



# Homeland Security

## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report 17 October 2011

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- In the wake of a large condominium complex fire, Pacific Gas and Electric will spend hundreds of millions to replace 1,231 miles of aging, notoriously faulty plastic gas pipeline across California. – *San Jose Mercury News* (See item [1](#))
- Errors by air traffic controllers near airports as well as incidents in which there was an unauthorized plane, vehicle, or person on a runway, have increased sharply, a new government watchdog report said. – *Associated Press* (See item [12](#))

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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 14, San Jose Mercury News* – (California) **PG&E to replace more than 1,200 miles of faulty gas piping across California.** Facing pressure after a leaky plastic gas pipe sparked a fire at a Cupertino, California, condominium complex, Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) has decided to replace all 1,231 miles of the same type of aging and notoriously faulty pipeline across California. The massive project will start next month in Cupertino and Roseville — where the pipe has been involved in recent accidents — and in St. Helena. Communities across northern California and in every Bay Area

county will be dug up while the job, expected to cost hundreds of millions of dollars, is completed over the coming years. Unlike the 30-inch, steel transmission line that ruptured last year, killing eight people in San Bruno, the 2-inch wide plastic pipe that failed in Cupertino 6 weeks ago is part of PG&E's network of 42,000 miles of distribution lines that deliver gas directly to businesses and homes. Batches of that plastic pipe, manufactured by DuPont before 1973 under the name Aldyl-A, have shown a history of cracking, prompting numerous federal safety advisories dating to 1998. Replacing all 1,231 miles of PG&E's pre-1973 Aldyl-A pipe will take more than 3 years, a spokeswoman said. The company also is building computerized maps to digitize 15,000 paper maps showing where the pipe is located statewide. It is building a database to help analyze leaks and find which sections should be replaced first, and it will replace some of the 6,676 miles of Aldyl-A pipe built after 1973 in areas with higher-than-normal leak histories, she said, even though that vintage of pipe has not been the subject of federal advisories.

Source: [http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci\\_19111569](http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_19111569)

2. *October 13, WTNH 8 New Haven* – (Connecticut) **Squirrel creates explosion, thousands without power.** A squirrel is to blame for the power outage that left half of Greenwich, Connecticut customers in the dark October 13. A Connecticut Light and Power (CL&P) spokesman said there was a problem at the substation in the Cos Cob area of town. The explosion created flames that soared 150 feet into the air. CL&P reported that 14,507 customers lost power as a result of the incident, including a police station, whose generators did not work. Officers were in the dark, but now have the power back on. They never lost their emergency phone lines. Additionally, traffic lights were reported out, causing traffic problems.  
Source: [http://www.wtnh.com/dpp/news/fairfield\\_cty/squirrel-creates-explosion,-thousands-without-power](http://www.wtnh.com/dpp/news/fairfield_cty/squirrel-creates-explosion,-thousands-without-power)
3. *October 13, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Pa. issues air pollution rules for gas drilling.** State environmental regulators will follow new guidelines endorsed by a natural-gas industry group for deciding how to group together facilities such as wells, dehydrators, and compressors when enforcing air-pollution standards on Pennsylvania's drilling activity. The state department of environmental protection issued the new guidelines October 12 and opened them up for public comment until November 21. Facilities that pollute more are subject to tougher pollution control standards. A group of minor polluters treated as separate entities, however, would be subject to less-stringent standards. Faced with a natural-gas drilling boom that has sullied the air in some parts of the country, states have started to crack down on some emissions from well sites. People living near drilling activity in other states have complained of breathing trouble, or other health problems. In the meantime, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is considering adopting tougher rules for air pollution at oil and gas well sites that focus on getting operators to capture and sell natural gas that now escapes into the air.  
Source: <http://www.goerie.com/article/20111014/NEWS06/310149934/Pa-issues-air-pollution-rules-for-gas-drilling>

4. *October 13, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* – (Pennsylvania) **EPA lawsuit against Indiana County power plant dismissed.** A federal court has dismissed a lawsuit filed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) that claimed past and present owners of one of the nation's dirtiest coal-burning power plants in Homer City, Pennsylvania have operated for decades without required federal permits or adequate pollution controls. A federal judge, in a decision issued October 12, said that while air pollution from a power plant owned by EME Homer City Generating LP continues to be a problem, he must dismiss the case because federal and state air pollution laws preempt alleged nuisance law violations. Also, the statute of limitations has expired on some of the pollution violations, the judge said. He said there has been a "nearly two decade delay in enforcement." The EPA filed its lawsuit in January against EME and eight limited liability corporate owners and prior owners of the 1,884-megawatt power plant, alleging annual emissions of about 100,000 tons of sulfur dioxide make it "one of the largest air pollution sources in the nation." Two of the three coal-fired boilers at Homer City are not equipped with "scrubbers" to remove pollutants, and the lawsuit claimed that modifications were done in the 1990s without installing required pollution controls or receiving necessary permits. The EPA was joined in the legal action by the DEP, and the states of New York, and New Jersey.  
Source: <http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/11286/1181783-56.stm>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

5. *October 13, myCentralJersey.com* – (New Jersey) **Edison lab cited for OSHA violations.** An Edison, New Jersey, lab equipment company faces possible penalties totaling \$122,000 after a federal inspection revealed 29 safety and health violations, authorities announced October 13. The violations were found at New Brunswick Scientific Co., which manufactures lab equipment and employs about 248 workers at the Talmadge Road facility, according to a U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) news release. Twenty-eight alleged "serious" violations involve locked exit doors, obstructed and unmarked exit routes, an inadequate hazardous energy control program, blocked access to a fire extinguisher, inadequate machine guarding, various electrical and noise hazards, a lack of training on noise hazards, chemical exposure above the recommended limit, use of methylene chloride without determining employees' exposure, asbestos surface contamination, a lack of asbestos training, ineffective engineering controls, not providing proper personal protective equipment and the lack of a hazard communication program, the release said. A serious violation occurs when there is substantial probability death or serious physical harm could result from a hazard about which the employer knew or should have known, according to the OSHA. One other violation, which does not carry a monetary penalty, is for the company's failure to provide required information to employees who voluntarily use a respirator, the release said. An other-than-serious violation is one that has a direct relationship to job safety and health but probably would not cause death or serious physical harm, officials said.  
Source:

<http://www.mycentraljersey.com/article/20111013/NJNEWS/310130033/Edison-lab-cited-for-OSHA-violations>

