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- Texas law enforcement officials said several Mexican drug cartels have lured children as young as 11 to work in their smuggling operations, which operate in all major Texas cities. – *Reuters* (See item [31](#))
- Security researchers said that as of October 18, more than 1 million users had been infected with malware after attacks on outdated Web sites running Microsoft ASP.Net. – *SC Magazine* (See item [35](#))

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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 18, Bloomberg* – (Louisiana) **Anadarko to pay BP \$4 billion to settle gulf spill claims.** BP, the operator of the Macondo well in the Gulf of Mexico that was the source of the worst U.S. oil spill in history last year, said Anadarko Petroleum Corp. will pay \$4 billion to settle all claims over the disaster. Anadarko, which had a 25 percent stake in the well, will no longer pursue allegations of gross negligence against BP. The payment will be made in a single cash sum and will be put in the \$20 billion trust being used to repay claims and damages. Under the terms of the deal, Anadarko

will transfer its stake in the Macondo well back to BP, the companies said in separate statements October 18.

Source: http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/g/a/2011/10/17/bloomberg_articlesLT7WX86S9729.DTL

2. *October 18, Reuters* – (National) **US prepared if oil spills in Cuban waters-regulator.** The U.S. government has issued licenses for oil spill containment and cleanup equipment for use by U.S. companies in case of an oil spill in Cuban waters, where a Spanish oil company will soon begin drilling, the U.S. drilling regulator said October 18. The United States is evaluating the safety and emergency plans of Repsol YPF, which plans to explore for oil 5,600 feet deep in the Gulf of Mexico later this year when a Chinese-made rig arrives, said the head of the U.S. Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement. Cuba believes it may have 20 billion barrels of oil offshore. The U.S. Geological Survey has estimated the reserves at 5 billion barrels. U.S. Coast Guard officials and the drilling regulator will inspect the rig when it reaches Trinidad and Tobago on its way to Cuba. The U.S. Commerce Department has issued licenses for equipment such as booms, skippers and dispersants for use by U.S. firms in Cuban waters, and is considering applications for licenses for other equipment.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/10/18/cuba-oil-idUSN1E79H0OK20111018>

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Chemical Industry Sector

3. *October 18, WTNH 8 New Haven* – (Connecticut) **Acid leak closes part of Southington rest area.** Part of the rest area on I-84 Eastbound in Southington, Connecticut was closed the morning of October 18 because a tanker was leaking acid. The incident happened when a truck driving through the parking area clipped the side of another truck. That caused a leak of phosphoric acid, which is an additive used in colas. It has other uses as well. "It's a food additive ... an anti-fungal agent for crops," said a police captain. "We have to handle it in a certain way, but it's not hazardous." Crews were called out at about 1:30 a.m., and they found about 30 gallons of the acid spilled. The spill went under four other trucks, so they had to remain until the spill was cleaned up. State police shut the entire rest area for a time, and evacuated the area where the trucks park. Firefighters and the state department of environmental protection also responded. With a few hours, the rest area was reopened to motor vehicles, but it remained closed to trucks.
Source: http://www.wtnh.com/dpp/traffic/traffic_news/acid-leak-closes-part-of-southington-rest-area
4. *October 18, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Train derailment closes two Colton schools.** Two Colton, California schools were closed October 18 because of a train collision and derailment that also was expected to shut a stretch of the 10 Freeway for a second time as one of the trains is set back on its tracks. Wilson Elementary School and Colton High School were closed, said a spokesman for the Colton Fire Department. The collision between a Union Pacific train and a Burlington Northern Santa Fe train

occurred at about 2:30 a.m. on tracks under the 10 south of Valley Boulevard and west of La Cadena Drive, the spokesman said. Six cars of the Union Pacific train derailed. Two of the cars were carrying ferrous chloride, a hazardous chemical used in the treatment of wastewater. Authorities closed the freeway in both directions for 3 hours as a hazardous materials team searched for leaks. When none was found, the freeway was reopened, he said. However, as a precaution, the freeway was to be shut down again later October 18 as crews righted the derailed cars.

Source: <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2011/10/train-derailment-closes-two-schools.html>

5. *October 18, Saginaw News* – (Michigan) **30 percent of homeowners along Tittabawassee River declined EPA's early dioxin cleanup.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency visited homes along the Tittabawassee River to implement early cleanup to prevent residents from coming into contact with dioxin-contaminated soil. The remedial project manager at the EPA's Saginaw Field Office, reported October 17 Saginaw-Tittabawassee Rivers Contamination Community Advisory Group meeting the work is nearly done for the season. More than 130 properties were assessed for dioxin exposure and more than 40 residents agreed to allow the EPA to do the work. Cleanup measures included removing and capping soil, and moving play equipment and gardens. About 30 percent of residents declined to allow the EPA do complete the work. Dow Chemical acknowledged leaking the chemicals into the Tittabawassee River from the 1930s to the 1970s. The chemical giant and EPA have an agreement to cleanup the pollution, to be paid for by Dow. The company has spent more than \$36 million on the cleanup.

