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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 25, San Francisco Chronicle* – (California) **Major PG&E gas line ruptures during hydro test.** A major Pacific Gas and Electric Co. (PG&E) gas transmission line serving the Bay Area ruptured during a pressure test October 24 south of Bakersfield, California, just as the company was planning to boost gas levels on the pipeline to meet winter demand. The 34-inch transmission line that runs from the Arizona border to Milpitas failed during a spike test at 9 a.m., blowing a crater in an alfalfa field near the town of Weedpatch, PG&E officials said. The line is one of two parallel transmission

pipes that run to a major terminal in Milpitas and provide much of the Bay Area's natural gas, officials say. A 1-mile stretch was being tested as part of PG&E's effort to ensure its gas system is safe in the aftermath of last year's deadly pipeline explosion in San Bruno. Company officials said it was too early to tell whether gas supplies will suffer this winter as a result of the failure. They did not have a timetable for when repairs would be made and the pipe returned to service. The pipe, known as Line 300B, failed because of a tear in a longitudinal seam — the same type of failure that caused the September 9, 2010, explosion of a transmission pipeline in San Bruno that killed eight people, destroyed 38 homes and damaged 70 more. The executive vice president of PG&E's gas division said the firm did not yet know what caused the October 24 failure. The line ruptured at what is known as a double submerged arc weld, a type the vice president said is highly reliable if done correctly. A PG&E crew had shut the flow to the 1950-vintage pipe and was testing its strength using high-pressure water. The test is a common one for determining whether welds that hold longitudinal seams together are strong. At the time of the rupture, workers were trying to increase water pressure on the line to 1,040 pounds per square inch. When the pressure reached 998 pounds, a 4-foot-long portion of the longitudinal seam ruptured, creating an almond-shaped hole in the pipe, and blowing a sizable crater in a farmer's field, a PG&E spokesman said.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/10/25/MN9U1LLOJ9.DTL>

2. *October 24, WTAE 4 Pittsburgh* – (Pennsylvania) **Lack of Marcellus Shale inspectors has some worried.** Pennsylvania officials said the U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) has told them it does not have enough inspectors to handle the Marcellus Shale boom. The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) chairman said because PHMSA is not inspecting certain lines like it is supposed to, he has asked the state PUC to do so. The PUC has nine inspectors already keeping an eye on 47,000 miles of gas transmission pipelines. “You bring on Marcellus Shale pipeline development and our whole world changes. I don't have the resources to get properly reimbursed to go out and hire these people, let alone train them to get out in the field,” said the state PUC chairman. The PUC and Marcellus Shale industry are backing two bills in Harrisburg to give the PUC the authority and federal funding to inspect gas well pipelines. A spokeswoman of the Marcellus Shale Coalition said she expects both bills to pass.

Source: <http://www.wtae.com/r/29575037/detail.html>

3. *October 24, Louisville Courier-Journal* – (Kentucky) **Portland gas leak leads to evacuation.** Residents were allowed to return to about 35 homes October 24 after an all-clear was issued following a report of a natural gas leak near 22nd Street and Garfield Avenue in the Portland neighborhood of Louisville, Kentucky, fire officials said. Louisville Gas and Electric Co. (LG&E) crews remained on the scene repairing a ruptured gas main, a spokesman for Louisville Fire & Rescue said. Hazardous materials crews responded after a neighbor reported an odor just after 7 a.m. A rupture in a main apparently caused the leak, but responders were initially uncertain whether the problem was caused by the smaller or the larger of two parallel lines. Crews shut off service through the larger line, where the rupture was found. A spokesman with LG&E said the rupture apparently developed when the gas line came in contact with a nearby waterline

and that, over time, the contact caused the gas line to degrade.

Source: <http://www.courier-journal.com/article/20111024/NEWS01/310240037/1001/Portland-gas-leak-leads-evacuation?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|Home|s>

4. *October 24, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **Crews clean up oil after tanker crash near Gateway.** A tanker truck spilled thousands of gallons of oil October 24 after crashing in western Colorado near Gateway. The Grand Junction fire department's hazardous materials team was sent to the scene on Colorado Highway 141 around 11:15 a.m.. The tanker, owned by Basin Western Inc., was believed to have spilled about 7,000 gallons of oil. Crews were trying to keep oil from getting into West Creek. Source: <http://www.kgwn.tv/story/15864944/crews-clean-up-oil-after-tanker-crash-near-gateway>

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Chemical Industry Sector

5. *October 25, KCTV 5 Kansas City* – (Kansas) **Fatal crash, chemical spill shut down I-70 near Topeka.** One person died following a crash on Interstate 70 near Topeka, Kansas, that shut down the highway. A tractor-trailer rig was involved in the crash that occurred after 6 a.m. October 25. Chemicals were spilled, but the type was unknown, according to the Kansas Department of Transportation. All eastbound and westbound lanes were closed from Fourth Street to the California Avenue Interchange in east Topeka. The highway was not expected to open until after noon October 25, according to the Kansas Highway Patrol. The crash also closed the west I-70 ramps from California Avenue and the Adams Interchange, and the east ramps from 4th, 8th, and 10th streets. Drivers were urged to avoid the area and use alternate routes. Oversized semi loads must use the I-470 loop to access I-70/Kansas Turnpike. Source: <http://www.kctv5.com/story/15867909/crash-chemical-spill-shuts-down-i-70-near-topeka>
6. *October 24, Courthouse News Service* – (National) **Manufacturers must report on 15 chemicals.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has asked chemical manufacturers and importers to provide screening level hazard and risk characteristics of 15 high production volume (HPV) chemicals to determine if greater regulation of the use of the chemicals is warranted. In a final rule published in the October 21 issue of the Federal Register and effective November 21, the EPA said a chemical is determined as having an HPV if more than 1 million pounds of it are produced in, or imported to, the United States in 1 year. The 15 chemicals account for 95 percent of total chemical production in the nation the agency indicated. Some 29 HPV chemical substances had been proposed for testing, but the EPA determined that only 15 meet the criteria for testing at this time. The tests the agency is requiring include: five tests for physical/chemical properties and biodegradation; ecotoxicity; acute toxicity; genetic toxicity including gene mutations and chromosomal aberrations; repeat dose toxicity;

and developmental and reproductive toxicity.

