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- An alleged radical Islamist gunman was wounded and taken to a hospital after a 30-minute attack that involved firing a Kalashnikov assault rifle at the U.S. Embassy in Bosnia. – *Reuters* (See item [30](#))
- Several New York City police officers pleaded not guilty October 28 to corruption charges in a sweeping probe that began with an investigation into whether a Bronx officer had ties to a drug dealer. – *Associated Press* (See item [34](#))

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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 28, Reuters* – (Kentucky) **Two miners trapped in truck at Kentucky mine: officials.** Emergency workers were trying to rescue two miners trapped in a truck at a Centertown, Kentucky coal mine October 28, officials said. The two people were employed by a blasting crew and drove a truck near a high wall at the mine around 6:30 a.m., according to the director of the Ohio County Emergency Management Agency. When a rock fell, it trapped the men in the truck, he said. He said workers were trying to free them as of 9:45 a.m.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/10/28/us-kentucky-miners-trapped-idUSTRE79R3RO20111028>

2. *October 28, Coloradoan* – (Colorado) **About 26,000 without power in Northern Colorado; crews still working.** About 26,000 customers were still without power October 28 as crews worked to restore electricity after a crippling snowstorm sent trees falling and limbs flying onto power lines in Colorado. Xcel Energy said that 25,000 consumers, or about 12 percent of its customer base, remained without power October 27. However, the company said it expected to restore all service by the end of October 28. Some customers may have to call electricians to repair damaged equipment prior to Xcel reconnecting service, the company said on its Web site.

Source:

<http://www.coloradoan.com/article/20111028/UPDATES01/111028002/About-26-000-without-power-Northern-Colorado-crews-still-working?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|FRONTPAGE>

3. *October 28, Milford Patch* – (Massachusetts) **Milford gas station owner fined \$200k.** The owner of the Gibbs gas station in Milford, Massachusetts, agreed to pay \$200,000 October 27 to resolve a complaint he failed to notify authorities when 15,000 gallons of diesel fuel spilled from an underground tank. The owner will also pay for annual environmental audits at each of the filling stations he owns for the next 3 years. The owner is also required to maintain functioning tank-monitoring equipment, and secure training for himself and his employees in the proper operation of tank-monitoring equipment, as well as in spill prevention and reporting. The former Gibbs station, at 104 E. Main Street in Milford, has been closed for several years. “The operator’s failure to follow-up despite clear evidence of a leak allowed large amounts of diesel fuel into the environment and delayed the clean up,” said the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection commissioner. The state launched an investigation into the leak after an employee of the station called police in July 2008 to report “the theft” of thousands of gallons of diesel fuel from one of the station’s underground tanks. Investigation by the state environmental strike force determined the tank had spilled thousands of gallons of diesel fuel into the ground. Data on an automated monitoring system showed discrepancies that, under state regulations, should have been reported to the Milford Fire Department months earlier. By the time the leak was discovered, 8 gallons an hour had been slipping out between April and July 2008.

Source: <http://milford-ma.patch.com/articles/milford-gas-station-owner-fined-200k>

4. *October 28, KHOU 11 Houston* – (Texas) **Tanker truck fire causes fuel spill, power outage in Sugar Land.** An 18-wheeler caught fire October 27 into October 28, causing a diesel fuel spill and a power outage in Sugar Land, Texas, according to police. A tanker driver for the Texas Trans Eastern trucking company was traveling southbound on the Southwest Freeway around 11:30 p.m. when he said he heard a noise and pulled to the side of the road to investigate, a Sugar Land police spokesperson said. The driver discovered his back wheels were on fire. The flames spread quickly, destroying the truck and causing close to 10,000 gallons of diesel fuel to spill onto the ground. A large portion of the fuel also spilled over into the sewer system that runs under Highway 59.

The flames also spread to power lines above the truck, causing a few power outages. CenterPoint Energy quickly restored power to the affected areas. Portions of the freeway were shut down several hours until crews cleared charred debris and assured that the fuel that spilled into the sewer did not ignite.

Source: <http://www.khou.com/news/local/Big-rig-fire-causes-fuel-spill-power-outage-in-Sugar-Land-132774973.html>

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Chemical Industry Sector

5. *October 28, WCYB 5 Bristol* – (Tennessee) **Roads reopen in Johnson County after nitrogen spill.** Johnson County, Tennessee authorities had a busy morning on Bulldog Road near U.S. 421 and the North Carolina border after a tractor-trailer crashed and spilled liquid nitrogen around 5 a.m. October 28. The Tennessee Highway Patrol said a tanker hauling 4,500 gallons of liquid nitrogen crossed the center line and hit a tractor trailer. The liquid nitrogen spilled as well as 150 gallons of diesel fuel. A car trying to avoid the crash ran off of the road. Bulldog Road to the intersection of 421 and 321 in Watauga County, North Carolina, was closed for several hours and did not reopen until 10 a.m. One home near the crash was evacuated because the nitrogen was vaporizing and could cause respiratory problems.
Source: <http://www.wcyb.com/news/29611655/detail.html>
6. *October 27, WDAZ 8 Grand Forks* – (North Dakota) **3 injured in chemical reaction at north Grand Forks business.** Three workers were taken to Altru Hospital with injuries after a chemical reaction at a northern Grand Forks, North Dakota business October 27. A fire battalion chief said the extent of the workers' injuries was not known by the evening of October 27. The fire department and Altru Ambulance were called to Western Polymer at 2250 Mill Road at about 5 p.m. They were not completely cleared from the scene until about 8:45 p.m. Western Polymer is a supplier of potato starches to the paper industry. The fire battalion chief said a reaction occurred when different chemicals were being mixed. Chlorine gas apparently filled the air, but did not pose any serious threat to the public, he said. Two fire rigs, a haz-mat crew, 14 firefighters, and at least one Altru ambulance responded.
Source: http://www.wday.com/event/article/id/10989/publisher_ID/30/
7. *October 27, WSBT 22 South Bend* – (Indiana) **Explosives removed from Currant Road home, road back open.** A St. Joseph County, Indiana, road was closed most of the day October 27 so a bomb squad and haz-mat team could remove and dispose of dangerous explosives. That road is now back open. Police found a 65-year-old man dead in his backyard October 26. Police believe he used the explosives to end his life. Officers found 3,000 pounds of explosive material in his home in the 5500 block of Currant Road between Willow Creek Drive and Chippewa Street. People who live in the area had to evacuate at 8 a.m., when the bomb squad got back to work. Since police were dealing with explosive material, they wanted to remove everything from the home during the day to avoid any potential explosions. Police said the brother of the man told them his brother was a professional pyrotechnician. He built fireworks and put them on