Source:

http://www.mlive.com/news/saginaw/index.ssf/2011/10/30_percent_of_homeowners_a_long.html

6. *October 17, Myrtle Beach Sun News* – (North Carolina) **Two arrested on thefts, drug charges in Brunswick County.** Two men have been arrested in connection with stealing anhydrous ammonia from a company in Supply, North Carolina, according to a news release from the Brunswick County Sheriff's Office. The two men have both been charged with one-count conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine, possession/distribute methylamine precursor, possession of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia. The two were arrested October 17 after a 3-month investigation into several thefts of the anhydrous ammonia from the Cubelet Ice Company, said a spokesman for the Brunswick County Sheriff's Office. Both men were being held in the Brunswick County Detention Center under a \$500,000 secured bond.

Source: <http://www.thesunnews.com/2011/10/17/2449970/two-arrested-on-thefts-drug-charges.html>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

7. *October 18, Tarentum Valley News Dispatch* – (Pennsylvania) **Nuclear cleanup stopped in Parks Township.** The removal of nuclear waste from a dump in Parks Township, Pennsylvania, was suspended in the wake of a "severe" violation of safety procedures for handling the material, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said October 17. The Corps announced excavation work at the former Nuclear Materials and Equipment Corp. (NUMEC) waste site was stopped after an incident September 30. The commander of the Corps' Pittsburgh District said public health was not endangered. The Corps and a contractor began digging into 2 of 10 trenches at the 44-acre site in August. NUMEC dumped radioactive and chemical waste there produced at its Apollo plant in the 1960s. According to a Corps spokesman, soil is scanned as workers dig a foot at a time. When something is found, it is scanned in the ground and again when taken out of the trench before going to a processing building. While the agency is still investigating what happened September 30, "It's pretty apparent the material didn't go through the scan at the trench site," the spokesman said. He said the contractor voluntarily stopped work when the problem was noticed.
Source: http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/valleynewsdispatch/lifestyles/s_762465.html
8. *October 18, Fredericksburg Free Lance-Star* – (Virginia) **North Anna leaks water.** About 272 gallons of nonradioactive industrial water from North Anna Power Station leaked into Lake Anna, Virginia, October 14 when a cooling basin overflowed, according to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. In an event report released October 17, the agency said plant operators first noticed the basin was overflowing. Water from the basin cools bearings on the plant's main feed pumps, condensate pumps, and main generators. A leaky valve overfilled the basin, and it was discovered later an indicator alarm had malfunctioned. A spokesman for Dominion power's nuclear operations said the basin water contains small amounts of chlorine used to kill bacteria that could affect other plant equipment. The amount of chlorine was within environmental limits, he said. "But the pathway to the lake was not an approved discharge point," so the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality was notified.
Source: <http://blogs.fredericksburg.com/newsdesk/2011/10/17/north-anna-leaks-water/>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

9. *October 17, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Ohio) **U.S. Department of Labor's OSHA cites Steel Structures of Ohio for endangering employees' safety and health; fines total nearly \$148,000.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) cited Steel Structures of Ohio October 17 for 17 safety and health violations, including one willful safety violation for unsafe crane operations at its Akron location. Proposed fines total \$147,840. The willful violation was for failing to remove a crane from service that required necessary repairs before resuming crane operations. Four repeat safety violations involve failing to: implement specific requirements to test the effectiveness of energy control procedures and to conduct

periodic inspections of those procedures; provide refresher training to employees who operate powered industrial trucks; provide adequate guarding on equipment such as a 250-ton press brake and roller conveyor. Five repeat health violations involve a lack of fit-testing and medical evaluations for respirator use, failing to provide mandatory respirator training, failing to provide a written hazard-communication program, storing 675 gallons of flammable and combustible liquids in the open, transferring flammable or combustible liquids without grounding and bonding, and failing to keep spray paint areas free from the accumulation of combustible residue.

Source:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=20874

10. *October 17, WYTV 33 Youngstown* – (Ohio) **Explosion causes extensive damage to Warren steel mill.** RG Steel in Warren Township, Ohio, sustained extensive damage October 17 after an explosion, which firefighters described as one of the worst in the plant's history. Emergency crews were called to the plant at about 1:45 a.m. after reports of a fire in a blast furnace and sounds of an explosion. Firefighters said the explosion sent debris flying, which caused another fire to break out. Warren Township firefighters, assisted by several local departments, including Howland, Braceville and Champion, quickly responded to the explosion in one of the furnace's four ovens. It took about 3 hours to get the fire under control, but firefighters were at the scene for about 8 hours. They said the building and its contents sustained extensive damage estimated to be in the millions of dollars. The cause is under investigation. The explosion caused the blast furnace to shut down for a short time. But RG Steel officials said the furnace was restarted, and there should be no customer disruptions.

Source: http://www.wytv.com/content/news/local/story/Explosion-Causes-Extensive-Damage-to-Warren-Steel/WUzxmTQb4kmdGq_0pBLQDw.csp

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Banking and Finance Sector

11. *October 17, Lincoln Journal Star* – (Ohio) **Heated phone call with bank results in alleged bomb threat.** Sometime between noon and 1:18 p.m. October 14, a phone call between a U.S. Bank representative and a Lincoln, Nebraska, customer went off the rails. According to a probable cause warrant for her arrest on suspicion of threatening the use of explosives, the customer was upset after she said she discovered she was paying a fee on her checking account. The bank representative, based in Ohio, told police the customer said she was on her way with a bomb to blow up a Lincoln bank branch. Police arrested her, and she was being held in the county jail. The customer did not take a bomb to the bank, and said it was a misunderstanding. "[She] was contacted

and said her bank was ripping her off," the affidavit states. "[She] said she called the bank, and during the conversation with them, she told them she was only thinking about blowing up the bank but she never told them she was going to actually do it." Threatening the use of explosives is a felony punishable by as many as 5 years in prison.

