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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 13, Reuters* – (Louisiana) **US to impose sanctions on BP, Gulf spill contractors.** The U.S. Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement October 12 formally issued sanctions against BP and the major contractors involved in the 2010 explosion on the Deepwater Horizon rig that killed 11 workers and spewed more than 4 million barrels of oil into the Gulf of Mexico. The agency filed 15 “incidents of noncompliance” to the companies. It did not release details of how much the companies may face in fines. By law, the firms face fines of up to \$35,000 a day, per incident. In its final report issued last month, the Interior Department outlined the infractions. BP,

owner of the ruptured Macondo well, received seven notices for violations ranging from failure to protect health and property to failing to keep the well under control at all times. In a first for the department, BP's contractors Transocean, which owned the Deepwater Horizon rig, and Halliburton, which carried out cementing on the well, also face sanctions. The contractors each received four notices of violations, with Transocean accused of failing to properly maintain the rig's blowout preventer and Halliburton accused of not properly cementing the well. All three companies have 60 days to appeal the sanctions. The agency said it will consider imposing civil penalties for the notices once the appeal period has ended. Any fines imposed by the drilling agency would be separate from the ongoing Department of Justice (DOJ) lawsuits against BP and Transocean. A Transocean spokesman said the firm plans to appeal its sanctions. BP said it has taken steps to enhance safety, and the sanctions show its contractors also played a role in the spill. Traditionally, the DOJ has only gone after well operators for rule infractions. But after last year's spill, the department has asserted it has the authority to regulate contractors.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/10/13/oil-spill-sanctions-idUSN1E79B1ZC20111013>

2. *October 13, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Rig owner accused of not honoring spill subpoenas.** Federal prosecutors October 12 filed a civil complaint against Transocean, owner of the rig that exploded last year in the Gulf of Mexico and led to a massive oil spill, accusing the company of refusing to honor subpoenas from a federal board investigating the accident. However, Transocean said the U.S. Chemical Safety Board (CSB), which issued the subpoenas, does not have jurisdiction. The complaint, filed by the U.S. attorney's office on behalf of CSB, alleges Transocean has not fully complied with five subpoenas issued by the board from November 24, 2010, to April 7. "Transocean has provided no response or an insufficient response to a total of 38 specific demands for documents or answers to interrogatories. Some of these demands are more than 10 months old," according to the complaint, which was filed in federal court in Houston, Texas. "Transocean's ongoing failure to provide information has impeded and delayed the CSB's investigation." The board is one of several agencies investigating the April 20, 2010, explosion, which killed 11 workers. It also led to more than 200 million gallons of oil being released from BP's undersea well, according to government estimates. Transocean contends the safety board does not have standing to ask for the documents it is requesting, which include work schedules and all records gathered by the company's internal investigation team, a company spokesman said. Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/rig-owner-accused-honoring-spill-subpoenas-14725490>
3. *October 12, Austin Daily Herald* – (Minnesota) **Bad gasoline delivered to 21 communities, including Austin.** A petroleum company is replacing gas it delivered to nearly two dozen Minnesota communities, including Austin, because it contained too much ethanol. The gasoline came from Magellan Midstream Partners Petroleum plant in Mankato. A Magellan spokesman said "an operational issue" caused the gas to contain more than 10 percent ethanol. The Minnesota Department of Commerce said it received two consumer complaints about problems with vehicles and traced the high ethanol gas to 21 localities. A spokesman for Magellan said the company has been

”reclaiming” the gas and replacing it with gas from other terminals in the area.

Source: <http://www.austindailyherald.com/2011/10/12/bad-gas-delivered-to-austin/>

4. *October 12, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Owner of Louisiana refinery faces record \$12M fine.** A Texas company that owns a refinery in southwestern Louisiana pleaded guilty October 12 to felony violations of the federal Clean Air Act (CAA) and obstructing justice, and agreed to pay a record fine. Pelican Refining LLC will pay \$12 million for problems at its Lake Charles refinery, including \$2 million for air pollution monitoring and other environmental projects in the state, according to a plea agreement reached in federal court. A judge must approve the agreement. The Justice Department said the criminal fines would be the largest ever in Louisiana for CAA violations. It also said Houston-based Pelican acknowledged it violated numerous standards in its permit, including emissions of potentially deadly hydrogen sulfide, and submitted false emissions reports to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality. The Pelican vice president who oversaw operations at the refinery since 2005 pleaded guilty July 6 to two CAA violations. He faces up to a year in prison and a \$200,000 fine for each count. Federal authorities said they opened an investigation after state inspectors in 2006 discovered illegal releases of hydrogen sulfide, improperly repaired or bypassed pollution monitoring, and control equipment and oil stored in unrepaired tanks. The refinery also had no company budget, no environmental department and no environmental manager, according to Pelican's court admission. The flare used by the refinery to burn off emissions, including hydrogen sulfide, was not properly functioning, and employees typically took turns trying to relight it with a flare gun, the government said.

Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2011/10/12/2451170/owner-of-louisiana-refinery-faces.html>

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Chemical Industry Sector

5. *October 13, Louisville Courier-Journal* – (Kentucky) **Rubbertown plant faces record air-pollution, explosion fines.** Eckart America, a pigment-manufacturing plant in the Rubbertown section of Louisville, Kentucky has agreed to pay a record \$668,250 fine to settle alleged violations of local air-quality regulations, Louisville Metro Air Pollution Control District officials said October 12. The agreement also calls for unspecified additional fines, pending completion of an engineering evaluation to determine how much money the plant may have saved by not complying with the rules. The air-quality fines are unrelated to the May 9 aluminum-dust explosion in the plant's dust-collection system that injured two workers, said the district's enforcement manager. That investigation resulted in a \$7,700 fine issued in September and made public by the Kentucky Labor Cabinet October 12. It blamed the blast on moisture getting inside an aluminum dust-collection system. The proposed air district order contains the fine and outlines a plan to bring Eckart into compliance by December 31, 2012, including assessing whether some of its pollution control equipment is appropriate, and to make changes if necessary. In the order, district officials describe a series of alleged violations dating to 2006: The company failed to conduct visual

emission surveys; mechanical integrity inspection and other monitoring required by its air permits. It operated equipment improperly, resulting in excess chemical emissions, and it failed to obtain district permits for certain equipment. District officials have calculated excess emissions from this case at up to 700 pounds of aluminum between July 2008 and May 2009, and up to 10 tons per year of smog-causing volatile organic compounds from 2006 through 2011, the district enforcement manager said.