Source: <http://www.courthousenews.com/2011/10/24/40887.htm>

7. *October 24, Kilgore Police Department* – (Texas) **Kilgore PD confiscates synthetic marijuana from D’s smoke shop.** Over the last few months, the Kilgore Police Department (KPD) in Kilgore, Texas, received many complaints and information that D’s Smoke Shop was selling Synthetic Marijuana products, commonly referred to as “K2” along with “Molly” pills (Mephedrone). On October 21, the KPD executed a search warrant. A search resulted in the police seizing many packages, vials, and boxes of suspected synthetic marijuana, suspected “Molly” pills, and an AR-15 Rifle. Two arrests were made at the store. The owner and a store clerk were each arrested and charged with violating city ordinances on illegal smoking products, and adult business regulations. Both were booked into the Kilgore City Jail. The sale, possession or manufacture of synthetic marijuana is prohibited by the city and by the state, which also bars the sale, possession, or manufacture of other synthetic drugs. The KPD said synthetic marijuana is an extremely dangerous drug marketed to children and young adults. It is manufactured with various unknown chemicals that mimic the effect of marijuana.

Source: <http://www.ketknbc.com/news/kilgore-pd-confiscates-synthetic-marijuana-from-d%E2%80%99s-smoke-shop>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

8. *October 24, Wichita Eagle* – (Kansas) **Wolf Creek's faulty backup generator triggers special inspection.** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) began a special inspection of the Wolf Creek nuclear power plant near Burlington, Kansas, October 24 as the result of recent problems with an emergency diesel generator. Diesel generators are the main backup power source to the plant's safety systems, if there is a loss of off-site power, and are tested periodically. One of Wolf Creek's diesel generators didn't test correctly on September 1, an NRC spokesman said. The generator fluctuated in power input, causing operators to shut it down, according to the NRC. Inspectors want to determine what caused the malfunction and what corrective action has been taken by Wolf Creek.

Source: <http://www.kansas.com/2011/10/24/2075589/wolf-creeks-faulty-backup-generator.html>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

9. *October 25, Associated Press* – (National) **Alaska's F-22 stealth fighters return to skies after grounding.** Alaska-based F-22 Raptors were flying again October 24 after a 2-day stand-down that followed the temporary grounding of the sophisticated stealth fighter planes at Joint Base Langley-Eustis in Hampton, Virginia, the Associated Press reported October 25. A Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson spokeswoman in Anchorage, Alaska said a command decision was made October 20 in Hawaii to pause the stealth fighter's Alaska flights because the U.S. Air Force issued a stand-down order at Langley the week of October 17. That order came just a month after the nation's entire fleet of F-22s was allowed back into the air. The planes, which cost \$143 million each, were pulled from service in May because of hypoxia issues reported by at least a dozen pilots. Hypoxia is when the body does not receive enough oxygen. The reports prompted an investigation into the plane's oxygen delivery system. The spokeswoman said Alaska pilots have reported no issues since flying resumed in September.
Source: <http://www.adn.com/2011/10/24/2136416/alaskas-f-22-stealth-fighters.html>

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Banking and Finance Sector

10. *October 25, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority* – (National) **FINRA fines UBS securities \$12 million for regulation SHO violations and supervisory failures.** The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) announced October 15 it fined UBS Securities LLC \$12 million for violating Regulation SHO (Reg SHO) and failing to properly supervise short sales of securities. As a result of these violations, millions of short sale orders were mismarked and/or placed to the market without reasonable grounds to believe the securities could be borrowed and delivered. Reg SHO requires a broker-dealer to have reasonable grounds to believe the security could be borrowed and available for delivery before accepting or effecting a short sale order. The FINRA found UBS' Reg SHO supervisory system regarding locates and the marking of sale orders was significantly flawed and resulted in a systemic supervisory failure that contributed to Reg SHO failures across its equities trading business. First, FINRA found UBS placed millions of short sale orders to the market without locates, including in securities known to be hard to borrow. These violations extended to many trading systems, desks, accounts and strategies, and impacted UBS' technology, operations, and supervisory systems and procedures. Second, FINRA found UBS mismarked millions of sale orders in its trading systems. Many orders were short sales mismarked as "long," resulting in additional significant violations of Reg SHO's locate requirement. Third, FINRA found UBS had significant deficiencies related to its aggregation units that may have contributed to additional significant order-marking and locate violations. As a result of its supervisory failures, many of UBS' violations were not detected or corrected until after the FINRA's investigation caused UBS to conduct a substantive review of systems and monitoring procedures for Reg SHO compliance. FINRA found UBS' supervisory framework over its equities trading business was not reasonably designed to achieve compliance with the requirements of Reg SHO and other securities

laws, rules and regulations until at least 2009. In concluding this settlement, UBS neither admitted nor denied the charges, but consented to the entry of the FINRA's findings.

Source:

[http://www.finra.org/Newsroom/NewsReleases/2011/P124806?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+FINRANews+\(FINRA+News\)&utm_content=Google+Reader](http://www.finra.org/Newsroom/NewsReleases/2011/P124806?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+FINRANews+(FINRA+News)&utm_content=Google+Reader)

11. *October 25, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **Police from 17 agencies join task force to investigate credit card scam.** Authorities from 17 agencies including the FBI have formed a task force to investigate a credit card scam that has victimized about 600 people in northern Colorado. Law enforcement agencies said the scam is one of the largest that has ever hit that part of the state. The Windsor police chief told KMGH 7 Denver there does not appear to be a single pattern to the crimes. A Loveland police sergeant said the fraudulent charges appeared to be happening in places outside of Colorado. Authorities warned people to be wary of callers claiming to be with a bank asking for account information.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/f91f5e3fac594f91b4a2fc025602bbc9/CO--Credit-Card-Scam/>

12. *October 24, Associated Press* – (North Carolina) **NC man pleads guilty in \$40M Ponzi scheme.** A Clayton, North Carolina man pleaded guilty October 24 in federal court to participating in a Ponzi scheme that federal officials said was worth roughly \$40 million. A U.S. attorney said the man pleaded guilty October 24 in Charlotte to one count of conspiracy to commit fraud and one count of money laundering conspiracy. Prosecutors said the man recruited people to serve as so-called "hedge fund managers" for a company that solicited investments based on fraudulent information. Once that began to unravel, investigators said he and others set up a separate Ponzi scheme in which investors' money was deposited straight into cash accounts rather than being invested. His conviction is the seventh in the case. He faces up to 15 years in prison.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9QIT8FG3.htm>

13. *October 24, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (National; International) **SEC charges major Portuguese bank for violating registration provisions of U.S. securities laws.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) October 24 charged multinational banking conglomerate Banco Espirito Santo S.A. (BES) with violations of the broker-dealer and investment adviser registration provisions and the securities transaction registration provisions of the federal securities laws. The SEC's enforcement action finds Lisbon, Portugal-based BES offered brokerage services and investment advice between 2004 and 2009 to about 3,800 U.S.-resident customers and clients who were primarily Portuguese immigrants. However, during this time, BES was not registered with the SEC as a broker-dealer or investment adviser, and it offered and sold securities to its U.S. customers and clients without the intermediation of a registered broker-dealer. None of these securities transactions was registered, and many of the securities offerings did not qualify for an exemption from registration. BES agreed to settle the SEC's charges and pay nearly \$7 million in disgorgement,

prejudgment interest and penalties. In determining to accept BES's offer to settle, the SEC considered remedial acts promptly undertaken by BES and its cooperation with SEC staff.

