



Homeland Security

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- The hacktivist group Anonymous declared "war" on the New York Stock Exchange and vowed to "erase" it from the Internet on October 10. – *PC Magazine* (See item [13](#))
- A security hole found in some HTC Android phones could give apps with Internet permissions access to information such as a user's location, text messages and system logs, Android Police reported October 2. – *Ars Technica* (See item [40](#))

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: LOW, Cyber: LOW

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) - <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *October 3, KING 5 Seattle* – (Washington) **Semi crash knocks out power to 17,000 in Pierce, Thurston counties.** Four substations were knocked offline after a semi-truck hit a power pole October 3 in Seattle. About 17,000 customers lost power. The outage happened around 2 a.m. As of 6:30 a.m., all but one substation had been restored, but 5,300 customers were still in the dark. The areas affected include Spanaway, Yelm, Roy, and Southeast Pierce County into Thurston County.

Source: <http://www.king5.com/news/local/17000-without-power-in-Pierce-Thurston-counties-130966768.html>

2. *October 3, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **Arch agrees to pay \$2M to settle pollution lawsuit.** Arch Coal Inc. has agreed to pay \$2 million and install treatment and monitoring equipment to settle a 2010 lawsuit over selenium pollution from six West Virginia coal mines. A coalition of environmental and conservation organizations announced the agreement October 3, saying the deal would hold the St. Louis-based company responsible for damage it has already done and prevent more. The settlement could help address declining water quality and diversity of aquatic life the West Virginia Highlands Conservancy called "totally unacceptable." The consent decree gives Arch 30 days to pay \$1.8 million to the West Virginia University College of Law for its Land Use and Sustainability Clinic. The clinic plans to hire a lead land-use attorney, two supporting attorneys, and an experienced land-use planner next year, along with a full-time office manager, and an additional faculty member at the law school that specializes in real estate and water law. Arch also agreed to begin installing equipment to reduce selenium discharges, and to monitor treatment at its mines in the future. Any future violations could cost the company \$25,000 apiece.
Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9Q4UFMG1.htm>

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Chemical Industry Sector

3. *October 4, KSAT 12 San Antonio* – (Texas) **Plant fire prompts evacuations in Atascosa County.** Residents in Atascosa County, Texas, were allowed to return to their homes after a chemical plant fire forced a mandatory evacuation October 4. Fire officials received a call for the fire at the Chemplex Chemical facility near Pleasanton on County Roads 430 and 422 around 4 a.m. They were concerned the chemical sodium persulfate was burning, and ordered the evacuations of all residents in a half-mile radius. Fire officials said the chemical can cause irritation to the skin and eyes. They found several pallets caught fire and quickly put out the blaze. The evacuation order was lifted a short time later.
Source: <http://www.ksat.com/news/29382184/detail.html>
4. *October 4, KDFW 4 Dallas-Forth Worth* – (Texas) **Fire still burning at Waxahachie chemical plant.** Firefighters said early October 4 the fire at a chemical plant in Waxahachie, Texas, that erupted October 3 was 100 percent contained, although the flames were still visible the morning of October 4. Crews worked through the night to keep an eye on the blaze and to knock down any flare-ups. Officials at the Magnablend, Inc. facility on US Highway 287 are still investigating how workers mixing chemicals managed to ignite the fire that eventually consumed the 10,000-square foot facility and sent fireballs of flame, and huge plumes of smoke shooting into the sky. The fire broke out around 11 a.m. October 3 and quickly spread throughout the warehouse. Some nearby schools and businesses were evacuated, but after extensive monitoring, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality said no dangerous particulates were in the thick black smoke. Environmental officials planned to keep monitoring air and water quality October 4. Navarro County College's Waxahachie campus was closed October 4.

Source: <http://www.myfoxdfw.com/dpp/news/100411-Fire-Still-Burning-at-Waxahachie-Chemical-Plant>

5. *October 3, Channel3000.com* – (Wisconsin) **Hazmat team responds to Waunakee chemical spill.** The Madison Fire Department Hazardous Material Team responded to a report of a chemical spill in Waunakee, Wisconsin, October 3. The Waunakee Fire Department called the Madison fire hazmat crew just after 7 a.m. to assist at Scientific Protein Laboratories at 700 East Main Street. A worker removed a valve from a 5,000-gallon storage tank, which he thought was empty, but the tank contained 4,500 gallons of isopropyl alcohol. The alcohol spilled into an exterior 15,000-gallon catch basin, which caught all of the contents. The Madison hazmat team and Waunakee firefighters entered the building to monitor the atmosphere, and deemed the area safe. Workers were allowed back into the building. There was no environmental damage or harm to the community.

Source: <http://www.channel3000.com/news/29375583/detail.html>

6. *October 3, WNDU 16 South Bend* – (Indiana) **Aqua ammonia explosion sends four workers to hospital.** An explosion at an Elkhart County, Indiana fertilizer business October 3 sent four workers to the hospital. A little after 11:30 a.m., a large tank filled with aqua ammonia exploded at T and T Fertilizer on County Road 15 between Wakarusa and Goshen (66058 C.R. 15). The most serious injuries were suffered by a 24-year-old employee of Southwest Welding, a private contractor hired to perform tank repairs. He was removed from the scene by a medical helicopter. The tank became airborne after the explosion and landed on the southwest corner of the property. Three other workers were sent to the hospital after being exposed to, or inhaling chemicals at the scene. A captain with the Elkhart County Sheriff's Department said that no evacuation of the surrounding area was necessary because the ammonia dissipated into the air. In all, about 2,000 gallons of aqua ammonia leaked from the tank, according to the Harrison Township Fire Department chief. He noted the chemical is not considered flammable. Aqua ammonia is a mixture of water and ammonia that is a commonly used farm fertilizer.

