freedom of Information Act. The documents, which the newspaper requested in January, include information about investigations at MRMC subcommands at Fort Detrick and around the country. These are administrative reprimands and are different from nonjudicial punishments, magistrate court cases, and other forms of punishment within the military.

Source:

<http://www.fredericknewspost.com/sections/news/display.htm?storyID=112583>

40. *November 17, Associated Press* – (International) **Greek police, protesters clash at annual march.** Youths hurled rocks, flares, and smashed-up paving stones at police outside the U.S. Embassy in Athens, Greece, November 17, during a mass rally to mark the anniversary of a 1973 anti-dictatorship uprising. Riot police used tear gas and stun grenades during the brief but violent confrontation with dozens of anarchists, and chased groups that dispersed down streets near the embassy building. At least 23 people were arrested, authorities said, while 3 police officers were lightly injured and 1 protester was being treated in hospital for burns. Groups of youths continued running clashes with riot police after the end of the march, while police helicopters with searchlights circled overhead. More than 6,000 officers were on duty to monitor the annual demonstration, which was generally peaceful, with more than 20,000 people marching through central Athens.

Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/nation-world/greek-police-protesters-clash-744388.html>

41. *November 17, Providence Journal* – (Rhode Island) **Suspicious package empties federal building.** A suspicious package resulted in the evacuation of the Federal Building on Westminster Street in Providence, Rhode Island, just after noon November 17. Westminster was closed from Snow to Empire streets, and hundreds of workers and people who were doing business in the building waited from a safe distance as the state

bomb squad responded to X-ray the package. The deputy fire chief said the bomb squad was called as a precaution. The package was found to be harmless. At 12:50 p.m., the building was reopened and occupants were allowed to re-enter.

Source: <http://newsblog.projo.com/2010/11/suspicious-package-empties-fed-1.html>

42. *November 17, Tampa Bay Online* – (Florida) **Riverview man threatens explosion over license fee, deputies say.** Upset that he had to pay a \$60 fee for the reinstatement of his driver's license, a Riverview, Florida, man threatened to blow up the Florida Department of Revenue, Hillsborough County deputies said. On October 1, the suspect threatened to blow up the building at 6302 E. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., a sheriff's spokeswoman said. The state attorney's office decided to prosecute, and the 39-year-old suspect was arrested the morning of November 17 on one count of threatening to discharge a destructive device. He was released on \$7,500 bail.
Source: <http://www2.tbo.com/content/2010/nov/17/171223/riverview-man-threatens-explosion-over-license-fee/>
43. *November 17, Hartford Courant* – (Connecticut) **UConn officials expect power to be restored by Thursday.** Crews were working late November 17 to restore power to five University of Connecticut buildings after a blown transformer caused the buildings to lose electricity, according to a university spokesman. The buildings at the Storrs campus were without electricity for much of the day after a transformer blew around 11 a.m. At 10 p.m., power had yet to be restored, but the transformer was expected to be fixed soon and morning classes November 18 were expected to be held as scheduled. The outage affected Wood Hall, Storrs Hall, the Jorgensen, the Old Warehouse, and Student Health Services. Afternoon classes in Storrs and Wood Hall were canceled, as were events scheduled in Jorgensen. The Student Health Services building remained open, thanks to a generator.
Source: http://articles.courant.com/2010-11-17/news/hc-uconn-power-outage-1118-20101117_1_transformer-buildings-power
44. *November 17, Associated Press* – (North Carolina) **'Numerous' bomb threats force evacuations at Bragg.** Fort Bragg officials said "numerous" bomb threats at the sprawling Army post in North Carolina have forced evacuations. A spokesman said phone threats came in to units around 12:30 p.m. November 17. First responders searched the buildings and nothing threatening was found. The buildings were reopened to personnel by late afternoon. Officials said numerous phone calls around the post include someone speaking in an unknown foreign language and saying "bomb" in broken English. The post is taking additional security measures to ensure the safety of personnel and facilities. FBI and ATF agents are on scene working with the military's criminal investigators. About 45,000 people live at Fort Bragg.
Source: <http://www.wral.com/news/state/story/8642545/>

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Emergency Services Sector

45. *November 18, Frederick News-Post* – (Maryland) **National Fire Academy training instructor hurt in Emmitsburg lab explosion.** An instructor at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland, was hospitalized November 17 after a nitrogen tank malfunctioned in a simulation lab on the campus. The man suffered what were described as puncture wounds to his right elbow and upper arm after a nitrogen tank he was handling rapidly discharged its contents, according to the deputy chief of Vigilant Hose Co., and the bureau chief of the Frederick County Division of Fire and Rescue Services. The nitrogen tank is part of a technology being used in water mist sprinkler system applications, the bureau chief said in an e-mail. A simulation of this system was being set up when the explosion occurred at about 12:45 p.m. in the Simulation Lab of the National Emergency Training Center, he said. The instructor was taken by ambulance to Washington County Hospital; his injuries were not life-threatening. The Frederick County Fire Marshal's Office is investigating what damaged or caused the tank's inlet connection to fail, he said. The ceiling of the lab also sustained some damage in the explosion.