Source: <http://www.sec.gov/news/press/2011/2011-221.htm>

14. *October 24, Silicon Valley/San Jose Business Journal* – (California) **Monterey man to pay \$70M on fraud charges.** A Monterey, California real estate lender pleaded guilty to investment fraud and will pay nearly \$70 million in restitution, federal prosecutors said October 24. He pleaded guilty in San Jose federal court to one count of conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud. In pleading guilty, he admitted to “deceiving” investors who put money into his lending company, Monterey-based Cedar Funding, said the office of the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of California. He also agreed to pay \$69.8 million in restitution. Founded by the man in 1980, Cedar connected residential real estate developers seeking to borrow money, with individual investors who were willing to make such loans. A federal grand jury indicted the man and his co-defendant in September 2009. The co-defendant is a fugitive, and the real estate lender has been charged with 31 counts of conspiracy, mail, wire, and securities fraud, according to the U.S. attorney's office. In his plea agreement, the lender admitted that, from 2004 through 2008, more and more borrowers defaulted on loans funded by Cedar investors. The defaults piled up because of “market conditions and management and construction problems,” the U.S. attorney's office said. The lender and his loan servicing manager did not tell investors of “certain material facts” about the true condition of their investments. In particular, they failed to tell them that borrowers had defaulted, that the lender had taken over many of the loans, and that Cedar “had advanced substantial additional investor funds into those loans,” prosecutors said. The maximum penalty for one of the charges he originally faced is 20 years in prison and a fine of at least \$250,000, the U.S. attorney's office said.

Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/sanjose/news/2011/10/24/monetrey-man-to-pay-70m-on-fraud.html>

15. *October 24, Reuters* – (Texas) **Police arrest 24.** Police arrested a group of 24 Occupy Dallas protesters October 24 after they sat down and locked arms in front of a downtown Dallas bank and ignored requests to move, protest organizers said. The arrests outside Chase Bank were the first of protesters in the city since Occupy Dallas demonstrations against economic inequality began October 6. A statement from Occupy Dallas put the number of arrests at 24. Protesters were still being released the evening of October 24 from the Dallas County jail, where they were taken following the afternoon arrests. Police confirmed arrests had been made, and said one officer suffered a minor injury in the incident. A video on the Occupy Dallas Facebook page showed officers scuffling with demonstrators during the arrests. The protesters had lined up three rows deep in front of the bank entrance, sat down and locked arms. When they ignored requests from police to move, the arrests began, the statement said.

Source: <http://news.yahoo.com/police-arrest-24-occupy-protesters-outside-dallas-bank-030701537.html>

16. *October 24, Bloomberg* – (International) **Ex-McKinsey consultant's convictions on Iran embargo violations reversed.** A former McKinsey & Co. consultant's

convictions for violating the Iran trade embargo and running an unlicensed money-transfer business were thrown out on appeal October 24. A federal appeals court in New York reversed the man's June 2010 conviction on three counts that charged him with violating U.S. regulations barring trade with Iran and running an informal transfer business called a hawala. The court upheld his convictions on two counts of lying in response to a subpoena from the U.S. Treasury Department. The court said prosecutors may retry the man on two of the three overturned counts. The former consultant, who has been in U.S. custody since his arrest in January 2010, has served most of his 30-month sentence and is due to be released no later than March, according to the U.S. Bureau of Prisons Web site. The October 24 decision may affect the government's attempt to collect \$3.3 million in asset forfeitures it's seeking in connection with the overturned criminal charges. The former consultant used a system called a hawala, popular in the Middle East and South Asia, to transfer funds, according to the appeals court. A U.S. circuit judge, writing for a three-judge appeals panel, said the man's family transferred \$3.4 million to him from Iran. He received as many as 56 hawala transfers into his bank account from 44 people and companies over more than 3 years, the judge said. Defense lawyers claimed the former consultant did not violate the law because he got the money from his family and reported the funds to the U.S. government.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-10-24/ex-mckinsey-consultant-s-convictions-on-iran-embargo-violations-reversed.html>

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Transportation Sector

17. *October 24, WDSU 6 New Orleans* – (Louisiana) **Freight train derails in Jefferson.** A Union Pacific train partially derailed in Jefferson, Louisiana October 24, but officials with the company said no hazardous materials were released. The accident happened along Central Avenue shortly before 8 p.m. Officials said the more than 110-car train was headed east and had just crossed the Huey P. Long Bridge when one car jumped the tracks. Five others followed. Crews worked to separate the intact portion of the train from the derailed portion and hoped to clear much of the scene October 24. They hoped to remove the remaining cars — those that derailed — early October 25. Officials said part of Central Avenue may be closed between Airline Drive and Jefferson Highway as work continues.
Source: <http://www.wdsu.com/mostpopular/29576185/detail.html>
18. *October 24, Hartford Courant* – (Connecticut) **I-95 North reopens following explosion concerns.** I-95 North in New Haven, Connecticut, was reopened October 24 after being closed for several hours because a piece of burning equipment was in danger of exploding, police said. The incident happened around 7:20 a.m., a police spokesman said. The equipment, described as a cylinder, fell off a truck near exit 48. It was on fire and firefighters decided to let it burn, he said. Traffic was being diverted off exits 44 and 46, causing long traffic backups in the area. The highway was reopened by 10:30 a.m., and the state department of transportation reported that traffic was no longer experiencing delays in the area.