Source:

http://www.wndu.com/localnews/headlines/Anhydrous_Explosion_sends_three_Goshen_workers_to_hospital_130991848.html

7. *October 3, Marin Independent Journal* – (California) **State orders action to dissipate toxic chemical in Fairfax.** The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (CDTSC) is requiring the former owners of the Fair-Anselm Plaza in Fairfax to take immediate steps to dissipate high concentrations of a toxic chemical beneath the shopping center. Investigators found high levels of perchloroethylene, or PCE, at 701 through 713 Center Boulevard. PCE is a colorless liquid used as an industrial solvent — particularly by dry-cleaners — and is classified as a probable cancer agent by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Picaroto Cleaners, a dry-cleaning business; Coin Washing Well, a laundromat; and the Fairfax Gym are among the businesses in the area. In July, state investigators drilled 13 wells and tested gases in the gravel layer beneath the concrete floor. "We were seeing concentrations of between 100 and 800 parts per million, and any of those are high enough to cause us to do

something about it," said a supervising engineer with the CDTSC. The agency is requiring the center's former owners to install a system that will pump the contaminated gas out of the gravel beneath the concrete and run it through a filter to remove the PCE. The engineer said the owners must obtain a permit from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District to proceed. He noted, however, more testing may be required. Source: http://www.marinij.com/marinnews/ci_19033320

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

8. *October 3, Reuters* – (Virginia) **U.S. NRC finds no damage at Dominion's quake-hit plant.** An inspection team for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) said October 3 it has found no significant damage at Dominion Resource's quake-hit North Anna power plant in Mineral, Virginia, but that more evaluation is needed. The NRC team said the plant's safety system functions were maintained, and the plant's staff reacted in manner that protected public health and safety. Still, the team said there were issues that needed further review. They said some "anomalies" were observed on safety-related equipment that will need more evaluation. The NRC said it had sent Dominion a letter laying out the requirements for the restart of the plant.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/10/03/usa-nuclear-dominion-idUSN1E79219J20111003>

9. *October 3, Associated Press* – (Georgia) **Leaky pipe ID'd as radioactive source at nuclear Plant Hatch.** Workers identified an underground pipe leaking radioactive water beneath the Plant Hatch nuclear power plant in Baxley, Georgia, October 3. A Southern Co. spokeswoman said workers were seeking to determine if the pipe is the sole cause of a leak of radioactive tritium first discovered September 28. So far, the utility and state environmental officials said the water containing tritium has not spread beyond a small area on the grounds of the nuclear power plant, and is not a threat to the public. Southern Co. officials have said they hope to have the leak repaired early the week of October 3.

Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/leaky-pipe-idd-as-1193590.html>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

Nothing to report

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Banking and Finance Sector

10. *October 4, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority* – (Texas; National) **FINRA fines Merrill Lynch \$1 million for supervisory failures that allowed a registered representative to operate a ponzi scheme.** The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) announced October 4 it has fined Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc., \$1 million for supervisory failures that allowed a registered representative at Merrill Lynch's branch office in San Antonio to use a Merrill Lynch account to operate a ponzi scheme. The registered representative convinced 11 individuals to invest more than \$1 million in a Ponzi scheme he created and ran as B&J Partnership for more than 10 months. Merrill Lynch supervisors approved the representative's request to open a business account for B&J and failed to supervise funds customers deposited and he withdrew. FINRA permanently barred the representative from the securities industry in December 2009. FINRA found Merrill Lynch failed to have an adequate supervisory system in place to monitor employee accounts for potential misconduct. Merrill Lynch's supervisory system automatically captured accounts an employee opened using a Social Security number (SSN) as the primary tax identification number. However, if the employee's SSN was not the primary number associated with the account, the system failed to capture the account in its database. Instead, Merrill Lynch solely relied on its employees to manually input these accounts into its supervisory system. FINRA also found that from January 2006 to June 2010, Merrill Lynch failed to monitor an additional 40,000 employee/employee-interested accounts, which were not reported for certain periods of time and therefore not available on the supervisory system. In concluding this settlement, Merrill Lynch neither admitted nor denied the charges, but consented to the entry of FINRA's findings.
Source:
[http://www.finra.org/Newsroom/NewsReleases/2011/P124572?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+FINRANews+\(FINRA+News\)&utm_content=Google+Reader](http://www.finra.org/Newsroom/NewsReleases/2011/P124572?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+FINRANews+(FINRA+News)&utm_content=Google+Reader)
11. *October 4, WTVB 1590 Coldwater* – (Michigan) **Serial bank robber believed to have held up area banks.** The FBI said it believes the bandit who held up a Century Bank Branch in Coldwater, Michigan, in August and a Southern Michigan Bank & Trust branch in Tekonsha in September is a serial robber who may have been involved in up to 8 stickups or attempted holdups dating back to the fall 2009. The FBI announced there is a \$10,000 reward being offered for information leading to the arrest of the bandit. The investigation includes Coldwater City Police, the Calhoun and Hillsdale County Sheriff's Departments, and the Michigan State Police. Authorities said the first financial institution targeted was a bank in Manitou in Lenawee County November 20, 2009. The institution most recently hit was the Southern Michigan Bank and Trust branch in Tekonsha September 9. The suspect is described as a white male, approximately 6 feet tall, with an average build. He has worn vinyl Halloween masks, possibly of a former Democratic U.S. Vice President, and the current U.S. President, as

well as camouflage clothing during hunting season to disguise his appearance. His weapon is a black semi-automatic pistol. Witnesses have described his getaway vehicle as a white, four-door passenger car with a gray or black strip along the bottom.

Source: <http://wtvbam.com/news/articles/2011/oct/04/serial-bank-robber-believed-to-have-held-up-area-banks/>