display. Many neighbors said they heard what sounded like an explosion October 24. Police do not know when the man died. WSBT 22 South Bend was told those explosives in the home are very dangerous, but police believed the materials had been stabilized.

Source: <http://www.wsbt.com/news/wsbt-explosives-being-removed-from-currant-road-home-20111027,0,4595385.story>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

8. *October 28, Ottawa Citizen* – (International) **Chalk River reactor gets five more years.** The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission has renewed Atomic Energy of Canada's license to operate its Chalk River nuclear reactor in Ottawa. The decision was announced October 27 following public hearings. The license was renewed for a 5-year period, commencing November 1 and running until 2016. The decision allows Atomic Energy to continue producing medical isotopes at its National Research Universal (NRU) reactor, which is the world's oldest operating reactor and has for decades produced much of the world's medical isotopes to treat cancer patients. The reactor was shut down in May 2009 for 15 months after it began leaking heavy water, resulting in a shortage of isotopes that forced hospitals and doctors around the world to seek alternative supplies. It was restarted in August 2010.

Source:

<http://www.ottawacitizen.com/health/Chalk+River+reactor+gets+five+more+years/5619899/story.html>

9. *October 27, United Press International* – (Arizona) **Grand Canyon uranium mining ban proposed.** The U.S. Bureau of Land Management has recommended a 20-year ban on new uranium mining claims on federal land near the Grand Canyon in Arizona. Published October 27, the recommendation would allow mining to continue on any existing claim in the region, but would stop all new claims on more than 1 million acres of federal land, Cronkite News reported. While the bureau said the ban is necessary so it can study the impact of uranium mining bids on the Grand Canyon watershed, opponents denounced it, saying it was based on politics. "There is nothing in the draft that would support the withdrawal," said a representative of the Northern Arizona Uranium Project, a uranium exploration company. Supporters called the ban a benefit for Arizona and its residents. A raw-mining ban would reduce the possibility of contamination of ground and surface water, which would benefit agriculture and the general public, the owner of the High Castle Ranch in Wilhoit said. The recommendation is subject to a 30-day public comment period after which the U.S. Interior Secretary will make a final decision.

Source: http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2011/10/27/Grand-Canyon-uranium-mining-ban-proposed/UPI-66401319733177/

10. *October 27, Durango Herald* – (Colorado) **EPA approves uranium mill pond near Naturita.** A proposed Paradox Valley, Colorado, uranium mill cleared another hurdle October 27, winning government approval to build 40 acres of wastewater ponds. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency granted the approval to Energy Fuels Resources Corp., which has plans to build the country's first uranium mill in decades near Naturita. Energy Fuels already has gotten a permit to build the mill from the state health department, but opponents have sued to overturn that license. The EPA approval gives Energy Fuels permission to build a 30.5-acre tailings cell, and up to 40 acres of evaporation ponds. The mill will extract uranium from ore by grinding the rock and mixing it with water. Acid extracts the uranium and vanadium, and the waste rock and water is pumped into a tailings cell. Water that can't be recycled from the tailings cell is pumped into the evaporation pond, according to the EPA.
Source: <http://durangoherald.com/article/20111028/NEWS01/710289952/-1/s>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

11. *October 27, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **Hand Trucks recalled by Harper Trucks due to injury hazard.** The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), in cooperation with Harper Trucks Inc., of Wichita, Kansas, announced October 27 a voluntary recall of about 292,000 hand trucks. When the tires are overinflated they can explode causing the wheel hub to separate or break, ejecting pieces of the hub. This poses an injury hazard to bystanders. Harper Trucks has received 19 reports of overinflated tires exploding that resulted in 19 injuries, including broken bones, loss of sight in one eye, contusions, and lacerations. "Harper Truck" and the model number can be found on an adhesive sticker on the hand truck frame's cross member. Hand trucks with two-piece, gray metal wheels are not included in this recall. The recalled models include, K52K16 P Handle 1-piece, composite; JEDTK1935P Dual Hand/Platform Truck (Convertible) 3-piece, four bolt, metal/chrome plated; 51TK19 Dual Handles 3-piece, four bolt, metal/chrome plated; BKTAK19 P Handle 3-piece, four bolt, metal/chrome plated; and PGCSK19BLK Dual Hand 3-piece, four bolt, metal/chrome plated. The Hand Trucks were sold at the Home Depot from September 2008 through March 2009, and Sam's Club from January 1993 through January 2002 for between \$28 and \$42. Consumers should stop using the product immediately and contact Harper for a free repair kit that includes either lock washers to secure the four bolts on the 3-piece, metal/chrome plated wheels, or new design replacement tires for the 1-piece composite tires.
Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml12/12025.html?tab=recalls>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

12. *October 27, Associated Press* – (Montana) **No insurance coverage for Butte building destroyed by test rocket explosion.** A rocket test facility near Butte, Montana that was destroyed when a rocket exploded in January was not covered by insurance. The