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

Nothing to report

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

6. *October 13, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Georgia) **U.S. Department of Labor's OSHA cites Tenneco Automotive for exposing workers to hexavalent chromium and other hazards, proposes \$90,000 in fines.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) cited Tenneco Automotive Operating Co. October 13 for 20 safety and health violations at its manufacturing plant in Hartwell, Georgia. Several violations involved hexavalent chromium exposure, which can lead to nose, throat, and lung damage. Proposed fines total \$90,000. Seventeen serious safety and health violations were cited. Those related to hexavalent chromium include failing to prevent exposure beyond OSHA's authorized limits, not developing a plan to limit exposure, not providing a separate storage area or change area for personal protective equipment used by workers, failing to consult a physician about the chromium exposures, not maintaining an eyewash station, failing to provide clean work surfaces free from chromium accumulations, and failing to dispose of waste using a sealed container. The remaining serious violations include failing to: evaluate and prevent workers entering confined spaces from doing so without required permits; train workers on lockout/tagout procedures, implement a lockout/tagout program for energy sources to prevent machines from accidentally starting up during servicing and maintenance; provide guards on machines; provide a cover to an electrical panel.

Source:

[http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=NEWS\\_RELEASES&p\\_id=20865](http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=20865)

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

7. *October 13, WGCL 19 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **Police bust theft ring, arrest 2, seize Lexus and 91K in cash.** Cherokee, Georgia investigators said October 13 they arrested two men in connection to an identity theft ring. The men were arrested after investigators discovered they had been stealing identities and opening credit cards at several stores. Cherokee investigators said they seized high end retail property, a 1999 Lexus, a Harley Davidson motorcycle, and more than \$91,000 in cash from the men's home. Police said the men would order high price items then sell the items on eBay. Investigators suspect one of the men has been conducting this operation for over 15 years, stealing about \$9 million from victims. He has been charged with conspiracy to commit retail property fencing and violation of the Georgia Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act. The other man has been charged with five counts of identity fraud, one count of conspiracy to commit identity fraud, one count of conspiracy to commit retail property fencing, and violation of the Georgia RICO Act. Source: <http://www.cbsatlanta.com/story/15686697/police-bust-theft-ring-arrest-2-seize-91k-in-cash>
  
8. *October 13, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (New Jersey) **SEC sanctions Direct Edge electronic exchanges and orders remedial measures to strengthen systems and controls.** The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) October 13 sanctioned two electronic stock exchanges and a broker-dealer owned by Direct Edge Holdings LLC for violations of securities laws arising out of weak internal controls that resulted in millions of dollars in trading losses, and a systems outage. EDGA Exchange Inc., EDGX Exchange Inc., and their affiliated routing broker Direct Edge ECN LLC – all based in Jersey City, New Jersey — agreed to settle cease-and-desist and administrative proceedings without admitting or denying the SEC's findings. The exchanges and the routing broker, DE Route, cooperated with the investigation and agreed to be censured and undertake remedial measures to correct the deficiencies. According to the SEC's order, in the first incident November 8, 2010, untested computer code changes resulted in EDGA and EDGX overfilling orders. The unwanted trades involved about 27 million shares in 1,000 or so stocks, totaling roughly \$773 million. At the exchanges' instruction, one member traded out of the overfilled shares and submitted a claim to the exchanges for \$105,000 of losses. When other members refused to do likewise, the exchanges assumed and traded out of the overfilled shares through the routing broker's error account, in violation of their own rules. The SEC also found that in resolving the overfilled trades, which cost the exchanges about \$2.1 million, DE Route violated rules on short selling, which involves sales of borrowed shares. DE Route failed to mark the orders as short or mismarked them as long, and failed to locate or document the availability of shares to borrow before selling them short, violating the SEC's Regulation SHO. In the second incident April 13, 2011, an EDGX database administrator inadvertently disabled database connections, disrupting the exchange's ability to process incoming orders, modifications, and cancellations, and leading several EDGX members to file claims for more than \$668,000 in losses. EDGX waited about 24 minutes after the outage to remove its quotations from public market data, and violated the SEC's Regulation NMS by failing to immediately identify its quotations as manual quotations. Source: <http://www.sec.gov/news/press/2011/2011-208.htm>

9. *October 13, WHNS 21 Greenville* – (International) **Officials seize \$2M from fake investment companies.** A U.S. attorney announced October 13 the Greenville, South Carolina U.S. Attorney's Office along with the U.S. Secret Service and Greenville County Sheriff's Office seized \$2,151,532 following an investigation into two shell companies. The U.S. attorney said Prime Investment, LTD and Trading 24/7 LTD were shell companies used as a front to transfer large amounts of money into the country while hiding the true source of funds. Through banking relationships with foreign banks, both companies used monetary wire transfers on "behalf of entities engaging in dubious business activities." The attorney said the sheriff's office helped them contact online gamblers to determine who they were getting their payouts from when they won money online. Through the investigation, Prime Investment and Trading 24/7's bank accounts were found to be paying online gamblers. The attorney said the focus of the investigation was not on the gamblers, but on the companies to maintain the U.S. financial structure by preventing money laundering. According to the attorney, the two foreign-based companies sent more than \$40 million to the United States between October 2010 and February 2011. Both companies processed gambling proceeds from the online poker industry, sending payouts to players throughout the country including in South Carolina. Both companies violated federal laws including bank fraud, money laundering and the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act, according to the U.S. attorney.  
Source: <http://www.foxcarolina.com/story/15687025/officials-seize-2m-from-investment-company>
10. *October 13, New York Post* – (New York; New Jersey) **'Holiday Bandit' pleads guilty to bank heists.** A California man who became one of New York's most-wanted criminals after a bank robbery spree in the Christmas season of 2010 pleaded guilty October 13 to many charges. The robber, who became known as the "Holiday Bandit", admitted to committing the series of bank jobs at a hearing in Brooklyn federal court. A national of Ukraine, the bandit faces 181-205 months in prison when he is sentenced on nine bank robbery counts and one count of brandishing a firearm. He also could be deported after serving his sentence, officials said. The bandit traveled from the West Coast last winter and began a series of robberies at financial institutions in New York City and New Jersey that were intended to fuel his mounting heroin addiction, law enforcement sources said. In most instances, he would walk up to the teller, pull a pistol, and demand cash. Authorities said the bandit has a rap sheet in California that include arrests for drug possession and petty theft.  
Source:  
[http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/brooklyn/holiday\\_bandit\\_pleads\\_guilty\\_SVWCI Gkw77AzrPesax3qHI](http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/brooklyn/holiday_bandit_pleads_guilty_SVWCI Gkw77AzrPesax3qHI)
11. *October 13, KUSA 9 Denver* – (Colorado) **FBI searches for 'Wig Out Bandit' in 6 bank robberies.** Police and the FBI announced October 13 they are looking for a man they have dubbed "The Wig Out Bandit" in connection to several bank robberies in Colorado. The FBI Rocky Mountain Safe Streets Task Force gave the man the name because he wore a wig in the first robbery they believe he committed. He is suspected in at least six robberies. Investigators said the man enters the bank, presents a demand note, and flees.

