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- A passenger at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport was caught October 20 trying to smuggle a cache of weapons, including two pistols, eight knives, three ammunition clips, and a handsaw into the facility. – *KDFW 4 Dallas-Fort Worth* (See item [22](#))
- A security researcher demonstrated a hack of an insulin pump without having to first know the device's ID number, where it was instructed to deliver a lethal dose. – *CSO* (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 23, Fort Worth Star-Telegram* – (Texas) **About 4,000 still without power after DFW storms.** As of late October 23, Oncor reported that 4,000 customers were without power, most of those in Dallas County, Texas as a result of a thunderstorm that moved through the area. At its peak, at about 4 a.m., about 22,000 customers had no power. Lightning and winds up to 70 mph knocked out electricity in parts of the area as the storms moved through North Texas, an Oncor spokeswoman said.

Source: <http://www.star-telegram.com/2011/10/23/3465893/thousands-without-power-after.html>

2. *October 23, Bloomberg* – (Delaware) **PBF’s Delaware refinery released hydrogen cyanide for second day.** PBF Energy Partners LP’s Delaware City, Delaware refinery released 200 pounds of hydrogen cyanide from a catalytic cracker into the air for a second day. Workers were trying to repair the boiler, according to a filing October 22 with the National Response Center. U.S. refineries must notify the response center if they release hazardous substances in excess of reportable quantities, according to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, commonly known as Superfund. The PBF refinery has a processing capacity of 182,200 barrels a day, according to Bloomberg data.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-10-23/pbf-s-delaware-refinery-released-hydrogen-cyanide-for-second-day.html>

3. *October 22, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner* – (Alaska) **Fuel spill cleanup continues in South Fairbanks.** Two days after a heating oil truck rolled over and spilled half its load near Lakeview Terrace in Fairbanks, Alaska, the street still smells of oil and the estimate for the total amount spilled is up. Easy Street, where the accident occurred, was closed October 22 while crews dug up contaminated soil and used absorption pads to mop up oil on the surface, an environmental program specialist with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), which is overseeing the clean up, said. The oil was spilled when an Alaska Aerofuel Inc. driver lost control of the truck and it hit a curb and tipped over. A seam on the top of the tank failed, causing the spill, according to the DEC. The state agency estimates 2,551 gallons of fuel oil blend spilled before the truck could be righted. An earlier estimate put the total spill at about 1,800. Long term, the cleanup will involve checking for groundwater contamination and may involve tearing up areas of asphalt where the oil has soaked into cracks, a spokesman said.

Source: <http://newsminer.com/bookmark/16139789-Fuel-spill-cleanup-continues-in-South-Fairbanks>

4. *October 21, WIS-TV 10 Columbia* – (South Carolina) **Sheriff: 2200 gallons of fuel stolen from gas station.** Investigators asked for the community’s assistance in locating the individuals responsible for stealing 2,200 gallons of fuel from an Orangeburg, South Carolina, gas station. The owner of the Five Chop Road gas station said 2,200 gallons of premium octane fuel was stolen on five different occasions. According to the Orangeburg County sheriff, the theft of 300 gallons of premium gasoline was caught on surveillance camera October 4. The video captured a blue truck with containers in the back. In addition to the fuel, the subjects also removed 3 surveillance cameras from the roof of the business.

Source: <http://orangeburg.wistv.com/photo-gallery/crime/50163-sheriff-2200-gallons-fuel-stolen-gas-station>

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Chemical Industry Sector

5. *October 22, WDRB 41 Louisville* – (Indiana) **Hydrogen sulfide leak under control in So. Indiana.** One worker was hospitalized after being overcome by fumes following a gas leak at Idemitsu Lubricants in Jeffersonville, Indiana. A tanker truck hauling hydrogen sulfide gas began leaking around 2:15 p.m. October 22. Members of the hazardous materials unit from Louisville Fire and Rescue were called in to help with the clean up. The Jeffersonville emergency management coordinator said early Saturday night she anticipated the clean up process would be finished soon. She said the leak posed no immediate danger to the public, noting no one was ordered to evacuate. The company, which distributes automotive oils, recently began using hydrogen sulfide, said the emergency management coordinator.
Source: <http://www.wdrb.com/story/15786165/hydrogen-sulfide-leak-under-control-in-so-indiana>
6. *October 22, Framingham MetroWest Daily News* – (Massachusetts) **DEP: General Chemical must double amount to decontaminate site.** The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) ordered General Chemical Corp. to set aside more than twice as much cash as the company earmarked to clean up contamination surrounding its Framingham site. The Elizabeth, New Jersey-based company must come up with \$772,000 by next month to bolster a fund containing \$637,000 it deposited — per the DEP's order — earlier this fall. The total of \$1.41 million represents the estimated cost of General Chemical's newest proposal to clean up an underground plume of contaminants encroaching on the Leland Street neighborhood. The plan involves installing wells and injecting a chemical mixture of sodium persulfate and hydrogen peroxide to break down toxins in the plume, which has spread underground to contaminate nearby homes that are now vacant. Woodrow Wilson School is also in the neighborhood.
Source: <http://www.metrowestdailynews.com/news/x366618777/DEP-General-Chemical-must-double-amount-to-decontaminate-site>
7. *October 21, Northwest Indiana Times* – (Indiana) **State: Michigan City latex solution spill contained.** The accidental release of 1,500 gallons of a latex solution into a ditch leading to Trail Creek in Michigan City, Indiana, has been contained, an Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) spokesman said. He said the release occurred around 3 p.m. October 20 due to an equipment failure at Fiber Bond Corp. He said the material released contained 600 parts per billion formaldehyde, making it hazardous, but not toxic. Crews installed several dikes in the ditch, which kept the chemical contained, the spokesman said. He said heavy rains helped dilute the solution. Only trace amounts of solution seeped into the creek, the spokesman added, noting there didn't appear to be any aquatic impact. A Michigan City fire marshal said crews worked October 20 and 21 to contain the spill and clear the solution from the waterway with vacuum trucks. He expected vacuuming and sandbagging would continue through the weekend. Some of the dikes broke with strong currents following heavy rains Thursday night, the fire marshal said, but the chemical was staying clear of

Trail Creek. Trail Creek leads into Lake Michigan, but the IDEM spokesman said there was no threat to human health or drinking water supplies. He said vacuuming the solution off the surface of a retention pond at the nearby Michigan City Golf Course may take a few days. According to its Web site, Fiber Bond manufactures HVAC and other filters.