Montana Aerospace Development Association (MADA) director said insurance purchased by the MADA, and another policy purchased by the company that conducted the test did not include coverage of the \$168,000 steel-sided test enclosure. The Montana Standard reports Silver Bow County built the enclosure and leased it from the MADA. The director said he was surprised by the insurance companies' decision not to cover the damage caused by test conducted by the Space Propulsion Group. The group was testing a rocket that used paraffin and liquid oxygen as propellants. He said the MADA will pay to build another test facility and use revenue from leasing it to pay for the destroyed building.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/0917f36cfa56456883fd8a4bd0b6c6f2/MT--Rocket-Test-Explosion/>

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Banking and Finance Sector

13. *October 27, St. Paul Pioneer-Press* – (Minnesota) **Former Centennial mortgage exec pleads guilty to bank fraud.** Appearing in Minneapolis before a U.S. district judge, a chief financial officer at Centennial Mortgage and Funding Inc. pleaded guilty October 27 to federal bank fraud charges, admitting to "material misrepresentations" to mortgage lenders that led to losses of between \$7 million and \$20 million. His corporate position involved deciding what lender funds could be used for. Centennial lined up "double funding" for clients' mortgage loans but did not tell its lenders about the extra cash generated in the transactions. He concealed information from the lenders, as did others at Centennial, he said. Others working at the mortgage firm concealed loan defaults from lenders. No one else has been charged in the case. The convict also admitted he participated in a check-kiting scheme — in which one checking account was falsely inflated with funds from another account to keep checks from bouncing. Source: http://www.twincities.com/ci_19207085
14. *October 27, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (New Jersey) **Leader of \$200 million real estate investment scam charged in 45-count indictment with fraud and money laundering.** A New Jersey U.S. attorney announced a man was indicted October 27 by a federal grand jury in Newark on charges alleging he ran an investment fraud scheme that caused losses of at least \$200 million. According to the indictment and other documents filed in federal court, from June 2004 through August 2011, the defendant, with the help of others, orchestrated a real estate investment fraud scheme that induced victims to invest after making various types of materially false and misleading statements and omissions. For example, they represented to victims they had inside access to certain real estate opportunities that allowed the defendant to buy particular properties at below-market prices. They told victims their money would be used to purchase a specific property, and the property would be quickly resold — or "flipped" — to a third-party purchaser lined up by the defendant. Victims were also told their money would be held in escrow until closing of a purported real estate transaction. The group produced various fake documents, including "show checks," which led victims to believe the group represented investments in specific transactions but were never

deposited; forged checks, which had actually been negotiated for small amounts, but were altered to appear worth millions; operating agreements, which showed victims had ownership interests in specific properties they did not; and various kinds of forged legal documents, including leases, mortgages, and deeds. The group initially targeted victims from the Orthodox Jewish community, to which the defendant belonged, exploiting his standing in and knowledge of the customs and practices of the community to further the scheme. The 45-count indictment charges the defendant with one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud, 29 counts of wire fraud, two counts of wire fraud while on pretrial release, one count of bank fraud, and 12 counts of money laundering.

Source: <http://www.fbi.gov/newark/press-releases/2011/leader-of-200-million-real-estate-investment-scam-charged-in-45-count-indictment-with-fraud-and-money-laundering>

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Transportation Sector

15. *October 28, KPTV 12 Portland* – (Oregon; Guam) **Man accused of sneaking 500 rounds of ammo through PDX in carry-on.** A Gresham, Oregon man is accused of sneaking 500 rounds of ammunition in his carry-on bag onto a Continental Airlines flight leaving Portland International Airport, according to court documents. The bullets were not discovered until the passenger tried to board another flight at the Guam International Airport October 24, as first reported by KUAM News. The passenger, who holds a passport from the Federated States of Micronesia, wrapped the boxes of bullets in tape so Transportation Security Administration (TSA) agents would not detect them, according to court documents. It is not believed the passenger intended to cause harm, according to an FBI spokesman. The passenger indicated to agents the .22 caliber bullets were not available for retail sale in Chuuk, his final destination in the Federated States of Micronesia. The passenger faces a charge of delivery of ammunition to a common carrier without notification. Under TSA regulations, ammunition is not allowed in carry-on luggage. Some airlines may allow ammunition in checked bags.

Source: <http://www.kptv.com/story/15896735/man-66-accused-of-sneaking-500-bullets-through-pdx-in-carry>

16. *October 28, Associated Press* – (Indiana) **7 dead after truck slams into minivan in Ind.** Seven people in a minivan full of relatives were killed when their vehicle hit a deer on an Indiana highway and slowed down or stopped just before a semitrailer slammed into them from behind, state police said October 28. None of the minivan's 10 occupants were wearing seatbelts when the crash happened October 27 on the Indiana Toll Road about 10 miles east of South Bend, a state police spokesman said. An infant who was in a car seat but not been buckled in was among those killed, he said. Two of the minivan's three injured occupants — a man and a woman — were taken by helicopter for treatment and were in critical condition October 28. Another man was in stable condition, the spokesman said. The semitrailer was going about 65 mph when it hit the van in the highway's eastbound lanes shortly after the van struck a deer about 8

p.m., he said. Both vehicles ended up in the center median, blocking traffic in both directions for several hours. Preliminary tests indicated the trucker had not been drinking alcohol, he said. The trucker was released from a hospital after treatment for minor injuries. He said the trucker did not face any charges at this time.

Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/story/2011-10-28/indiana-crash/50973332/1>

17. *October 28, Washington Post* – (Maryland) **Nails scatter on I-270 North, close lanes overnight.** Traffic was flowing again on I-270 North in Maryland October 28, several hours after a nail and screw spill wreaked havoc on the roadway. According to Maryland State Police, a truck was traveling north on I-270 near Exit 11 around 1:21 a.m. October 28 when it lost part of its load. Several boxes of nails and screws fell out and spilled across the highway, prompting the closure of all but the high-occupancy vehicle lane well into the early morning. Crews from the Maryland State Highway Administration cleared the area of debris. All lanes of northbound I-270 have since reopened.
Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/post_now/post/nails-scatter-on-i-270-north-close-lanes-overnight/2011/10/28/gIQA9PMFPM_blog.html
18. *October 28, Newsmax* – (Pennsylvania) **Abandoned backpack triggers Pa. airport scare.** A backpack left behind with a book about the history of the atomic bomb shut down Pittsburgh International Airport in Pittsburgh for several hours late October 26, according to the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review. A Port Authority of Allegheny County spokesman said a traveler who took a shuttle bus from the airport to the Oakland section of Pittsburgh left his backpack behind. After the bus came back to the airport with the bag in it, someone who looked inside saw the book about atomic bombs. Several agencies came to the airport to investigate, including the FBI, the Allegheny County bomb squad, and Port Authority, and county police. The airport's security checkpoints and a shuttle train were also shut down as a precaution, a facility spokesman said. The incident started at about 10:30 p.m. and lasted through midnight into October 27. There were no departing passengers at the airport at the time, but inbound passengers had to be bused to another terminal. The backpack's owner, meanwhile, realized he had left his bag behind and flagged down another bus, eventually speaking with authorities.
Source: <http://www.newsmax.com/TheWire/airport-scare-backpack/2011/10/28/id/416012>
19. *October 27, Cherry Hill Courier-Post* – (New Jersey; National) **FAA inspector admits passing unauthorized flight tests at Burlington County airport.** A Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) safety inspector admitted in federal court in Camden, New Jersey October 27 to passing hundreds of pilots in unauthorized flight tests at a Burlington County airport in exchange for tens of thousands of dollars in "tips." The inspector pleaded guilty to one count of receiving illegal gratuities by a public official, according to the U.S. attorney's office. Federal authorities said the inspector, who was a safety inspector with the FAA assigned to the Teterboro Flight Standards District in Saddle Brook, spent hundreds of hours during his days off taking pilots out on flight checks at Cave Flight School at the Flying W Airport in Medford. The flight tests,

which were performed outside the purview of the FAA, ranged from private pilot tests to airline transport pilot certificate tests. Authorities said the inspector admitted these tests from May 2004 through February 2011 nearly always resulted in pilots passing and receiving FAA certification. In exchange for the tests, the pilots ordinarily gave him \$300. He faces up to 2 years in prison and a maximum fine of \$250,000, or twice the amount of payments he received, authorities said. He is scheduled to be sentenced February 2.

Source: <http://www.courierpostonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2011111027030>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report

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Agriculture and Food Sector

20. *October 28, Food Safety News* – (National) **Allergy alert: Undeclared wheat in ice cream mix up.** Iowa's Wells Enterprises is recalling a limited number of packages of its 5.5 fluid ounce Blue Bunny Personal's ice cream because they were mispackaged and contain undeclared wheat, Food Safety News reported October 28. In its recall announcement, the company said the lids on a limited number of packages describe the product as Blue Bunny Super Chunky Cookie Dough ice cream, while the carton portion of the package describes the product as Blue Bunny Peanut Butter Panic ice cream. However, the product inside the carton is Super Chunky Cookie Dough. The ingredient statement on the carton does not declare wheat, which is an ingredient in the Super Chunky Cookie Dough ice cream. Wells Enterprises became aware of the packaging error after receiving a report from a store that the lid and cup were for different products. The recalled ice cream was shipped to Kansas, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Iowa, Oklahoma, Nebraska, North Dakota, Tennessee, Florida, Wisconsin, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Massachusetts, and Texas.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/10/allergy-alert-wheat-in-ice-cream/>

21. *October 28, Food Safety News* – (National) **Wave of mysterious E. coli outbreaks hits U.S.** In September and October, the Listeria outbreak linked to Colorado cantaloupes has grabbed headlines as the numbers of sicknesses and deaths push higher, Food Safety News reported October 28. But a series of E. coli O157:H7 outbreaks have been piling up under the radar, and health officials have been unable to identify what is causing them. At least four separate E. coli outbreaks have arisen in four different states within a month's time. As of October 27, none of them had been traced back to a source, making it impossible for authorities to warn customers about what foods or locations to avoid to protect themselves. Many cases involved in these epidemics have been severe. In total, they have caused at least 50 illnesses and 1 death

in the affected states, which include: Michigan, Missouri, North Carolina, and Wisconsin.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/10/wave-of-mysterious-e-coli-outbreaks-hits-us/>