12. *October 3, Orange County Register* – (California) **Broker pleads guilty in Ponzi and real estate scheme.** A broker for "hard-money lenders" pleaded guilty in California October 3 to multiple felony counts for stealing \$6.9 million from investors in a Ponzi and real estate fraud scheme, authorities said. The 53-year-old of Tustin, California, faces a potential term of 15 years in prison. He pleaded guilty to 55 felony counts of grand theft, 7 felony counts of filing false recorded documents, 6 felony counts of elder financial exploitation, and sentencing enhancements for white-collar crime over \$500,000 and excessive stealing. He defrauded as many as 12 people in a Ponzi and real estate fraud scheme from May 2004 to June 2007 while operating as a broker for "hard-money lenders" through his four Orange County-based businesses, including Sea View Investments, HLHS Financial Services Inc., Foothill Realty, and Sea View Mortgage, prosecutors said. The term "hard-money lender" is a private investor who provides money to borrowers looking for funds from non-bank lenders, prosecutors said. He stole from private investors, most of whom were long-time friends, by keeping the money they lent for borrowers and not funding the loans as promised, according to a news release from the Orange County District Attorney's Office. The convict supplied investors with bogus interest payments by taking small sums from their initial investment and providing them with falsified and forged documents to prevent them from discovering the loans had not been repaid, prosecutors said. He used funds from new investors to pay off old investor, prosecutors said. In December 2008, the Tustin Police Department began investigating after receiving complaints of checks bouncing. The convict was arrested in court June 12, 2009, after pleading guilty in an unrelated case to 6 felony counts, including grand theft and check fraud.
Source: <http://www.ocregister.com/news/helsing-320174-money-felony.html>
13. *October 3, PC Magazine* – (New York) **Anonymous threatens to 'erase NYSE from the Internet'.** Anonymous declared "war" on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) the weekend of September 30 and vowed to "erase" it from the Internet October 10 as the Occupy Wall Street protest entered its third week in New York City after a weekend that saw hundreds of protesters arrested during a planned march across the Brooklyn Bridge. "On October 10, NYSE shall be erased from the Internet. On October 10, expect a day that will never, ever be forgotten," intoned a computer-generated male voice common to many Anonymous videos, in a warning posted on TheAnonMessage YouTube channel. The channel has been used to post several Occupy Wall Street-related video messages since the protest against lax regulation of the financial sector and economic inequality began September 17. Those messages include Anonymous' initial "official" video regarding Occupy Wall Street, and a warning sent last week to the New York Police Department that threatened retaliation if "the brutality does not stop" against Occupy Wall Street protestors. The threat to "erase" the NYSE from the Internet was not explained, though some speculated Anonymous was planning a Distributed Denial-of-Service (DDoS) attack on the public-facing NYSE.com Web site,

similar to DDoS attacks the group has used to take down sites in the past. Others felt that would only be a minor setback for the NYSE and guessed that Anonymous was planning a larger attack, perhaps even an attempt to actually disable trading on the exchange.

Source: <http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2394071,00.asp#fbid=HVPcnsT7BOR>

14. *October 3, KSAZ 10 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **Bank robber threatens teller with flammable liquid.** A woman walked into a Scottsdale, Arizona bank October 3, demanded money, and then set the counter on fire. Police said the woman tried to rob the Wells Fargo bank inside the Albertson's at Scottsdale Road and Thomas about 10 a.m. Officers spent the day going through surveillance video and talking to witnesses. "She does state that she has a flammable liquid of some sort in the cup, and that if she doesn't get money she's going to light it on fire, which she actually does," a Scottsdale police officer said. The suspect poured out the cup and lit it with a match. A small section of the counter ignited, but the fire died off quickly. She then fled empty-handed, and jumped into a silver 4-door getaway car. Police are looking into whether or not the suspect is tied to another robbery in Mesa, Arizona, October 3, but that has not been confirmed.

Source: <http://www.myfoxphoenix.com/dpp/news/crime/bank-robber-threatens-teller-with-flammable-liquid-10-3-2011>

15. *October 3, Softpedia* – (International) **PayPal emails replicated in phishing campaign.** An e-mail reading "Your PayPal account has been limited" has been received by many users, in what turned out to be a well-thought-out phishing expedition. Mxlabs informed Softpedia October 3 that the scam e-mails were very well designed and because the seemingly genuine address was spoofed, they looked even more credible. The body of the note reads "Unfortunately one of your recent transaction with PayPal is not successful because your PayPal account has been limited. It is a measure taken to protect your account and help ensure the safety of the PayPal platform. We want to help you remove this limitation as soon as possible so he can continue to take advantage of the benefits from PayPal." The whole layout of the e-mail is very well conceived, and all the graphics and content elements are a perfect match to what would normally be seen in a message coming from PayPal. Once the Click Here button is hit, the user is transferred to a site hosted on a domain called mittemaedchen(dot)de. The full address contains some fragments that refer to "pay pal" to make it look more realistic. The next page, which is also well built, contains a form in which the customer is asked for information such as name, date of birth, country, address, and credit card information. After the form is completed, the victim is redirected to the PayPal genuine site.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/PayPal-Emails-Replicated-in-Phishing-Campaign-225118.shtml>

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Transportation Sector

16. *October 4, Truckinginfo.com* – (Iowa; Missouri; Nebraska) **Iowa DOT to Reopen I-29 in Southwest Iowa.** The Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) plans to reopen Interstate 29 later the week of October 3 from the Missouri state line to U.S. 34 (exit 32) near Pacific Junction. Portions of this section of the interstate have been closed since June 15. An announcement with the day and time of the opening will be made as soon as a more precise determination can be made, Truckinginfo.com reported October 4. Construction and repair work is ongoing. When the road reopens, temporary lane crossovers will be in place at mileposts 0.8 northbound and 3.2 southbound, near Hamburg, Iowa. Two-way traffic conditions will be present between the crossovers and diverted into the southbound lanes. The crossovers are necessary until repairs can be completed to the embankment of the northbound bridge, which was damaged during the flooding. Exit 1, Iowa 333 to Hamburg; and exit 10, Iowa 2 to Nebraska City, Nebraska will remain closed after I-29 reopens. Iowa 333 has sustained flood damage; and now that the water has receded, the IDOT will be able to perform a more thorough assessment of the roadway. Iowa 2 sustained substantial damage due to the flooding and must be repaired.
Source: http://www.truckinginfo.com/news/news-detail.asp?news_id=74872
17. *October 4, Associated Press* – (Texas) **18 students hospitalized after bus wreck.** Authorities said 18 Tyler, Texas middle school students were taken to area hospitals after the bus they were riding in was hit by a station wagon that crossed into the middle of the road. A department of public safety trooper said most of the students taken to hospitals after the October 3 wreck in Smith County had whiplash and ankle injuries. The trooper said the station wagon driven by a Dallas man was going too fast as he crested a hill and drifted over into the middle of the road, colliding with the Tyler school district bus carrying 26 kids home following an after-school program at Dogan Middle School. A school district spokeswoman said all of the students were treated and released from hospitals October 3.
Source: <http://www.newswest9.com/story/15612180/18-students-hospitalized-after-bus-wreck>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

18. *October 3, WAKA 8 Montgomery* – (Alabama) **Suspicious package causes evacuation at Montgomery shopping complex.** A suspicious package shut down a shopping center in Montgomery, Alabama for 3 hours October 3, causing businesses to be evacuated, and the bomb squad to be brought in to investigate. According to Montgomery's Department of Public Safety, a call from a UPS employee was made around 5 p.m. describing a suspicious package that was dropped off by a customer. Montgomery's police and fire departments were involved along with the explosives ordinance disposal unit and even the FBI to X-ray the package and safely remove it from the property. According to police, the package was detonated on their firing range and was not determined to be hazardous, but a Montgomery County commissioner said

all precautions were necessary because the customers' actions were unusual.