Source: http://journalstar.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/article_d3ebb685-e5e2-548f-89f6-16aa8b1b0253.html

12. *October 17, Hartford Courant* – (New England; International) **Thieves make withdrawals in Istanbul after grabbing debit card information in New England.** About 150 customers of Waterbury, Connecticut-based Webster Bank were victims of a "skimming" scheme in New England perpetrated by an international fraud ring, according to the Hartford Courant October 17. The thieves used an electronic device to read data off magnetic strips of debit cards inserted in some ATMs operated by Webster Bank, and at least two other banks. A small camera recorded customers punching in PINs. The thieves were then able to fashion counterfeit debit cards and withdraw tens of thousands of dollars from Webster accounts at ATMs in Istanbul, Turkey. A Webster spokesman said the majority of the illegal withdrawals were made in the spring of 2011, but at least one was made the week of October 10. Last week's withdrawal appears to be related to an earlier one, and is likely an isolated instance, the spokesman said. "A number of banks were affected by this fraud ring," he said. A report published last month said the thieves that targeted Webster also hit ATMs operated by Bank of America, and Eastern Bank. One arrest has been made in the case, according to the Boston Business Journal.
Source: http://articles.courant.com/2011-10-17/business/hc-webster-bank-istanbul-1018-20111017_1_debit-cards-atm-industry-association-report-fraudulent-charges
13. *October 17, U.S. Department of Justice* – (California) **Manteca man pleads guilty to mail fraud, bank fraud, credit card fraud, and aggravated identity theft.** A U.S. attorney announced October 17 that a man from Manteca, California, pleaded guilty to mail fraud, bank fraud, credit card fraud, and aggravated identity theft. This case is the product of an investigation by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, the Lathrop Police Department, and the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Department. According to the plea agreement, between January 31 and June 21, the man executed a scheme to steal money from banks and merchants in the central valley of California, and elsewhere. He first used a victim's identity to open a UPS Store mailbox in Modesto and then had fraudulently issued credit cards and other financial and identity information mailed to himself. He used victims' identification information to make counterfeit driver's licenses bearing his likeness but the victim's name. He used falsely issued credit cards (and credit cards that he made) with corresponding phony driver's licenses. The scheme involved more than 50 victims and hundreds of credit cards and financial institution account numbers. On June 21, the suspect was arrested on Interstate 5 in Lathrop as he was driving a stolen BMW rental car he had rented using one of his false identities. At the time of his arrest, he possessed sophisticated document-making items, a proprietary financial institution scanner and magnetic card programer, high quality printers, and high quality paper (identification card) materials. He faces a maximum sentence of 30 years in prison for bank fraud, 20 years in prison for mail fraud, and 10 years in prison

for credit card fraud. He is additionally facing up to a minimum mandatory 2 years consecutive in prison for his aggravated identity theft offense.

Source: <http://www.justice.gov/usao/cae/news/docs/2011/10-17-11BallardGuiltyPlea.html>

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Transportation Sector

14. *October 18, WLS-AM 890; ABC News Radio* – (Pennsylvania) **Entire bridge stolen, sold for scrap.** Two Pennsylvania brothers have been charged with stealing a bridge and selling it piecemeal to a scrap yard, WLS-AM 890 reported October 18. Police said the brothers, ages 24, and 25, of New Castle, dismantled a 40-by-15-foot bridge by using a torch to take apart pieces. Between September 16 and September 28, the brothers stole the entire bridge and then sold the steel for \$5,000. The bridge was once used to access a fireworks manufacturing plant, but was no longer regularly used. It was owned by the New Castle Development Corporation, and located in a wooded area in North Beaver Township, according to police. The brothers are facing felony charges including criminal mischief, theft, receiving stolen property, and criminal conspiracy, and were being held on \$25,000 bail.

Source: <http://www.wlsam.com/Article.asp?id=2313011&spid=>

15. *October 18, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Lock damaged by oil barge to be repaired.** A U.S. Army Corps of Engineers representative told the Vermilion Parish, Louisiana Police Jury about the agency's plans to repair the west Leland Bowman Lock near Intracoastal City. The lock was damaged after a barge loaded with oil struck it September 30. When the barge rammed the lock, the Corps representative told police jurors October 17, it tore a hole in the lock's gates, which could take up to 5 months to repair. He said the damaged locks have since been removed and are being taken to Bayou Boeuf, where they will be sandblasted, repaired, and painted before being reinstalled.