Source: http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/laporte/michigan-city/article_40666281-6dfb-5662-9238-60deb6909379.html

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

8. *October 24, KFMB 8 San Diego* – (California) **Fire causes \$1.2 million dollars in damage in Mira Mesa.** An investigation is underway into a fire at a Mira Mesa, California business that caused more than \$1 million in damage October 23. Firefighters were called to the "Beam One" medical sterilization equipment manufacturer around 6:30 a.m. The fire was initially knocked down around 7 a.m., but flames were then discovered inside a vault on the property that took another 30 minutes to put out. Hazmat crews were called in because the medical product sterilization company uses radioactive materials.
Source: <http://www.760kfmb.com/story/15789939/fire-causes-12-million-dollars-in-damage-in-mira-mesa>
9. *October 21, Associated Press* – (Minnesota) **Monticello nuclear plant automatically shuts down.** Operators of the Monticello nuclear power plant in Monticello, Minnesota, were investigating what caused a transformer to lock out, prompting the plant to automatically shut down October 21. Xcel Energy Inc. said the plant shut down safely that afternoon, and that the shutdown was not expected to last long. Xcel said the transformer lockout briefly interrupted non-safety-related power from the grid to part of the site. The company said all plant safety systems functioned as designed, and there is no danger to the public or plant workers.
Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9QH0AI00.htm>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

10. *October 24, U.S. Department of Transportation* – (National) **NHTSA recall notice - Harley Davidson touring bikes and trikes braking system recall.** Harley-Davidson announced a recall October 24 of 250,757 model year 2009-2012 Touring, CVO Touring, and Trike vehicles manufactured from June 6, 2008 through September 16, 2011. A wide range of models are affected. The rear brake light switch may be exposed to excessive heat from the exhaust system. The heat may cause the switch to not activate the brake lamp or activate the brake lamp when no brake is applied and/or cause a brake fluid leak at the brake light switch, affecting rear brake performance.

Either condition may increase the risk of a crash. Harley-Davidson will notify owners, and dealers will install a rear brake light switch kit free of charge. The safety recall was expected to begin on or about October 31.

Source: http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rcl_ID=11V506000&summary=true&prod_id=512812&PrintVersion=YES

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

11. *October 21, KTUU 2 Anchorage* – (National) **Raptors grounded after Virginia pilot loses oxygen.** All F-22 Raptors at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) near Anchorage, Alaska as well as Langley Air Force Base in Hampton, Virginia were under orders for a "pause in flight," after a Raptor pilot at Langley reported losing oxygen in mid-flight, KTUU 2 Anchorage reported October 21. The decision comes a month after the U.S. Air Force lifted a 4-month-long stand-down order for the entire Raptor fleet. The JBER spokesperson said base officials ordered the pause for its 40 Raptors October 20, matching the one ordered at Langley. The Air Force issued a statement on the incident October 21 embracing the authority of individual Raptor units to ground their aircraft over oxygen-system problems, which prompted the earlier fleet-wide order. Source: http://articles.ktuu.com/2011-10-21/raptors_30308696

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Banking and Finance Sector

12. *October 22, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Man thought to be 'Know-It-All bandit' arrested in Pomona.** A man considered to be the "Know-It-All bandit," reportedly wanted in a series of bank robberies, was arrested in connection with a Pomona bank robbery, police in Pomona, California, said October 22. Pomona police arrested the suspect and turned over his case to the FBI, which was looking for the man in connection with robberies in Ontario and Chino, according to police and media reports. Officers stopped the suspect and a passenger in a 1989 Buick LeSabre about noon October 21, after a radio call that a vehicle and man of his description had robbed the Citizens Business Bank at 1095 N. Garey Avenue, police said. Money and a demand note were found on the front seat of the car, police said. The passenger was not charged. Source: [http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2011/10/know-it-all-bandit-arrested-in-pomona.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+lanowblog+\(L.A.+Now\)&utm_content=Google+Reader](http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2011/10/know-it-all-bandit-arrested-in-pomona.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+lanowblog+(L.A.+Now)&utm_content=Google+Reader)
13. *October 22, KTVL 10 Medford* – (California; Oregon) **The Dust Mask Bandit strikes again.** The Dust Mask Bandit, who has robbed more than five banks in California and Oregon, most recently targeted a Coast Central Credit Union inside a McKinleyville,

California, Ray's grocery store October 20. The bandit entered the credit union, confronted two tellers, showed a handgun, and demanded money. The bandit ran from the bank with an undisclosed amount, and drove off in a green Mazda. He then left his car and ran away on foot into the forest. Witnesses described the suspect as a male with a dark tan complexion; about 5'9" with a medium to stocky build; wearing a dark colored bandana over his face; a large, felt-style floppy hat; and gray sweater with a bright royal blue shirt. Law enforcement, including the FBI, is asking the public for help in catching the bandit. A reward of up to \$1,000 is being offered for information leading to his arrest and conviction.

Source: <http://www.ktvb.com/articles/-1202254--.html>

14. *October 21, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (National) **SEC charges Denver-area hedge fund manager in expansion of Mariner Energy insider trading case.** The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) October 21 announced additional charges in its insider trading case against Denver-based traders who traded on confidential data in the securities of Mariner Energy Inc. ahead of the oil and gas company's \$3.9 billion takeover by Apache Corporation in April 2010. In its initial complaint filed August 5, the SEC alleged a Mariner board member tipped his son with confidential details about Mariner Energy's upcoming acquisition. The son, who was a managing director at a Denver-based investment adviser, then used the data to purchase Mariner stock for himself and others. An amended complaint filed October 21 adds two more defendants -- a money manager who is a friend of the son, and the hedge fund advisory firm he controls, Big 5 Asset Management LLC. The SEC alleges the money manager traded Mariner securities on the basis of inside information he received from the son and reaped illicit profits of more than \$5 million combined in his own account, accounts of his relatives, and accounts of two hedge funds managed by Big 5. According to the SEC's amended complaint, the son repeatedly tipped the money manager about the impending acquisition of Mariner as he learned the information from his father. The money manager caused two Big 5 hedge funds -- the Lion Global Fund LLLP and the Lion Global Master Fund Ltd. -- to purchase large quantities of Mariner stock and call option contracts on the basis of the inside information. This was the first time the Big 5 hedge funds ever traded Mariner stock or options. He also purchased thousands of shares of Mariner stock and call option contracts for the accounts of relatives, and for his personal brokerage account. In the days following the announcement of the deal, he liquidated the positions he had accumulated in Mariner securities.

Source: <http://www.sec.gov/news/press/2011/2011-218.htm>

15. *October 21, Bay City News Service* – (California) **inShar'Plaid Bandit' bank robbery suspect arrested in San Francisco.** An arrest was made in connection with a series of bank robberies in San Francisco committed by a man dubbed the "Plaid Bandit," FBI officials announced October 21. The suspect was arrested October 18 at his home in San Francisco. The suspect, who was arrested based on an anonymous tip, has been linked to four bank robberies that occurred October 6, July 27, June 21, and June 10. Three of the four robberies were at banks downtown on Montgomery Street, and one was on California Street. In the most recent robbery October 6 at the East West Bank on the 500 block of Montgomery Street, the suspect walked into the bank, brandished a

handgun and demanded money from the teller. The suspect walked with a cane in one of the robberies and was known to wear plaid shirts. The investigation into the robberies was conducted jointly by the FBI and San Francisco police.

Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_19165855

16. *October 20, Associated Press* – (South Carolina; Florida) **Wells Fargo customers get others' bank statements.** An undetermined number of new Wells Fargo bank customers in South Carolina and Florida received portions of other customers' bank statements in the mail the week of October 17, and a bank spokesman said October 20 the matter was being considered a security breach. He said he could not say how many of the 487,000 households in South Carolina that now have Wells Fargo accounts were affected. He also could not confirm 30,000 affected customers that a Wells Fargo employee estimated for one South Carolina customer. He attributed the error to a single malfunctioning printer in Charlotte, North Carolina., which apparently put multiple customers' account and transaction information on pages, or even single pages, of one statement. Wells Fargo customers told reporters they received their misprinted statements October 19. In many cases, customers' names and account and routing numbers ended up in the hands of strangers. In some cases, where people have set up direct deposit of their paychecks to their accounts, Social Security numbers also ended up on the printouts, the spokesman said.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9QGD3D81.htm>

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Transportation Sector

17. *October 24, msnbc.com; Associated Press* – (New York) **NY subway derailment likely to cause commuter woes.** Two cars of a New York City subway train derailed in lower Manhattan, but no one was injured, authorities said early October 24. The derailment occurred at 3:52 a.m. October 24 on the northbound No. 6 train near the Brooklyn Bridge-City Hall Station, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) said. There was no immediate word on the cause of the derailment. An empty train backed up to the disabled train and 19 people were safely evacuated, a spokeswoman said. "Please expect extensive delays on the 4, 5 and 6 train service in both directions at this time," the MTA Web site said. Those trains are running an express only service in both directions between Brooklyn Bridge and Grand Central Station in midtown Manhattan.

Source: http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/45013405/ns/us_news-life/#.TqV6yHKO7To

18. *October 24, Associated Press* – (California) **Gun falls out of bag at Los Angeles International Airport.** A loaded handgun fell out of a checked bag being loaded onto an airliner at Los Angeles International Airport in Los Angeles. It is legal to carry an unloaded firearm in checked luggage on flights as long as passengers notify the airline. The Los Angeles Times said Alaska Airlines was not notified about the .38-caliber handgun that tumbled out of a duffel bag being loaded onto a Portland, Oregon-bound

- flight October 23. The gun owner was questioned by police and was allowed to board a later flight for Oregon. A Transportation Security Administration (TSA) spokeswoman said the bag passed screening for explosives. She said the TSA screens for firearms in carry-on luggage, but adds it is not the agency's responsibility to detect firearms in checked luggage.
Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_19181744
19. *October 23, WBAL 11 Baltimore* – (Maryland) **Fuel truck, Southwest Airlines plane collide at BWI.** An airport spokesman said a fuel truck collided with an arriving plane at Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport near Glen Burnie, Maryland, October 22. The incident happened at about 8:30 p.m. when Southwest Airlines flight number 2585, arriving from Orlando, Florida, was struck by a fuel truck after landing. Airport officials said no one was hurt. The plane was pulled out of service pending further investigation. An airport spokesman described the incident as "very rare."
Source: <http://www.wbalv.com/news/29563952/detail.html>
20. *October 22, Washington Post* – (District of Columbia) **Fighter jets intercept 2 aircraft in D.C. area.** Two civilian aircraft were intercepted by the military October 22 in separate incidents in the skies over the Washington, D.C. region, authorities said. The interceptions, made by fighter jets in both incidents and a helicopter in one, were directed by the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD), officials said. The interceptions were at least the 11th and 12th in the Washington and Camp David areas in about 6 months. The first incident came at 9:45 a.m. when two Air Force F-16s intercepted a civilian aircraft that was out of radio communication, NORAD said. Communication was regained and the aircraft proceeded to its original destination, it said. In the second incident, NORAD said an F-16 and a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter intercepted an aircraft about 11 a.m. in restricted airspace. The aircraft was escorted from the restricted area and allowed to go on its way.
Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/jets-intercept-aircraft-in-dc-area/2011/10/22/gIQAUPT87L_story.html
21. *October 22, Salt Lake Tribune* – (Utah) **TSA agents discover land mine packed inside bag.** Transportation Security Administration (TSA) baggage checkers discovered four land mines tucked inside of a passenger's checked bag at Salt Lake City International Airport in Salt Lake City, the week of October 10. Airport officials said someone doing military training decided to take them as a souvenir. A TSA spokeswoman said the devices set off the airport's explosive detector and officials had to clear the area and delayed four flights for about 19 minutes. Crews determined the land mines were benign and removed them from the bag. No one was arrested. However, the spokeswoman said TSA officials wanted to remind passengers that land mines are among the prohibited items not allowed on airplanes.
Source: <http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/52761036-78/airport-bag-mines-officials.html.csp>
22. *October 21, KDFW 4 Dallas-Fort Worth* – (Texas) **DFW passenger caught with guns, saw.** A passenger at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, in Dallas, Texas,

was caught October 20 trying to smuggle a cache of weapons into the facility. According to a DHS representative, the suspect had two pistols, three ammunition magazines, eight knives, and a hand saw. The representative said the suspect had divided the items into three carry-ons: a backpack, duffle bag, and sleeping bag. He said the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) spotted a suspicious item while X-raying the bags. The TSA and local police found the contraband and arrested the man on state charges.

Source: <http://www.myfoxdfw.com/dpp/news/102111-DFW-Passenger-Caught-with-Guns-Saw>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report

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Agriculture and Food Sector

23. *October 24, St. George Spectrum* – (Utah) **Semi crash on I-15 releases swarm of honeybees.** A semitrailer carrying what could have been millions of honeybees crashed St. George, Utah October 23. Bees reportedly escaped and attacked the semitrailer driver and a passenger, who were able to run to safety, as well as onlookers from as far as several hundred yards away from the crash. “It was insane,” said a man who was attacked by the bees as he tried to get a look at the crash. “The swarm of them was so big. You couldn’t see anything else.” Authorities brought in beekeepers from throughout the area to help with the issue, and traffic was shut down for several hours in the southbound lanes where the truck rolled over, according to the Utah Highway Patrol.

Source: <http://www.thespectrum.com/article/20111023/NEWS01/111023003/Semi-crash-15-releases-bees>

24. *October 24, Reuters* – (International) **Grenade attack at Nairobi bar wounds 13.** A grenade exploded in a Nairobi, Kenya bar October 24 wounding 13 people, 2 days after Kenya's U.S. embassy warned of an imminent attack there as the east African nation fights Islamist militants in neighboring Somalia. The embassy had warned of an imminent threat of reprisal attacks on places where foreigners are known to congregate, such as shopping malls and night clubs. The Kenyan police commissioner said there was no firm evidence yet to link the attack to Somalia's al Qaeda-linked al Shabaab rebels, and senior officials from the group declined to comment. Al Shabaab had threatened major reprisals if Kenyan troops did not leave the anarchic Horn of Africa nation, and have launched large-scale attacks in the past in Somalia and Uganda, for which they have quickly claimed responsibility.