Source:

<http://www.fredericknewspost.com/sections/news/display.htm?StoryID=112603>

46. *November 17, Downers Grove Patch* – (Illinois) **Bomb squad called out to Downers Grove police station.** Much of the Village Hall campus in Downers Grove, Illinois, was closed November 17 as the DuPage County Sheriff's Department Bomb Squad evaluated several explosive devices brought in to the Downers Grove Police Department earlier in the day. A resident who owns an estate-sale business had been preparing for a sale when she discovered a bucket of pipe bombs and other manufactured and homemade explosive devices in the home, said the Downers Grove deputy chief. She then drove the devices to the Downers Grove station, arriving at about 5:05 p.m., he said. An officer accompanied the woman to her vehicle parked outside the police department at 825 Burlington Ave. She handed him the bucket, which he immediately set down. The bomb squad was notified and arrived on the scene at about 6:30 p.m. The deputy chief said the woman had taken a risk by transporting the explosive devices. The squad arrived in a truck that is outfitted to detonate explosives, if necessary.

Source: <http://downersgrove.patch.com/articles/bomb-squad-on-the-scene-at-village-hall-complex>

47. *November 17, KING 5 Seattle* – (Washington) **UW study reveals MRSA bacteria in local fire stations.** A study by the University of Washington (UW), the first of its kind on a large scale, revealed MRSA, the drug resistant strain of staph infection, living in fire trucks, aid cars, station houses, and in firefighters themselves. A Snohomish County Fire District One firefighter and paramedic suspected his crews were exposed to MRSA by sick patients, at accident scenes, and in hospitals. He did not expect it would be transmitted right into the fire station living quarters. "We found a little over four percent of the surfaces we tested were positive for MRSA," said a UW professor and expert in MRSA research. She said the bacteria had found its way from the garage to the living quarters. Tests revealed the station kitchen tables were as bad as the aid cars where the patients ride. Nose swabs revealed MRSA levels in firefighters 10 times

higher than the general public average. She emphasized the firefighters are not sick or a risk to patients. Following the study, the Snohomish County Fire District immediately changed rules on what can be brought from the garage into the station. Crews who stripped off fire gear before entering the house were instructed to bring no equipment from the garage to the living quarters. Sanitation stations were set up everywhere around the house and all fire clothing was to be washed after every call. Other departments are adopting similar measures and agreeing to be part of a greatly expanded study by the UW.

Source: <http://www.king5.com/home/Local-Firefighter-MRSA-Study-108808709.html>

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Information Technology Sector

48. *November 18, IDG News Service* – (International) **China telecom operator denies hijacking Internet traffic.** China's largest fixed-line phone carrier denied it hijacked worldwide Internet traffic in April 2010 following a U.S. government report that said the company had redirected network routes through Chinese servers. China Telecom rejected the claims in an e-mail statement, but offered no further comment. A report to Congress published November 17 claimed that for 18 minutes April 8, China Telecom rerouted 15 percent of the Internet's traffic through Chinese servers. The traffic affected U.S. government and military Web sites, said the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission. Computer security researchers cannot say if the act was intentional, the report said. But such hijacking of Internet traffic could enable the surveillance of specific users or sites, or it could be used to conceal one targeted cyberattack. According to the report, what caused China Telecom to reroute Internet traffic, however, originated with a smaller Internet service provider called IDC China Telecommunication. The incident could have been an accident that stems from a weakness of the Border Gateway Protocol (BGP), which is used to help route traffic and connect the Internet together. BGP data is sent from small service providers like IDC China Telecommunication and then shared with larger providers. Small providers generally direct Internet traffic to about 30 routes. For some reason, on April 8 IDC China Telecommunication began directing to tens of thousands of networks. The bad information was then accepted by larger Internet providers like China Telecom, which then propagated the data.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9197119/China_telecom_operator_denies_hijacking_Internet_traffic