Source: <http://www.9news.com/news/local/article/224548/346/FBI-searches-for-Wig-Out-Bandit-in-6-bank-robberies->

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## **Transportation Sector**

12. *October 14, Associated Press* – (National) **Watchdog: Air traffic controller errors soaring.** Errors by air traffic controllers in the vicinity of airports as well as incidents in which there was an unauthorized plane, vehicle, or person on a runway have increased sharply, a government watchdog said in a report released October 13. Mistakes by controllers working at radar facilities that handle approaches and departures within about 30 miles of an airport that cause planes to fly too close together nearly doubled over 3 years ending in March, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) report said. Separately, runway incursions at airports with control towers increased from 11 incidents per million takeoffs and landings in the 2004 federal budget year to 18 incidents per million takeoffs and landings in the 2010 federal budget year. Most large and medium-sized airports have control towers. Such "runway incursions," as they are called, can involve anything that is not supposed to be on a runway, from a stray baggage cart to a plane that makes a wrong turn while taxiing. The GAO report said that while Federal Aviation Administration officials have met their goals for reducing runway incursions overall, the rate of incidents at airports with towers has increased. Source: [http://hosted2.ap.org/APDefault/\\*/Article\\_2011-10-14-Air\\_Traffic\\_Errors/id-52602c51125e43cb9a2fc039cea5c18d](http://hosted2.ap.org/APDefault/*/Article_2011-10-14-Air_Traffic_Errors/id-52602c51125e43cb9a2fc039cea5c18d)
13. *October 14, Houston Chronicle* – (Texas) **2 lanes reopen after fiery Beltway crash.** Two westbound lanes of the North Sam Houston Parkway were reopened at the North Toll Plaza and tolls there were being waived after all lanes were closed because of a fatal fiery crash involving a big rig in Houston October 14. The two-vehicle wreck occurred at about 2:20 a.m , said the assistant chief deputy of the Harris County Precinct 4 Constable's Office. He said the driver of the 18-wheeler and another motorist died in the collision. The wreck forced officials to close all westbound lanes. Motorists were being diverted from the westbound tollway at Ella. The assistant chief deputy said the semi-tractor trailer was traveling westbound and approaching the toll plaza when it hit a low wall between traffic lanes at the plaza and slammed into a car stopped while the driver paid a toll. The truck and the car burst into flames. Portions of the plaza were damaged in the crash and fire. Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/houston-texas/article/2-lanes-reopen-after-fiery-Beltway-crash-2218346.php>
14. *October 13, Associated Press* – (Illinois) **Illinois EPA asks AG to take action against railroad.** The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) wants the state to require a rail company to clean up after a derailment of freight cars filled with ethanol. The EPA said October 13 it has asked the attorney general's office to take enforcement action against Iowa Interstate Railroad. Tanker cars operated by the railroad derailed

October 7 outside the small northern Illinois community of Tiskilwa. The train was shipping ethanol and other materials for Decatur-based corn processor Archer Daniels Midland Co. The derailment touched off a fire that burned at least six tanker cars and led to the temporary evacuation of all 800 residents of Tiskilwa. The EPA wants the rail company to pay for environmental cleanup, and ongoing testing of the soil, groundwater, and surface water in the area.

Source: <http://www.sj-r.com/breaking/x485787349/Illinois-EPA-asks-AG-to-take-action-against-railroad>

15. *October 12, St. George Spectrum* – (Utah) **Landslide closes SR-14 for months.** The estimated time for state Route 14 in Cedar City, Utah, to reopen after a landslide October 8 has been extended from weeks to months after initial studies have shown the magnitude of the damage. A public involvement manager for Region Four of the Utah Department of Transportation said the landslide moved about 1.5 million cubic yards of material, ruining about 1,700 feet of road. It will take at least 3 to 4 months before SR-14 is open to the public. The first step should take place the week of October 10 and involves aerial surveys. The manager said this would allow road designers and engineers to get a far more specific picture of the amount of damage caused by the landslide as well as possible future problems with the geological movement of the earth. Once these surveys are complete, engineers will analyze them, and a new road design will be created. Only then will actual road construction begin. While the road closure will cause inconvenience for travel between the Interstate 15 corridor and U.S. Highway 89, the road itself is closed from milepost 5 to the state Route 148 junction.

Source:

<http://www.thespectrum.com/article/20111012/NEWS01/110120322/Landslide-closes-SR-14-months?odyssey=nav|head>>"><http://www.thespectrum.com/article/20111012/NEWS01/110120322/Landslide-closes-SR-14-months?odyssey=nav|head>  
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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

16. *October 14, Food Safety News* – (National) **Listeria test causes iceberg lettuce recall.** Giant Eagle is recalling bags of shredded Iceberg lettuce and some deli sandwiches because they may be contaminated with Listeria, Food Safety News reported October 14. The Food and Drug Administration informed the company that a

random sample of Giant Eagle Farmer's Market 8-ounce package of Shredded Iceberg Lettuce, produced by River Ranch Fresh Foods tested positive for *Listeria monocytogenes*. The recalled packages have a use-by date of October 14, 2011 and the UPC 3003430195. The recalled lettuce was also used in some prepared deli ring sandwiches: Giant Eagle Large Italian Sandwich Ring, UPC 23755100000; Giant Eagle Mini Italian Sandwich Ring, UPC 24755500000; Giant Eagle Large New York Sandwich Ring, UPC 22755100000; Giant Eagle Mini New York Sandwich Ring, UPC 25755500000; Giant Eagle Large All America Sandwich Ring, UPC 21755100000; and Giant Eagle Mini All American Sandwich Ring, UPC 26755500000. Giant Eagle said it has contacted customers who purchased the recalled products, telling them to throw the food away or return it to the store for a refund.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/10/listeria-concern-prompts-iceberg-lettuce-recall/>