Source: <http://www.waka.com/news/9554-suspicious-package-causes-evacuation-at-montgomery-shopping-complex.html>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

19. *October 4, Smart Business* – (National) **Dole settles lawsuits filed by farm workers from chemical DBCP.** Dole Food Co. Inc. said it has settled lawsuits filed by farm workers claiming injuries from the agricultural chemical DBCP, Smart Business News reported October 4. The settlement will not have a material effect on Dole's financial condition, results of operations, or cash flows, the company said in a statement. Dole said the settlement included five lawsuits filed on behalf of farm workers in the United States, and 33 lawsuits filed in Nicaragua. The 33 Nicaraguan cases represent about \$9 billion in claimed damages and, in seven of those cases, two judgments totaling \$907.5 million, the company said. The Los Angeles court hearing the cases has set November 3 as the date to assess and confirm the fairness of the settlement to all parties, Dole said.

Source: <http://www.sbsonline.com/2011/10/dole-settles-lawsuits-filed-by-farm-workers-from-chemical-dbcip/?full=1>

20. *October 4, MidHudsonNews.com* – (New York) **Fire damages Brooklyn Bottling Co.** Well over 100 firefighters from several Ulster and Orange County fire departments battled a four-alarm fire October 2 at the Brooklyn Bottling Company in Milton, New York. The Milton fire chief said there was substantial damage to the manufacturing portion of the plant. The ceiling, roof, and walls sustained fire and water damage. The chief said the building is closed until the town's code enforcement officer can determine the structural integrity of the building. The cause of the fire is under investigation. A haz-mat team was called in to investigate. Marlborough Town Police said the firefighting effort shut down Route 9W for 3 hours and brought out Milton, Marlboro, Highland, Town of Ulster, Modena, and Middle Hope fire departments. Firefighters had to use 5-inch hose lines to draw water from the nearby town pond to extinguish the flames.

Source: http://www.midhudsonnews.com/News/2011/October/04/BklnBot_fire-04Oct11.html

21. *October 3, White Plains Journal News* – (New York) **1,200 evacuate Pepsi building after bomb threat.** A bomb threat found scribbled on toilet paper in a bathroom at the Pepsi Beverages Co. headquarters in Somers, New York October 3 led to the evacuation of 1,200 staff and contract workers from the building. No device was discovered after the entire 9-story building and its grounds were searched for about 2 hours. The message read, "I am going to blow this (expletive) place up," the town police chief said. State police brought a bomb-sniffing dog, and called for Westchester County police, who had a bomb unit and four dogs. State police will handle a criminal investigation into the threat, the police chief added.

Source: <http://www.lohud.com/article/20111004/NEWS02/110040321/1-200-evacuate-Pepsi-building-after-bomb-threat>

22. *October 3, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Climate experts meet to discuss epic Texas drought.** Federal and state weather forecasters and climate experts are getting together to brainstorm about the 2011 Texas drought and what weather trends might signal for the future, the Associated Press reported October 3. The drought has already cost the Texas agriculture and cattle industries more than \$5 billion. Intensifying La Nina conditions in the equatorial waters of the Pacific Ocean signal the approach of another dry winter. That means little to no relief from the drought conditions. A state climatologist told the Austin American-Statesman the drought could be the beginning of a decade-long dry spell. He joined National Weather Service forecasters and climatologists from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in discussions in Fort Worth October 3.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/weather/2011/10/03/climate-experts-meet-to-discuss-epic-texas-drought/>

23. *October 3, Associated Press* – (Wisconsin) **OSHA orders Wis. company pay \$550,000 fine.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has ordered a Wisconsin grain company to increase safety training for grain bin employees and pay a fine of \$550,000, the Associated Press reported October 3. Burlington-based Cooperative Plus Inc. was cited for 14 willful, 23 serious, and 2 other safety violations in August 2010 for lacking proper equipment and procedures and exposing workers to the risk of being engulfed in storage bins. The citations involve a February 2010 accident where a worker at the Burlington plant was buried up to his chest by frozen soybeans for 4 hours. The employee survived the accident. They also involve alleged violations at Whitewater and Genoa City plants that include failing to test air for hazardous chemicals, and failing to provide an adequate emergency plan. Under the settlement announced October 3, the farmer-owned cooperative is required to increase safety training at its facilities in Whitewater, Burlington, East Troy, and Genoa City. That includes scheduling rescue drills semiannually and providing 10 hours of training to new and current employees whose duties expose them to potential hazards. It was ordered to retain at least one independent safety consultant.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9Q518NG0.htm>

24. *October 1, WMAQ 5 Chicago* – (National) **Thornton's recalls salads over Salmonella concerns.** A chain of gas and convenience stores with locations in the Chicago, Illinois area is voluntarily recalling some salad products because they are potentially contaminated with Salmonella, WMAQ 5 Chicago reported October 1. Thornton's is recalling its garden salads and chef salads manufactured and distributed by Greencore U.S.A. to select stores in Chicago, Cincinnati, Ohio, Columbus, Ohio, Indianapolis, Indiana, Evansville, Indiana, Lexington, Kentucky, and Nashville, Tennessee. The product comes in a black bowl with clear lid and is marked with expiration dates 9/30/2011, 10/2/2011, and 10/3/2011 on the label on the front of the package. The garden salad comes in a 6-ounce container and the chef salad comes in a 5.6-ounce container. The potential for contamination was noted when a lot of grape tomatoes revealed the presence of Salmonella. Salads produced for Thornton's contain grape

tomatoes from the same lot.