49. *November 18, SC Magazine UK* – (International) **Almost half of all rogue anti-virus was created in 2010, as UK-based spam increases.** Statistics released the week of November 15 show one in ten spam messages originated from the UK. According to Trend Micro, the UK ranks top amongst western European countries for sending malicious spam, with a quarter of all scams detected created by cyber criminals in

October. The most prevalent was commercial/advertising spam offering special incentives for quick and easy weight-loss products and programs and “business opportunities” in classifieds advertisements. Work at home schemes, such as making arts and crafts or stuffing envelopes have been replaced by offers to “use your home PC to make fast money in your spare time.” Job-related spam came in third at 10 percent of all spam messages sent. Meanwhile, research by PandaLabs revealed 40 percent of all rogue anti-virus has been created this year. It said since this type of malicious code was first reported 4 years ago, 5,651,786 unique rogueware strains have been detected, out of which 2,285,629 have appeared between January to October 2010. A report said: “If we compare the number of rogueware specimens to the total number of malware strains included in our Collective Intelligence database, 11.6 percent of all samples correspond to fake anti-virus. This is a staggering figure, especially if you consider that this database contains all malware detected in the company’s 21-year history and rogueware only appeared 4 years ago.”

Source: <http://www.scmagazineuk.com/almost-half-of-all-rogue-anti-virus-was-created-in-2010-as-uk-based-spam-increases/article/191099/>

50. *November 18, SC Magazine UK* – (International) **IT companies need to engage with business about the risks of software piracy.** IT companies need to start engaging more effectively with businesses about the risks of software piracy, according to a recent Microsoft debate. It claimed partners need to play a pivotal role in educating businesses and consumers on the risks they face by using pirated software. During the debate, the head of anti-piracy at Microsoft revealed software pirates are continuing to dupe people into thinking they are getting the real deal. She said: “Around 14 percent of new PCs shipped with Windows in the UK are running a pirated copy of the operating system, with even a higher number of 29 percent for Microsoft Office.” She also revealed that during a 1-month period in August 2010, there were over 16,000 illegal copies of Microsoft Office and 20,000 copies of Windows downloaded online. Source: <http://www.scmagazineuk.com/it-companies-need-to-engage-with-business-about-the-risks-of-software-piracy/article/191100/>
51. *November 18, The Register* – (International) **Whitehat cracks notorious rootkit wide open.** A malware analyst has deconstructed a highly advanced piece of crimeware believed to be the work of the notorious Russian Business Network. The step-by-step instructions for reverse engineering the stealthy ZeroAccess rootkit is a blow to its developers, who took great care to make sure it could not be forensically analyzed. The tutorial means other malware researchers may also study the malware to close in on the people behind it and to better design products that can safeguard against it. The analysis was written by a malware researcher specializing in reverse engineering at InfoSec Institute, an information security services company. It documents a rootkit that is almost impossible to remove without damaging the host operating system and uses low-level programming calls to create hard disk volumes that are virtually impossible to detect using normal forensic techniques. According to the researcher, malicious URLs unearthed from the disassembled rootkit use IP addresses associated with the Russian Business Network. ZeroAccess is currently being used as a platform for installing fake antivirus software, but it could obviously be used to force install any

software of the author's bidding.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2010/11/18/zeroaccess_rootkit_deconstructed/

52. *November 17, DarkReading* – (International) **Possible new threat: Malware that targets hardware.** French researchers said it is possible to write malware that attacks specific hardware processors rather than operating systems or applications. Researchers of Ecole Supérieure d'Informatique Electronique Automatique (ESIEA) in Paris, have developed a proof-of-concept for hardware-specific malware, which they consider a step up from Stuxnet and a potentially key weapon in cyberwarfare. The malware can easily identify and target specific hardware systems based on the on-board processor chip, the researchers said. They used the so-called floating point arithmetic (FPA) to help identify processors, including AMD, Intel Dual-Core and Atom, SPARC, Digital Alpha, Cell, and Atom. In order to pinpoint the type of processor, the malware would see how a processor handles certain mathematical calculations. This breed of malware is not any more difficult to create than malware that targets software vulnerabilities, one researcher said. The researchers maintain that targeted attacks like Stuxnet are a major threat, but it is not always so simple for the attacker to be sure what software is running on a targeted machine. Hardware malware gives cyberwarfare another weapon. "You can arrange things in such a way that effectively Iran buys a set of computers with Intel processor of a given type and family. Then you can strike them selectively — and only these computers — whatever Iran has installed on those computers, [whether it's] Linux, Windows, or any application," he said.