Source: http://articles.courant.com/2011-10-24/community/hc-95-closed-tanker-fire-1025-20111024_1_traffic-end-subscription-equipment

19. *October 24, Atlanta Journal-Constitution* – (National) **Buckhead man tries to open door during Delta flight.** A Delta Air Lines flight from Las Vegas was grounded October 23 when a man from the Buckhead area of Atlanta, returning home, tried to open the cabin door while in flight, officials said. The passenger, age 60, was charged with crimes aboard an aircraft and felony interfering with a flight crew, both federal offenses. Around 1:50 p.m., the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) was notified the passenger became disruptive on Flight 1702, a TSA spokesman said. About an hour into the flight, an FBI spokesman said the passenger, who was sitting in one of the emergency exit seats, tried to open the emergency latch to the door over the wing. The plane was at a cruising altitude of more than 30,000 feet when the incident occurred. Another passenger was seated several rows behind the aisle where he was seated, but could see a crowd gathered around him. "It seemed that he retreated, and the passengers backed off," she said. "But he made a second run for it, and a big group of guys tackled him." She said the passenger was on the ground for about 40 minutes as passengers subdued him and the plane returned to its departure point. A Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman said the emergency doors will not open while the cabin is pressurized in flight. The flight returned safely to McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas, where the passenger was arrested by the FBI. The plane took off again, arriving in Atlanta at 7:05 p.m.

Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/buckhead-man-tries-to-1209075.html>

20. *October 24, Wall Street Journal* – (National) **Regulators want tails checked on Boeing 757s.** U.S. regulators want airlines to check for hazardous corrosion on movable tail parts on hundreds of Boeing 757 jets that could result in pilots losing aircraft control. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) proposed October 24 a mandatory safety directive covering devices that control tail sections, called horizontal stabilizers, that help raise and lower the noses of more than 700 Boeing 757s flown by U.S. carriers. Eventually, the checks are expected to apply to hundreds of additional Boeing 757s operated by overseas airlines. A Boeing Co. spokeswoman said it supported the proposal, which builds on its nonbinding safety recommendations that carriers regularly inspect and lubricate the affected parts. She said that Boeing clarified those recommendations last year. The move comes nearly 11 years after a maintenance lapse helped cause a similar device to fail on the tail of an Alaska Airlines McDonnell Douglas MD-83 off the Southern California coast, rendering the plane uncontrollable and sending it into a dive that killed all 88 people aboard. Investigators eventually determined faulty aircraft design, slipshod maintenance, and inadequate federal oversight contributed to the high-profile accident. According to the FAA, part of the 757's horizontal stabilizer-control system is similar to a screw-style mechanism that failed on the Alaska jet, and may be subject to similar types of failures. Since that accident, Chicago-based Boeing's design reviews and safety analyses found "extensive corrosion" on one 757 that "could lead to loss of control of the horizontal stabilizer and consequent loss of control of the airplane," according to the FAA.

Source: <http://integritythatworks.wordpress.com/>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report

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Agriculture and Food Sector

21. *October 25, Clarksville Leaf Chronicle* – (Tennessee) **Chicken feed truck spills over on 149 in Montgomery County.** A tractor-trailer carrying chicken feed overturned on top of two cars in Montgomery County, Tennessee October 24. The driver who works for Equity Group in Albany, Kentucky, was turning right when his truck fell on the two cars. A Montgomery County Sheriff's spokesman said the driver of one of the cars was in critical but stable condition after she was finally extricated from the car about an hour and a half after the wreck. The driver of the other car suffered only minor injuries. More than 20 first responder vehicles were at the scene of the crash. Both cars were pinned up against the railing underneath the trailer on the south side of the road, which was completely shut down and covered by a large pile of chicken feed.

Source:

<http://www.theleafchronicle.com/article/20111025/NEWS01/110250359/Chicken-feed-truck-spills-over-149-Montgomery-County?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|FRONTPAGE>

22. *October 25, Food Safety News* – (Georgia; Florida) **Frozen egg product recalled for Salmonella.** A Georgia company is recalling five pound cartons of frozen egg product because they may be contaminated with Salmonella, Food Safety News reported October 25. American Egg Products said the recall was initiated as a result of a routine sampling by a private laboratory that revealed the finished product contained Salmonella. The company said it has ceased distribution and is working with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to identify the cause of the problem. American Egg Products Frozen Egg Product comes in 5-pound paper cartons. The recalled egg product was distributed in Georgia and Florida and sold to three distributors and/or further food manufacturers.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/10/frozen-egg-product-recalled-for-salmonella/>

23. *October 25, Food Safety News* – (California; Nevada; Arizona) **Bagged spinach recalled for Listeria.** The Fresh & Easy Neighborhood Market chain is recalling certain fresh bagged washed spinach sold early in October in its stores in California, Nevada, and Arizona because it may be contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes, Food Safety News reported October 25. A random sample test, conducted on behalf of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, found one bag of the spinach was confirmed to be positive for Listeria monocytogenes. The recalled spinach was sold in 12-ounce

plastic bags.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/10/bagged-spinach-recalled-for-listeria/>

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Water Sector

24. *October 25, myCentralJersey.com* – (New Jersey) **Residents urged to test wells after checks detect pollutants.** Two watershed associations have found water-borne contaminants in private wells in Hunterdon, Somerset, Morris, and Warren counties in New Jersey, myCentralJersey.com reported October 25. High water tables and local flooding after storms appear to be the causes. The Musconetcong Watershed Association distributed \$50 kits last week in 24 communities in Hunterdon, Morris, and Warren counties. The kits were collected October 24 and residents will receive the results soon. The Raritan Headwaters Association has a long history of testing wells in communities along the South Branch of the Raritan River, including Alexandria, Bethlehem, Clinton Township, Delaware Township, Franklin, Lebanon Township, Raritan Township, Readington, Tewksbury and Union Township in Hunterdon County, and Mount Olive in Morris County. The association's tests this fall revealed water-borne contaminants, especially coliform bacteria, usually from septic systems, are showing up in private wells.

Source:

<http://www.mycentraljersey.com/article/20111024/NJNEWS/310240027/Central-Jersey-residents-urged-to-test-wells-after-checks-detect-pollutants>

25. *October 25, Associated Press; Somerset Daily American* – (Pennsylvania) **W. Pa. authority attempts to gauge 'stolen' water.** A southwestern Pennsylvania water authority plans to install meters on some longer rural water lines in an attempt to catch customers they believe are stealing water. The Daily American of Somerset reported October 24 the Conemaugh Municipal Water Authority in Somerset Township, Pennsylvania, cannot account for 32 percent of the water it provided last month. Officials do not believe leaks can explain the loss. Instead, they are planning to pay \$600 each to install extra meters where customers have private water lines of 100 feet or more. Officials said farmers and other large landowners sometimes add extra taps to their outlying water lines to bypass the meters nearer their homes, enabling such customers to use water for free.