Source: <http://www.nbcchicago.com/news/health/thorntons-salad-recall-130918103.html>

25. *September 30, KCBY 11 North Bend* – (Oregon) **Sudden Oak Death detected outside quarantine.** State officials said a new site with trees infected by the pathogen *Phytophthora ramorum* — also known as Sudden Oak Death — has been discovered in Curry County, Oregon outside a quarantine area designed to stop the spread of the disease, KCBY 11 North Bend reported September 30. Sudden Oak Death is a threat to the Oregon timber industry. The new infection site is more than 6 miles north of a quarantine boundary established by state and federal officials to stop the spread of the infection outside of southwest Oregon. As required by state law, the Cape Sebastian State Park infection site and a 3-mile buffer zone are now included in the Sudden Oak Death quarantine area. Plants species susceptible to *P. ramorum* and soil associated with the infected trees cannot be moved out of the area unless heat treated to required specifications. State officials are unsure at this point how the pathogen got outside the quarantine area established 3 years ago.

Source: <http://www.kcby.com/news/local/130867623.html>

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Water Sector

26. *October 4, Environmental Protection* – (New York) **Dry cleaning chemicals found in water next to middle school in New York.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized a plan to clean up groundwater at the Peninsula Boulevard Ground Water Plume Superfund site in Hempstead, New York, by removing and treating contaminated groundwater from the site, Environmental Protection reported October 4. The ground water is contaminated with the volatile organic compounds tetrachloroethylene and trichloroethylene, chemicals used in dry cleaning that can seriously impact people's health. According to the article, EPA's cleanup plan entails extracting groundwater from the site using pumping wells and treating the water to remove the contaminants before it is disposed of at a public wastewater treatment facility or sent back into surface or groundwater. Residents in the area get their drinking water from the Long Island American Water Company, which operates a drinking water well field about 1,000 feet north of the Peninsula Boulevard site. Water extracted from this well field is treated to remove contaminants before distribution and is sometimes mixed with water from other sources. The EPA did not detect any contaminants above acceptable levels in groundwater from the Long Island American Water Company during its investigation of the Peninsula Boulevard Superfund site. The site was added to the Superfund list of the most contaminated hazardous waste sites in 2004.

Source: <http://eponline.com/articles/2011/10/04/epa-finalizes-plan-to-clean-up-old-dry-cleaner-site-in-new-york.aspx>

27. *October 3, Reuters* – (Montana) **Sweeping clean water settlement approved for Montana.** A federal judge approved a settlement giving Montana until 2014 to clean up polluted streams and lakes in 28 watersheds across the state, capping nearly 15 years of legal battles, officials said October 3. Reuters reported the deal covers more than 17,000 miles of rivers and streams and 461,000 surface acres of lakes, requiring them to meet water-quality standards set for uses such as drinking, swimming, and fishing, under the federal Clean Water Act (CWA). The settlement, signed by a U.S. district judge September 27 and made public October 3, addresses hundreds of types of pollutants, including hazardous chemicals such as polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and heavy metals such as mercury. The deal stems from a 1997 lawsuit that said the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Montana Department of Environmental Quality had violated the CWA by permitting contaminants to be released into the state's already degraded waters.

Source: <http://news.yahoo.com/sweeping-clean-water-settlement-approved-montana-030829778.html>

28. *October 3, West Linn Tidings* – (Oregon) **Sewage spill dumps 300,000 gallons into Willamette River in West Linn.** A pump station located in West Linn, Oregon, spilled about 300,000 gallons of sewage into the Willamette River after it lost power October 2. The station is operated by Clackamas County Water Environmental Services (WES) on behalf of the Tri-City Service District. Sewage poured into the river for an hour and a half as two of three pumps at the station were offline. The one remaining pump could not keep up with the flow, a WES spokesperson said. The cause was an electrical problem that led to the pumps' failure. Power was restored and repairs were made within 2 hours by WES staff. There is no backup system in case of electrical failure at the pump station, according to WES, and the utility is investigating what triggered the power problem.

Source:

http://www.westlinntidings.com/news/story.php?story_id=131768163092245000

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

29. *October 3, KMGH 7 Denver* – (Colorado) **Sensitive patient records found scattered at shopping center.** An Aurora, Colorado, street sweeper found hundreds of sensitive dental patient records scattered near a dumpster behind an Aurora shopping center October 1. The billings records contained patients' Social Security numbers, birth dates, names and addresses. The worker handed over a stack of the documents to KMGH 7 Denver news reporters, and trashed the rest. The documents trace back to Dentistry at the Crest, a dental practice 20 miles away in Lone Tree. KMGH reported the dental practice was sold in September. Both the original and new owners said they did not know how the documents ended up in Aurora. Police have been contacted to investigate. State law prohibits medical practices from trashing documents, and requires owners to discard of patient documents in a manner that protects their

confidentiality.

Source: <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/29368650/detail.html>

30. *October 3, WANE 15 Fort Wayne* – (Indiana) **Medical records found dumped behind empty building.** A couple stumbled upon hundreds of old medical records dumped behind the a department store October 2 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The records date back to the late 1970s and early 1980s. Many have patient names, dates of births, and details about medical conditions. Many of the papers have the name of an old practice whose address is now a long-time abandoned building. A Google search suggests the doctor was in the holistic healing business that practiced in Fort Wayne from 1958 to 1983. The doctor was convicted on felony charges for illegally writing prescriptions and his license was suspended in 1983. The next year it was reinstated on a probationary basis. How these records showed up years later and got dumped is still a mystery. A Fort Wayne Police Department spokesman said at the least this could be a case of illegal dumping. She did not know immediately if the confidential nature of the papers would change any charges.

Source: <http://www.wane.com/dpp/news/medical-records-found-dumped-behind-empty-building>

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Government Facilities Sector

31. *October 4, Norfolk Virginian-Pilot* – (North Carolina) **Police seek suspect in threat to N.C. college campus.** Police are looking for the person who sent a threatening e-mail to the College of the Albemarle October 3, causing school officials to close the Elizabeth City, North Carolina, campus. Police originally sought a male student who lived in Elizabeth City, but that suspect was cleared after interviews. Now police seek another person who is not a student, the police chief said. But police plan to remain on campus for the next 3 or 4 days. Police declined to say what the threat was. Police responded and searched the campus. No guns were found. Police did not call in a bomb squad. Only the Elizabeth City campus was closed. The alert did not extend to mission-essential personnel.

Source: <http://hamptonroads.com/2011/10/police-seek-suspect-threat-nc-college-campus>

32. *October 4, Softpedia* – (National) **Security breaches in federal agencies hard to contain despite efforts.** A report released by the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) October 4 revealed that in the past 5 years, the number of security breaches in federal networks have increased constantly. The figures show that in 2006, there were just over 5,000 incidents reported, while in 2010 the number skyrocketed to 41,000. About 30 percent of the incidents from last year were attacks in which malicious code was injected into the networks of federal organizations. The paper concludes "Inadequacies exist in access controls, which include identification and authentication, authorization, cryptography, audit and monitoring, boundary protection, and physical security."