17. *October 14, Green Bay Press-Gazette* – (Wisconsin) **Cause of shed fire at Wiese Brothers Farms remains mystery.** Authorities may never know what caused a hay shed fire in Wrightstown, Wisconsin October 12 that burned for almost 24 hours, and required up to 1 million gallons of water to extinguish it. The Greenleaf fire chief previously said the fire at Wiese Brothers Farms may have been caused by wet hay that spontaneously combusted, but he later ruled that out. It is difficult to identify a cause because most of the smoldering hay was taken to a nearby field and firefighters could not determine a fire pattern, the fire chief said. He said the fire was put out early October 13 after about 25 firefighters worked on it through the night. Crews responded from nearly 10 departments. Between 750,000 and 1 million gallons of water were used to fight the fire, the fire chief added. Crews had to stop using water from Greenleaf's system twice because the supply could not keep up with demands.

Source:

<http://www.greenbaypressgazette.com/article/20111014/GPG0101/110140629/Cause-shed-fire-remains-mystery?odyssey=tab|topnews|img|GPG-News>

18. *October 14, Food Safety News* – (California) **Histamine illnesses prompt frozen tuna recall.** Three illnesses caused by elevated histamine levels linked to sushi led to the recall of up to 1,800 cases of frozen ground tuna, Food Safety News reported October 14. Osamu Corporation of Gardena, California announced the recall October 13 after the Food and Drug Administration found decomposition in several samples of the company's tuna, and also found elevated histamine levels in tuna collected at one retail location. Decomposed seafood may promote formation of histamine, which when eaten can cause a tingling or burning sensation in the mouth, facial swelling, rash, hives and itchy skin, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea. The frozen ground tuna, lot # 7013, was shipped to three distributors — AFC Corporation, Red Shell Foods, and Pacific Fresh Fish Co. — from August 18 to September 8.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/10/histamine-illnesses-prompt-frozen-tuna-recall/>

19. *October 14, Food Safety News* – (National) **Frozen fajitas recalled due to beef-chicken switch.** A Colorado company is recalling about 15,760 pounds of frozen fajitas because the chicken fajita packages may contain steak, and the steak fajita

packages may contain chicken, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service announced October 13. Phil's Fresh Foods said the mix up was discovered by a consumer with a beef allergy who had an allergic reaction after consuming the mislabeled chicken fajitas, which were actually steak fajitas, and reported the problem. The company said the beef and chicken products were inadvertently switched during packaging. The mislabeled fajitas were produced February 2 and 3, and were distributed to retail establishments nationwide. Being recalled are: 7-ounce cartons of "EVOL. BURRITOS FIRE GRILLED CHICKEN FAJITA" and 7-ounce cartons of "EVOL. BURRITOS FIRE GRILLED STEAK FAJITA." The recalled packages have the establishment number "EST. 21015" or "P-21015" inside the USDA mark of inspection on the carton, and an identifying lot number of "03311" on the inner plastic packaging.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/10/frozen-fajitas-recalled-due-to-misbranding/>

20. *October 13, Sioux Falls Argus Leader* – (South Dakota) **Price for Morrell violations: \$206,000.** John Morrell & Co. has agreed to pay a \$206,000 civil penalty to the federal government and improve how it manages the ammonia refrigeration system at its meatpacking plant in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, the Argus Leader reported October 13. The settlement agreement obligates the company to correct violations uncovered during a federal inspection, and to file twice-yearly progress reports on the work. Federal lawyers based their complaint on a 2009 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency audit of the plant's refrigeration system, which houses 390,609 pounds of ammonia, according to Minnehaha County Emergency Management records. The inspection and a follow-up visit in 2010 found "multiple violations" of federal laws that govern how large quantities of toxic chemicals are handled. Violations included corroded supports on ammonia pressure vessels, deficient insulation, lost and canceled work orders, and mislabeled system components. Since the inspection, the company has reviewed its refrigeration system to identify improperly labeled piping and valves. The settlement agreement also requires Morrell to hire an outside engineer to test pressure vessels and create nameplates for them.

Source: <http://www.argusleader.com/article/20111014/NEWS/110140311/Price-Morrell-violations-206-000>

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## **Water Sector**

21. *October 13, Milford Daily News* – (Massachusetts) **Milford water samples still show elevated chemical levels.** The Milford Water Co. said October 13 it violated a trihalomethane standard for the fourth consecutive quarter, but said trihalomethane levels in the drinking water for Milford, Massachusetts have decreased since the summer. At the end of the most recent July-to-September quarter, the company had an annual average of 91 micrograms of trihalomethane per liter of water. The standard is 80 micrograms per liter, according to a notice on the firm's Web site. The company

mailed letters last month that told customers it anticipated violating the standard for the July-to-September quarter. The company expects to mail a required notification about the violation the week of October 17, with that letter currently being reviewed by the state department of environmental protection, Milford's general manager said.

Source: <http://www.milforddailynews.com/highlight/x485787387/Milford-water-samples-still-show-elevated-chemical-levels>