Source: <http://www.centredaily.com/2011/10/25/2962561/w-pa-authority-attempts-to-gauge.html>

26. *October 25, Associated Press* – (Mississippi) **1 in 7 NE Miss water systems cited for violations.** The Mississippi state health department found roughly one in seven northeast Mississippi water providers in violation of regulations in 2010, for everything from contamination to monitoring failures, according to the Associated Press, October 25. The Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal reported that 26 of the 182 providers were cited — 19 of them once, and seven two, three, or four times each. Some provide water

in more than one area; there are 215 water systems. The Lafayette Springs Water Association, North Lee County Water Association, and the town of Pittsboro each had four violations, according to the agency's annual Public Water System Compliance Report released in April.

Source: <http://picayuneitem.com/statenews/x1990851829/1-in-7-NE-Miss-water-systems-cited-for-violations>

27. *October 23, LoHud.com* – (New York) **Groundwater contamination found in Mirant Lovett site.** Contamination has been found beneath a coal ash pile at the former Lovett power plant along the Hudson River, LoHud.com reported October 23. The New York Department of Conservation (DEC) reported the findings in a letter sent to Mirant, currently known as GenOn, which owns the property where the generating station was located. The findings were based on a May 15, 2010, report prepared by HDR, an engineering firm, on behalf of Mirant Lovett LLC. The letter dated October 5 said a plume of groundwater contaminated with chemical elements such as sulfate, boron, selenium, and arsenic was seen south of the former coal storage pile area toward the Tilcon quarry. Soil contamination with toxic materials as well as petroleum-related contamination with groundwater also was found under the Tilcon mine dewatering system. A spokeswoman for the state agency, wrote in an e-mail that residents and their property would not be affected by the contamination flow path, adding the quarry's dewatering system and the Hudson River might potentially come in contact with the groundwater contamination. The DEC asked GenOn whether it would be willing to develop a remedial action plan to address the environmental issues.

Source: <http://www.lohud.com/article/20111023/NEWS03/110230359/Stony-Point-Mirant-contamination>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

28. *October 21, Medical News Today* – (International) **Unvaccinated people affected by largest measles outbreak in years, USA.** Medical News Today reported October 21 that the president of the Infectious Disease Society of America said 2011 has seen a considerable increase in reported measles cases in Canada and the United States, and that the vast majority of people who became ill were not vaccinated. One source of outbreaks has occurred through unvaccinated Americans traveling abroad to Europe or other parts of the world, and then coming back and infecting others whom are also unvaccinated. Infected foreign tourists coming into the United States are also a source of infection for unvaccinated Americans. The current measles outbreak is the largest in the United States for 16 years. So far this year, there have been 212 reported cases of measles, of which 68 have been admitted to hospitals; at least 12 had developed pneumonia, says the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. About 86 percent of infected individuals this year were unvaccinated. Some 27 cases involved infants less than 12 months old. In 47 percent of imported cases, a U.S. resident was returning from Europe. In some parts of Europe, vaccination rates are much lower than

in the United States, and there is a serious ongoing measles outbreak. Health authorities said prompt public health response efforts have stemmed the spread of the outbreak. Source: <http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/236401.php>

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Government Facilities Sector

29. *October 25, San Francisco Chronicle* – (California) **Police clear Occupy Oakland camps, arrest dozens.** Police in Oakland, California swept through Occupy Oakland's encampment in a plaza outside city hall and a second, smaller camp nearby early October 25, arresting 85 people who were protesting as part of a nationwide movement against economic inequality and corporate greed. City officials said they had been forced to clear the encampments because of sanitary and public safety concerns. Several hundred officers from at least 10 law enforcement agencies began making arrests shortly before 5 a.m. and removing tents and makeshift shelters at the Occupy Oakland protest at Frank Ogawa Plaza near 14th Street and Broadway. By 5:05 a.m., the bulk of the arrests had been completed, and arrestees were led away in plastic handcuffs. Most were arrested for unlawful assembly and illegal lodging, police said. At 6:15 a.m., police arrested at least six protesters at a smaller encampment at Snow Park at 19th and Harrison streets near Lake Merritt. Officers fired two or three nonlethal projectiles from a shotgun at protesters who lobbed bottles, cans and other objects, authorities said. One officer lobbed tear gas at the encampment. No injuries were reported. As the arrests unfolded, Bay Area Rapid Transit suspended service at the nearby 12th Street City Center Station. The station reopened at about 6:30 a.m. AC Transit also rerouted a number of buses around the protest, and parts of Broadway were closed to traffic. City officials asked downtown businesses to consider allowing their employees to "delay their arrival" October 25 to allow work crews to clean up the plaza. City employees were asked to come in later as well. Officials initially waived city laws that ban camping and allowed the occupation of the plaza. But since October 20, the city has issued a series of orders for protesters to vacate the area, citing concerns about fire hazards, sanitation issues, graffiti, drug use, and violence. Officials said protesters had plugged power cords into city utility poles and had denied access to emergency responders who needed to get into the plaza. The city was also alarmed by the activists' decision to try to police themselves with a volunteer security team. Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/10/25/BAUB1LLTC9.DTL&tsp=1>

30. *October 25, Seattle Times* – (Washington) **Bail at \$1 million for suspect in Snohomish High stabbings.** The 15-year-old girl accused of stabbing two fellow students at Snohomish High School in Snohomish, Washington, October 24 had planned since the weekend before, to attack someone, according to Snohomish County prosecutors. The girl was ordered held on probable cause for first-degree attempted murder, first-degree assault and second-degree assault during a juvenile court hearing October 25. She was being held in lieu of \$1 million bail. In an affidavit of probable cause that outlines the case against the Snohomish High sophomore, prosecutors said she has no previous arrests, but has an extensive history of mental illness. They allege

she planned since October 22 to attack someone, although the reason is unclear. "The suspect offered no reasonable explanation for her actions," a Snohomish detective wrote in the affidavit. The girl will face a hearing to determine whether she will be charged as an adult. According to the affidavit, the girl armed herself with an 8-inch butcher knife and a second knife before going to school October 24. She went into a girls' restroom and waited in a stall for others to leave before attacking a freshman girl around 7:25 a.m. During the attack, a second freshman girl came to the victim's defense and was also stabbed. The victims were stabbed near an auxiliary gym. Police and paramedics rushed to the school, where the attack prompted a 90-minute lockdown. The injured girls were taken to Providence Regional Medical Center Everett, where one was listed in serious condition October 25 after undergoing 6 hours of surgery for 20 to 25 stab wounds. According to the affidavit, her heart and lungs were pierced during the attack. The second victim suffered less severe injuries, and was treated and released.