Source: <http://www.courier-journal.com/article/20111012/GREEN/310120080/Rubbertown-aluminum-plant-agrees-large-fine?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|Home>

6. *October 12, Nashville Tennessean* – (Tennessee) **I-65 reopened after morning truck fire in Maury County.** Northbound Interstate 65 in Maury County, Tennessee, was reopened around 5:45 p.m. October 12, after being closed in both directions south of Columbia for more than 12 hours for a multi-agency effort to clean up a hazardous chemical fire. The fire happened around 5 a.m. in the northbound lane when the tires of a tanker truck carrying ferrous chloride caught on fire. Maury County Fire Department and hazmat responded and closed off both sides of the interstate. Crews from the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) also responded to help set up a half-mile perimeter around the truck, said a TEMA spokesman. He said the liquid in the tanker is an 8-percent solution, meaning it is mostly water, but precautions were taken because it is considered a dangerous inhalant. The fire was put out within the first several hours, but it smoldered for many hours more. The tank and the cab of the truck never caught fire. A crew from the Tennessee Department of Transportation built a berm of crushed limestone to prevent any of the chemical from leaking into area creeks. Source: <http://www.tennessean.com/article/20111012/NEWS01/111012003/I-65-reopened-after-morning-truck-fire-in-Maury-County->

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

7. *October 13, Cleveland Plain Dealer* – (Ohio) **NRC, FirstEnergy concerned about a crack in Davis-Besse's outer containment building.** Contractors preparing the Davis-Besse nuclear reactor near Toledo, Ohio, for a new reactor lid discovered a tiny crack running 30 feet vertically in the reinforced concrete of the outer shell of the reactor's containment building, the Cleveland Plain Dealer reported October 13. The building's job is to protect the reactor from anything striking it from outside. To replace the reactor lid, the firm hired contractors to cut a hole in the concrete shield building and the steel containment building inside of it. After the hole was completed, engineers earlier the week of October 10 spotted the internal crack, visible on one edge of the new hole, a FirstEnergy spokesman said. The company brought in additional consulting engineering experts to examine the crack, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) sent its own concrete expert to assist the NRC inspectors already at the plant. The significance of the crack is not clear at this point, a NRC spokeswoman said. A company spokesman added that so far the issue has not disrupted the work schedule for

the lid replacement. Crews inside the containment vessel were continuing to off-load fuel from the reactor and preparing to remove the old lid, he said.

Source:

http://www.cleveland.com/business/index.ssf/2011/10/nrc_firstenergy_concerned_about.html

8. *October 13, Kennewick Tri-City Herald* – (Washington) **Hanford: Maintenance of radioactive capsules criticized by defense board.** The program that helps maintain the safety of material that accounts for one-third of the radioactivity of Hanford, Washington waste needs improvement, according to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board. Its staff raised concerns after a review of the maintenance program at the Waste Encapsulation and Storage Facility (WESF), the Kennewick Tri-City Herald reported October 13. CH2M Hill Plateau Remediation Co. has performed 18 formal assessments in the past 2 years on elements of the WESF maintenance program at the Hanford site, with only a need for one minor change identified, according to the defense board staff review. "These results indicate the contractor's oversight program may not be optimally effective or critical," the review said. The chief complaint was the quality and use of technical procedures at the WESF. Workers failed to catch readings out of the normal range on data sheets for water levels in the pool's cells and hot cell ventilation, the review said. The pool cell water levels are required to be verified weekly, but the data sheets for recording that do not have a place to record the method of verification. In some cases, workers skipped steps outlined in written procedures if they could not be performed as written, and performed actions that were not documented in tests of the stack radiation monitor system. In other cases, workers used poor judgment during maintenance activities.

Source: <http://www.thenewstribune.com/2011/10/13/1862955/hanford-maintenance-of-radioactive.html>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

9. *October 12, Ars Technica* – (International) **Sony to recall 1.6 million Bravia HDTVs due to possibility of fire.** Sony has begun recalling 1.6 million Bravia HDTVs due to a faulty component in the backlight systems. A Sony spokesperson told Bloomberg the recall was occasioned by 11 incidents of smoking or burning TVs in Japan since 2008, the most recent of which was reported in September. Although the overheating TVs appear to be confined to Japan so far, the electronics giant plans to broaden the recall to include Europe and the United States. After contacting Sony, owners of the affected Bravia models will be visited by repair technicians. If the TV has the faulty transformer identified as the cause of the issue, it will be repaired.

Source: [http://arstechnica.com/gadgets/news/2011/10/sony-to-recall-16-million-bravia-hdtvs-due-to-possibility-of-fire.ars?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+arstechnica/index+\(Ars+Technica+-+Featured+Content\)](http://arstechnica.com/gadgets/news/2011/10/sony-to-recall-16-million-bravia-hdtvs-due-to-possibility-of-fire.ars?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+arstechnica/index+(Ars+Technica+-+Featured+Content))

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

10. *October 12, North Andover Eagle-Tribune* – (Massachusetts) **Explosion, gas leak forces evacuation of company off River Road.** A small explosion inside a building off River Road in Andover, Massachusetts early October 12 created a gas leak, forcing the evacuation of 30 to 40 employees, and a call to the regional hazardous materials response team. The explosion occurred in a room on the north side of the building, occupied by Physical Sciences Inc., a military and civilian contractor that performs research and development on advanced technologies for aerospace, chemical, defense, energy, environmental, manufacturing, and medical applications. A gas began leaking into the atmosphere as a result of the explosion, said fire officials. It is believed the gas continued to leak, but the type of gas that leaked was not known. The north side of the building faces the Wyndham Hotel, which was advised to shut its windows, shut off air-conditioners, and keep everyone inside. The room where the explosion occurred was cleared and the building immediately evacuated.