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Security-Breaches-in-Federal-Agencies-Hard-to-Contain-Despite-Efforts-225271.shtml>

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Emergency Services Sector

33. *October 4, CNN* – (California) **Thousands of California prisoners on hunger strike.** Thousands of California state prisoners, angry about what they call harsh treatment, have been on a hunger strike that entered its ninth day October 4. There could be as many as 12,000 inmates skipping meals in at least eight California prisons, a prison advocacy group said. Many inmates are angry about a practice of keeping them in solitary confinement for too long, the group said. The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation released a statement last week saying it is "responding to a hunger strike disturbance by thousands of inmates in several correctional facilities." Prison officials said it would punish inmates who were not eating and leaders of the strike will be removed "from the general population and be placed in an Administrative Segregation Unit." The prisoners have made five demands that include a change in the prison policy that makes inmates go through an interrogation process where they have to incriminate themselves and identify other inmates who are involved in breaking rules to get out of solitary confinement. They are demanding an end to group lockdowns and want more privileges for those in solitary confinement, such as winter clothes and nutritious meals. The strike started September 26 and is the second strike by prisoners this year. One in July lasted for weeks. Demonstrators have called for a rally October 5 outside the corrections department headquarters in Sacramento to express solidarity with the hunger strikers.

Source: http://www.cnn.com/2011/10/04/justice/california-prison-hunger-strike/index.html?hpt=us_c1

34. *October 3, XETV 6 San Diego* – (California) **Stolen police vehicle.** A 30-year-old man was behind bars October 3 after stealing a sheriff's cruiser and leading law enforcement personnel on a 38-minute pursuit from Poway, California to Carmel Valley, authorities said. The man allegedly stole the white cruiser at about 9:45 a.m. October 2 from two senior patrol volunteers who were standing nearby doing traffic control for Poway's annual "Tour de Poway" cycling event. A sheriff's deputy spotted the vehicle minutes later and a pursuit ensued. San Diego police assisted with the pursuit until authorities decided to back off and let a sheriff's helicopter crew follow the stolen cruiser. The California Highway Patrol also assisted by closing intersections. The suspect eventually drove to the end of a cul-de-sac in the Carmel Valley area, stopping briefly before crashing through a fence to get to another street, according to a San Diego County sheriff's sergeant. He then drove backward slowly toward police vehicles, but then bounded out of the still-moving cruiser and surrendered, the sergeant said. The vehicle came to a stop on its own and the only property damage was to a fence and the cruiser, he said, noting no one was injured in the 23-mile, 38-minute pursuit. The suspect was booked into San Diego Central Jail on suspicion of felony evading, felony theft of an

on-call emergency vehicle, misdemeanor drunken driving, and misdemeanor driving under the influence of a controlled substance.

Source: <http://www.sandiego6.com/news/local/story/Stolen-Police-Vehicle/GX1dqk0s-UeT2UnbYnMDiQ.csp>

35. *October 3, New York Post* – (New York) **Convicted killer busted after shooting at U.S. Marshals in Queens.** A convicted killer being sought for an armed robbery at a Post Office in 2007 was arrested October 3 after opening fire at U.S. Marshals in Queens, New York, law enforcement officials said. The 40-year-old, who served 15 years in prison for manslaughter, fired two shots at the U.S. Marshals Regional Fugitive Task Force closing in on him and an accomplice. The officers took both men into custody without being injured, officials said. It was unclear if the officers fired back. Up to six guns were recovered at the scene, including a Mac 10 and an Uzi, said one law enforcement official. The man was released from prison in 2005 after being convicted of first degree manslaughter in 1990, state records show. He was indicted for his participation in the June 8, 2007 armed robbery of the Archer Avenue Post Office in Jamaica, Queens.

Source:

http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/queens/convicted_killer_busted_after_shooting_3wuA9MuleTtDXX3i7BVEoJ

36. *October 3, Honolulu Star-Advertiser* – (Hawaii) **FBI investigating contraband smuggled into detention center.** The FBI is conducting an investigation into the smuggling of contraband into the Federal Detention Center in Honolulu, Hawaii, after two state inmates admitted receiving tobacco and marijuana there, a federal prosecutor said. He made those statements during the sentencing October 3 of an individual arrested for possessing tobacco and marijuana at the detention facility last December, and attempting to possess more tobacco and marijuana in February. He was sentenced to 15 months in prison. Another former state inmate was sentenced to 2 years in federal prison last month for possessing and providing the contraband to the first inmate last December, and attempting to possess more tobacco and marijuana in February. Federal prison officials found the contraband hidden in slippers the inmate was wearing following a family visit in February. The slippers were not of the kind available to inmates at the facility.

Source: <http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/breaking/131019728.html>

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Information Technology Sector

37. *October 4, Help Net Security* – (International) **Critical vulnerabilities in Adobe Photoshop Elements 8.** Critical vulnerabilities have been identified in Adobe Photoshop Elements 8.0 and earlier versions, Help Net Security reported October 4. These two buffer overflow vulnerabilities (CVE-2011-2443) could cause a crash and potentially allow an attacker to take control of the affected system. An attacker would

need to convince a user to open a malicious binary .grd or .abr file to successfully exploit the issue. Because Photoshop Elements 8 is no longer supported, Adobe recommends users upgrade to Photoshop Elements 10. Users who cannot upgrade to Photoshop Elements 10 should not open .grd or .abr files from untrusted sources.
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=11726>