Source: <http://www.wxvt.com/Global/story.asp?S=15718191>

16. *October 18, Philadelphia City Buzz Examiner* – (Pennsylvania) **SEPTA train hits car in Havertown; 24 hurt.** A Route 100 (Norristown High Speed Line) Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) train slammed into a parked car in Havertown, Pennsylvania, injuring 24 people October 18. Havertown police said the accident happened around 4:25 a.m. between the Beechwood and Wynnewood stations, near Karakung Drive, and Mill Road. Police said the car was disabled and parked on the train tracks when the accident occurred. The 24 people suffered minor injuries. Police said the driver of the car was not hurt. SEPTA said they are running Route 100 trains on a single track from the West Overbrook to Radnor stations.

Source: <http://www.examiner.com/city-buzz-in-philadelphia/septa-train-hits-car-havertown-24-hurt>

17. *October 18, Associated Press* – (New York) **8 injured in NY bus-semitrailer accident.** A Trailways bus rear-ended a tractor-trailer October 18 on the state Thruway

in the New York City suburbs, crumpling the bus driver's compartment, police said. Eight people were hurt but only the driver was hospitalized. He was listed in stable condition. State police said the 5:35 a.m. accident on the state Thruway near Sloatsburg, about 35 miles north of New York, may have been triggered when the tractor-trailer slowed to accommodate a car that was entering the southbound lanes highway from a service plaza. The bus, which police said was carrying 16 passengers from Kingston, New York to New York City, then ran into the back of the trailer, the report said. A spokeswoman at Good Samaritan Hospital in Suffern, said eight people were brought there, but seven would be treated and released. The driver was being admitted and was in stable condition, she said. The uninjured passengers were put on another bus to New York, police said. Traffic delays on the Thruway persisted into rush hour.

Source: <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2011/10/18/ap/business/main20121832.shtml>

18. *October 17, KMSP 9 Minneapolis-Saint Paul* – (Minnesota) **Minneapolis traffic signals back to normal after computer fix.** Traffic signals in Minneapolis were back to normal October 17 after a little more than a week on the fritz. An October 9 power outage and surge disrupted the central computer system, causing stoplights at 700 of the city's 800 signalized intersections to malfunction. City engineers were able to fix the computer hardware October 14, and monitored the system through the weekend of October 15 and 16 to ensure it was running normally. While the computer was down, the system used a backup signal timing plan, which meant traffic signals still followed the standard green-yellow-red sequence, but the system was not able to optimize traffic flow by coordinating signals at different intersections along a street to keep traffic moving as well as it normally would. The regular timing sequences have now been restored.

Source: <http://www.myfoxtwincities.com/dpp/news/minneapolis-traffic-lights-fixed-oct-17-2011>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

19. *October 18, St. Charles Patch* – (Illinois) **Police warn against explosive mailbox vandalism.** Two Geneva mailbox explosions in recent weeks followed a similar incident from August in St. Charles, Illinois. On August 10, a resident of the 2500 block of Dunham Woods Court in St. Charles told police he heard a loud explosion late at night. He later found his aluminum mailbox destroyed in an apparent explosion. More recently, Geneva police reported two separate mailbox explosions where a Mountain Dew bottle was used to make a homemade bomb. Both residents reported hearing a loud explosion late at night. However, no evidence of what caused the explosion was found in the St. Charles incident. The St. Charles spokesman said the use of devices, such as those in the Geneva incidents, could result in damage to property, injury and criminal charges, including and up to felonies. These types of homemade bombs are linked to other explosions throughout the country, according to the Geneva

Patch.

Source: <http://stcharles-il.patch.com/articles/police-warn-against-explosive-mailbox-vandalism>

20. *October 18, Hartford Courant* – (Connecticut) **Former postal worker suspected of physically assaulting postmaster.** Police were searching for a former postal worker who allegedly assaulted the postmaster at the U.S. Post Office on Weston Street in Hartford, Connecticut, October 18. The former employee arrived at 141 Weston Street around 8 a.m. and physically assaulted the postmaster, police said. The postmaster was taken to St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center.

Source: <http://www.courant.com/community/hartford/hc-hartford-post-office-assault-1019-20111018,0,4588329.story>

21. *October 18, WSVN 7 Miami* – (Florida) **Postal worker robbed at gunpoint.** For the third time in 3 weeks, a postal worker was robbed in North Miami-Dade, Florida. On October 17, a postal worker was robbed at gunpoint at Northeast 133rd Street and Sixth Avenue. The worker was making a delivery to an apartment complex in the area. She walked into the building to the mailboxes inside where she was confronted by a man in a ski mask who demanded her master key, which opens panels of mailboxes, and took off with it. That worker was shaken but not injured, North Miami Police said.

Source: <http://www.wsvn.com/news/articles/local/21005656617235/postal-worker-robbed-at-gunpoint/>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

22. *October 17, Asbury Park Press* – (National) **Bad data leads to another sea bass closure.** On October 7, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) determined the 2011/2012 recreational annual catch limit of black sea bass had been reached. NOAA and NMFS used the Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey (MRFSS) data, which the National Research Council in 2006 called fatally flawed and inadequate for making fishery management decisions, to make the call on closing the fishery. The closure was necessary, decreed the agencies, because the annual catch limit of 341,747 pounds of black sea bass had been reached by recreational anglers. The closure affects federal waters from Cape Hatteras Light in North Carolina to Key West, Florida, effective October 17. According to the Recreational Fishing Alliance, one fisheries researcher from Connecticut found that MRFSS overestimates angler effort and participation, and thereby harvest, by as much as 300 to 400 percent.