Source:

http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2016597023_stabbing25m.html?prmid=head_main

31. *October 25, Associated Press* – (Oregon) **Workers to destroy chemical weapons in Northwest.** Workers at a Northwest chemical weapons depot in Oregon were expected to begin incinerating the last of the U.S. chemical weapons stored there, the Associated Press reported October 25. The federal government began storing conventional weapons and military supplies at northeast Oregon's Umatilla Chemical Depot in Umatilla 70 years ago. Chemical weapons were added to storage there in the 1960s. At one time, the depot held 12 percent of the original stockpile of U.S. chemical weapons. But workers October 25 will incinerate the last of it: a ton of mustard agent. Completion of the work in Oregon reduces the number of U.S. storage sites for the chemical weapons stockpile to just three sites. There once were nine sites.
Source:
http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2016600623_aporchemicalweapons.html
32. *October 25, Binghamton University Pipe Dream* – (New York) **Newing loses Internet, cable TV for 7 hours.** Newing College at Binghamton University in Binghamton, New York lost wireless Internet, cable TV, and fire alarms' connections to police and fire departments for 7 hours October 24 after a construction crew accidentally severed a fiber optic cable. Binghamton University sent out a Rave Alert text message and a B-Line e-mail to the student body at 10 a.m. about the communications outage. "A fiber optic cable was accidentally cut, leaving Newing College without functional phone, network or communications lines," the alert and post stated. A physical facilities spokeswoman correctly predicted Newing's communication lines would be operative by the end of the day. "[They] have to replace a conduit," she said, before the fix was made. "[The conduit] provides for phone lines, TV, card access, etc." She also said the construction company on site was overseeing the repairs. The B-Line alert said the university had started a fire watch in Newing due to the severing of fire alarms' connections to dispatchers. The repairs were completed by 5 p.m. October 24, with some exceptions in Bingham Hall.

Source: <http://www2.bupipedream.com/news/newing-loses-internet-cable-tv-for-7-hours-1.2664405#.TqbI-nL5OYI>

33. *October 24, Associated Press* – (North Carolina) **2 in custody in NC high school shooting.** Two teenagers were in custody in the shooting of a 15-year-old fellow student who was wounded in the neck during a lunch period outside her North Carolina high school, the Associated Press reported October 24. The two teenage suspects and the victim attend Cape Fear High School in Fayetteville, the Cumberland County sheriff said. Both suspects participated in the shooting and were being questioned, he said. The teenager who was shot was in stable condition after surgery. The sheriff said she was standing in a breezeway outside the school cafeteria when she was shot. The older suspect is scheduled to appear in court October 25, while the 15-year-old will go to juvenile court, a sheriff's office spokeswoman said. The sheriff said the two teens were apprehended with the help of surveillance video that showed them carrying the rifle inside the school. The suspects were either in the hallway with the door open or outside the breezeway where the victim was walking. While the high school has metal detectors, the sheriff said he did not know if they were used on a daily basis at the school.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5g9oHpgRNA0IysbvL2TBb9FYocYAQ?docId=cf6754d2b45f4d3d990e52fb07328d40>

34. *October 24, Louisville Courier-Journal* – (Kentucky) **Power restored to nine JCPS schools.** Power was restored shortly before 1 p.m. to nine Jefferson County, Kentucky Public Schools (JCPS) after it was cut October 24 so utility crews could fix a water main, according to a school district spokeswoman. The JCPS spokeswoman said the schools also lost phone service, but she said they were able to continue with the day, using light from windows.

Source: [http://www.courier-](http://www.courier-journal.com/article/20111024/NEWS01/310240045/1001/Power-shut-down-nine-JCPS-schools?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|Home|s)

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35. *October 24, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **150 firefighters called to battle UCLA lab blaze.** A fire in a laboratory at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Center for Health Sciences was extinguished October 24 after a 50-minute battle by nearly 150 firefighters, fire officials said. The fire was located on the fifth floor of the center's building, in a lab with hazardous materials. Although the fire has been doused, eastbound traffic on LeConte Avenue remained diverted the afternoon of October 24, UCLA said.

Source: [http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2011/10/fire-extinguished-at-ucla-](http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2011/10/fire-extinguished-at-ucla-laboratory.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+lanowblog+(L.A.+Now)&utm_content=Google+Reader)

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36. *October 24, Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel* – (Florida) **Computer outage knocks sheriff, courts, county government offline.** For most of the afternoon of October 24, thousands of Broward County, Florida, employees looking for information had to talk to each other rather than send e-mails or check official Web sites. A widespread

computer outage knocked the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO), the clerk of courts, and Broward County government offline. Deputies had to resort to talking into their hand radios to run tags. Broward County government supervisors could not send an e-mail to an employee to check on a file or project. Lawyers and the public could not get online to check the status of court dockets and cases. Web sites for libraries, parks, and every other type of county government function were down. The Broward communications director said, by telephone, that a power outage caused the blackout, which started around noon and lasted the rest of the afternoon. The clerk and county sites were back up before 5 p.m. BSO's site was up and running by 6 p.m.

Source: http://articles.sun-sentinel.com/2011-10-24/news/fl-computer-outage-broward-20111024_1_computer-outage-power-outage-offline

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Emergency Services Sector

37. *October 25, Marysville Appeal-Democrat* – (California) **OSHA: Calif. dept. didn't address MRSA at station.** A complaint has been filed against the Yuba City, California Fire Department, alleging MRSA outbreaks and other health violations have not been addressed at a fire station. The California Department of Occupational Safety and Health notified the fire department October 13 that it has until October 27 to provide a response. The complaint alleged among other things that: there has been four outbreaks of MRSA — an antibiotic resistant staph infection — at the Butte House Road Station in the last 16 months; a toilet drain in the living area plugged with fabric; insulation exposed in the living room; the septic system backed up 3 to 6 months ago with no official cleanup. A Yuba City firefighter, saying he feared retribution, spoke to the Marysville Appeal-Democrat on condition of anonymity. He said one of the greatest frustrations is firefighters are doing their jobs, but do not have a clean, safe station. The fire chief is preparing a response to the workplace safety agency, known as Cal/OSHA. He said the Butte House Road station, also known as Station 7, is in the middle of a major remodel, and all health and safety issues are being overseen with the help of an industrial hygienist.

Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/news/top-headlines/osha-calif-dept-didnt-address-mrsa-station>

38. *October 25, USA Today* – (National) **Down economy forces cuts, cripples police departments nationwide.** By year's end, nearly 12,000 police officers will have lost their jobs and 30,000 positions in county and municipal departments will go unfilled, both direct consequences of a faltering economy that has forced deep cuts in local government budgets. The sweeping reductions, outlined in a Justice Department review to be delivered October 25 to the nation's police chiefs meeting in Chicago, put law enforcement on pace for its first job decline in 25 years. This year, the FBI reported the number of violent crimes in the United States dropped 5.5 percent last year, compared with 2009, while property crimes declined by nearly 3 percent. All four categories of violent crime declined last year, as did all categories for property-related offenses,

including burglary.

Source: <http://www.officer.com/news/10441836/down-economy-forces-cuts-cripples-police-departments-nationwide>

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Information Technology Sector

39. *October 25, IDG News Service* – (International) **New DOS tool overloads SSL servers with ease.** A newly released denial-of-service (DOS) tool can be used to bring down SSL servers using an average laptop computer and a standard DSL connection, IDG News Service reported October 25. The hacking outfit known as THC decided to release the tool, called THC-SSL-DOS, now because it was leaked online a few months ago. Even without SSL renegotiation enabled, attackers can use THC-SSL-DOS successfully against servers. However, such attacks would require more than a single laptop.
Source: http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9221165/New_DOS_tool_overloads_SSL_servers_with_ease
40. *October 25, The Register* – (International) **Cryptoboffin: Secure boot a boon for spooks' spyware.** A leading computer scientist warned the latest so-called Trusted Computing proposals may restrict the market for anti-virus and security software and leave computers vulnerable to state-sponsored trojans, The Register reported October 25. The Cambridge University professor warned that the secure boot features in the Unified Extensible Firmware Interface (UEFI) firmware specification — understood to be required on certified Windows 8 machines — might even make it easier to smuggle state-sponsored trojans onto victims' machines. The secure boot system is designed to stop malware from being introduced into a computer's boot sequence — but without the secret cryptographic keys, the firmware will also block non-harmful code, such as non-Windows OSes and legit anti-virus software. Intelligence services could also compel Microsoft to include trojan keys in Windows and to issue them a UEFI key to falsely authenticate privacy-compromising trojans.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/10/25/secure_boot_criticism_reloaded/
41. *October 25, Softpedia* – (International) **Autocomplete feature leaves browsers vulnerable.** Since it is possible to get key up and key down events through JavaScript when a drop-down autocomplete menu is displayed, an ill-intended cybervillain can steal arbitrary values from a browser's autocomplete feature, Softpedia reported October 25. Researchers from Minded Security Labs believe most browsers are susceptible to the attack. The proof of concept, unfortunately, is easy to integrate in any Web game placed into a simple HTML page. By making a game in which the user has to press the up and down arrows on his keyboard, what seems to be a simple online app, turns out to be a highly effective data stealer. It can practically steal any information ever typed inside a browser, including account names, search words, and

more. In order to fix this issue, vendors should “tie the information a site asks via autocomplete inputs to the site itself.” Since so far they do not check the origin of the input tag, the Web application remains vulnerable to a malicious script.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Autocomplete-Feature-Leaves-Browsers-Vulnerable-229705.shtml>

42. *October 25, H Security* – (International) **MyBB downloads were infected.** In a blog posting, the MyBB development team confirmed the download package for version 1.6.4 of MyBB had been modified to include malicious code, H Security reported October 25. Unknown attackers were able to exploit a vulnerability in the MyBB Web site's content-management system to inject and execute PHP code. The attackers placed a contaminated version of MyBB, containing a backdoor, on the server. It is unclear exactly when the hack took place, meaning all downloads of 1.6.4 prior to October 6 could be affected. Users with MyBB systems are advised to check their installations and apply a patch.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/MyBB-downloads-were-infected-1366300.html>

43. *October 24, Network World* – (International) **New security flaws ID'd in BlackBerry 6 OS, Enterprise IM apps.** Research in Motion (RIM) announced October 24 a handful of recently discovered vulnerabilities in its BlackBerry 6 handheld OS and BES for IBM Lotus Notes and Microsoft Exchange. First, RIM reports that three newly discovered vulnerabilities in the BlackBerry 6 Webkit browser could allow a hacker to access and/or modify data stored within a BlackBerry 6 smartphone's internal storage, as well as on its external media card. RIM recommended updating BlackBerry 6 smartphones' OS to v6.0.0.522 to address the issue. Secondly, RIM reported a new BES flaw that could affect organizations that employ Microsoft's Office Communications Server (OCS) 2007 R2 and/or the Microsoft Lync Server 2010 BlackBerry IM Client with certain versions of RIM's BES for Lotus Notes and BES for Microsoft Exchange. The vulnerability could allow a user to log in as another user, enabling them to send and receive messages as that user and prevent the legitimate user from accessing the BlackBerry Collaboration Service. To address the issue, RIM released new security updates for BES in the form of a BES 5.0.3 maintenance release 4 (MR4) software update.

Source: http://www.networkworld.com/news/2011/102411-new-security-flaws-idd-in-252323.html?source=nww_rss

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Communications Sector

44. *October 25, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **Phones back on at W.Va.'s Yeager Airport after days of headaches.** The phones were back on at Charleston, West Virginia's Yeager Airport October 24. The airport lost telephone service starting October 21. Lumos Networks restored service by the evening of October 24. A Lumos spokesman told the Charleston Daily Mail the outage was a result of two incidents. A circuit failure that occurred October 21 was fixed by October 22. But another outage occurred the morning of October 24. The airport director called it "unacceptable", and said he is looking into the possibility of changing phone carriers. Phones were affected in the terminal, airport business offices, and the airport police department. The control tower and security and emergency offices never lost phone service.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/eb22abfe68df493983fa905ac4a2f877/WV--Airport-Phone-Service/>

45. *October 25, Jeffersonville News and Tribune* – (Indiana) **Police: Thieves cutting phone lines.** Thieves removed about 2,000 feet of telephone line in Floyd County, Indiana, in the last week, the Floyd County sheriff said October 24. Wires have been cut along Corydon Pike, Borden Road, Budd Road, and twice along Moser Knob Road. According to police, the thefts have cost AT&T about \$75,000. The sheriff said the thieves are likely stripping the rubber coating and selling the large-gauge copper. It is estimated the total street value of the stolen copper is \$1,500 to \$2,500. "It has caused an interruption of service for a lot of people," the sheriff said. The wires are possibly being cut with a saw where they stretch between poles, police said. While copper thefts have been a growing problem in recent years because of the price of precious metals, these thefts are rare. The sheriff said the only way the thieves could reach the wires is by using a bucket truck and/or utility worker equipment, such as a harness and boots with climbing spikes. Because the wire is so heavy, police believe more than one person is involved. Cutting the wires can also potentially be dangerous since other types of wires are often near telephone lines. The sheriff said AT&T contractors were out the week of October 24 replacing the wires.