38. *October 3, Softpedia* – (International) **Children's online games hide bank account stealing malware.** Bitdefender experts warn users to pay closer attention to what their children access on the Internet as in many cases, harmless looking games hide dangerous malware that could compromise the entire information from a device. According to a Bitdefender researcher, "Some of these dangerous games are easily identified by adults — who suspect that something is abnormal about them when they require permission to install various programs in the computer or they redirect to other Web sites," he said. "Thus, attackers choose targets that are easier to dupe. Furthermore, a 4-year-old doesn't understand the concept of online vulnerability." The colorful images and playful sounds might look innocent, but in some cases they hide backdoor applications that surrender control of the machine to hackers looking to steal sensitive data. The phenomenon is expected to take off, as recent studies show that in the United States and in the United Kingdom, more than 40 percent of children are highly active in social networking environments. Also, 24 percent of parents do not monitor their children's Internet activity. Malware containing Flash applications seem to be among the most unsafe as in many cases they look like regular games. When they are executed, redirects are made, which lead kids to insecure locations that host malicious elements. Legitimate sites can also be overtaken by cybercriminals and infested with malevolent code that could hand over the controls to the system to a third party.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Children-s-Online-Games-Hide-Bank-Account-Stealing-Malware-225093.shtml>
39. *October 3, Wired.com* – (International) **U.S. signs international anti-piracy accord.** The United States, Australia, Canada, Japan, Morocco, New Zealand, Singapore, and South Korea signed the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement October 1, an accord targeting intellectual property piracy. The European Union, Mexico, and Switzerland — the only other governments participating in the accord's creation — did not sign the deal at a ceremony in Japan but "confirmed their continuing strong support for and preparations to sign the agreement as soon as practical," the parties said in a joint statement. Among other things, the accord demands governments make it unlawful to market devices that circumvent copyright, such as devices that copy encrypted DVDs without authorization. The accord also calls on participating nations to maintain extensive seizure and forfeiture laws when it comes to counterfeited goods that are trademarked or copyrighted. Most important, countries must carry out a legal system where victims of intellectual property theft may be awarded monetary damages.
Source: <http://www.wired.com/threatlevel/2011/10/united-states-signs-acta/>
40. *October 2, Ars Technica* – (International) **Security hole in HTC phones gives up e-mail addresses, location.** A security hole found in some HTC Android phones could give apps with Internet permissions access to information such as a user's location and

their text messages, Android Police reported October 2. The vulnerability is part of HTC's Sense UI and affects a subset of the brand's most popular phones, including the HTC Thunderbolt, and the EVO 4G. The affected HTC phones have an application package titled HTCLoggers.apk installed with root-level access. Apps with Internet permissions can access HTCLoggers.apk, which provides access to information such as GPS data, WiFi network data, memory information, running processes, SMS data (including phone numbers and encoded text), and system logs that can include information such as e-mail addresses and phone numbers. When called upon, the logging program opens a local port that will provide this data to any app that asks for it. Apps can send the data off to a remote server for safekeeping, as shown by a proof-of-concept app that Android Police researchers developed.

Source: <http://arstechnica.com/gadgets/news/2011/10/security-hole-in-htc-phones-gives-up-e-mail-addresses-location.ars>

41. *October 1, Softpedia* – (International) **Google and Yahoo services become spammers' heaven.** Since e-mail arriving from Yahoo or Google services is considered legitimate and useful, spammers take advantage of this to spread malevolent messages. A Sophos security researcher revealed he has been receiving a lot of spam e-mail from Google Picasa and Yahoo! Groups, all being attempts of hackers to cast “spammy” alerts. In the case of Google's Picasa, a random account is created that contains text and attached pictures that are then shared with other members. So users might end up receiving many Picasa Web albums. Because anything coming from the picture manager is considered to be harmless, it never ends up in the spam folder of the mailbox. Instead, it floods users' inboxes with myriad scam attempts. With Yahoo! Groups the principle is more complicated, but spammers can just as easily take advantage of the policy slip. The rules allow anyone who owns a group to add members without asking for permission. Instead, after a user is unwillingly made part of a group, they must unsubscribe to stop receiving alerts. This mechanism is utilized successfully and as the Sophos researcher pointed out, in many cases it is not easy to unsubscribe. Another one of Yahoo's policies makes certain links expire “to prevent abuse,” thus making it impossible to cancel a subscription.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Google-and-Yahoo-Services-Become-Spammer-s-Heaven-224879.shtml>

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Communications Sector

42. *October 3, KOTV 6 Tulsa* – (Oklahoma) **AT&T repairs cell tower after 6 month service interruption in Adair.** Cell phone provider AT&T said October 3 it solved a chronic problem for customers in Adair, Oklahoma. Almost no one with an AT&T cell phone could make outgoing calls, and the problem lasted for more than 6 months, despite plenty of complaints. AT&T said the problem was limited to one tower. The cell phone company said they repaired it the day after KOTV 6 Tulsa reported the phone problems delayed the emergency response to a house fire.
Source: <http://www.newson6.com/story/15607981/att>
43. *October 3, NorthEscambia.com* – (Florida) **Frontier experiences Internet outage.** Frontier Communications Internet customers across the North Escambia, Florida area were without service for about 6 hours October 3. Business and residential customers in the Walnut Hill, Bratt, Molino, and Atmore areas reported their Internet service failed about 9:10 a.m. Service returned about 3:15 p.m., according to the company. A spokesperson for Frontier said early the afternoon of October 3 that the outage was the result of an AT&T cable that was cut west of Atmore. Frontier high speed Internet customers have been plagued with numerous outages — some many hours in length — over the past several months. The company has said that most of those outages were caused by problems with AT&T, the provider for Frontier’s connection to the Internet.
Source: <http://www.northescambia.com/?p=70172>
44. *October 3, Riverside Press-Enterprise* – (California) **Verizon restores Wrightwood-area phone service.** The San Bernardino County, California Sheriff’s Department announced telephone service was restored to Verizon customers living in an area west of Interstate 15 in the lower Cajon Pass October 3. The service had been disrupted early October 3, cutting land-line, cellular, and data services to residents of Wrightwood, Canyon Hill, Oak Springs, Cajon, West Cajon Valley, Big Pines, and Pinon Hills, including 911 service. Residents with an emergency were urged to go to one of three fire stations in the area, a spokeswoman said. The county fire department’s emergency communications center, and Wrightwood’s community emergency response team were checking on residents during the outage to help ensure no one with special needs, such as people with disabilities, or emergencies were going without aid, the spokeswoman said. A Verizon crew worked throughout the day to restore service, but neither Verizon nor the sheriff’s department announced what cause the service outage, or how many people it affected.
Source: <http://www.pe.com/local-news/san-bernardino-county/san-bernardino-county-headlines-index/20111003-update-verizon-restores-wrightwood-area-phone-service.ece>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

45. *October 4, WRTV 6 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **1 arrested, 1 injured after apartment fire.** A man was hurt and another was arrested October 3 after an explosion at an

apartment in Tippecanoe County, Indiana. Lafayette police and firefighters were called to a fire at an apartment just after 9 p.m. After the flames were doused, an active methamphetamine lab was found, police said. About 20 minutes later, officers said they found a 32-year-old man outside city hall suffering from chemical burns to his hands and face. Another man, who police said was in the apartment, was arrested on a charge of manufacturing methamphetamine.