Source: <http://www.app.com/article/20111017/NJSPORTS06/310170113/Bad-data-leads-another-sea-bass-closure?odyssey=nav|head>><http://www.app.com/article/20111017/NJSPORTS06/310170113/Bad-data-leads-another-sea-bass-closure?odyssey=nav|head>

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Water Sector

23. *October 17, KENS 5 San Antonio* – (Texas) **Thieves rip off \$300 in copper; repairs to cost SAWS \$480,000.** San Antonio police said copper thieves raided a San Antonio Water System (SAWS) water plant overnight October 17 to steal copper wire, forcing a shutdown of a primary water station in the La Cantera, Texas area. Investigators said the culprits made off with about \$300 worth of the metal, however the damage estimate is at least \$480,000. San Antonio police said the suspects cut a hole through the fence of the SAWS property, broke locks, and shut off high-voltage power sources to strip five water pumps of copper wire. Severed pipes and other materials were strewn about the scene, police said. The water station reportedly supplies water to commercial sites such as the Rim, Fiesta Six Flags, and the Shops of LaCantera, among other customers. The station could be down for 2 weeks for repairs and put a strain on smaller pumps in the city, officials said.

Source: <http://www.kens5.com/news/Copper-thieves-shut-down-SAWS-water-station-131974743.html>

24. *October 17, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **More funding to remove cancerous agent from Glendale water.** Glendale Water & Power plans to spend another \$550,000 on a research project for stripping cancer-causing chromium VI from Glendale, California's groundwater, a process that already has cost \$7.8 million, the Los Angeles Times reported October 17. City officials said they must make the expenditure because the current removal method has some drawbacks, and the state may tighten restrictions. The outcome of the research could have far-reaching consequences, especially for the San Fernando industrial corridor, and cities such as Burbank, which have been grappling with underground water contamination left behind decades ago by aerospace manufacturing.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-chromium-reduction-20111017,0,5868488.story>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

25. *October 18, Associated Press* – (Mississippi) **47 cases of West Nile diagnosed in state.** The Associated Press reported October 18 that there are now 47 confirmed cases of West Nile Virus in Mississippi, according to information from the Mississippi Department of Health. There have been four deaths associated with the disease, one

was reported in Pearl River County. Other counties to report a West Nile related death include Jasper, Jones, and Leflore counties. Last year eight cases of West Nile infection were reported in Mississippi, with no deaths.

Source: <http://picayuneitem.com/local/x345569705/47-cases-of-West-Nile-diagnosed-in-state>

26. *October 17, WGRZ 2 Buffalo* – (New York) **Drug shortage impacts WNY.** Western New York (WNY) is noticing the impact of a shortage of more than 100 medications, including cancer drugs, that has been going for months, WGRZ 2 Buffalo reported October 17. The Visiting Nursing Association (VNA) of Western New York has also had trouble securing some of the drugs it needs. For the VNA, supplies of a drug used to treat colon cancer, fluorouracil, has been very limited. "There is not a good substitute for this particular drug that's out there, the recommendation that could have been used was really quite toxic and was not the best substitute," said the VNA's vice president of clinical services. But she said all of their patients were able to get the doses they needed. However, for many health care providers, the shortage has been frightening. A U.S. Senator from New York said he wants the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to crack down on price gouging. "The bottom line is these people are violating, they're violating the laws and trying to monopolize these drugs. And we have asked the FDA to go after them."

Source: <http://www.wgrz.com/news/article/138565/13/Drug-Shortage-Impacts-WNY>

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Government Facilities Sector

27. *October 18, WWBT 12 Richmond* – (Virginia) **Thieves steal truck with President's equipment.** The U.S. Defense Department confirmed an investigation after a truck filled with the U.S. President's podiums and audio equipment was stolen in Henrico, Virginia, days before his visit to Chesterfield, WWBT 12 Richmond reported October 18. Sources said inside the vehicle was about \$200,000 worth of sound equipment, several podiums and presidential seals, behind which only the President himself can stand. Officials told WWBT 12 the truck was recovered around 12:30 p.m. October 17 in the parking lot of the Holiday Inn Express near the airport. One witness said the truck had no markings and no indication anything special was inside.
Source: <http://www.nbc12.com/story/15716468/thieves-steal-truck-with-presidents-equipment>
28. *October 18, Independent Florida Alligator* – (Florida) **Turlington Hall evacuated after chemical spill.** A chemical spill in the basement of Turlington Hall at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida, caused the entire building and the adjoining restaurants to be evacuated, October 17. The building was closed for about an hour while University of Florida Environmental Health and Safety employees cleaned up the spill. Two students were combining chemical compounds in Room B115 when one of them dropped 5 grams of 2-Chloroethyl Isocyanate, a liquid compound that is

combustible and moisture-sensitive. The two students handling the compound complained of burning eyes and irritated lungs. A university police officer was notified of the incident at 4:41 p.m. He arrived on the scene 4 minutes later and pulled the fire alarm to evacuate the building. Some classes were immediately canceled as officers announced the building's closure. Police blocked southbound traffic on Newell Drive for about an hour and a half, causing some bus routes to be diverted.