Source: <http://newsandtribune.com/local/x717133437/Police-Thieves-cutting-phone-lines>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

46. *October 24, Charlotte Observer* – (North Carolina) **Report: 2 more bombs found in Gaston County.** Crews searching for explosive devices in the area where a bomb was discovered October 21 in Gaston County, North Carolina have found two more apparent bombs, WBTV 3 Charlotte reported October 24. The station had aerial video coverage of objects that appeared to be bombs, being placed in the back of a pick-up

truck. Crews from local and county police began searching in a wooded area near the town of Ranlo. A 500-pound bomb was discovered by a resident in a creek bed October 21. Authorities told reporters the device found was a World War II-era bomb. That would build the link between the discovery of the bombs and the presence of a factory in the Ranlo area that once produced bombs for the U.S. government at the end of World War II. Officials said the bombs were filled with concrete to help U.S. Navy pilots get used to the weight and see how deep they penetrated the ground when dropped.

Source: <http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2011/10/24/2718532/ranlo-police-searching-for-more.html>

47. *October 23, WBNG 12 Binghamton* – (New York) **Fire closes YMCA.** The West Family YMCA's membership director in Union, New York said the facility will be closed for about a week because of a fire that sparked October 22. Multiple emergency crews responded to the scene. The West Family YMCA was closed at the time and no one was inside the building. The Johnson City/Endicott Fire chief said the fire started in a storage room adjacent to the gymnasium and was contained to that area. The YMCA was flooded and closed for some time after floods in September. The facility had 20 inches of water during the floods. It had just recently reopened, and a new gym floor was put in October 21.

Source: <http://www.wbng.com/news/local/Fire-Closes-YMCA-132413683.html>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

48. *October 24, KGO 7 San Francisco* – (California) **Church bell stolen from St. Mary's Cathedral.** A historic bell was reported stolen from the garden at St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco October 23, police said October 24. The copper bell, which is about 4 feet tall, 5 feet wide, and weighs several thousand pounds, was reported stolen by the manager of the church, a police spokesman said. The bell was made in 1889 at a Baltimore foundry and shipped to San Francisco, where it survived the 1906 earthquake, as well as a fire that burned down the original St. Mary's Cathedral in the 1960s, the police spokesman said. Investigators are searching for surveillance video that may have captured the theft, and are looking into whether the stolen bell is connected to other recent copper theft cases, including one at a nearby intersection where more than \$25,000 in copper wiring was taken, the police official said. The church is offering a reward for the bell's return.

Source:

http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/local/san_francisco&id=8403690

49. *October 24, KCRG 9 Cedar Rapids* – (Iowa) **People's Church building demolished because of mold and structural problems.** Crews worked to tear down a church building in Cedar Rapids, Iowa that is more than 100 years old October 24. The People's Church dates back 140 years. The church was demolished because it had mold

and structural problems. The congregation moved to a new location in southwest Cedar Rapids the summer of 2010. The former People's Church is the first building in Cedar Rapids listed on the National Register of Historic Places to be demolished, without having been damaged by fire or natural disaster.

Source: <http://www.kcrg.com/news/local/Peoples-Church-Building-Demolished-Because-of-Mold-and-Structural-Problems-132501683.html>

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Dams Sector

50. *October 25, Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian* – (Illinois) **Corps of Engineers dedicates \$6.6 million to fix levee system at Cairo.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has allocated \$6.6 million to address seepage issues in the Cairo, Illinois levee that was almost lost during this spring's flooding, the Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian reported October 25. Construction of 28 relief wells for the seepage will begin sometime the week of October 24 and will cost \$1.2 million, a Corps spokesman said. During the flooding last spring, three holes were blasted in the Birds Point-New Madrid Floodway levee to relieve flood pressure in Missouri, Kentucky, and Illinois. The breaches were opened in part to protect Cairo, where the Mississippi and Ohio rivers were putting huge strain on the flood-protection system. To supplement the relief wells, the Corps has allocated \$5.4 million to build a slurry trench. The trenches are used to reinforce the wells and are filled with a thick suspension of solids in a liquid. Construction of the trenches will begin around November 1, the Corps said.
Source: <http://www.semissourian.com/story/1777210.html>
51. *October 25, CNN* – (International) **Thai flood causes dike breakage, threatening area village.** Residents of Thailand's Munag Ake village were urged to evacuate the area October 24, according to Thailand's flood relief operations center. The center's director said parts of a dike at Tambon Lak Hok, Muang District, Pathum Thani province broke and a mass of water flowed into the village. Flood waters were expected to reach almost 5 feet. The flooding in Thailand has already killed 356 people, with nearly 9 million others affected, authorities said.
Source: http://www.cnn.com/2011/10/25/world/asia/thailand-flood/index.html?hpt=hp_t2
52. *October 24, Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier* – (Iowa) **City tests downtown bladder dam.** The technology firm AECOM has installed and is inflating a bladder dam on an existing dam on the Cedar River in Waterloo, Iowa, the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier reported October 24. Due to low river flows, the process of raising the dam 2 feet started October 19 and was expected to end the weekend of October 29 and 30. The bladder has not been fully inflated yet because it would hamper contractors still working on other projects upstream, including trails, a riverfront amphitheater and a pump station by the National Cattle Congress grounds. The original contract to fix the dam called for the work to be completed by December 31, 2008. But engineers found additional work was necessary to anchor the existing dam, and record floods washed away coffer dams, which added to the project cost and resulted in change orders and

delays.

Source: http://wfcourier.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/city-tests-downtown-bladder-dam/article_6517f71e-40b4-584e-a78c-9a21927736f3.html

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