Source: <http://www.fox13now.com/news/nationworld/sns-rt-us-kenya-somalia-grenadetre79n3fo-20111024,0,6713305.story>

25. *October 23, WCSH 6 Portland* – (Maine) **Restaurant explodes in Saco.** The Steak 'N Rib restaurant in Saco, Maine shook residents out of sleep when it exploded October 23. The explosion awoke people who lived anywhere near the restaurant. Police said the explosion was so intense it blew manhole covers off, and some neighbors said the water in their toilets drained. The restaurant is a total loss.
Source: <http://www.wcsh6.com/news/article/177026/292/Restaurant-explodes-in-Saco>
26. *October 22, Food Safety News* – (National) **Listeria test prompts sandwich recall.** Landshire of St. Louis, Missouri, is recalling 1,751 cases of Nike All-American sandwiches because they may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, Food Safety News reported October 22. Routine sampling by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services for retail food establishments detected the problem. The recalled sandwiches were distributed nationwide to retail supermarkets. The recalled Landshire Nike All-American sandwich is 7.25 ounces and individually wrapped in a white package.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/10/listeria-test-prompts-sandwich-recall/>
27. *October 22, Food Safety News* – (International) **Allergy alert: Sulfites on dates imported from China.** Domega NY International Co. in Brooklyn is recalling dried dates imported from China after routine sampling by New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets food inspectors and subsequent analysis revealed the product contained high levels of sulfites that were not declared on the label, Food Safety News reported October 22. People who have severe sensitivity to sulfites may run the risk of serious or life-threatening reactions if they consume these dates. The consumption of 10 milligrams of sulfites per serving has been reported to elicit severe reactions in some asthmatics. Anaphylactic shock could occur in certain sulfite sensitive individuals upon ingesting 10 milligrams or more of sulfites. The recalled dried dates are packaged in a 12-ounce plastic bag. The product was distributed nationwide.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/10/allergy-alert-sulfites-on-dates-imported-from-china/>
28. *October 22, Food Safety News* – (California) **Salmonella spinach recall in California.** Church Brothers is recalling 560 bags of clipped spinach after one bag tested positive for *Salmonella* during a random U.S. Department of Agriculture Microbiological Data Program sampling, Food Safety News reported October 22. The recalled bagged spinach was processed October 6 and shipped to Super King Markets in Los Angeles, where it was available for sale beginning October 7. The recalled 2.5-pound bags of clipped spinach were in clear packaging and have a best-by date of October 23.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/10/spinach-recall-in-california-due-to-salmonella/>
29. *October 22, Food Safety News* – (International) **Roe recalled due to Listeria.** A California company is recalling Masago (capelin roe), because it may be contaminated

with *Listeria monocytogenes*, Food Safety News reported October 22. In a news release issued late October 21, Yamaya USA said the recall was the result of a microbiological sampling by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) that revealed the finished products contained the bacteria. Production and distribution of the product has been ceased as FDA and the company continue their investigation as to what caused the problem. The Masago (capelin roe) was distributed to retail stores in Los Angeles, Baltimore, Atlanta, and Mexico. The Masago (capelin roe) was packed in 2-pound plastic containers with a white label that has both Japanese and English writing. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/10/roe-recalled-due-to-listeria/>

30. *October 21, WLFI 18 West Lafayette* – (Indiana) **Troopers stop semi for speeding, find spoiled food violations.** Indiana State troopers stopped a semi driver for speeding outside of Kentland, but end up finding more violations than they expected, WLFI 18 Lafayette reported October 21. According to an Indiana State Police sergeant, the driver of a semi carrying more than 2,000 pounds worth of meat and veggies to Indianapolis, Bloomington, and Columbus was in direct violation of federal code. She said the refrigerator unit was not running and the driver told her he forgot to turn it on. By the time a Newton County health official made it to the semi, she said the temperature inside the cargo hold had reached almost 70 degrees. "This was a breeding ground for E. Coli, Salmonella. And that was the problem as we got deeper in to it that the juices from the different meats had run on to the floor, they were dripping outside of the truck," she said. All of the food had to be destroyed. The driver of the semi is a private contractor. He was cited for having an insecure and leaky load, and was also issued a warning for speeding. Source: http://www.wlfi.com/dpp/news/local/2000-lbs-of-food-spoiled-and-tossed?hpt=us_bn6

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Water Sector

31. *October 23, Williamsport Sun-Gazette* – (Pennsylvania) **Wellsboro water authority is fined for excess nitrogen.** During a meeting October 18, Wellsboro, Pennsylvania, water authority members discussed the heavy rainfall total in September and last spring that resulted in a nearly \$2,500 Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) fine and order from DEP to purchase "nitrogen credits" from the Red Barn Trading Co. in East Petersburg --- a move that will cost the authority nearly \$70,000 because too much of the substance in its treated effluent discharged into streams. The municipal water authority wants borough residents to check storm water runoff collection systems to make sure they are not draining into the borough's sanitary sewer system. This is the first year the authority had to purchase nitrogen credits because the Chesapeake Bay Tributary compliance program now is in effect. The compliance program calls for annual reductions of 150 million pounds of nitrogen and 16 million pounds of phosphorous. These nutrients promote excessive algae blooms in the bay that kill freshwater fish and shellfish.

Source: <http://www.sungazette.com/page/content.detail/id/570059/Wellsboro-water-authority-is-fined-for-excess-nitrogen.html?nav=5014#license-570059>

32. *October 23, Saginaw News* – (Michigan) **Storms force Saginaw officials to discharge treated sewage into river.** Storms swept across the Great Lakes Bay Region the week of October 17 and forced at least one local municipality to discharge 46.2 million gallons of treated sewage into the Saginaw River, a report indicates. Officials with the Saginaw Public Services department released the sewage after nearly 3 inches of rain spilled over the area on October 19 and 20, a city report shows. From a retention basin on Weiss, the city released 34 million gallons of treated sewage; 8.47 million gallons from an Emerson retention basin; and 3.77 million gallons from a facility on 14th. Officials indicate workers treated the sewage with Hypochlorite, and settled all solids within the retention basins before the discharges.

Source:

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

33. *October 21, Pierce County Herald* – (Wisconsin) **Mineral Point residents told to boil water due to bacteria contamination.** Residents of Mineral Point in southwest Wisconsin were told to boil their drinking water, after it was contaminated with two types of bacteria October 21. Samples taken October 4 confirmed the presence of coliform and E-coli bacteria in Mineral Point's water supply. Local officials said the bacteria might have come from human-or-animal waste. City fire hydrants were flushed October 21, and the water was chlorinated. Mineral Point is a city of 2,500 in Iowa County.

Source: <http://www.piercecountyherald.com/event/article/id/40231/>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

34. *October 22, San Mateo Daily Journal* – (California) **Former hospital worker charged with stealing patient info.** A former hospital, mailroom employee allegedly took home and kept about 1,500 patient records between November 2009 and September 2010 while working for Mills-Peninsula Health Services. The Burlingame, California hospital learned of the breach June 17 when the employee's brother discovered the documents while helping her move and returned them to the hospital. The majority of purloined documents were medical reports or X-rays and registration information destined for delivery to physician offices. Most had patient names and diagnostic test results, but 15 also included addresses and Social Security numbers. She appeared in court October 24 on charges of embezzlement and forgery. The suspect told authorities she was overwhelmed with sorting the records at work and brought them home with plans to shred them later. The charges against the woman are misdemeanors because it is impossible to put a monetary value on the records, said the district attorney. All of the patients whose information was taken were notified and the hospital offered one

year of free credit monitoring and identity protection to the affected patients. The suspect faces jail time if convicted.