22. *October 13, Plano Star-Courier* – (Texas) **Water supply dwindles: Further watering restrictions approved.** Plano, Texas, will enter Stage 3 water restrictions in November, just more than 2 months after the city entered Stage 2 after the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) urged even tighter restrictions due to the severity of drought occurring in the region. In addition to the drought, one of the worst on record, zebra mussels in Lake Texoma have prevented the usage of any water from that reservoir since August 2009. The NTMWD deputy director said even with the recent rainfall, the National Weather Service expects the drought to continue through July 2012.  
Source: [http://www.scntx.com/articles/2011/10/13/plano\\_star-courier/news/8796.txt](http://www.scntx.com/articles/2011/10/13/plano_star-courier/news/8796.txt)
23. *October 13, California Watch* – (California) **California clean drinking water bills signed into law.** Seven bills signed into law October 14 by the governor of California seek to improve access to clean drinking water in California, particularly for residents in rural and disadvantaged communities. A study by the Pacific Institute found that between 2005 and 2008, 1.3 million residents in the San Joaquin Valley had nitrate-polluted water coming from their faucets. Surveys by California Rural Legal Assistance and the Community Water Center in Visalia also found that low-income Californians who have access only to polluted water spend between 4 and 10 percent of their household income on bottled water for cooking and drinking. The bills range from translating water contamination notices, to removing logistical barriers and funding water infrastructure improvements.  
Source: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/10/13/california-clean-drinking-water-bills\\_n\\_1010014.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/10/13/california-clean-drinking-water-bills_n_1010014.html)
24. *October 13, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (National) **New USDA report shows conservation practices reducing sediment, nitrogen and phosphorus in Great Lakes region.** A new U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) study released October 13 shows that farmers using combinations of erosion-control and nutrient-management practices on cultivated cropland are reducing losses of sediment, nitrogen, and phosphorous from farm fields, and decreasing the movement of these materials to the Great Lakes and their associated waterways. "The Great Lakes Conservation Effects Assessment Project (CEAP) study confirms that good conservation planning and implementation have reduced loadings of sediment and nutrients to waterways throughout the region," the Secretary of Agriculture said October 13. The CEAP study, prepared by the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), estimates the use of conservation has resulted in a 50 percent decline in sediment entering rivers and streams, along with 36 and 37 percent declines, respectively, in phosphorus and nitrogen loading. This latest study, as with CEAP reports on the Upper Mississippi River Basin and the Chesapeake Bay watershed, identifies slightly more than half of

cropland as having either a high or moderate need for additional conservation practices to lessen sediment and nutrient losses. The remainder of cropland has low needs for additional conservation -- that is, low vulnerabilities to sediment and/or nutrient loss, and having adequate conservation management to minimize losses. The study covers nearly 174,000 square miles -- the entire U.S. side of the Great Lakes Region. It is based on data obtained through a survey of farming and conservation practices conducted by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service from 2003 to 2006. More than 1,400 National Resources Inventory sample points provide the statistical basis for estimating conditions throughout the region.

Source:

<http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?contentid=2011/10/0442.xml&contentidonly=true>

25. *October 13, Biloxi Sun Herald* – (Mississippi) **Chemfax cleanup expected to cost \$2.5 million.** The cost to remove harmful chemicals from an old industrial site, Chemfax Inc. at Three Rivers and Creosote roads in Gulfport, Mississippi, is estimated at \$2.5 million, residents learned from an October 13 meeting held by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). It conducted an emergency cleanup in 1999 that cost \$1 million to \$1.5 million, but lack of funding has delayed permanent cleanup. The EPA is now looking to the state, which owns the site, to pay for final cleanup, but a state official said after the meeting funding will not be determined until a cleanup plan is completed. After a public comment period ends October 31, a decision on how to proceed will be finalized. The EPA and Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality propose excavating 18,000 cubic yards of soil contaminated with petroleum byproducts that can cause cancer. The soil would be excavated to depths of 4 to 10 feet. The goal is to dig out soil to the level of a groundwater aquifer the soil has contaminated. The EPA project manager said the aquifer is not used for drinking water. The aquifer is slowly shifting toward Bernard Bayou, so the soil must be removed to avoid contamination of the bayou, she said. Once the work is completed, the groundwater would be monitored every 5 years for 100 years, she said. The county and the city would like to see the property cleaned up not only for public health, but because it could then be leased. The Chemfax plant produced resins and waxes from petroleum products. It operated from 1955 until 1995, when the owner died. It had been subject to fines during its operation. After Chemfax closed, the EPA declared the property a Superfund site.

Source: <http://www.sunherald.com/2011/10/13/3506573/chemfax-cleanup-expected-to-cost.html>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

26. *October 13, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **14 people accused in OxyContin insurance fraud scheme.** A federal indictment charges 14 people, including a doctor and two operators of a Los Angeles clinic, with running a scheme to illegally obtain

and distribute OxyContin pills, carried out largely through insurance fraud. Ten of the defendants were arrested October 13. The distribution ring was allegedly run out of Lake Medical Group, where doctors reportedly wrote prescriptions for the powerful painkiller to uninsured patients who did not need it. Defendants also allegedly obtained pills from pharmacies by fraudulently billing public insurance programs such as Medicare. The indictment also alleged that in some cases, the defendants stole identities and Medicare beneficiary information to obtain OxyContin. Two clinic operators allegedly orchestrated the scheme. Two doctors are accused of prescribing the pills to people who had no medical need for them. The other defendants allegedly assisted in the plot by serving as runners or recruiters, or posing as patients. The members of the organization allegedly resold more than 1 million pills on the street for \$23 to \$27 a pill, raking in millions of dollars in profits. The defendants all face charges of drug conspiracy or healthcare fraud. One suspect is also charged with wholesale distribution of OxyContin. The maximum sentences range from 10 to 40 years.

Source: <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2011/10/oxycontin-arrests.html>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

27. *October 14, KDVR 31 Dever* – (Colorado) **Police make 2 dozen arrests, tear down tents at Occupy Denver protest camp.** A large number of police officers in riot gear made dozens of arrests as they broke up the Occupy Denver protest in a park outside the Capitol building in downtown Denver, October 14. A Denver police spokesman said at least 24 people were arrested. The Colorado State Patrol said many face charges related to criminal misconduct. There were a few brief moments of pushing and shoving between protesters and police, but things remained relatively calm and there were no injuries.

Source: <http://www.kdvr.com/news/politics/kdvr-occupy-denver-protests-put-hickenlooper-hancock-in-a-quandry-20111012,0,1965021.story>

28. *October 13, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **Man shot in back in UM parking garage.** A man was shot several times in the back October 13 on a lower level of an underground parking garage in the heart of the University of Maryland, Baltimore and UM Medical Center campus, police said. The victim is in critical but stable condition at a local hospital. After the shooting, the assailant fled, said a detective. He said officers were investigating, and surveillance footage would be reviewed. The University Plaza Garage, which is owned by the university, is 6 floors deep, according to a spokeswoman for the University of Maryland, Baltimore. The garage is open to the public, and is commonly used by patients and visitors of the hospital, she said.