Source: <http://www.eagletribune.com/latestnews/x2021662407/Gas-leak-forces-evacuation-of-company-off-River-Road>

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Banking and Finance Sector

11. *October 12, Courthouse News Service* – (International) **Feds nab another eight in Holocaust fund scam.** Five former employees of a group that helps compensate victims of Nazi persecution were among those arrested October 12 for an alleged scheme that stole \$57 million intended for Holocaust victims. The Conference on Jewish Material Claims against Germany employees are accused of approving nearly 5,000 fraudulent applications in exchange for kickbacks, according to the newly unsealed complaints and depositions of FBI agents. Eight people were charged in the complaint, and a ninth is expected to surrender October 13. To date, the Justice Department has charged 30 people in connection to the fraud, which the FBI has been investigating since December 2009. As part of the scheme, investigators said defendants submitted claims to the conference's "hardship fund" with falsified data. That fund, sponsored by the German government, pays eligible applicants \$3,500 for fleeing Nazi persecution. "We have identified numerous applications for payment under the hardship fund in which the applicants' names and Social Security numbers are valid, but where the dates of birth were doctored to make the applicant appear to be born during or before World War II," an FBI special agent said. The claims conference determined 3,839 of its hardship fund applications appear fraudulent, causing \$12.3 million in losses for the fund. Some of the conspirators acted as "recruiters" for fraudulent claims, recruiting members of the Russian Jewish community to obtain identification documents, and eventually passing them to a claims conference employee, investigators said. All of the defendants were charged with conspiracy to

commit mail fraud, and face a maximum of 20 years in prison if convicted.

Source: <http://www.courthousenews.com/2011/10/12/40568.htm>

12. *October 12, U.S. Department of Treasury* – (International) **Treasury designates Iranian commercial airline linked to Iran's support for terrorism.** The U.S. Department of the Treasury announced October 12 the designation of Iranian commercial airline Mahan Air pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 13224 for providing financial, material, and technological support to the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps-Qods Force (IRGC-QF). Based in Tehran, Iran, Mahan provides transportation, funds transfers and personnel travel services to the IRGC-QF. Mahan provided travel services to IRGC-QF personnel flown to and from Iran and Syria for military training. Mahan also facilitated the covert travel of suspected IRGC-QF officers into and out of Iraq by bypassing normal security procedures, and not including information on flight manifests to eliminate records of the IRGC-QF travel. Mahan crews have facilitated IRGC-QF arms shipments. Funds were also transferred via Mahan for the procurement of controlled goods by the IRGC-QF. In addition to the reasons for which Mahan was designated October 12, it also provides transportation services to Hizballah, a Lebanon-based designated Foreign Terrorist Organization. Mahan has transported personnel, weapons, and goods for Hizballah, and omitted from cargo manifests secret weapons shipments. As a result of the October 12 action, U.S. persons are barred from engaging in commercial or financial transactions with Mahan, and any assets it may hold under U.S. jurisdiction are frozen.

Source: <http://www.treasury.gov/press-center/press-releases/Pages/tg1322.aspx>

13. *October 12, Reuters* – (California) **11 arrested in San Francisco protest, organizers say.** Eleven protesters were arrested October 12 in San Francisco after shutting down all entrances to the Wells Fargo corporate headquarters downtown during a march against economic inequality, an organizer on the scene said. San Francisco police could not immediately confirm the arrests. But a protest organizer told Reuters by phone from the scene that the arrests were made to allow bankers into the corporate portion of the building. Roughly 100 or 200 protesters remained at the building and the attached bank was shut down for the day, the organizer said.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/10/12/us-wallstreet-protests-sanfrancisco-idUSTRE79B6EJ20111012>

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Transportation Sector

14. *October 13, Engineering News-Record* – (National) **Ohio River bridge closure triggers federal advisory.** The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is advising state transportation departments that oversee fracture-critical bridges constructed of T1 steel to inspect butt welds, just in case they have cracks similar to those recently discovered on the Interstate 64 Sherman Minton Bridge between Kentucky and Indiana. On September 9, the Indiana Department of Transportation closed the 49-year-old

bridge — a double-deck structure spanning the Ohio River with two 800-foot main spans — after an inspection revealed a 2.5-inch crack in the butt weld of a tension tie — a lateral component crucial to reinforcing tied-arch structures. T-1 steel is a high-strength material commonly used to construct bridges in the 1950s and 1960s. The September advisory specifies tension components constructed of T-1 steel prior to adoption of the so-called fracture control plan of welding codes recommended by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials. Bridges constructed prior to adoption of the 1995 code may develop cracks due to a lack of hydrogen control during welding, according to the FHWA. The agency defines Sherman Minton and other fracture-critical bridges as structures with non-redundant components, meaning if one part of a bridge fails, the entire structure could be at risk. Source: <http://enr.construction.com/infrastructure/transportation/2011/1017-crackingconcerns.asp>

15. *October 13, Associated Press* – (California) **Train crash in Calif. station injures 16 people.** Service at an Oakland, California, train station was restored late the morning of October 13 after an Amtrak train crashed into another train that was unloading passengers, injuring 17 people. Officials said several people were taken to local hospitals after the October 12 evening crash, but all the injuries were considered minor. The Oakland Fire Department battalion chief said the train was traveling an estimated 15 to 20 mph when it struck the stationary Amtrak train around 10 p.m. Amtrak said its investigation is ongoing. The company said both main-line tracks have reopened, but passengers should expect some delays October 13. Amtrak said passengers who paid for travel on canceled trains can contact the company for a refund.

Source: <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=141304263>

16. *October 12, McClatchy Newspapers* – (Florida) **Florida's Turnpike re-opened after plane crash landing.** A small, single-engine plane that crash landed on Florida's Turnpike in Hollywood October 12 has been loaded onto a flatbed truck and towed to North Perry Airport in Pembroke Pines, so it can be examined to find the cause of the accident that closed most of the highway for hours. The pilot and his passenger were taken to Memorial Regional Hospital in Hollywood with non-life-threatening injuries. Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) closed all northbound lanes and most of the southbound lanes near the crash site, about one-half mile south of the Turnpike's Hollywood Boulevard exit. All lanes of the Turnpike were re-opened once the plane was removed, a FHP spokesman said. Rush hour commuters faced detours and were urged to use alternate routes. The plane, with the two men on board, slammed into the roadway sometime after 1 p.m. Police re-opened portions of the Turnpike's southbound lanes at about 3:30 p.m., but the northbound lanes were closed until the plane was removed, shortly before 6 p.m., causing major rush-hour traffic problems. The plane came in for a landing in a southbound direction, against northbound traffic, but did not strike any cars, said the Hollywood fire chief.