Source: [http://www.smdailyjournal.com/article_preview.php?id=220921&title=Former hospital worker charged with stealing patient info](http://www.smdailyjournal.com/article_preview.php?id=220921&title=Former_hospital_worker_charged_with_stealing_patient_info)

35. *October 21, CSO* – (International) **Lethal medical device hack taken to next level.** The wireless hacking of an insulin pump, first demonstrated at the Black Hat 2011 conference in August, has been taken a step further October 21. An insulin pump has been hacked and instructed to deliver a lethal dose without first knowing the device's ID number. Modern pumps are designed to communicate wirelessly with blood glucose measuring devices and the pump's configuration software. The August hack by an IBM cyber threat intelligence analyst required knowledge of the pump's six-digit ID, although that number could potentially be obtained by brute-force guessing or through social engineering. However at the Focus 11 conference in Las Vegas, a McAfee research architect showed how the device ID could be obtained wirelessly — something easier than it should be because the wireless link has no encryption and no authentication. The transmission range is usually only a few feet, but the researcher had constructed a high-gain antenna to boost the range. Within seconds of activating his scanning software, he had obtained the target device's ID number and gained control. Source: <http://www.cso.com.au/article/404909/#closeme>

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Government Facilities Sector

36. *October 24, CNN* – (Illinois) **130 Occupy protesters arrested in Chicago.** Chicago police arrested 130 "Occupy Chicago" protesters overnight for allegedly being in the city's Grant Park after hours, authorities said October 23. The crowd of protesters was estimated at more than 1,000 before police announced they had to vacate the area, said a Chicago police spokesman. Most of the protesters left and went across the street into a public area, he said, and the rest were arrested. The majority were booked for staying at the park after hours, and released on their own recognizance. Source: http://www.cnn.com/2011/10/23/us/occupy-protesters/index.html?hpt=us_c2
37. *October 24, Brattleboro Reformer* – (Vermont) **Device exploded at Landmark college.** Police are investigating the detonation of an explosive device at the Landmark College campus in Putney, Vermont, the Brattleboro Reformer reported October 24. On October 21, at about 7:40 p.m., members of the Vermont State Police and the Putney Fire Department responded to the college after the school's security heard the blast across the campus. The explosion was described as "loud as a 12-gauge shotgun blast," according to campus security. The device used was described as an "over-pressure device" which in this case was a plastic container that contained at least two substances that when mixed caused a chemical reaction producing a gas inside the closed container, an official said. Police and fire personnel collected evidence and interviewed

witnesses and persons of interest.

Source: http://www.reformer.com/localnews/ci_19179390

38. *October 24, Associated Press* – (International) **US pulls envoy out of Syria over security concerns.** The United States pulled its ambassador out of Syria over security concerns, blaming the Syrian president's regime for the threats that made it no longer safe for him to remain, the Associated Press reported October 24. The U.S. Ambassador returned to Washington, D.C. the weekend of October 22 after the U.S. received "credible threats against his personal safety in Syria," a State Department spokesman said October 24. He has been the subject of several incidents of intimidation. The spokesman said the U.S. embassy will remain open in Damascus, and that the threats were specifically directed toward the Ambassador. His return is conditional on a U.S. "assessment of Syrian regime-led incitement and the security situation on the ground," the spokesman said. An American official said there were no plans to expel the Syrian ambassador in Washington in retaliation.
Source: <http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5g5tSJb-umVkn-EtIwrhnCn8oqaPw?docId=4933f274533342e9bf36d075118df063>
39. *October 23, Ocala Star-Banner* – (Florida) **Man shot in head in Gainesville's southwest downtown parking garage.** For the second time in less than 4 years, someone was fatally shot in a city-owned parking garage in Gainesville, Florida, the Ocala Star-Banner reported October 23. The latest victim was shot October 23 and immediately taken to Shands at the University of Florida where he was pronounced dead. Two of three suspects were taken into custody shortly after the shooting. Both men have served prison time and are on probation. The third suspect remained at large.
Source:
<http://www.ocala.com/article/20111023/ARTICLES/111029888?Title=Parking-garage-shooting-victim-dies-two-suspects-arrested>
40. *October 23, Portland Press Herald* – (Maine) **Chemical bomb tossed into Occupy Maine encampment.** Portland, Maine police were looking for the person who threw a chemical bomb at the Occupy Maine encampment in Portland during the early morning hours October 23. A police official said officers responded to an explosion in Lincoln Park. Though no one was injured, the police official said the homemade bomb, which consisted of chemicals poured into a plastic Gatorade container could have caused serious injury. Occupy Maine has erected about three dozen tents in the 2.5-acre park. The police official said the bomb was thrown into the camp's kitchen, a tarped area where food is cooked and served.
Source: <http://www.pressherald.com/news/Chemical-bomb-tossed-into-Occupy-Maine-encampment.html>
41. *October 22, Reuters* – (Florida) **Police arrest 19 Orlando protesters on trespass charges.** Police arrested 19 anti-Wall Street protesters in Orlando, Florida before dawn October 22 on trespass charges for sitting in a city park after hours despite warnings to leave, police said. An Orlando police lieutenant said police warned members of the Occupy Orlando group several times they would be arrested if they refused to leave the park when it closed. But protesters chose to remain in violation of the posted hours.

Those arrested face a first-degree misdemeanor charge punishable by up to 1 year in jail, and a \$1,000 fine. Officials said an average of 50 protesters normally walk on the sidewalk in shifts overnight, which is permitted.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/10/22/us-wallstreet-protests-orlando-idUSTRE79L26520111022>

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Emergency Services Sector

42. *October 24, Cape Cod Times* – (Massachusetts) **Man charged afer rear-ending Mass. ambulance.** A 5-year-old boy was injured and his father charged with drunken driving after allegedly crashing into the back of a Hyannis Fire Department ambulance in Hyannis, Massachusetts October 21. The 38-year-old father is facing many charges, including child endangerment, following the rear-end collision between his car and the ambulance around 10:30 p.m. He allegedly hit the back of the ambulance twice. After the second hit, the car was attached to the ambulance's rear bumper, said a Barnstable police sergeant. The injuries to the boy were not life-threatening. According to a police report, the ambulance crew was turning from Route 28 onto Lincoln Road Extension in response to an emergency call when the crash occurred. Emergency lights on the ambulance were flashing, police said. The child was taken to the Cape Cod Hospital emergency room. The father was taken to the police station and was released the following day. He was scheduled to be arraigned October 24 on charges of drunken driving, child endangerment under the influence of alcohol, operating to endanger, failure to secure a child 5- or under in a car seat, failure to yield to an emergency vehicle, driving an uninspected motor vehicle and possession of a class B substance. Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/topic/emergency-vehicles-and-operation/man-charged-after-rear-ending-mass-ambulance>
43. *October 24, WTAE 4 Pittsburgh* – (Pennsylvania) **Police: Man tries to run down officers outside police station.** A 49-year-old man was in custody after police in Pennsylvania said he tried to run down two officers outside an Indiana Township police station. The suspect was facing charges after the October 23 incident that occurred when officers were attempting to take his mother for a dementia commitment at a hospital. A criminal complaint said the altercation took place in the parking lot where small children and parents were attending a haunted house event. Police said the suspect arrived in his pick-up truck at 10 p.m. and tried to open the rear door of a police car to get his mother. When ordered to step back, he threatened to go get a gun. When an officer went behind the truck to obtain license plate information, the suspect put his truck in reverse and "accelerated heavily" toward the officer. Police said he pulled forward and put his truck in reverse a second time, accelerating toward an officer, and a police car. Two officers drew their guns and ordered the suspect out of the truck. He refused and locked the doors, and then an officer tried to break the driver's side window with his police baton. Police said the suspect then sped away. He turned himself in after being contacted by a police negotiator. The complaint said that after his arrest, the

suspect told officers he "snapped and has mental and psychological problems." He was taken first to Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic and then to the Allegheny County Jail prior to arraignment at the municipal courts building in Pittsburgh October 24. The suspect faces many charges, including aggravated assault, reckless endangerment, and making terroristic threats.