Source: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/bs-md-downtown-shooting-20111013,0,2551434.story>

29. *October 13, KMGH 7 Denver* – (Colorado) **Student suspended after peppery spray clears classroom.** A 15-year-old student was suspended after she released pepper spray in an Adams City High School classroom in Commerce City, Colorado, October 13, forcing 35 students and a teacher to evacuate, police said. Two students were transported to hospitals for treatment of minor eye and lung irritation. The other students and the teacher from the classroom were checked out at the school health clinic. The classroom was evacuated while the fire department ventilated the room, a Commerce City police spokesman said. No other classrooms were affected, and the school schedule was not disrupted. It is unclear how the student obtained the can of pepper spray or why it was discharged, but it does not appear to be a malicious act at this time, the Commerce City police spokesman said. The student was suspended from school while school officials and police investigate.  
Source: [http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/29473961/detail.html?hpt=us\\_bn7](http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/29473961/detail.html?hpt=us_bn7)
30. *October 13, Asheville Citizen-Times* – (North Carolina) **Homemade bombs found at Mitchell County elementary school.** Authorities October 13 were investigating the discovery of four homemade explosives outside an elementary school in Bakersville, North Carolina. A Gouge Elementary School student discovered one of the four devices, known as “the Works” bombs, and one student was injured when liquid from the explosive splashed on his leg, the Mitchell County sheriff said. Mitchell County closed the school October 13 as investigators with the sheriff’s office, state bureau of investigation, and Bakersville police searched for evidence. The sheriff said he could not say yet whether the bombs were intended to hurt students or staff. A student opened one of the bottles after finding it in a parking lot, but threw it down after seeing fumes. Some of the liquid splashed on another student’s leg. The boy was later taken to the hospital after the liquid caused a burn, the sheriff said. Another bottle was found in the parking lot and two more beside the school.  
Source: <http://www.citizen-times.com/article/20111014/NEWS/310140033/Homemade-bombs-found-Mitchell-school?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|Frontpage|s>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

31. *October 14, WRC 4 District of Columbia* – (Maryland) **University of Maryland alerts students to tornado that never came.** On October 13 at 6:59 p.m., students and faculty at the University of Maryland (UMD) received the following e-mail and text alert: "A tornado is forecast to strike the campus within the next 3 to 4 minutes. Remain in shelter until advised." That was the third digital warning sent. In addition to the e-mails, a hurricane alarm sounded on campus. After an hour there was still no tornado. Although UMD issued the warning several times, the National Weather Service (NWS) did not. There was no tornado warning issued for Prince George's County, or any surrounding region for that time, according to the NWS. But UMD officials told WRC 4 District of Columbia they had an obligation to alert the public of a safety threat. A

spokesperson said UMD security had been in touch with the Accuweather forecasting service. They said Accuweather warned of a rotation in the approaching storm, so they sent the multiple warnings out of an abundance of caution.

Source: <http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/UMD-Alerts-Students-to-Tornado-That-Never-Came-131854018.html>

32. *October 13, Associated Press* – (District of Columbia) **New D.C. emergency alerts to urge people to Stay in Place'**. The Washington D.C. emergency management agency is making changes to the way it alerts the public about emergencies, and will likely advise people to stay put rather than try to drive home during future disasters, officials said at a D.C. Council hearing October 13. The advice to wait before jumping in the car is part of a strategy to mitigate the traffic gridlock that occurred in the wake of a fast-moving January snowstorm, and the 5.8-magnitude earthquake that shook the nation's capital in August. Both events caused people to be stranded on roads for hours and exposed weaknesses in disaster preparedness. For example, the District's emergency management agency did not send out its first alert about the earthquake until nearly a half-hour after it occurred — at which point thousands of people had spilled out of buildings and taken to the roads. The District's Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency director said her goal is now to send an alert about an emergency within 5 minutes, and to include a prepared “script” with general guidelines about how to deal with the event taking place. The alert would also tell people not to try to leave the District until more information is available.

Source: <http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/New-DC-Emergency-Alerts-to-Urge-People-to-Stay-in-Place-131830358.html>

33. *October 13, CNN* – (California) **Hunger strike ends, California prison officials say**. A 3-week hunger strike by some California prison inmates has ended, the state department of corrections said October 13. More than 4,250 inmates in eight state prisons were involved in the strike September 29, 3 days after it began, but only 580 at three prisons were still participating October 13, the department said in a news release. On October 6, when the department said 811 were still taking part, a spokesman for Prisoner Hunger Strike Solidarity questioned that number, though he acknowledged participation had likely dropped. Prison officials consider inmates to be on a hunger strike if they have missed nine straight meals. The corrections department said October 13 it had received a letter from inmates 2 days earlier regarding the strike. "Officials agreed to meet with inmate representatives to discuss its ongoing review of and revisions to its Security Housing Unit policies that began in May 2011," the department said in its news release. The prisoners made five demands, including a change in the policy that makes inmates go through an interrogation process in which they have to incriminate themselves — and identify other inmates who are involved in breaking rules — in order to get out of solitary confinement. They also demanded an end to group lockdowns, and wanted more privileges for those in solitary confinement, such as winter clothes and nutritious meals.

Source: [http://www.cnn.com/2011/10/13/us/california-prisons/index.html?hpt=us\\_c2](http://www.cnn.com/2011/10/13/us/california-prisons/index.html?hpt=us_c2)

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## **Information Technology Sector**

34. *October 13, Dark Reading* – (International) **Blackhole crimeware goes 'prime time'**. Attackers are increasingly using the Blackhole exploit kit in phishing campaigns. Most recently, one that poses as an e-mail notification from an HP OfficeJet Printer has sent nearly 8 million e-mails thus far, and uses 2,000 domains to serve up the malware, Dark Reading reported October 13. The OfficeJet e-mail campaign, like other Blackhole attacks, is trolling for victims' online banking credentials. It works a lot like Zeus and others, using browser vulnerabilities on victims' machines and creating a backdoor for downloading and installing the Trojans. An AppRiver researcher said Blackhole appears to favor Java and Adobe bugs. In May, Blackhole, which previously had been marketed as a high-end crimeware tool that cost \$1,500 for a 1-year license, was unleashed for free in some underground forums. That has propelled more use of the toolkit.  
Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/advanced-threats/167901091/security/attacks-breaches/231900780/blackhole-crimeware-goes-prime-time.html>
35. *October 13, Computerworld* – (International) **Mac OS X security update causes crashes, say experts**. Apple has released a massive security update for Mac OS X along with a new version of its OS, according to several reports October 13, but installing the patches could render computers unbootable. The Mac OS X Security Update 2011-006 addresses more than 70 vulnerabilities in core components, as well as third-party products bundled by default with the OS. Many of the flaws have the highest severity rating assigned to them and can result in arbitrary code execution through a remote attack vector. Despite the benefits of the security update, users should carefully weigh whether to install it. That is because, according to some reports, the update can result in serious issues. "Apple OSX Security Update makes macbook kernel panic at boot," warned a security researcher October 13 on Twitter. He later confirmed other users have experienced similar problems, particularly on systems with Lion/Snow dual-boot configurations. "If you have two or more os partition on mbp [MacBook Pro] it breaks," the security expert said.  
Source: [http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9220826/Mac\\_OS\\_X\\_security\\_update\\_causes\\_crashes\\_say\\_experts](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9220826/Mac_OS_X_security_update_causes_crashes_say_experts)
36. *October 13, The Register* – (International) **Flashback trojan targeting OS X shuns virtual machines**. Underscoring the growing sophistication of Mac-based malware, a trojan preying on OS X users has adopted several stealth techniques since it was discovered last month, The Register reported October 13. Updates to the Flashback trojan, which gets installed by disguising itself as an Adobe Flash update, now prevent the malware from running on Macs that use VMware Fusion. Such virtual machine software is routinely used by security researchers to test the behavior of a malware sample because it is easier to delete a virtual instance when they are finished than it is to wipe the hard drive clean and reinstall the operating system. When users get tricked into clicking on the recently introduced Flashback.D installer, the program checks to