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2011/10/12/3977355/floridas-turnpike-re-opened-after.html>

17. *October 11, Associated Press* – (Utah) **Another gun found in luggage at SLC airport.** Authorities have found a loaded gun in luggage at Salt Lake City International

Airport for the second time in a week. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) officials said the loaded 9 mm handgun was found at a security checkpoint October 10. They said the gun had seven bullets in the loaded clip, and the passenger was carrying a second clip with seven more bullets. Authorities said the passenger, who was headed to Greenville, South Carolina, was arrested on state charges. On October 4, a man headed to Atlanta was arrested when a loaded .380 caliber pistol was found in his carry-on luggage at a security checkpoint.

Source: <http://www.standard.net/stories/2011/10/11/another-gun-found-luggage-slc-airport>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

18. *October 13, WFTS 29 Tampa* – (Florida) **Police investigating soda bottle acid bomb placed in residential mail box.** Police are investigating after a Kenneth City, Florida resident received a minor injury when she came in contact with an acid bomb that exploded in her mailbox, WFTS 29 Tampa reported October 13. Police responded to the home October 12 at 11:55 a.m. The resident was in the process of putting mail in the box when she noticed a white foamy liquid leaking. She also saw a plastic soda bottle with the liquid substance inside, according to the police report. When she removed the bottle, her hand began to burn because it came in contact with the substance, and she had to drop it right away. Fire rescue and the police took the evidence to forensics. It was determined the substance was some type of acid.

Source:

http://www.abcactionnews.com/dpp/news/region_south_pinellas/kenneth_city/police-investigating-soda-bottle-acid-bomb-placed-in-residential-mail-box-

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Agriculture and Food Sector

19. *October 13, Associated Press* – (National) **Kroger recalls ice cream with unlisted peanuts.** Kroger is recalling ice cream sold in 10 states because it may contain peanuts not mentioned on the label, the Associated Press reported October 13. The nation's largest grocery store operator said people with peanut allergies could have a serious or even life-threatening reaction if they eat the Private Selection Extreme Moose Tracks ice cream being recalled. The recall involves only 16-ounce pints of the product with a sell-by date of June 18, 2012, and the UPC code 11110 52909. The ice cream was sold at Kroger stores in Alabama, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, South Carolina, and Tennessee, as well as the company's Jay C, Food 4 Less, Owen's, Pay Less, and Scott's stores in Illinois, and Indiana.

Source: http://hosted2.ap.org/APDEFAULT/Article_2011-10-13-Ice-Cream-Recall/id-p783a5b4f203f4fb08d1ccdfd56537c09

20. *October 13, Food Safety News* – (National) **Cantaloupe Listeria outbreak: 116 cases, 23 deaths.** The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) October 12 said the outbreak linked to Listeria-tainted cantaloupe has killed 23 of the 116 people sickened, and that four of the illnesses are related to pregnancies. Pregnant women infected with Listeria typically experience only flu-like symptoms, but the bacteria can be life-threatening to fetuses or newborn children. The CDC said one outbreak-related illness had been diagnosed in a newborn, and three were diagnosed in pregnant women. One pregnant woman with listeriosis had a miscarriage. In its latest update, current as of October 11, the CDC added 7 more confirmed cases and two deaths, both from Louisiana, to the outbreak toll. Illnesses associated with eating contaminated cantaloupe from the single, implicated grower — Jensen Farms of Colorado — have now been reported by 25 states. Of 111 patients with available information, 109 have had symptoms so severe they had to be admitted to the hospital, the CDC said. Investigators have said that in this case, outbreak strains of Listeria were found on equipment at Jensen Farms in Colorado, but they have not said whether the cantaloupes contaminated the equipment, or whether the equipment contaminated the melons.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/10/cantaloupe-listeria-outbreak-116-cases-23-deaths/>
21. *October 13, Food Safety News* – (National) **'Steak' recalled because it's turkey.** An Oklahoma company is recalling about 875 pounds of "center cut steaks" because they actually are turkey filets, Food Safety News reported October 13. In addition, the turkey filets contain the allergens wheat and soy, and the package labels do not list wheat as an ingredient, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced October 12. Chef's Requested Foods of Oklahoma City was notified of the error by a retail establishment, which in turn notified FSIS. The company said the problem occurred when an employee put labels from steak processed earlier in the day on the packages of turkey filets. The mislabeled turkey filets were produced October 6 and shipped to retail establishments in Arizona, California, Maryland, Ohio, and Texas. The recall is for 10-ounce plastic double cup packages labeled as "Chef's Requested Center Cut Steak Hand Trimmed, Bacon Wrapped Beef Steaks Enhanced with up to twenty percent of a lightly seasoned solution." The packages have the establishment number "EST. 5792" inside the USDA mark of inspection on the package label, and "Use or Freeze by 11/12/11" inkjetted on the side.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/10/steak-recalled-because-its-turkey/>
22. *October 13, Green Bay Press Gazette* – (Wisconsin) **Shed fire burns 4,000 tons of hay at Wiese Brothers Farms south of Green Bay.** It could take days to extinguish a large shed fire in Wrightstown, Wisconsin that started October 12, and that may have been caused by wet hay that spontaneously combusted. It originally took 800 semitrailer loads of hay to fill the shed at Wiese Brothers Farms, which was about 280 feet long and 28 feet tall, the Greenleaf fire chief said. A co-owner of the 5,200-acre farm, said the burned shed housed 4,000 tons of hay for the farm's cattle. The shed was less than 10 years old and valued at \$400,000, the co-owner said. A nearby combine farming machine valued at \$300,000 was also destroyed. Workers used excavators to remove smoldering hay from the burned-out shed, forcing the closure of part of

Wisconsin 57. The hay was dropped in a field under the watch of firefighters. The fire chief said about half of the hay was removed from the building by about 6 p.m. October 12, and crews would continue to remove it throughout the night.