Source: http://www.alligator.org/news/campus/article_6e52219c-f94b-11e0-b27c-001cc4c002e0.html

29. *October 17, KNBC 4 Los Angeles* – (California) **Toxic fumes force evacuation of school.** A San Bernardino Fire Department hazmat team was called to the Art Institute of San Bernardino in San Bernardino, California, after four students were overcome by noxious fumes October 17, reported KNBC 4 Los Angeles. The students had difficulty breathing after inhaling a bucket of cleaning materials. The fumes forced the evacuation of 1,250 persons from the campus located along the 600 block of East Brier Drive. The incident happened around 9:20 a.m. when students were mixing the cleaning solution in a bucket intending to clean up some paint. Two female students were taken to a hospital for treatment. Two other students were treated on the scene and released. None of the injuries is believed to be serious, a San Bernardino City Fire Department spokesman said, but the incident tied up 14 fire units from San Bernardino, San Manuel Fire Department, Loma Linda Fire Department, and San Bernardino County Fire Department. Half of the students were allowed to return to classes. The building in which the fumes were produced remained closed until the hazmat teams finished its cleanup.

Source: <http://www.nbclsanangeles.com/news/local/Toxic-Fumes-Force-Evacuation-of-School-132006063.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

30. *October 18, Associated Press* – (Arkansas) **4 of 5 officers in 'Delta Blues' to remain in jail.** Four of the five police officers accused of taking part in a drug trafficking and corruption scheme in eastern Arkansas will remain in jail for the near future, the Associated Press reported October 18. According to court filings, two of the officers have waived their rights to hearings before a judge about whether they should be allowed to post bond pending a trial. Two other defendants were denied bond last week. The fifth is expected to have a bond hearing the week of October 17. The five officers are accused of taking bribes to protect drug shipments and overlook offenses as part of a 4-year investigation dubbed "Operation Delta Blues." Seventy people have been indicted in the investigation. Three of those people remain at large.

Source: http://www.fox16.com/news/local/story/4-of-5-officers-in-Delta-Blues-to-remain-in-jail/khdXze9R60moORZML812_A.csp?rss=315

31. *October 18, Reuters* – (Texas; International) **Mexican drug cartels recruiting Texas children.** Texas law enforcement officials said several Mexican drug cartels have lured youngsters as young as 11 to work in their smuggling operations. The director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, told Reuters the drug gangs have a chilling name for the young Texans lured into their operations. "They call them 'the expendables,'" he said. The director said his investigators have evidence six Mexican drug gangs — including the violent Zetas — have "command and control centers" in Texas actively recruiting children for their operations, attracting them with what appears to be "easy money" for doing simple tasks. "Cartels would pay kids \$50 just for them to move a vehicle from one position to another position, which allows the cartel to keep it under surveillance to see if law enforcement has it under surveillance," he said. He said 25 minors have been arrested in one Texas border county alone in the past year for running drugs, acting as lookouts, or doing other work for organized Mexican drug gangs. The cartels are now fanning out, he said, and have operations in all major Texas cities.
Source: <http://news.yahoo.com/mexican-drug-cartels-recruiting-texas-children-173402030.html>
32. *October 17, WUSA 9 District of Columbia* – (District of Columbia) **DC ambulance out of service after electrical fire.** According to DC Fire, Ambulance 33 suffered some sort of electrical fire the evening of October 17 in the 3900 block of 4th Street SE. Fire authorities said there were no actual flames, but a wiring harness started smoking and then all of the electronics in the vehicle shut off. The ambulance was not transporting anyone at the time. A tow truck was called for the ambulance.
Source: <http://www.wusa9.com/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=171250>
33. *October 17, Los Angeles Times* – (National) **9th Circuit finds police stun gun use excessive in 2 cases.** Police used excessive force when they fired Tasers at a pregnant woman in Seattle and a victim of domestic abuse in Hawaii, a federal appeals court ruled October 17 in a case that could influence how police handle those resisting arrest across the West. The ruling by the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals could prompt police forces to reexamine their rules and practices for the temporarily debilitating stun guns. In the Seattle case, a 7-months pregnant woman was driving her son to school when she was stopped by police, ticketed for driving 12 miles over the 20-mph speed limit and blasted with a stun gun three times after refusing to sign the citation. In Maui, Hawaii, a woman was trying to defuse a brewing clash between her drunk husband and four police officers called to a domestic disturbance when one of the officers suddenly dropped her to the floor with two jolts from his Taser, which was set in dart mode. The federal appeals court ruled that in both instances, police used excessive force and that their actions violated the Constitution's protection from unreasonable force. The court's ruling October 17 may now serve to establish that using stun guns without an imminent threat of harm is unreasonable, at least in some cases, exposing police officers to liability in future lawsuits, legal analysts said.
Source: <http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-court-tasers-20111018,0,6630620.story>

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Information Technology Sector