22. *October 28, Food Safety News* – (Texas) **Allergy alert: Ponchatrain sauce mix.** A Texas company is recalling the Ponchatrain Sauce Mix it sold in its local retail store because the product may contain undeclared milk and soy, Food Safety News reported October 28. Emporium Packaging & Spice Co. said an oversight led to the sauce mix being distributed in packaging that did not list milk and soy as ingredients. The sauce mix was distributed in Temple, Texas through the firm's retail store.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/10/allergy-alert-ponchatrain-sauce-mix/>
23. *October 28, Food Safety News* – (National) **Sauces recalled due to misbranding.** An Oklahoma company is recalling about 8,888 pounds of frozen meat and poultry pie products distributed to restaurants, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced October 27, because the sauces are misbranded and contain sodium benzoate, a food preservative, which does not appear on package labels and is not approved for use as an added ingredient in meat and poultry products. Original Fried Pies was informed of the problem during routine FSIS verification. The products were produced between April 27 and October 27, and distributed for use in restaurants in Arkansas, Colorado, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/10/sauces-recalled-due-to-misbranding/>
24. *October 28, Japan Times* – (International) **Panel lowers limit of radiation in food.** Japan's health minister announced October 28 the government would lower the allowable amount of radiation in food products from 5 millisieverts per year to 1, but some experts were puzzled. Permanent limits for categories of food would be set based on recommendations submitted October 27 by the government's food panel. The current limit of 500 becquerels per kilogram of radiation for meat, fish and vegetables was also expected to be lowered by about one-fifth in April. Citing findings from various studies, the food safety panel concluded a cumulative dose of 100 millisieverts or more throughout one's lifetime poses significant health risks. But experts question the focus solely on internal exposure from food and drink, while ignoring external exposure from radioactive materials, such as fallout on the ground, roofs, and in ditches. Any guideline on exposure on radiation should consider the total exposure, including radiation in the environment said one radiology expert. According to the International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP), a cumulative dose of 100 millisieverts increases the risk of dying from cancer by 0.5 percent. An organization of scientists, the ICRP's recommendations serve as the basis for radiation regulations of many developed countries, including Japan. The current limits for food and drink were set on a provisional basis soon after the nuclear crisis broke out in March at the Fukushima nuclear plant. In July, the same panel proposed in a preparatory report that 100 millisieverts be the combined limit of both internal and external exposure. Members of the panel, consisting of independent experts, asserted fallout across eastern parts of the country from the March meltdowns at the Fukushima No. 1 plant did not

dramatically increase the risk from external exposure.

Source: <http://www.japantimes.co.jp/text/nn20111028x1.html>

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Water Sector

25. *October 27, WIVB 4 Buffalo* – (New York) **Water main woes lead to boil advisory.** Two water line breaks at Brook Gardens mobile home park in New York left residents without running water for days, WIVB 4 Buffalo reported October 27. At last check with the Erie County Health Department, the water line break was fixed at the Brook Gardens mobile home park, but crews were flushing and disinfecting the system, resulting in a boil water advisory in effect for residents. The Town of Hamburg code enforcement officer said the work was turned over to a private contractor. According to a health department spokesperson, at least two clear water samples are needed before the boil water advisory is lifted.

Source: <http://www.wivb.com/dpp/news/erie/Water-main-woes-lead-to-boil-advisory>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

26. *October 27, WBBH 2 Fort Myers* – (Florida) **Man attempts to rob pharmacy with 'bomb'.** Charlotte County, Florida, deputies were trying to identify a man who attempted to rob a pharmacy by saying someone had forced him to commit the robbery and he had a bomb strapped to his body, according to reports. The man went into a pharmacy around midnight October 26 and handed the clerk a note demanding Oxycontin, Roxicodone, Xanax, and several other drugs. The man left the store without any of the drugs.

Source: <http://www.nbc-2.com/story/15891401/2011/10/27/man-attempts-to-rob-pharmacy-with-bomb>

27. *October 26, Marlboro Patch* – (New Jersey) **Marlboro medical evacuated due to strong odor.** A strong odor due to muriatic acid used by a contractor to clean caused an evacuation of Marlboro Medical Center in Marlboro, New Jersey, October 26. A police captain said Monmouth County Hazmat, the Marlboro Office of Emergency Management, and Morganville First Aid responded. Six people reported feeling ill and were treated by first aid on the scene, no patients were transported to the hospital.

Source: <http://marlboro.patch.com/articles/marlboro-medical-evacuated-due-to-strong-odor>

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Government Facilities Sector

28. *October 28, Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* – (Texas) **Texas Tech building evacuated after second explosion in two weeks.** The second chemical explosion in 2 weeks at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas, prompted campus officials to evacuate an engineering building October 27. Nobody was injured or contaminated after what the Tech spokesman called a small explosion in a laboratory in the engineering and technology lab. He said nobody was in the lab when nitric acid and an unknown waste product combined to produce the explosion. A student responding to the noise opened the lab's door and recognized the smell of nitric acid, he said. About six people were in the building during the explosion.
Source: <http://lubbockonline.com/local-news/2011-10-27/texas-tech-building-evacuated-after-second-explosion-two-weeks#.TqqrYHJXEa9>

29. *October 28, WKBW 7 Buffalo* – (New York) **Tuberculosis scare at Buffalo school.** One person tested positive for Tuberculosis at BUILD Academy Buffalo School # 91 in Buffalo, New York, WKBW 7 Buffalo reported October 28. Now, the district and the Erie County Health Department are taking action. The school and health department sent home letters with the children informing parents about the disease. They have also tested about 50 children. Health officials said testing positive does not mean the disease is active or contagious, but they are offering people chest x-rays, complete physicals, and antibiotics. Health officials warn that even if people test negative they are not in the clear. It could take up to 10 weeks for someone who may have been exposed to develop a positive test. Officials do not want parents to panic because the disease is not as easily transmitted as people think. The school is being disinfected to prevent more children from being exposed to the air-borne illness.
Source: <http://www.wkbw.com/home/build-132769233.html>

30. *October 28, Reuters* – (International) **Gunman fires at U.S. embassy in Bosnia.** A gunman fired on the U.S. Embassy in Bosnia October 28 in a 30-minute assault blamed by state television on a radical Islamist from neighboring Serbia, Reuters reported. The gunman was wounded by a police sniper during the attack in Sarajevo's busy downtown, in which a police officer was seriously wounded and shop workers scrambled for cover. Bosnian television identified the man who was carrying a Kalashnikov assault rifle, as a Serbian citizen. It said he had been visiting a community of hardline Islamists in northern Bosnia. The Muslim member of Bosnia's tripartite presidency, condemned the attack, saying the United States was a "proven friend" of Bosnia. A police spokesman said the gunman had been taken to a hospital for treatment, but that his injuries were not life-threatening. Embassy officials said the building had gone into "lockdown" during the assault, and no one in the embassy had been hurt. The police spokesman said one police officer was seriously wounded. He said police believed the gunman had acted alone, but that the investigation would reveal more.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/10/28/us-bosnia-usa-embassy-idUSTRE79R3E920111028>