Source:

http://www.darkreading.com/vulnerability_management/security/vulnerabilities/showArticle.jhtml;jsessionid=53HQMZG3CYRYFQE1GHPCKH4ATMY32JVN?articleID=228300082

53. *November 17, Nextgov* – (National) **Senators mull bill to require private sector reporting of cyberattacks.** U.S. Senators are contemplating legislation to mandate the private sector report cyberattacks in the wake of Stuxnet, a recently detected computer worm with potential to bring down industrial operations ranging from water treatment to manufacturing. At a Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee hearing November 17, the Chairman and Independent Senator from Connecticut, asked representatives from DHS, the computer security community and industry whether DHS needs enhanced powers to respond to threats to private networks. The Connecticut Senator and the ranking Republican Senator from Maine have sponsored the 2010 Protecting Cyberspace as a National Asset Act (S. 3480), which focuses on public-private partnerships and information sharing because industry owns upwards of 85 percent of the nation's critical infrastructure. The committee is negotiating with other Senate panels to pass comprehensive cyber legislation. The equipment vulnerable to such cyberattacks in the United States includes agricultural systems and electric grids, but the manufacturing sector is the largest user of the networks, according to DHS. Homeland Security officials who analyze and coordinate responses to incidents and threats affecting industrial control systems step in only when asked to by the private sector, said the acting director of the DHS National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center. He said DHS is not appealing

for more powers at this time, but would not oppose accepting greater responsibilities.
Source: http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20101117_5600.php

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

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

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Communications Sector

54. *November 18, Radio-info.com* – (Iowa) **Transmitter theft forces a Connoisseur station to go dark.** Connoisseur's "Wolf" KZWU in Iowa was involuntarily taken off the air in October because of theft at the transmitter. The company told the Federal Communications Commission it needs Special Temporary Authority to remain silent while new equipment is brought in and service restored at country "Wolf" KZWU, Pleasantville, Iowa (96.3). The NorthPine.com site said KZWU and sister KZWF, Patterson (105.9) both signed on the air 2 years ago, simulcasting a country format. The Patterson Wolf is also silent, but that is because of "an unacceptable level of interference near the transmitter." Connoisseur said that would be resolved by a new antenna location on a newl -built tower, at a greater height.
Source: <http://www.radio-info.com/news/transmitter-theft-forces-a-connoisseur-station-to-go-dark>

55. *November 18, Radio-info.com* – (Ohio) **Ohio's 'Paulding Pirate' was on both AM and FM.** An agent from the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) Detroit, Michigan office paid a visit to Paulding, Ohio September 29 and initially found an unlicensed signal at 1640 AM. The agent then detected an FM broadcast at 98.5 from the same location. The FCC's Part 15 rules permit an unlicensed backyard-like AM signal to be no stronger than 14.6 microvolts per meter at a distance of 30 meters from the source. The one in Paulding was running 3,600 microvolts when measured at 84.1 meters. On the FM, the Part 15 limit is 250 microvolts per meter at 3 meters (about 10 feet). The Paulding Pirate was cranking out nearly 7,000 microvolts at a distance of 350 feet away. There could be a \$10,000 fine if the violation continues.
Source: <http://www.radio-info.com/news/ohios-paulding-pirate-was-on-both-am-and-fm>

56. *November 17, Jackson County Floridian* – (Florida) **Internet outage due to cut cable.** A fiber optic cable cut between Ponce De Leon and DeFuniak Spring, Florida temporarily disabled Internet service for about 6,500 customers in Jackson and Holmes counties November 17. A spokesman for CenturyLink said November 18 a construction crew was responsible for cutting the cable. Some customers' phone service was affected by the incident as well. Service was restored around 8 p.m.

November 17. The Sneads Police Department and the Holmes County Sheriff's Office were among the emergency response agencies that experienced outages.

Source: <http://www2.jcfloridan.com/news/2010/nov/17/internet-outage-due-cut-cable-ar-1100862/>

57. *November 17, Lexington Herald-Leader* – (Kentucky; Indiana) **Rodent disrupts Insight cable system.** Customers of Insight Communications in Lexington, Kentucky and Evansville, Indiana, suffered an outage November 18 after a rodent chewed through a fiber outside one of the cable company's operations centers in Louisville. A spokesman said the channels affected were spread throughout the company's lineup, and it took about 25 minutes for service to be restored by diverting traffic to another fiber system. "It was just a one-in-a-million type thing," he said.