34. *October 18, V3.co.uk* – (International) **Team Swastika group hacks 10,000 global Facebook accounts.** Security experts are warning Facebook users to ensure they use strong passwords and vary their credentials from site to site after a new hacking group published log-in details for more than 10,000 users of the social network, V3.co.uk reported October 18. Trend Micro's director of security research explained in a blog post the "Team Swastika" group published the details to Pastebin. Although the post has been removed by the data-sharing service, he managed to take a screen grab of the stolen credentials. He said the accounts come from all over the world, with the majority using simple or easy-to-guess passwords. Team Swastika has only just arrived on the hacking scene, but the group has already published database tables and user credentials stolen from the Indian Embassy in Nepal and the Bhutan government, probably by SQL injection attack.
Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2117965/team-swastika-hacks-global-facebook-accounts>
35. *October 18, SC Magazine* – (International) **ASP.NET attacks infect more than a million.** As of October 18, more than 1 million people have been infected in less than a week after a malware campaign targeted visitors to outdated Web sites, SC Magazine reported October 18. The attacks exploited vulnerabilities in older versions of Java and Adobe Flash to hijack visitors' computers; as of October 12, the campaign had infected about 200,000 Web sites, according to security researchers quoting Google search results. A similar search for evidence of the Javascript attack yielded more than 1.1 million results October 18. The attacks involve an SQL injection where malicious code is woven into Web sites -- mostly those running Microsoft ASP.NET, with patching or configuration vulnerabilities. Vulnerable sites are typically those owned by universities, schools, associations, and small businesses. The code redirects visitors to Web sites where they are infected with varying malicious payloads, sites registered to the same fake identity as those involved in the LizaMoon attacks in April.
Source: <http://www.scmagazineuk.com/aspnet-attacks-infect-more-than-a-million/article/214630/>
36. *October 17, SC Magazine* – (International) **Warnings over ability to 'Trojanise' Android apps.** Android applications can be 'Trojanised' to turn legitimate apps into mobile malware, SC Magazine reported October 17. According to Symantec, all an attacker needs to do is find an application to infect and embed freely available code by using an Android application package file (APK) tool that contains the necessary resources to re-write the application. A security response engineer at Symantec said that as an Android application is self-signed, anyone can build an APK for Android and upload the malicious application to the marketplace. Using the Geinimi software to connect with the command and control center, data can be pulled down from the device to give the attacker information on the mobile device, what operating system it is running, and the user's details. The engineer said any application can be affected and re-uploaded. He said Web site redirections can be added to the browser to make a user go to a certain site; or, for "monetization" purposes, the phone will call or send SMS messages.

Source: <http://www.scmagazineuk.com/warnings-over-ability-to-trojanise-android-apps/article/214558/>

37. *October 17, The H Security* – (International) **Critical security hole in current version of Opera.** A security expert released details of a critical security hole in the Opera browser that can be exploited to inject malicious code. He said he found the hole and notified the developers with a proof of concept a year ago. However, the expert said Opera decided not to close the hole. The researcher thinks the developers might have tested his version 10.6 exploit with the current version 11.x, which may have caused the exploit to malfunction. Instead of contacting Opera again, the expert adapted the exploit for the current version 11.51 of Opera, and has released it as a Metasploit module. This means that, in principle, anyone can exploit the vulnerability. The hole is caused by a memory flaw when processing SVG content within framesets. Simply visiting a compromised Web page is enough for a system to become infected with malicious code. The researcher claims the exploit is successful in 3 out of 10 cases. With the pre-alpha version of Opera 12, the exploit managed to inject malicious code in 6 out of 10 cases.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Critical-security-hole-in-current-version-of-Opera-1362504.html>

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Communications Sector

38. *October 17, Telecoms.com* – (National) **Verizon partially restores LTE network after nationwide outage.** U.S. carrier Verizon Wireless the weekend of October 14 suffered an outage that affected its LTE network across the country. According to reports, the service went down early the evening of October 16, and had only been partially restored across the country the morning of October 17. Some users reported 3G services were affected as well, leaving customers replying on 1xRTT for data access. Verizon has yet to comment officially on the outage. The outage is the third to affect the service since its launch in December 2010.

Source: <http://www.telecoms.com/34941/verizon-partially-restores-lte-network-after-nationwide-outage/>

39. *October 17, Olney Daily Mail* – (Illinois; Indiana) **Cut fiber causes Internet outage.** An Internet network outage October 14 affected about 11,000 Frontier Communications customers in the Olney, Illinois, area, according to a company

representative. A Frontier spokesman said the data interruption was caused by a cut in fiber owned by Intercarrier Networks, over which Frontier carries some traffic. She said the cut was in Indiana. She said other customers besides those of Frontier would have been affected as well. She said Frontier was dependent upon Intercarrier Networks fixing the cut so that service could be restored. A representative at Wabash Independent Networks said the company was not affected by the October 14 outage. The Frontier outage ended the evening of October 14, was interrupted again around midnight, and service was restored by the morning of October 15.

Source: <http://www.olneydaily.com/news/x597433644/Cut-fiber-causes-Internet-outage>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

40. *October 18, St. Petersburg Times* – (Florida) **Legionnaire's disease discovered at Plant City mobile home park; one dead.** One resident of a mobile home park died, and two others were sickened, after coming down with Legionnaires' disease in Plant City, Florida health officials said October 18. The three people lived at the Meadows at Countrywood, a 55-and-older community with 799 mobile homes. They were not relatives and did not live together, said a Hillsborough County Health Department spokesman. As a precaution, health officials closed two swimming pools and two hot tubs, potential origins of the disease, at the park. Health officials learned of the cases October 14, when the three had shown up at the same hospital. One died October 15. The others remain under medical care.