31. *October 28, WHNS 21 Greenville* – (South Carolina) **Number of students sickened by shigella increases.** The number of students and staff sickened by a bacterial outbreak at an Anderson County, South Carolina, school has increased, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) said October 27. The DHEC said 80 students, teachers, and other staff were absent at Honea Path Elementary School because of an infection by the shigella bacteria. Symptoms of shigellosis, an intestinal disease, include diarrhea, fever, and abdominal cramps, according to the Mayo Clinic. Officials said students are now on fall break, which will allow them time to disinfect the school.
Source: <http://www.foxcarolina.com/story/15898196/number-of-students-sickened-by-shigella-increases>
32. *October 28, Washington, D.C. Daily Caller* – (District of Columbia) **Federal gov. website ‘glitch’ compromised college students’ social security numbers.** Private financial information belonging to as many as 5,000 college students was open for viewing on a federal government student loan Web site in recent weeks, according to a senior U.S. Department of Education (ED) staff member, the Daily Caller reported October 28. The Chief Operation Officer of Federal Student Aid at the ED, said during a congressional hearing October 18 that a “computer glitch” during the month of October allowed users who logged in to the Web site to see other students’ information including Social Security numbers instead of their own. The Web site, he said, was affected for about 6 or 7 minutes. The ED, she added, shut down the site for 48 hours, and immediately notified students who might have been impacted.
Source: <http://dailycaller.com/2011/10/25/federal-gov-website-glitch-compromised-college-students-social-security-numbers/>
33. *October 27, Associated Press* – (Oregon) **Feds say Ore. man found with gun, sniper book at football game had made threats in high school.** An Oregon man facing charges that he had a loaded pistol at a high school after a football game had written a note on a desk when he was in high school saying he wanted to kill as many teachers and students as he could, according to federal court documents filed October 27. The 1999 note was cited in documents filed in federal court by the prosecutors. “The defendant’s father stated that he believed his son needed mental help and counseling, and that he had concerns about the paraphernalia that he was collecting and reading,” prosecutors wrote. “Defendant has a history of threatening behavior and this most recent case is an escalation and is most concerning for public safety.” Court documents said police provided a report about contacting the suspect in January 1999 after he admitted writing a note on a classroom desk that read, “I want to take a gun to school and blow away the faculty. When I am done with that, I’ll systematically kill every student I can.”
Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/feds-say-ore-man-found-with-gun-sniper-book-at-football-game-had-made-threats-in-high-school/2011/10/27/gIQAXgGXNM_story.html

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Emergency Services Sector

34. *October 28, Associated Press* – (New York) **NYC officers plead not guilty in corruption probe after lengthy ticket-fixing investigation.** New York City police officers pleaded not guilty October 28 to a range of corruption charges in a sweeping probe touched off by an investigation into whether a Bronx officer had ties to a drug dealer. In total, 16 officers were arraigned. The halls were swarmed with people, and hundreds of officers carrying signs stood outside the courthouse and applauded as the accused officers walked through. The Bronx officer pleaded not guilty to drug and other charges. An internal affairs lieutenant pleaded not guilty to charges she leaked information to union officials about the probe. The rest of the officers pleaded not guilty to charges including official misconduct and obstructing governmental authority after prosecutors said they abused their authority by helping family and friends avoid paying traffic tickets. The case evolved from a 2009 internal affairs probe of the Bronx officer, who owned a barber shop and was suspected of allowing a friend to deal drugs out of it. Prosecutors said he also transported drugs in uniform. While listening to his phone, investigators caught calls from people seeing if he could fix tickets for them. The conversations led to more wiretaps that produced evidence of additional officers having similar conversations. Many of those arrested include high level members of the union, the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, the department's most powerful with 22,000 members. In terms of the number of officers facing criminal or internal administrative charges, the probe represents the largest crackdown on police accused of misconduct in recent memory. Dozens of other officers may face internal charges.
Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/nypd-corruption-indictments-against-16-officers-to-be-unsealed-in-lengthy-ticket-fixing-probe/2011/10/28/gIQAdhOKOM_story.html
35. *October 27, WTAE 4 Pittsburgh* – (Pennsylvania) **10 sent to hospital, decontaminated after hazmat situation.** An elderly woman and nine emergency workers who responded a haz-mat incident in Bellevue, Pennsylvania, were taken to Allegheny General Hospital October 27 after being sickened. The exact cause of the haz-mat situation is under investigation, but emergency responders said an odor was coming from inside the home of the 97-year-old, who was having problems breathing. When crews arrived, they had to force their way inside, but as soon as they opened the door, they were overcome by the odor. The home was ventilated, and county officials said nothing dangerous was found inside.
Source: <http://www.wtae.com/r/29602783/detail.html>
36. *October 27, CNET* – (International) **Hackers target Oakland police after Occupy protest.** As Occupy Wall Street protesters continued to rally in Oakland, California, hackers October 27 targeted the Web site for the city's police department and offered a \$1,000 reward for information on police action that appears to have left a protester injured. Contact information, schedules, badge numbers, and other information about Oakland Police Department (OPD) officers was posted to a public Pastebin page. Meanwhile, the department's Web site also was down temporarily the morning of October 27, according to SC Magazine. "The time has come to retaliate against Oakland police via all non-violent means, beginning with doxing (releasing of documents and

data) of individual officers and particularly higher-ups involved in the department's conduct of late," a statement on the Pastebin page said. Asked for comment, an OPD spokeswoman told CNET the department was looking into the matter.