Source: <http://www.wtae.com/r/29568352/detail.html>

44. *October 24, msnbc.com* – (Florida) '**Very dangerous' inmates escape Fla. prison.** Police were searching for two "very dangerous" inmates of a Florida prison who escaped early October 24. Officials realized the inmates were missing from their shared cell in the Indian River County prison during a routine headcount, shortly before 5 a.m. The jail went into lockdown, and officials later found the inmates' red prison jumpsuits. Police believe the pair escaped through the back of their cell into a maintenance hallway. "They likely had some type of rod they used to break the locks off the secured doors in the hallway," said an Indian River County Sheriff's Office spokesman. "They then climbed over the fences around the prison that are topped with razor wire." Police suspect the men had outside help. It is not known if they are armed, the spokesman said. A 52-year-old escapee is 5-foot-7 and has gray hair. He was being held at the prison on first degree murder and other charges. A 25-year-old escapee, has closely cropped hair. He had recently been charged with first degree murder. Both convicts have multiple tattoos on their arms and bodies. Up to \$1,000 was being offered for information leading to arrests.

Source: http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/45016838/ns/us_news-crime_and_courts/#.TqWUgXJFzK9

45. *October 23, Hazleton Standard-Speaker* – (Pennsylvania) **Ambulance records dumped.** Boxes and file folders containing hundreds of sheets with personal information of employees and former patients of the Hazleton Community Ambulance Association were tossed in a Hazleton, Pennsylvania dumpster at the South Side Fire Station October 22. A firefighter noticed the records, and expressed his concerns to the Hazleton Standard-Speaker. The data was from 2003 and 2004, according to labels on the boxes. The dumpster is owned by the city's contracted garbage hauler, and is at the rear of the fire station on East Broad Street. Several boxes and folders contained trip sheets for ambulance calls, with data on each patient. Social Security numbers, addresses, phone numbers, insurance data, birth dates, and medical history descriptions were on the sheets. Also, employee payroll records with time cards, personal payroll information, and salary records were among the disposed paperwork. The ambulance association has been inactive for several years. An association officer said October 22 he used "poor judgement" when he put the boxes in the dumpster, thinking it was an obscure dumpster few people paid attention to. He said the association stored the records in a garage it was renting from a former Hazleton fire chief, who recently passed away. He said the records had to be moved, and he disposed of some of the older ones. The association officer said he would get a truck October 23 and pick up the records and take them for shredding, and make sure all of them were disposed of properly.

Source: <http://standardspeaker.com/news/ambulance-records-dumped-1.1222138#axzz1biPnKVGm>

46. *October 23, WHDH 42 Boston* – (Massachusetts) **Boston police website hacked: 'It's not funny'**. A Boston, Massachusetts Police Department Web site was hacked, WHDH 42 Boston reported October 23. At least 2,000 names and passwords have been posted online. The group claiming responsibility said they support the Occupy Boston movement. Boston police warned some of members that usernames and passwords were compromised. The investigation into who hacked the system was widening and the FBI was brought in to assist. Police believe the radical element that calls themselves 'Anonymous' has hacked into their system along with others across the country. "Our internal computer system has been breached and I believe compromised," said the president of the Boston Police Patrolman's Association (BPPA). The association told members to change their passwords after the hacktivist group posted their names and passwords online. The group claimed they took aim at Boston police for their alleged unprovoked brutality. At Boston police headquarters, authorities said their Web site had not been breached, but they encouraged all members to change their passwords.

Source: http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/45001308/ns/technology_and_science-security/#.TqVsfni4VWZ

47. *October 21, Knoxville News-Sentinel* – (Tennessee) **Former Claiborne firefighters charged in two arsons**. Following a more than 7-month investigation, two former Claiborne County firefighters were arrested in connection to two arsons in the Springdale community near Tazewell, Tennessee. The two 19 year-old former Springdale Volunteer Fire Department members, face felony criminal charges following an April 24 fire at an abandoned home on Floyd Evans Lane, a Claiborne County Sheriff's Department (CCSD) captain said October 21. Springdale's fire chief became suspicious when a suspect arrived very quickly at the fire, said a member of the Claiborne County Sheriff's Office Bomb and Arson Task Force. He said both men continued to work for the department at the task force's request until the investigation concluded. They were fired the day of their arrest, he said. One suspect was arrested October 8 and was charged with reckless burning in connection to a mid-March brush fire on a hillside off U.S. Highway 58 in Harrogate. He was due in court the week of October 24 on arson and reckless burning charges. The other suspect was arrested on an arson charge September 27. His next court date is December 8. Both men were free October 21 from the Claiborne County jail in lieu of \$50,000 bond. The CCSD captain said Claiborne fire officials were investigating four other abandoned house fires in the Clairfield area near the Campbell County line. He said they had persons of interest in those fires, but would not say if either of the two arrested former firefighters were suspects.

Source: <http://www.fireengineering.com/news/2011/10/1525903772/former-claiborne-firefighters-charged-in-two-arsons.html>

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Information Technology Sector

48. *October 24, Help Net Security* – (International) **Microsoft YouTube channel hacked.** A week after the official Sesame Street YouTube channel was compromised and started offering adult content to children, Microsoft's official YouTube channel was hacked by an unknown individual who removed all the videos and changed the accompanying text to say: "Wish to Become Sponsored? Message me." According to The Hacker News October 23, in the short time that the channel was compromised, the perpetrator uploaded four short clips/advertisements and offered insight into how he managed to hijack the channel. Apparently, he created this particular account in 2006, likely before Microsoft even thought about it, and before the company asked YouTube to delete the account so that it may register it. The channel is now back in Microsoft's hands and is up and running again.

Source: [http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=11829&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+HelpNetSecurity+\(Help+Net+Security\)&utm_content=Google+Reader](http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=11829&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+HelpNetSecurity+(Help+Net+Security)&utm_content=Google+Reader)

49. *October 24, Softpedia* – (International) **Steve Jobs charity fund e-mail hides casino payment site.** The latest spam e-mail that has been circulating after the passing of the head of Apple Inc. promises a great opportunity for young programmers who can be helped by a small donation on the recipients part, Softpedia reported October 24. The message entitled "Raise money for Steve Jobs Charity Fond!" reveals in bad English that it wants to support "young webcoders". Once the link contained in the e-mail is clicked, the unsuspecting user is taken to an online casino payment site, as revealed by Trend Micro. A message at the site continues on in grammatically poor English asking users to donate to the fake charity.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Steve-Jobs-Charity-Fund-Email-Hides-Casino-Payment-Site-229640.shtml>

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Internet Alert Dashboard

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

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

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Communications Sector

50. *October 24, Charleston Gazette* – (West Virginia) **Telephone service disrupted at Yeager Airport.** Telephone crews were working October 24 to restore telephone service at Yeager Airport in Charleston, West Virginia. The airport director said telephone service to the airport terminal has been out since October 21. Callers who try to call the airport hear a single ring before the line goes dead. He said the outage affects the airport terminal, airport business offices, and airport police department. Telephones

to and from the control tower were operating, and phone lines to the individual airline counters work. Phones to the airport fire department were also operational, the airport director said. Crews for nTelos Inc. were trying to fix the problem, he said.