Source:

<http://www.greenbaypressgazette.com/article/20111013/GPG0101/110130521/Barn-blaze-could-take-days-extinguish?odyssey=tab|topnews|img|GPG-News>

23. *October 13, KRIV 26 Houston* – (Texas) **3-alarm fire at Tomball shopping center.** Six fire departments worked together to put out a fire at a restaurant to prevent it from spreading to other buildings in a Tomball, Texas shopping center early October 13. Firefighters with the Tomball Fire Department first arrived around 2:45 a.m. to find flames coming from the roof of Los Pinos Mexican Restaurant. Firefighters pulled a second alarm as a precaution to prevent the fire from spreading, but a firewall helped keep the fire contained to the restaurant. Spring, Klein, Cy-Creek, Magnolia, and Rosehill fire departments provided mutual aid. Arson investigators are trying to determine what caused the fire.
Source: <http://www.myfoxboston.com/dpp/news/local/111013-tomball-restaurant-fire>
24. *October 12, Associated Press* – (Montana) **Cattle found dead near salty reservoir.** The Blackfeet Environmental Office suspects toxic concentrations of salt in a reservoir led to the deaths of 29 cows on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation in Great Falls, Montana, the Associated Press reported October 12. The Great Falls Tribune reported a rancher on the east side of the reservation reported the dead cattle to the environmental office October 6. Employees with the office visited the site October 10. Officials said early indicators point to high concentrations of salt in the area. Samples of the water and the cows' blood will be tested.
Source: <http://www.abcmontana.com/news/state/131602803.html>
25. *October 12, Associated Press* – (Alaska; International) **Crew of seized vessel getting deported.** The crew of a vessel that was seized about 2,600 miles southwest of Kodiak, Alaska after being suspected of illegal fishing is being deported, Associated Press reported October 12. A U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement spokeswoman said the 22 crew members were being held at a detention facility outside Seattle while arrangements are made to return them to their native countries. She said 10 of the crew members are from Vietnam, seven are from Indonesia, four are from China and one is from Taiwan. The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) seized the Bangun Perkasa September 7 after a report the ship was fishing illegally with a drift net. A USCG spokeswoman said the crew initially claimed the vessel was from Indonesia, but authorities in Indonesia did not claim it.
Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9QATQK00.htm>

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Water Sector

26. *October 13, Adirondack Daily Enterprise* – (New York) **Water main breaks.** Crews worked late October 12 to fix a major water main break that caused Sarnac Lake, New York, to lose more than a third of its water supply, and triggered a boil-water order that still stands for all users of the water system. The village department of public works superintendent said crews replaced the broken 10-inch water main roughly 12 hours after the break was reported, however, they expected the boil-water order could continue until October 15. Officials said the water main break had nothing to do with the village's ongoing \$12.5 million water system upgrade.
Source: <http://adirondackdailyenterprise.com/page/content.detail/id/527104/Water-main-breaks.html?nav=5008>
27. *October 13, Associated Press* – (New Hampshire) **EPA reports says closed North Hampton landfill threatens area water sources.** A U.S. Environmental Protection Agency report on the 27-acre Coakley Landfill released in September prompted a North Hampton, New Hampshire selectman to seek additional information about the superfund site capped in 1998. The report said toxins may be endangering area drinking water sources, and dioxane has been detected at levels exceeding state standards at most monitoring wells. The report also mentions manganese and arsenic as potential problems. The board chairman told the Portsmouth Herald that one of the most important sources for water for the town of North Hampton has been compromised.
Source:
<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/d0bbd595013b4f5888e59f1d63c64a91/NH--Landfill-Contamination/>
28. *October 12, Neshoba Democrat* – (Mississippi) **300,000 gal. of water leaks at U.S. Motors.** The source of a 300,000-gallon water leak at the old U.S. Motors plant that is under renovation hasn't been determined, but work to bring a polymer coatings facility continues, officials said. The Neshoba Democrat reported officials claim the leak at the city-owned building in Philadelphia, Mississippi, apparently went undetected for weeks. The former U.S. Motors building is currently undergoing a nearly \$1 million renovation to make way for AlphaGen, a polymer coatings plant. A city building inspector said the leak resulted in water seeping into the city's sewer system. While the source of the leak has not been found, workers from Philadelphia Utilities and the city shut off a 3-inch line going into the building. An official told an alderman there was no visible sign of water inside or outside of the building. The city will not be able to get a quote on repairs until the source of the leak is found, he said.
Source:
<http://neshobademocrat.com/main.asp?SectionID=2&SubSectionID=297&ArticleID=24407>
29. *October 11, Associated Press* – (California) **EPA lists California's polluted waters.** The number of polluted rivers, streams, and lakes in California increased 170 percent from 2006 to 2010. According to a list the state water resources board submitted October 11 to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the state's 3 million acres of lakes, bays, and wetlands are either not meeting water quality goals, or need a pollution cleanup plan. The most common contaminants in these waterways are pesticides, bacteria, metals, and nutrients. The list will enable officials to develop

cleanup plans. Among the trends revealed by the assessment were that many more beaches showed unsafe bacteria levels, pollutants in fish have increased, and the amount of waterways contaminated with pesticides also increased.

Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_19090810

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

30. *October 13, Wilmington News Journal* – (Delaware; National) **Nemours patient data tapes missing.** The Nemours Foundation's Wilmington, Delaware-area offices have lost three, non-encrypted computer backup tapes containing sensitive personal and financial information on nearly 1.6 million patients, employees, and other people associated with the four-state, children's health care provider. The lost tapes include patient billing and employee payroll data, including name, address, date of birth, Social Security number, insurance information, and direct-deposit bank account information. They do not contain detailed medical records, and patients' treatment information is stored on the tapes in a coded format that Nemours believes would be difficult to access without the right technical expertise and equipment. Most of the information on the tapes dates from 1994 to 2004 and was generated at the Nemours facilities in Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Florida. Nemours has been working since October 7 to notify those affected, as required by Delaware law, and is offering them a year of free credit monitoring and identity theft protection, along with call-center support.