Source: <http://www.theindychannel.com/news/29381295/detail.html>

46. *October 3, WPRI 12 Providence* – (Rhode Island) **Red Cross helping victims of EP blaze.** Volunteers from the American Red Cross were helping 18 East Providence, Rhode Island residents after an early morning fire October 2. The 3-alarm fire ravaged an apartment building, burning through multiple apartments. Four firefighters and a few residents were treated for minor injuries. A total of 18 people, including 16 adults and 2 children, were being provided with a combination of temporary lodging and financial assistance for emergency clothing and food.

Source: http://www.wpri.com/dpp/news/local_news/west_bay/wpri-red-cross-helping-victims-of-ep-blaze

47. *October 3, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **Arson charges for man in Baltimore fire.** A 35-year-old man was charged with arson for allegedly setting a fire that destroyed an automobile repair and tire shop in Baltimore, Maryland, September 26. The Baltimore Sun reported October 3 that police arrested the man September 30. The fire burned through a 2-story building in northwest Baltimore.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/crime-scene/post/arson-charges-for-man-in-baltimore-fire/2011/10/03/gIQAZuLbHL_blog.html

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

48. *October 4, Associated Press* – (Wisconsin) **State parks remain closed in Door County.** State parks and a state trail popular for catching fall colors remained closed in Wisconsin's Door County as cleanup continued from last week's powerful winds, WISC 3 Madison reported October 4. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) crews have been working to clear trees and repair shower buildings. The DNR hopes to reopen facilities before the weekend of October 8 and 9, but said uncertainties remained about power and water, restrooms, and shower facilities. Campers with reservations were being contacted through the online reservation system and by phone, if necessary, to give them status updates.

Source: <http://www.channel3000.com/recreation/29381528/detail.html>

49. *October 3, CNN* – (District of Columbia) **Washington Monument assessment to begin anew.** Assessment of the earthquake-damaged Washington Monument were expected to begin anew October 3. Authorities halted inspections September 30 after wind gusts blew one of the roped-in workers off the monument, and moved him 30 feet

away. In an earlier statement, the National Park Police said as the engineering team was finishing September 30, a climber, who works for the Difficult Access Team from Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, was lifted by wind and pushed from the west face of the monument to the south face. The team is assessing the exterior of the monument following damage from an 5.8 magnitude earthquake that shook much of the East Coast August 23. The park service said an interior assessment of the monument found it to be structurally sound and in no danger of collapse. The Difficult Access Team has mainly focused on the top of the monument, but will eventually rappel down the sides for a full inspection. Park service officials said they hoped the assessment would be finished by October 14, at which point they would have a better idea when the monument could be reopened to the public.

Source: http://articles.cnn.com/2011-10-03/us/us_washington-monument_1_washington-monument-assessment-magnitude-earthquake?_s=PM:US

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Dams Sector

50. *October 4, Karenni Development Research Group* – (International) **Press Release: Dam-induced floods spur calls to suspend new Chinese dams in Burma's Karenni State.** Unprecedented releases of water from Burma's first major hydropower dam at Moebye caused severe flooding around the Karenni capital, Loikaw, spurring calls by community groups to suspend construction of three large hydropower dams planned by Chinese investors in Karenni state, the Karenni Development Research Group (KDRG) said in a press release October 4. Unusually heavy rains during September caused dam operators to repeatedly release large quantities of water from the Moebye dam, leading to flooding near Loikaw. In three villages alone, more than 500 houses were submerged up to the roof, and 500 acres of paddy fields inundated under several meters of water. Thousands of residents who were evacuated remain homeless as the floodwaters have yet to recede. The latest floods stoked fears among Karenni communities of the impacts of three new mega dams planned by the China Datang Corporation under an MOU signed with the Burmese regime in early 2010. The dams include the 600 Megawatt (MW) Ywathit dam on the Salween River, a 130 MW dam on the Pon River, a Salween tributary, and a 110 MW dam on the Thabet River, north of Loikaw. Encouraged by the Burmese president's recent announcement of the suspension of the Myitsone Dam, KDRG called for a suspension of the planned Chinese dams in Karenni State, and a careful re-investigation of their social and environmental impacts.

Source:

http://www.shanland.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=4091:press-release-dam-induced-floods-spur-calls-to-suspend-new-chinese-dams-in-burmas-karenni-state&catid=mailbox&Itemid=279

51. *October 3, WXIA 11 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **FEMA to pay up to 75 percent of dam's repair.** Two years after massive rains caused cracks in Berkeley Lake's earthen dam in Gwinnett County, Georgia, engineers say all of the water must be drained, to make

repairs, WXIA 11 Atlanta reported October 3. The draining of the lake comes after engineers suggested lowering the lake's level by 12 feet, to lower pressure against the dam. After a tug of war with the state and federal government, the Federal Emergency Management Agency said it will cover up to 75 percent of the cost of repairs. Siphons at Berkeley Lake were open October 3, draining the lake's water into the Chatahoochee River. The lake is said to be about 70-feet deep. As the lake's level drops, the City of Berkeley Lake is working to remove the fish, before the water level gets too low.

Source: <http://www.11alive.com/news/article/207994/3/BERKELEY-LAKE-FEMA-to-pay-up-to-75-percent-of-dams-repair>

52. *October 3, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **Dumont Lake fully drained sooner than expected, easing way for repairs to lake dam.** Colorado Parks and Wildlife officials finished draining Dumont Lake near the east summit of Rabbit Ears Pass, the Associated Press reported October 3. The 220-acre-feet of water in the lake was drained to make it easier to repair recently discovered damage to the lake's dam. Wildlife managers planned to lift catch-and-release restrictions through October 31 at the lake so anglers could salvage as many trout as possible, but the lake was drained much sooner than expected. Wildlife officials said they planned to restock the lake with trout once repairs are complete.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/fc7b8a6b89524d0c9877ba478d2bfda2/CO--Dumont-Lake/>

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