Source: <http://wvgazette.com/News/201110240031>

51. *October 21, San Diego Reader* – (California) **Manchester busted with illegal radio device.** The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), investigating an interference complaint from AT&T Wireless, traced the source to to an 8,000-square-foot Carmel Valley, California residence. AT&T first complained about interference between two of its cell phone towers in March 2011. The phone carrier said it traced the problem to a bidirectional amplifier on the property. Such devices are used to boost spotty cell phone coverage. The FCC, “using mobile direction-finding techniques, confirmed that source of interference was emanating from that location.” AT&T denied having given the owner of the residence permission to install or use the device on its frequency, and he was given 10 days to remove it.

Source: <http://www.sandiegoreader.com/weblogs/news-ticker/2011/oct/21/manchester-busted-with-illegal-radio-device/>

52. *October 21, WSET 13 Lynchburg* – (Virginia) **Verizon outage hurting businesses in Madison Heights.** A phone outage in the business district of Madison Heights, Virginia, has made life difficult for many in the area since October 19. Verizon operates the landlines that went down the afternoon of October 19 and still were not working October 21. A Verizon spokesperson said they determined the outages were the result of a power company doing work in the area. Officials said they do not have a timetable for repairs. That means about 300 phone lines running to many businesses will remain useless for at least the near future. No phone line also meant no credit cards. Some business owners said they have heard the lines could be down until the week of October 24, and the longer it lasts, the more cash they lose.

Source: <http://www.wset.com/story/15769783/verizon-outage-hurting-businesses-in-madison-heights>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

53. *October 24, KDVR 31 Dever* – (Colorado) **3-alarm fire destroys one building, spreads to nearby condos in Ft. Collins.** A 3-alarm fire in a 4-story building forced evacuations in Old Town Fort Collins, Colorado October 24 after the fire spread to a neighboring building that has condos in it. The fire destroyed the under-construction apartment building. Flames were shooting through the roof of the large commercial building, and firefighters had to evacuate. A fire official said fire spread to the Penny Flats and forced residents to leave. That building is mixed use with condos and businesses.

Source: <http://www.kdvr.com/news/kdvr-fire-engulfs-building-residents-evacuated-in-fort-collins-20111024,0,3888112.story>

54. *October 24, WPIX 11 New York City* – (New York) **Brooklyn synagogue damaged in 2-alarm blaze.** A two-alarm fire damaged a synagogue early October 23 in Williamsburg, New York. According to investigators, the cause may be electrical. Fire officials said the flames that damaged the Satmar Synagogue began in the basement. Firefighters evacuated the residential apartments on the upper floors. The building sustained fire and water damage, but fire and police officials said it remains sound, structurally. More than 100 firefighters from 27 fire companies responded.
Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/topic/strategy-and-tactics/brooklyn-synagogue-damaged-2-alarm-blaze>
55. *October 24, Toledo Blade* – (Ohio) **Hay ride overturns in Ohio, 28 passengers hurt.** A tractor operator has been charged with drunk driving after a hay ride overturned in Erie County's Perkins Township in Ohio late October 22, injuring at least 28 people. The tractor operator was taken to the Erie County Jail after the hay ride he was driving veered off the side of the road and one of two straw-filled trailers tipped over. The trailers were carrying between 30 and 40 passengers, many of whom were ejected and injured, police reported. Fire and rescue crews from at least four communities responded to the incident. The tractor operator was charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated, among other charges, and was incarcerated at the Erie County Jail.
Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/topic/strategy-and-tactics/hay-ride-overturns-ohio-28-passengers-hurt>
56. *October 23, WCIV 4 Charleston* – (South Carolina) **Church destroyed in Sunday morning fire.** Early October 23, a fire destroyed Greater St. Stephen A.M.E. church in Georgetown, South Carolina. The fire happened just hours before church services. Fire officials said the cause of the fire is under investigation, but is most likely gas related. The structure dates back to the 1930s.
Source: <http://www.abcnews4.com/story/15787993/church-reportedly-destroyed-in-sunday-morning-fire>
57. *October 23, Springfield Republican* – (Massachusetts) **Investigation into three-alarm blaze that destroyed Country Club of Greenfield underway.** The investigation into what caused the fire that destroyed the Country Club of Greenfield, Massachusetts is underway but could take more than a week to complete, the Springfield Republican reported October 23. The Greenfield fire captain said firefighters had a difficult task trying to extinguish the burning building. He said that what the building had inside coupled with what it lacked created a complicated situation for firefighters. The three-alarm fire brought mutual aid from dozens of fire departments from around the region, the fire captain said.
Source:
http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2011/10/investigation_into_blaze_that.html
58. *October 23, Associated Press* – (New Mexico) **2 Albuquerque police officers treated at hospital after exposure to chemicals in meth lab bust.** Two police officers were treated at a hospital following a methamphetamine lab bust in Albuquerque, New Mexico, the Associated Press reported October 23. A Northeast Heights apartment

complex was evacuated when a unit erupted in smoke late October 21 from a meth lab. The two police officers were sent to the hospital because they were exposed to the chemicals inside the lab. The officers were complaining about itchy throats and burning noses. Police called the scene a "shake and bake" meth lab because all the ingredients were combined inside a 2-liter plastic bottle. Police said a man was arrested after he admitted to police he was making the meth to supply his habit.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/2b0881e7179f4160a43c1e73ae7acfbe/NM--Meth-Lab-Bust/>

59. *October 23, Cerritos-Artesia Patch* – (California) **Video: Massive overnight fire destroys businesses at Fountain Plaza in Cerritos.** Firefighters battled a stubborn third-alarm fire at the Fountain Plaza in Cerritos, California October 23 that left several businesses in the 2-story multi-unit, strip mall destroyed, causing about \$5.5 million in damages. The fire at the shopping plaza burned for more than 3 hours, according to the Los Angeles County Fire Department. The fire eventually went to a third-alarm, prompting reinforcements from about 75 firefighters. The fire reportedly began at Imperial Mandarin Palace — a Chinese restaurant along the back end of the shopping plaza — then spread to adjacent businesses, said an official with the Cerritos Sheriff's Station. The roof of the restaurant eventually caved in as firefighters tried to tame the flames, according to reports from the scene. Aside from the restaurant, the damaged building also houses at least 10 other businesses, including Baby Visit Ultrasound, Eastern Dental Family Care, and Cerritos Escrow.

Source: <http://cerritos.patch.com/articles/third-alarm-fire-destroys-cerritos-strip-mall-on-south-street-and-gridley-road#video-8208505>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

60. *October 22, Riverside Press-Enterprise* – (California) **Update: Brush fire near Yucaipa declared controlled.** A brush fire north of Yucaipa, California that broke out October 21 was declared fully contained and controlled late October 22. The fire burned 42 acres of chaparral in steep terrain in the mountains, according to the U.S. Forest Service. The original 100-acre estimate for the fire was revised downward after further mapping, according to the San Bernardino National Forest fire information center. Two helicopters, seven fire engines, five hand crews, and a water tender were being used to battle the fire.