Source:

<http://www.delawareonline.com/article/20111013/BUSINESS13/110130347/Nemours-patient-data-tapes-missing?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|Business|s>

31. *October 12, CNN* – (National) **Bioterrorism report card: U.S. unprepared.** Ten years after an anthrax attack killed five people and awakened the nation to the dangers of bioterrorism, the United States remains largely unprepared for a large-scale attack or deadly disease outbreak, according to a new report from the WMD Terrorism Research Center. The report, released October 12, gives the country mostly B's and C's for its ability to handle small-scale events, such as the anthrax letter attack of 2001, and failing grades for its ability to handle large-scale events. Notably, the report gives the country a "D" across the board for the country's ability to develop and quickly approve medical countermeasures such as diagnostic tools and vaccines, which are crucial in outbreaks of all sizes. Headed by two former U.S. Senators, the bipartisan center is an offshoot of the congressionally chartered WMD Commission, which concluded early last year. In its report, the center says the U.S. has spent more than \$65 billion on bio-defense during the past decade, but still has holes that leave it vulnerable. "Today we face the very real possibility that outbreaks of disease — naturally occurring or man-made — can change the very nature of America," the report concludes. Technology is also making it easier for terrorists to create deadly mischief, the report says. A small team of individuals with graduate-level training and readily available equipment "could produce the type of bio-weapons created by nation-states in the 1960s," the report

warns. It recognizes budget constraints and suggests governments focus on potential large-scale outbreaks. The report recommends improving detection and diagnosis of large-scale diseases and attacks, improving the development of medical countermeasures such as vaccines, and developing methods of dispensing those countermeasures to large populations. Leadership is also key, and a report author recommended the United States designate someone in the federal government with bioterrorism preparedness as their sole responsibility.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2011/10/12/us/us-bioterrorism-report-card/>

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Government Facilities Sector

32. *October 13, KHOU 11 Houston* – (Texas) **8 arrested in downtown Houston protests over jobs bill vote.** Eight people were arrested in Houston October 12 while protesting the Senate's vote against the American Jobs Act proposed by the U.S. President. Dozens of protesters gathered outside the Mickey Leland Federal Building where a Texas Senator has an office. She was among the Republicans — and two Democrats — who voted against the jobs bill. When the protesters entered a glassed-in corridor that leads inside the federal building, police ordered them to leave. Eight people ignored the officers' warnings and after an hour-long standoff, they were arrested and loaded into a police van. All eight protesters were facing criminal trespass charges.

Source: <http://www.khou.com/news/local/Occupy-Houston-protesters-get-busy-again-131614838.html>

33. *October 12, WTMJ 620 AM Milwaukee* – (Wisconsin) **Many protestors arrested outside Senator Johnson's office aren't from Wisconsin.** Milwaukee police confirmed that more than half of the people arrested outside a Wisconsin U.S. Senator's office in Milwaukee are not residents of Wisconsin. Nineteen people were arrested after showing up at the Senator's office at the federal courthouse and demanding to meet with the Senator. They said they wanted to meet with him to ask about his vote against the U.S. President's job's bill. The Senator was not in his office when the protesters stopped by. The 19 protesters were given \$171 trespassing tickets.

Source: <http://www.620wtmj.com/news/local/131699763.html>

34. *October 12, Cape Coral Daily Breeze* – (Florida) **Two government employees charged in hoax bomb incident.** Two government employees were accused of recently planting a hoax bomb at a Lee County, Florida facility as a prank, the Cape Coral Daily Breeze reported October 12. The two men were arrested and charged with threat to bomb manufacture, possess, sell, deliver, or mail a hoax bomb. Both men were denied bond and remained at the Lee County Jail October 12.

Source: <http://www.cape-coral-daily-breeze.com/page/content.detail/id/527120/Two-government-employees-charged-in-hoax-bomb-incident.html?nav=5011>

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Emergency Services Sector

35. *October 13, St. Louis Post-Dispatch* – (Missouri) **St. Louis jail problems run deep on multiple levels.** Two former corrections officers and a union representative said security at two St. Louis, Missouri lockups is far worse than officials have portrayed it, and that an ill-equipped and overworked staff is regularly at a disadvantage to inmates trying to escape, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported October 13. The ex-jailers point to basic security lapses they said give inmates an easy chance at freedom, and put staff in danger. On their list: cell locks that are easily disabled and cell door alarms that can be silenced with something as simple as wet toilet paper. They said key tools — phones, radios, panic alarms, and cameras — are constantly breaking or in short supply. A staffing shortage has forced some to work double shifts — sometimes up to three times per week — leaving them tired and prone to error, they claimed. They said some new officers have been put on the job only halfway through their training. The operations director for the mayor, did not dispute their opinions, telling a reporter that he discovered six of the nine issues cited by the two former corrections officers in his own review. He said those played no direct role in the escapes and thus were not in his report to the mayor last week — the first of what he expects to be many.

Source: http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/article_a1be5662-2895-55fa-9044-5400408c795c.html

36. *October 13, New York Daily News* – (New York) **We fabricated drug charges against innocent people to meet arrest quotas, former detective testifies.** A former New York City Police Department (NYPD) narcotics detective snared in a corruption scandal testified it was common practice to fabricate drug charges against innocent people to meet arrest quotas. The bombshell testimony is the first public account of the culture behind the false arrests in the Brooklyn South and Queens narc squads, which led to the arrests of eight cops and a massive shakeup. The detective, testified under a cooperation agreement with prosecutors, was busted for planting cocaine, a practice known as "flaking," on four men in a Queens bar in 2008 to help out a fellow cop whose buy-and-bust activity had been low. He made clear he was not about to pass off the two legit arrests he had made in the bar to the other officer. The detective worked in the Queens and Brooklyn South narcotics squads and was called to the stand at a bench trial to show the illegal conduct was not limited to a single squad. The city paid \$300,000 to settle a false arrest suit by two individuals, who were falsely arrested by the detective, and another officer. A surveillance tape inside the bar showed they had been framed. A federal judge presiding over the suit said the NYPD is plagued by "widespread falsification" by arresting officers.