see if the Mac is running Fusion. If it is, it does not execute, researchers from antivirus provider Intego blogged October 13. Flashback developers have also modified their code so it no longer installs itself in an easy-to-spot subfolder off the OS X ~/Library location. Such virtual-machine blocking and cloaking of malicious files have become standard fare in Windows malware. Their addition to Flashback suggests the same techniques were being adopted by criminals targeting Macs.

Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/10/13/mac\\_trojan\\_innovates/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/10/13/mac_trojan_innovates/)

37. *October 13, Network World* – (International) **Open source WineHQ database breached.** For the second time in 2 months, a major open source project has been breached, Network World reported October 13. This time the victim is the WineHQ project, which manages Wine, an open source technology that lets users install and run Windows applications on Linux, Mac, Solaris, and other operating systems. WineHQ earlier the week of October 10 disclosed someone broke into one of its database systems and gained access to an open source PHP tool that allows remote management of databases. The attackers managed to harvest all log-in information of users of the Wine Application Database (AppDB) and Bugzilla, the WineHQ bug tracking system, giving them access to users' log-in names and passwords. "The passwords are stored encrypted, but with enough effort and depending on the quality of the password, they can be cracked," a Wine developer said. "This, I'm afraid, is a serious threat; it means that anyone who uses the same e-mail/password on other systems is now vulnerable to a malicious attacker using that information to access their account." WineHQ is resetting passwords of all affected users, he added.

Source: [http://www.networkworld.com/news/2011/101311-open-source-winehq-database-251960.html?source=nww\\_rss](http://www.networkworld.com/news/2011/101311-open-source-winehq-database-251960.html?source=nww_rss)

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## Communications Sector

38. *October 14, High Point Enterprise and McClatchy-Tribune Information Services* – (North Carolina) **North State Internet outage fixed.** North State Communications customers in North Carolina were without Internet service and e-mail for several hours due to an outage October 13. The High Point-based company said in a statement North State had a partial Internet outage while workers were performing upgrades on a computer system. The outage temporarily affected residential and business customers. The outage didn't affect access to electronic medical records for Cornerstone Health Care medical providers, said the supervisor of Cornerstone's IT department. The outage

did slow down processing of insurance and billing records. The outage had a limited effect on the city of High Point, said the assistant director of IT services. When the North State service was lost temporarily, the city experienced some disruption of access to the Internet and e-mail. North State serves primarily a 600-square-mile area in the Piedmont. The company provides a variety of telecommunication services to High Point, Thomasville, Archdale, Randleman, Jamestown, Trinity, and portions of Greensboro and Kernersville.

Source: <http://callcenterinfo.tmcnet.com/news/2011/10/14/5854616.htm>

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## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

39. *October 14, Wall Street Journal* – (New York) **Occupy Wall Street stays in park.** The real-estate company that owns the small park at the center of the Occupy Wall Street movement in New York City has postponed a planned cleaning of the site, the New York City deputy mayor announced early October 14. The decision by Brookfield Office Properties Inc. to delay its planned cleaning of Zuccotti Park means the protesters who have been living at the site for nearly a month will not be forced to depart and remove the tarps, beds, and other items accumulated during the ongoing demonstration. An hour after the cleanup was postponed, hundreds of jubilant protesters had spilled out onto Broadway near Exchange Place, blocking traffic, and facing dozens of police officers. Police used batons and motorcycles to clear the street. At least three people were arrested. On Exchange Place, about 100 protesters sat down in front of police vehicles. Police arrested at least two people as hundreds of protesters raised brooms in the air and moved onto Wall Street.

Source: <http://blogs.wsj.com/metropolis/2011/10/14/occupy-wall-street-stays-in-park/>

40. *October 14, Occupational Health & Safety* – (Pennsylvania) **Lowe's nailed for repeat violations at three Pennsylvania stores.** The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) cited Lowe's stores in Carlisle, Hanover, and Palmyra, Pennsylvania, for 11 safety and health violations, 10 of those repeat, including exposing workers to chemical, and electrical hazards. The inspections were conducted under OSHA's Site-Specific Targeting Program for industries with high injury and illness rates. Proposed penalties total \$96,030. The Carlisle store was cited for five repeat violations with \$61,820 in penalties for permitting employees to use hazardous liquid chemicals without the use of personal protective equipment, improperly modifying powered industrial trucks, using flexible cords and cables as a substitute for fixed wiring, and failing to properly label hazardous chemical containers. The Hanover store was cited for three repeat violations with \$990 in penalties involving several electrical hazards, including failing to properly use listed or labeled electrical equipment, using a flexible cord as a substitute for fixed wiring, and running a flexible cord through a hole in the wall. The Palmyra store was cited for two repeat violations with \$33,220 in penalties for failing to provide personal protective equipment to employees exposed to hazardous liquid chemicals. Lowe's is a national chain of retail

home improvement and appliance stores.