Source: http://news.cnet.com/8301-1009_3-20126760-83/hackers-target-oakland-police-after-occupy-protest/

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Information Technology Sector

37. *October 28, V3.co.uk* – (International) **Apple fixes security flaws in Windows version of QuickTime.** Apple is advising Windows users to update their systems following the release of a patch for the QuickTime media player tool. The company said in a security advisory that QuickTime 7.7.1 addresses 12 vulnerabilities in the Windows version of the platform, but does not affect Mac OS X users. Ten of the flaws could be targeted by way of a maliciously crafted PICT or FlashPix movie file to cause an application crash and allow remote code execution. The update also fixes a cross-site scripting flaw that could allow an attacker to insert code into an HTML file, and a vulnerability which could allow an attacker to view a user's memory contents by way of malformed movie file. Apple urged Windows users to install the 7.7.1 update, which can be obtained through the Apple Software Update utility or manually downloaded from the Apple support site. The update supports Windows versions from XP to Windows 7.
Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2120703/apple-fixes-security-flaws-windows-version-quicktime>
38. *October 28, Help Net Security* – (International) **Facebook spammers trick users into sharing anti-CSRF tokens.** Symantec researchers have spotted a new Facebook spamming technique they expect to be used a lot in the near future. Scammers make the victim's account post messages by executing a Cross-site Request Forgery (CSFR) attack after the victim has been tricked into sharing her anti-CSRF token generated by Facebook. Once they have the anti-CSRF token, the crooks can generate a valid CSRF token, which allows them to re-use an already authenticated session to the Web site to post the offending message unbeknownst to the user. The attack begins with a typical message inviting users to see an "amazing video" or similar content. A click on the link takes the user to a fake YouTube page, and when he wants to see the video, a window pops up telling him he must pass the "Youtube Security Verification". When he clicks on the Generate Code link, a request is sent to 0.facebook.com/ajax/dtsg(dot)php, which returns JavaScript code containing the session's anti-CSRF token in a separate window. After the user has copied and pasted the generated code into the empty field and pressed the "Confirm" button, he has sent the code to the attacker who extracts the anti-CSRF token, creates a CSRF token and inserts his own piece of code that executes the CSRF attack and posts the malicious message and link on the user's Facebook Wall.
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=11857>

39. *October 27, IDG News Service* – (International) **Researcher finds major flaw in Facebook.** A security penetration tester discovered a major flaw in Facebook that could allow a person to send anyone on the social-networking site malicious applications. A senior security penetration tester at technology consultancy CDW, discovered the vulnerability and publicly disclosed it October 27 on his blog. The flaw was reported to Facebook September 30, which acknowledged the issue October 26, he wrote. The security tester wrote Facebook does not normally allow a person to send an executable attachment using the "Message" tab. If you try to do that, it returns the message "Error Uploading: You cannot attach files of that type." He wrote an analysis of the browser's "POST" request sent to Facebook's servers showed a variable called "filename" is parsed to see if a file should be allowed. But by modifying the POST request with a space just after the file name, an executable could be attached to the message. A person would not have to be an approved friend of the sender, as Facebook allows people to send messages to anyone. The danger is a hacker could use social engineering techniques to coax someone to launch the attachment, which could infect their computer with malware.
Source: http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9221251/Researcher_finds_major_flaw_in_Facebook
40. *October 27, Associated Press* – (International) **Phishing scam masked as email from StubHub lands in inboxes; company warns customers to avoid.** An e-mail scam masked as an order confirmation from StubHub landed in countless mailboxes October 27, the Associated Press reported. The San Francisco-based online ticket broker was deluged with phone calls within a few hours, said a spokesman. The company placed a warning notice on its home page advising recipients not to click on any link in the e-mail. The e-mail looks like a receipt for an order for two tickets to a boxing match in Las Vegas November 12. It appears to be sent by StubHub, and the charge is \$2,766.95. The spokesman said no accounts have been charged. The e-mail apparently went to StubHub users and individuals who have never purchased tickets from the site. The fake e-mail seeks to dupe recipients into clicking on the embedded links to obtain sensitive information like credit card account numbers, and passwords. StubHub does not display credit card details on its site, but the spokesman said it is possible to order tickets from an established account with stored payment data. The fake StubHub e-mail appears to have originated in Eastern Europe, the spokesman said.
Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/technology/phishing-scam-masked-as-email-from-stubhub-lands-in-inboxes-company-warns-customers-to-avoid/2011/10/27/gIQACa69MM_story.html

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Internet Alert Dashboard

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Communications Sector

41. *October 28, Homeland Security Today* – (National) **FCC issues final guidelines for nationwide EAS test.** The Federal Communications Commission has posted its final Emergency Alert System (EAS) handbook for the nation's first EAS test that's scheduled for November 9th. The handbook was prepared as a guide to broadcasters, cable television systems, wireless cable systems, wireline video providers, satellite digital audio radio service providers, and direct broadcast satellite service providers, all of whom are required by law to participate in the test. The handbook supersedes all previous EAS handbooks only during the operation of the nationwide EAS test. The emergency exercise of the EAS will take place November 9 at 1 p.m. Central Standard Time, or 2 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.
Source: <http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/fcc-issues-final-guidelines-for-nationwide-eas-test/bf9b3c8fde0b9a04db1424a1ce7105d6.html>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