Source: <http://www.pe.com/local-news/breaking-news-headlines/20111022-update-brush-fire-near-yucaipa-declared-controlled.ece>

61. *October 22, Associated Press* – (National) **Forest Service wants to keep using fire retardant.** The U.S. Forest Service has backed off claims about the effectiveness of the huge red plumes of fire retardant big airplanes drop on wildfires, but the agency does not expect to cut back on using it, the Associated Press reported October 22. Acting

under a court order, the agency October 21 posted on its Web site the final environmental impact statement laying out how it plans to use fire retardant without harming threatened and endangered fish, wildlife, and plants on national forests and grasslands covering 193 million acres in 44 states. The new plan slightly increases the amount of land designated as off-limits to retardant drops to protect the environment. It only allows drops in those buffer zones to protect human life and eliminates past exemptions to protect property. The agency reports fire retardant is only used on 5 percent of the wildfires that start each year, costing \$24 million to \$36 million a year of the nearly \$1 billion spent annually fighting wildfires. There were 36,000 retardant drops from 2000 through 2010, using more than 90 million gallons of the substance. Since 2000, about 30 percent of the national forest land base has been designated as buffer zones to protect rivers and lakes. New buffer zones to protect endangered plants and animals on land, such as butterflies, add less than 1 percent.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5iNKj3KdJH3TOcVOb8B-iz64jUxqg?docId=2f9989b626274d95bd032224db13e3ca>

62. *October 22, Associated Press* – (New York) **Blaze at NY landmark building hurts 8 firefighters.** A fire at a New York City landmark building has injured eight firefighters, the Associated Press reported October 22. Dozens of fire trucks and 100 firefighters were on the street near the 40-story Equitable Building in Manhattan October 21. The property is listed as a National Historic Landmark because of its significance as the headquarters of "one of the insurance industry's earliest leaders." The building's Web site lists the state attorney general's office and the Bank of New York as tenants. Firefighters broke windows of the building before getting the fire under control. The fire was on the 28th floor of the building, which is next to the park where Occupy Wall Street demonstrators have been protesting. The fire department said there does not appear to be any connection between the fire and the protest.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/blaze-notable-building-nyc-protest-park-14790690>

63. *October 21, Associated Press* – (National) **US appeals court upholds roadless rule in forests.** A federal appeals court October 21 upheld a rule prohibiting roads on nearly 50 million acres of land in national forests across the United States, a ruling hailed by environmentalists as one of the most significant in decades. Mining and energy companies, however, said it could limit development of natural resources such as coal, oil, and natural gas. Supporters of the roadless rule said the court's decision preserves areas where outdoor enthusiasts like to hunt, fish, hike, and camp. It also protects water quality and wildlife habitat for grizzly bears, lynx, and Pacific salmon, they say. The U.S. Forest Service currently manages more than 190 million acres of land used for multiple purposes that must comply with strict rules on land use changes spelled out in the federal Wilderness Act and National Environmental Policy Act.

Source: <http://www.seattlepi.com/news/article/US-appeals-court-upholds-roadless-rule-in-forests-2230654.php>

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Dams Sector

64. *October 24, Gant Daily* – (Pennsylvania) **Safety concerns prompt complete drawdown of Speedwell Forge Lake.** The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) is alerting anglers, boaters, and the general public that it has begun to completely draw down Lancaster County's Speedwell Forge Lake October 24 to alleviate pressure on the lake's dam and spillway, which was heavily damaged by recent storm events. The lake was being drained at a rate of about 1 foot per day. Depending on the weather, it may take over a month to fully drain. PFBC biologists will conduct fish salvages within the next several weeks and will move the fish to nearby waters. In particular, a large number of the gizzard shad population is expected to perish. Located in Elizabeth Township, the lake is a 106-acre impoundment owned by Pennsylvania and managed by the PFBC for public fishing and boating. The lake is one of 16 high-hazard dams managed by the PFBC. The PFBC estimates it will cost \$6.43 million to reconstruct the dam's concrete spillway and reinforce the embankment.
Source: <http://gantdaily.com/2011/10/24/safety-concerns-prompt-complete-drawdown-of-speedwell-forge-lake/>
65. *October 23, Vancouver Columbian* – (Washington) **Condit Dam to be breached Wednesday.** The breaching of the 125-foot-tall hydroelectric, Condit Dam near Vancouver, Washington, will take place October 26, and state, federal, and tribal officials were working to prevent mishaps as the White Salmon River bursts through a 12-foot-by-18-foot tunnel. A huge surge of released water and sediment is expected to rush downstream to the river's mouth and all the way to the Columbia River's Bonneville Dam. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is lowering the water behind that dam by 2 feet to make room for the added volume. Roads, waterways, and airspace near the dam will be closed in the hours leading up to the breaching, which is scheduled for noon.
Source: <http://www.columbian.com/news/2011/oct/23/condit-dam-breach-preparing-for-the-surge-safety-a/>
66. *October 23, Memphis Commercial Appeal* – (Tennessee) **Levee repairs scheduled to protect DeSoto road.** The DeSoto Regional Utility Authority board will team with the board of supervisors to repair at least four breaches in the levee just south of the Short Fork Waste Water Treatment Facility in Memphis, Tennessee, the Commercial Appeal reported October 23. Damage last spring posed a safety threat and was "a horrible inconvenience for anybody living east of the Coldwater River," said a utility authority member. In May, supervisors approved an emergency proclamation due to rain-driven flooding and rushed approval for work to repair the road. Entire lanes were gouged out between Johnston and Smith roads after rain that included a 13-inch deluge in a 2-day period in late April. At a meeting October 10, supervisors approved a proposal for county-paid crews to fill the levee breaches, using earth from the 22-acre utility site with the authority's OK. Officials said the work will take a week to 10 days to complete, and cost about \$20,000.
Source: <http://www.commercialappeal.com/news/2011/oct/23/levee-repairs-scheduled-to-protect-desoto-road/>

67. *October 22, Jamestown Sun* – (North Dakota) **Reservoir releases cut to 1,800 cfs.** Releases from Jamestown Dam in Stutsman County, North Dakota were reduced to 800 cubic feet per second (cfs) October 21, according to a press release from the Jamestown engineer's office. Pipestem Dam releases continue at 1,000 cfs for a combined 1,800 cfs. This completes the first 4 days of release reductions lowering the water flowing out of the Jamestown Dam from the 1,400 cfs maintained since August. Reductions planned for October 25 will bring the releases from the Jamestown Dam to 650 cfs with 850 cfs from the Pipestem Dam for a combined 1,500 cfs. Reductions in releases from the dams are done in stages to prevent the river banks from sloughing or collapsing into the river, officials said. City personnel will begin to remove storm sewer pumps from along the river, and breaching the dikes built in August. The dikes themselves will be removed if the surrounding area is dry enough to support equipment. In wet areas, dike removal will occur after the ground has frozen — most likely in November.

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