Source: <http://www.kentucky.com/2010/11/17/1529116/rodent-disrupts-insight-cable.html>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

58. *November 17, WBOY 12 Clarksburg* – (West Virginia) **Jane Lew apartments evacuated due to fire.** A fire in an apartment at the Jane Lew Apartment Complex in West Virginia November 17 led to residents being evacuated from the building. The Red Cross will be there to help meet the needs of the residents as they will not be allowed back in the night of November 17 due to heavy smoke damage throughout the building. There were no injuries reported from the fire and the cause is not yet known. The Jane Lew, Jackson's Mill, Lost Creek, and Weston fire departments responded to the fire.
- Source: <http://www.wboy.com/story.cfm?func=viewstory&storyid=89727>

59. *November 17, AZ Family* – (Arizona) **Dozens evacuated from Phoenix high-rise due to fire.** Dozens of people were evacuated after an elevator motor sparked a fire inside a high-rise building in Phoenix, Arizona. The Phoenix Fire Department said 50 people were evacuated from the Esplanade II located at 24th Street and Camelback just before 6 p.m. November 17. Most of the people who work in the building had gone home for the day when the motor caused the fire. The Esplanade II is a 14-story building. Eleven of those floors are occupied by businesses. No one was injured.
- Source: <http://www.azfamily.com/news/local/Dozens-evacuated-from-Phoenix-high-rise-due-to-fire-108834169.html>

60. *November 17, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **Firefighters save historic Iowa movie theater.** Firefighters saved a southeastern Iowa town's historic theater November 17, quickly responding to put out a blaze in the projection booth caused by a discarded cigarette. The fire at the State Theatre in downtown Washington started in a garbage can in the booth on the theater's third floor after someone apparently tried to throw

away a still-burning cigarette butt, the fire chief said. He said the main projector, some old movies, and other equipment were destroyed in the fire, and the lower floors suffered water damage after firefighters doused the booth with water to put it out. No damage estimate was available. Nobody was inside the building at the time, said an owner of Des Moines-based Fridley Theatres.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/chi-ap-ia-movietheatre-fire,0,1960560.story>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

61. *November 18, Associated Press* – (Montana) **Montana firefighter says he started forest fire.** A 26-year-old firefighter from Dillon, Montana, said he started a fire in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest and later worked on the Forest Service crew that extinguished the blaze. The suspect appeared in federal court in Missoula November 16 and pleaded guilty to damaging government property, a misdemeanor. Sentencing is set for January 5. Prosecutors said the suspect and a 23-year-old man, also of Dillon, lit beetle-killed trees on fire in the Birch Creek area October 18, 2009. The fire burned about one-tenth of an acre, and the firefighter suspect was involved in the suppression effort. Authorities used distinctive tire tracks left at the scene to find the 23-year-old suspect, who also pleaded guilty to damaging government property. Source: <http://www.kulr8.com/news/state/108915194.html>

62. *November 17, Texas Forestry Service* – (Texas) **Authorities seeking info. on suspicious fires in Rusk Co.** Texas Forest Service (TFS) arson investigators are seeking information on suspicious wildfires that occurred November 7 in Rusk County. Five wildfires on County Roads 3191 and 3262 in southern Rusk County in the late afternoon and evening were controlled by the Garrison Volunteer Fire Department. The timing of the starts, their origins along roadsides, and the relatively close proximity of the fires suggested arson was the probable cause. Though unable to find ignition devices at the fires, TFS arson investigators believe the fires likely were the result of an arsonist or arsonists. Source: <http://www.kltv.com/Global/story.asp?S=13518072>

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Dams Sector

63. *November 18, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **Projects stabilize Lake Delhi dam.** The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) said projects to stabilize the Lake Delhi dam and the former lake bed are nearly complete. When the dam was breached last July

draining the lake, silt that had built up was gradually released downstream. Officials with the DNR said one project is designed to stem erosion by removing much of the accumulated silt and adding rock riffles to the lake bed. Officials said the second project shored up the remaining portion of the dam with loose rock and creating a stilling pond upstream of the area where the dam was breached. Officials said the projects should reduce the amount of silt being washed downstream.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/chi-ap-ia-missinglake,0,1693674.story>

64. *November 17, KRCR 7 Redding* – (California) **Emergency crews perform drills at Shasta Dam.** There were explosions, SWAT teams, and more than 20 local agencies on hand at Shasta Dam on Shasta Lake in California November 17 to participate in a disaster drill organized by the Department of the Interior. The exercises were meant to test how effectively local agencies could handle a real emergency. Paramedics and hospital officials assisted mock victims of a bus explosion, as the Shasta County Sheriff's SWAT team was assigned to take out a group of pseudo-terrorists who had taken hostages inside the dam. The Department of Interior will review the results of the drill next month, then make recommendations and come back next year to see how emergency plans have improved.

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