Source: http://www.nydailynews.com/news/ny_crime/2011/10/13/2011-10-13_excop_we_fabricated_drug_raps_for_quotas.html

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Information Technology Sector

37. *October 13, Softpedia* – (International) **P2P Techniques Boost the Power of ZeuS.** A Swiss security researcher discovered a customized variant of the infamous ZeuS that no longer uses a Domain Generation Algorithm (DGA) to determine the currently active C&C domain, Softpedia reported October 13. "The 'new' version of ZeuS (v3?) implements a Kademia-like P2P botnet. Similar to the Miner botnet, ZeuS is now using a 'IP list' which contains IP addresses of other drones participating in the P2P botnet. An initial list of IP addresses is hardcoded in the ZeuS binary," the researcher revealed. The improved version of the Trojan only uses DGA if everything else fails. Because HTTP is only utilized to receive commands from the botnet master and for dropping stolen data to the drop zone, BinaryURL and ConfigURL are not necessarily present, which means it is harder to track. When it lands on a computer, it will immediately look for an active node by sending UDP packages. If such a node is found, it will reply with a list of IPs that take part in the peer-to-peer network. After getting information on the binary and config versions utilized, it will check for a recent form that allows connection to the node via a TCP high port to download the updated binary or the current config file. Finally, the HTTP bit steps in and the bot connects to the C&C domain listed in the configuration file. The research further shows India currently has the most infected systems, Italy and the United States closely following. The expert advises security personnel to keep a close eye for strings such as gameover.php, gameover2.php or gameover3.php in the Web proxy log, which indicate the presence of ZeuS' new variant.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/P2P-Techniques-Boost-the-Power-of-ZeuS-227388.shtml>
38. *October 13, H Security* – (International) **Microsoft report: Users responsible for half of all infections.** In its latest security report October 13, Microsoft found that only 5.6 percent of all infections with malicious software are the result of security holes. Almost half the time (45 percent), users infect their computers by launching malicious software themselves. Infected USB sticks are behind an impressive 26 percent of all attacks. This vulnerability is made possible by the USB autostart function, which was only included in Windows up to Vista; in February, Microsoft disabled it with an update. Infected network shares are behind 17.2 per cent of all attacks, with contaminants spreading by infecting other files 4.4 per cent of the time. Brute force attacks on passwords and manipulation of Office macros are relatively negligible in spreading viruses at 1.7 and 0.3 per cent, respectively. It is the first time Microsoft has analyzed how viruses are disseminated in its report. Up to now, many experts had assumed that vulnerabilities play a much greater role in computer infection.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Microsoft-report-Users-responsible-for-half-of-all-infections-1360430.html>
39. *October 13, H Security* – (International) **Apple's iOS 5 update closes almost 100 security holes.** Apple released version 5 of its iOS mobile operating system October 13, a major update that adds several new features and addresses many security vulnerabilities. According to the company, the update closes nearly 100 holes in the OS that could, for example, be exploited to gain access to private data, cause a device reset,

lead to a cross-site scripting (XSS) attack, or execute arbitrary code on a victim's device. The security update fixes issues with the mobile version of the Safari Web browser, the Calendar app, the Office Import component for viewing Microsoft Office Word and Excel files, and the way X.509 certificates are handled. Support for TLS 1.2 has been added to prevent an attacker from decrypting an SSL connection via the recently disclosed potential information disclosure risk in SSL/TLS. The new version also removes trust from the certificate authorities (CAs) operated by DigiNotar after the CA was compromised.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Apple-s-iOS-5-update-closes-almost-100-security-holes-1360528.html>

40. *October 13, IDG News Service* – (International) **Thailand floods may disrupt global electronics makers.** Severe floods in Thailand have disrupted production of electronics including hard disk drives and semiconductors, with a number of factories suspending operations, Computerworld reported October 13. Hard disk drive maker Seagate Technology warned that a disruption in its supply chain could affect production, although its factories in Thailand were still in operation. "As a result of the disruption caused by the floods, Seagate anticipates hard drive supply will be constrained throughout the current quarter," the company said in a statement. Seagate continued to operate its factories in Thailand, and employees were getting to work, the company said. But its hard disk drive component supply chain was getting disrupted, and supply of certain components could be affected, it added. Western Digital, Microsemi, ON Semiconductor, and Hutchinson Technology also reported production slowdowns or stoppages due to flooding. About 280 people have died, and a large number of provinces in the country have been inundated by the floods since late July, according to reports.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9220801/Thailand_floods_may_disrupt_global_electronics_makers

41. *October 12, IDG News Service* – (National) **Man charged with hacking Scarlett Johansson, other celebs.** A 35-year-old man was arrested October 13 on charges that he broke into the e-mail accounts of numerous Hollywood celebrities and stole private photographs and correspondence. The man from Jacksonville, Florida, is accused of breaking into more than 50 online accounts over the past year, the FBI said. It said the man "distributed some of the files he obtained illegally, including photos of celebrities, and offered them to various celebrity blog sites." The man allegedly dug up personal information about the celebrities on the Internet and used it to break into their Yahoo, Apple, and Google e-mail accounts. Prosecutors did not say how he did this, but in the past, hackers have broken into accounts by finding the answers to password-reset questions. He also allegedly found new victims by scanning the address books of his targets, and by setting up their accounts to auto-forward e-mails to his own address. That meant that even after the stars had reset their passwords, the suspect was still able to read their e-mail, the FBI said.

Source: http://www.networkworld.com/news/2011/101211-man-charged-with-hacking-scarlett-251916.html?source=nww_rss

42. *October 12, SC Magazine* – (International) **Fake Android app mimics Netflix-for-mobile.** A new, malicious application masquerading as the online streaming video service Netflix is aiming to steal information from Android users, according to researchers at Symantec. The phony app, which appears nearly identical to the actual one, contains a trojan “Android.Fakenefflic” that attempts to harvest users' Netflix account information, a Symantec researcher wrote in a blog post October 12. The app was discovered on an online Android user forum, but is not available in the official Android Market. Once an unsuspecting user enters log-in credentials into the app, the data is captured and posted to the attackers' server. A screen then appears that informs users their current hardware is unable to install the app, and they must upload another version. The official Android Netflix app was launched earlier this year for select phones that could handle video streaming. ”A gap in availability, combined with the large interest of users attempting to get the popular service running on their Android device, created the perfect cover for [the trojan] to exploit,” the researcher wrote. Source: [http://www.scmagazineus.com/fake-android-app-mimics-netflix-for-mobile/article/214224/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+SCMagazineNews+\(SC+Magazine+News\)&utm_content=Google+Reader](http://www.scmagazineus.com/fake-android-app-mimics-netflix-for-mobile/article/214224/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+SCMagazineNews+(SC+Magazine+News)&utm_content=Google+Reader)

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Communications Sector

43. *October 12, Los Angeles Times* – (International) **RIM CEO says BlackBerry service restored, apologizes for outage.** A top Research in Motion (RIM) executive said BlackBerry service was fully restored early October 13 after the company's worst-ever outage, and personally apologized for the problem that affected many of its 70 million customers around the world. In a conference call with reporters October 13, RIM's president and co-chief executive said any continuing problems experienced by BlackBerry users were likely caused by the lengthy backlog of messages due to the 3-day outage. He also suggested that customers still experiencing problems remove their BlackBerry's battery for a short time to reset the device because the lengthy outage could have affected its ability to synchronize with the network. The RIM executives said the company has been working around the clock to resolve the outage, which began in Europe October 10. By October 12, the service disruptions had spread to five continents, including North America. The company believes the outages were triggered by a hardware failure, and RIM was taking "immediate and aggressive steps" to minimize the risk of it happening again. The outage was the most extensive in the

company's 12-year history.