Source: <http://www.tampabay.com/news/publicsafety/legionnaires-disease-discovered-at-plant-city-mobile-home-park-one-dead/1197240>

41. *October 17, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **Fire forces 50 to evacuate part of pumpkin patch.** Authorities said about 50 people were evacuated from part of a Bismarck, North Dakota pumpkin farm after fire broke out in some hay bales. Firefighters were called to Papa's Pumpkin Patch about 5 p.m. October 14. Officials said the fire was under control in a few hours. No injuries were reported. The Bismarck Tribune reports the fire was in an area where people take hay rides. Visitors were directed by a public announcement system to move to a safe area. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

Source: http://www.devilslakejournal.com/news/police_and_fire/x485793888/Fire-forces-50-to-evacuate-part-of-pumpkin-patch

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

Nothing to report

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Dams Sector

42. *October 18, St. Louis Post-Dispatch* – (Missouri) **Metro East officials bristle at key levee's rating of 'unacceptable'**. The levee system protecting the east St. Louis area — and industries employing thousands — poses an "unacceptable risk to public safety" according to a new rating, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported October 18. The condition of the levees has not changed significantly, rather, the standards used to evaluate them, said the commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' St. Louis District. The Corps has taken a more cautious view of levees across the country since the widespread flooding of New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina in 2005. The Metro East Sanitary District operates and maintains flood walls, levees, canals, and pump stations that protect an area of more than 96 square miles directly across the Mississippi River from St. Louis. Four other levee systems protecting the Mississippi River flood plain in Madison, St. Clair, and Monroe counties were found to remain "minimally acceptable" after inspections completed earlier this year. Together, they protect more than 150,000 people and more than 7,000 businesses, including several of the St. Louis area's larger employers. The flood prevention district expects to begin work in March on a \$151 million project to strengthen the levees in the sanitary district and three other Metro East systems, using proceeds of a quarter-cent sales tax collected since 2009. Source: http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/illinois/article_baef2a86-8b78-5136-9a41-5fbc8ec0efd4.html
43. *October 18, Omaha World-Herald* – (National) **Flood over; years of work ahead**. Although cleanup and repairs will continue for years, the Missouri River Flood of 2011 is officially over, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced October 17. The river is below flood stage from Fort Peck, Montana, to the river's mouth near St. Louis, where water is off levees. The commander of the Corps' Kansas City District said officials can now examine damage to levees and dams. He said a complete assessment should be done by mid-November. Officials noted over the weekend of October 15 and 16, water was trapped in the flood plain and flowing through levee breaches. Most of the trapped water is expected to drain once flows out of Gavins Point Dam are decreased to winter rates of 20,000 cubic feet per second (cfs), it is currently releasing 40,000 cfs. The Corps will be unable to make repairs to every structure that has sustained flood damage, the commander said. The agency has set aside \$27.7 million to jump-start the repair process, taking funds from other parts of its budget. Source: <http://www.omaha.com/article/20111018/NEWS01/710189946/-1>
44. *October 17, Reuters* – (National) **Governors ask U.S. to release water to prevent flooding**. Governors from several states hit by massive Missouri River flooding this summer asked federal authorities October 17 to release more water from a key reservoir to prevent future flooding. The unprecedented request of the U.S. Army Corps of

Engineers to lower water levels in the reservoir above the Garrison Dam in North Dakota follows flood damage to communities, roads, bridges, and farms from Montana through Missouri this year. The Corps could do this by releasing water downstream, where conditions have been fairly dry this fall, and the governors believe the increased water flow could be managed. The Corps did not immediately respond to the request. Governors from Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota signed a letter encouraging Congress to review the Corps' 2011 Missouri River flood management performance.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/10/17/us-flooding-midwest-idUSTRE79G61220111017?feedType=RSS&feedName=domesticNews>

45. *October 17, Marysville Appeal-Democrat* – (California) **Levees rise in Yuba County with two projects.** In northeast Marysville, California, hundreds of loads of dirt are being dumped daily on a 4,600-foot stretch of the ring levee, restoring it to its normal size and shape before winter sets in, the Marysville Appeal-Democrat reported October 17. In the Yuba Goldfields, three points are being built up to prevent a high-water event from inundating Linda, Arboga, and other areas from the northeast. Over the next few weeks, haul truckers and dirt graders will be used to restore the 20 feet worth of levee taken down for the work, with a deadline of November 15 to finish before rains move in.

Source: <http://www.appeal-democrat.com/news/levee-110701-corps-goldfields.html>

46. *October 17, WVUE 8 New Orleans* – (Louisiana) **St. Charles levee armoring project is underway.** A plan to armor 130 miles of the hurricane protection system in southeast Louisiana is taking root on a small section of levee in St. Charles Parish, WVUE 8 New Orleans reported October 17. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said it is the most important part of the system that still needs to be constructed. At the end of September, workers laid down a turf re-enforcement mat, followed with a layer of sod so the grass would take root. The Corps reported seeing results they had hoped for — the grass anchored to the levee making it less likely it will erode during another major storm.

Source: <http://www.fox8live.com/news/local/story/St-Charles-levee-armoring-project-is-underway/n0prSnQy2UCGVuPfxYllw.csp>

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