Source: <http://ohsonline.com/articles/2011/10/14/lowes-nailed-for-repeat-violations-at-three-pennsylvania-stores.aspx?admgarea=news>

41. *October 13, WIS 10 Columbia* – (South Carolina) **Inspectors looking at state fair ride that malfunctioned on opening night.** State inspectors were at the South Carolina State Fairgrounds in Columbia October 14 after six people received minor injuries when a ride malfunctioned on the fair's opening night. A fair spokesman said five people on the Bonzai ride were injured late October 12. As passengers were being swung back and forth, the footrest under one of the seats came loose and dropped down. The malfunction shot pieces of metal into a group of people on the ride, and one who was seated on the adjacent Wave Swinger ride. The ride was still shut down October 13 as state and fair inspectors worked to fix the problem and make sure the ride was safe before it was reopened.  
Source: [http://www.wistv.com/story/15681685/six-hurt-in-opening-night-accident-at-state-fair?hpt=us\\_bn5](http://www.wistv.com/story/15681685/six-hurt-in-opening-night-accident-at-state-fair?hpt=us_bn5)
42. *October 13, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Tornadoes reported in Virginia.** Suspected tornadoes touched down October 13 in New Kent and Louisa Counties in Virginia, the National Weather Service said, according to the Associated Press October 13. About a dozen homes and the roof of an elementary school were damaged when an apparent twister cut a 6-mile swath through western New Kent, the fire chief said. He said trees were down throughout the area, including a couple that toppled onto homes. In Louisa, a funnel cloud ripped into an historic plantation house, ripping off its roof and causing other damage, a county spokeswoman said. The historic home known as Sylvania, built in 1746, suffered profound damage in an August earthquake, the Louisa County administrator said. The tornado finished the job, he said.  
Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/weather/storms/tornadoes/story/2011-10-13/virginia-tornadoes/50761020/1?csp=34news>
43. *October 13, Enterprise Newsweekly* – (International) **Cyber-criminals targeting retailers with 'Nice Pack' exploit kit, SQL Injection.** Criminals have increased their attacks on retailer Web sites using exploit kits to download data-stealing Trojans on victims' computers, eWeek News reported October 13. Retailers have seen an uptick in Web attacks driven mainly by malware exploit toolkits as cyber-criminals attempt to steal credit card information, according to Dell SecureWorks. It said hacking attacks against retail customers were up 43 percent from January to September. The increase was driven primarily by Web exploit kits. A new kit, Nice Pack, has already compromised more than 10,000 Web sites, the report said. When unsuspecting users come to the site, they are redirected to a site hosting the exploit kit, which tries to download malware onto their computer. Nice Pack uses a similar attack sequence as the more well-known Black Hole exploit kit. The malicious code is apparently identical to the code used in the recent compromise of MySQL.com that directed users to a site hosting the Black Hole toolkit. At this point, Nice Pack attempts to install the ZeroAccess Trojan, which is designed to remain hidden on the infected machine as it gathers confidential information and ships it off to a remote server. There has also been a jump in the number of SQL injection attacks against retailers, according to Dell

SecureWorks researchers.

Source: [http://www.eweek.com/c/a/Security/CyberCriminals-Targeting-Retailers-With-Nice-Pack-Exploit-Kit-SQL-Injection-108481/?kc=rss&utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed:+RSS/eweeksecurity+\(eWEEK+Security\)&utm\\_content=Google+Reader](http://www.eweek.com/c/a/Security/CyberCriminals-Targeting-Retailers-With-Nice-Pack-Exploit-Kit-SQL-Injection-108481/?kc=rss&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+RSS/eweeksecurity+(eWEEK+Security)&utm_content=Google+Reader)

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

44. *October 13, KVUE 24 Austin* – (Texas) **Wildfire damage revealed at Bastrop State Park.** It could be a long road to recovery at the Bastrop State Park in Texas after a wildfire burned 95 percent of park's 6,500 acres, KVUE 24 Austin reported October 13. Park officials said they do not know how many trees would be lost in the wildfire. Burned trees near roads and trails must be removed because they pose a danger to future visitors. Camping sites were expected to open by December 1, and cabins could re-open in February 2012. Replanting pine trees could be the biggest challenge. Officials said pine seedlings will not be ready until 2013, and even then the drought could threaten their survival.

Source: <http://www.kvue.com/news/Wildfire-damage-revealed-at-Bastrop-State-Park-131824178.html>

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## **Dams Sector**

45. *October 13, Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel* – (Florida) **State commits to fixing South Florida levees falling short of federal standards.** Water management officials in Florida said October 13 they can complete a series of levee upgrades in Broward County by the end of 2013 to address safety concerns and meet tougher federal standards. Inspections since 2009 have raised concerns about the 100-mile East Coast Protective Levee, which keeps the Everglades from swamping neighborhoods in Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade counties. The Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel reported in 2010 the Broward County portion of the East Coast Protective levee failed to meet certification standards for the Federal Emergency Management Agency. In addition, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers inspectors identified deficiencies in parts of the levee in Broward and Palm Beach counties. The levee improvements include: raising about 2,000 feet of the levee; building temporary dikes; removing vegetation growing on the dike; installing monitoring stations to identify potential erosion; and adding a berm along the outside base of portions parts of the levee to reduce water seepage and erosion. The district expects to spend \$14 million on levee improvements in Broward County.

Source: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/palm-beach/fl-levee-inspections-20111013,0,489899.story>

46. *October 13, Bismarck Tribune* – (North Dakota) **State calls for lower Lake Sakakawea.** North Dakota officials asked the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and governors of other states on the Missouri River to agree to lower Lake Sakakawea in anticipation of another year of heavy precipitation, the Bismarck Tribune reported October 14. A North Dakota state engineer drafted a letter to Corps leaders calling for the target surface elevation of the lake to be 1,835 feet, or 2.5 feet lower than current levels. The governor has contacted officials of the seven states on the Missouri River and will discuss the proposal with them at a meeting in Nebraska, October 17. He said the proposal is based on the National Weather Service's prediction of continued La Nina weather patterns producing above-average precipitation. An engineer said the river level is 6.5 feet, and would rise to 8.8 feet if Garrison Dam releases were increased by 10,000 cubic feet per second. Corps officials decided to enter next year's run-off season with 16.3 million acre-feet of storage capacity, the amount it used this year. Corps leaders have said creating more storage would require the river to run higher for longer and prevent it from performing needed maintenance on dams, levees, and other infrastructure.

Source: [http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/state-calls-for-lower-lake-sakakawea/article\\_e2579c48-f5e5-11e0-826f-001cc4c03286.html](http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/state-calls-for-lower-lake-sakakawea/article_e2579c48-f5e5-11e0-826f-001cc4c03286.html)

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