Source: <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/technology/2011/10/rim-ceo-says-blackberry-service-restored-and-apologizes-for-outage.html>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

44. *October 13, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **Elderly person has died from Legionnaires' disease.** Maryland's health department said an elderly person from out of state has died from Legionnaires' disease after staying at an Ocean City hotel where the department has confirmed the presence of bacteria that cause the disease, the Associated Press reported October 12. The health department said tests on water collected from various locations at the Plim Plaza Hotel confirmed the presence of the bacteria. Three cases of Legionnaires' disease in people who had stayed at the hotel were confirmed the week of October 3 by the department. The department said three more cases have been confirmed. The hotel is now closed for the season.
Source: http://www.necn.com/10/12/11/Elderly-person-has-died-from-Legionnaire/landing_health.html?&apID=c0a12322f0f043c38d35bd4b99d5ad4b
45. *October 13, CNN; KTLA 5 Los Angeles* – (California) **Report: Custody battle led to California salon shooting.** A custody battle may have provided the motive for a deadly shooting at a Southern California hair salon that left eight people dead, according to KTLA 5 Los Angeles October 13. A ninth person, a woman, was critically injured in the incident about 1:21 p.m. October 12 at Salon Meritage in Seal Beach, California, police said. Officers responding to the sound of shots fired at the salon found six people — a man and five women — dead inside the business. Three people were taken to a hospital, where two more — a man and a woman — died from their injuries, a Seal Beach police sergeant said. The suspect was arrested without incident as he was trying to leave the scene in a vehicle, a police statement said. He faces multiple counts of murder, according to police. KTLA reported that the suspect's ex-wife was a stylist at the salon, and that the two were involved in a custody battle over their son. She was among those killed in the shooting, according to KTLA. The people shot appeared to be seeking shelter or cover during the shooting, the police sergeant said. Victims were scattered throughout the salon, and one victim was found outside, although it was not known whether he was shot outside or inside, he said. The shooting is the deadliest in Orange County history, KTLA reported.
Source: http://www.cnn.com/2011/10/13/justice/california-shooting/index.html?hpt=us_c1
46. *October 12, Alton Telegraph* – (Illinois) **Church fire thought to be arson.** A fire that broke out October 5 and severely damaged Calvary Baptist Church in Alton, Illinois is being investigated as a suspected arson fire, the Alton Telegraph reported October 12. The fire was not initially believed to be suspicious; however, when insurance investigators and cleanup crews arrived a day after the fire, a secondary ignition source

was discovered. The fire chief said the second location was behind a closed door in another part of the building. The fire was contained to the central area of the church; however the majority of the building was damaged by smoke and water. Authorities were concerned because, following the church fire, firefighters were called to extinguish a pile of boxes that caught fire near East Elementary School, and then a suspicious house fire October 8.

Source: <http://www.thetelegraph.com/news/thought-60507-alton-arson.html>

47. *October 12, KTRK 13 Houston* – (Texas) **Fire rips through Garden Ridge store.** A massive fire is under control after burning at a Garden Ridge store in Conroe, Texas for nearly 3 hours October 12. The fire broke out just after noon and quickly went to 3 alarms. Thick black smoke poured from the building as firefighters from at least five different departments attacked the flames, using three pumper trucks. Before they can rebuild, investigators have to find out what caused the fire. They believe the fire started somewhere near the center of the store and spread fast. It was too risky to bring firefighters inside the store to fight the fire. Investigators said there was a danger of walls or the roof collapsing. Fire crews on the front lines also battled low water pressure because so much water was being used. Damage was estimated to be at \$15 million. A national response team for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is going to assist in the investigation.

Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=news/local&id=8389078>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

48. *October 13, Associated Press* – (District of Columbia) **Engineers removing tons of stonework from top of quake-damaged Washington National Cathedral.** Engineers were removing parts of a pinnacle at the top of the Washington National Cathedral that were damaged by the August earthquake, October 13. Scaffolding was built around the spires of the top of the tower, about 330 feet high. Sections of two other spires have already been removed. Church officials said it will make the pinnacles and central tower more stable until stonework can be repaired. The cathedral will eventually get an inspection from the team of rappelling engineers who inspected the Washington Monument after the 5.8-magnitude earthquake August 23.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2-tons-of-stonework-will-be-removed-from-earthquake-damaged-washington-national-cathedral/2011/10/13/gIQAISOrgL_story.html

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Dams Sector

49. *October 13, KAIT 8 Jonesboro* – (Arkansas) **Levees still need repair months after floodwater recedes.** Floodwaters this past spring tore 13 holes in levees around

Pocahontas, Arkansas. Repairs were nearly complete with a 42-foot hole still being worked on, KAIT 8 Jonesboro reported October 13. That hole was so large that a lot of fill dirt had to be brought in just to fill up what the water washed out. Contractors said plans were to seed and straw the levees the week of October 10. Closer to the town, in the area around the Riverside Living Center, an "L" shaped berm has also been constructed.

Source: <http://www.kait8.com/story/15677122/levees-still-need-repair-months-after-floodwater-receeds>

50. *October 12, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Pa. lake draining causes concern; dams questioned.** The dams holding back the Hereford Manor Lakes, in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, were among 18 in the state designated high hazards by the Fish and Boat Commission, the Butler Eagle reported October 12. The high hazard dams would not be able to handle 50 percent of the estimated maximum rain that could be received in 24 hours, a commission spokesman said. It previously said the project to rehabilitate the dams could cost up to \$24 million. The site will remain closed until at least November 2012. It could open to the public at that time for recreational purposes.

Source: http://www.timesonline.com/news/state/pa-lake-draining-causes-concern/article_d4e2083c-9009-5320-88e5-905ac77273f3.html

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