42. *October 28, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Fire rips through complex under construction in Carson.** A fire tore through a multi-story residential complex under construction in Carson, California in the evening October 27, burning about 10 adjacent mobile homes and shooting flames 100 feet into the sky. Thick clouds of smoke billowed from the wood-frame complex as flames jumped an alley and began burning structures in the mobile home park. Firefighters were perched atop towering aerial ladders as they drenched the flames with thousands of gallons of water. Smoke still drifted from the site and huge puddles of water formed on the ground as firefighters mopped up hot spots and checked mobile homes for smoldering embers. Officials late October 27 did not have an estimate on how many people were evacuated. The fire was raging out of control when the first fire units arrived about 3 minutes after the incident was reported, officials said. The first-in crews immediately called for additional fire engines. The three-story structure had more than 100 units, and was being framed. The large volume of wood, coupled with the open spaces, allowed wind to blow through the structure, and stoke the fire, officials said.
Source: <http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-carson-fire-20111028,0,6753579.story>
43. *October 27, KFMB 760 AM San Diego* – (California) **Acid bomb explodes in Ocean Beach neighborhood.** San Diego police and arson investigators are searching for the suspects who set off a bomb in Ocean Beach overnight October 26. Around 8:30 p.m. a neighbor called 911 to report a loud explosion. When fire crews arrived, they discovered an acid bomb had been set off. Haz-mat workers spent hours cleaning up the scene and making it safe for those living in the area. Fire investigators said this kind of

bomb is very dangerous, and this is just the latest in a string of explosions in the Ocean Beach area.

Source: <http://www.760kfmb.com/story/15889137/acid-bomb-explodes-in-ocean-beach-neighborhood>

44. *October 27, WNBC 4 New York* – (New York) **1 killed in double shooting at Harlem apartment building.** A Bronx, New York man was killed in a shooting October 27, police said. Police were called to an apartment building in Harlem at about 12:30 p.m. for a report of gunshots fired. Inside the building, on the 19th floor, officers found two men shot. One had multiple gunshot wounds, and was taken to Harlem Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. The other man was shot in the buttocks and also taken to Harlem Hospital, where he was in stable condition. Police took a man into custody in connection with the shootings.

Source: <http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/1-Killed-Double-Shooting-Harlem-Jaquan-Wilson-132755743.html>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

45. *October 28, Associated Press* – (Tennessee) **Arson inmate gets sentence cut, could be free soon, helping train forestry investigators.** A man who confessed to setting dozens of forest fires in Tennessee will be getting out of prison early for helping train forestry officials, the Associated Press reported October 28. The man's mandatory minimum sentence of 7 years was cut to 5 years October 27 by a federal judge, who cited the inmate's cooperation in demonstrating his firebug skills to the U.S. Forest Service. The man pleaded guilty earlier in 2011 to setting two fires that burned 26 acres of timber on Black Mountain in the Cherokee National Forest in March 2007.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/ef23c39cfce24838be508e9d6be43869/TN--Arson-Sentence-Cut/>

46. *October 27, KUT 90.5 FM Austin* – (Texas) **Fewer counties keeping burn bans in place.** At one point in August, a record 251 out of Texas' 254 drought-stricken counties banned outdoor burning. Thanks to a cold front and showers the week of October 17, that number has dropped to 220 according to the Associated Press. Travis County just readopted a burn ban earlier the week of October 24. But counties and the Texas Forest Service both realize Texas is a long way from breaking the drought. The counties that have lifted their bans can just as quickly reinstate them. Even though cooler weather is coming that does not mean the fire danger will go down. In fact, blustery winter winds and dry vegetation could set up a very active winter fire season.

Source: <http://www.kutnews.org/post/fewer-counties-keeping-burn-bans-place>

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Dams Sector

47. *October 27, St. George Spectrum* – (Utah) **Panguitch Lake dam repairs to end Dec. 1.** Repairs to the dam at Panguitch Lake in Cedar City, Utah, are taking longer than anticipated, but workers are expected to complete the project by December 1, the St. George Spectrum reported October 27. The dam's outlet gate broke July 27 for unknown reasons. The president of the company who owns the dam said a primary and secondary cofferdam are in place, and have maintained an estimated 7 percent of the lake's capacity, which is about 1,700 acre-feet of water. At full capacity, Panguitch Lake offers an estimated 24,000 acre-feet of water. The Utah Division of Water Rights' Dam Safety Division required upgrades to the outflow system at the lake that also contributed to the longer-than-anticipated time of repair to the destroyed outlet gate. The total estimated cost of the project is between \$130,000 to \$150,000, with half of the cost paid from a grant, and the remainder from a loan issued by the Department of Natural Resources, the company said.
Source: <http://www.thespectrum.com/article/20111028/NEWS01/110280327>
48. *October 27, Anderson Independent Mail* – (South Carolina) **Corps pushes to reduce flows from Hartwell Lake.** The commander of the Savannah District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said October 27 he is pushing state and federal agencies to reduce flows another 5 percent from reservoirs on the Savannah River in South Carolina as soon as possible to deal with a long-range forecast of severe drought. Corps officials were monitoring forecasts and believed a drying trend, known as La Nina, would break by sometime this month. Not only is that not happening, he said October 27, but the trend appears to be worsening. Hartwell Lake's elevation dropped to the Corps' first drought-response trigger in late July, and discharges at Thurmond were reduced to 4,200 cubic feet per second (cfs). The second drought-response trigger came in late August, and flows were reduced to 4,000 cfs. Flows from Thurmond Lake were further reduced to 3,800 cfs. Discharges from Thurmond downstream of Anderson directly affect how much water Hartwell can hold back. The plan the commander announced October 27 would reduce flows from Thurmond to an average daily flow of 3,600 cfs. The reduced discharges would extend through most of the winter, he said, when evaporation is less severe and reduced flows restore the reservoir faster.
Source: <http://www.independentmail.com/news/2011/oct/27/corps-pushes-reduce-flows-hartwell-lake/>
49. *October 27, Albany Times-Union* – (New York) **Court: Town owes dam failure costs.** A New York state appeals court ruled October 27 the town of Fort Ann cannot avoid financial responsibility for the 2005 disaster at the failed Hadlock Pond dam that sent a wall of water crashing downstream. The Appellate Division of the New York Supreme Court ruled unanimously to overturn an earlier lower court ruling that the town could not be held liable for the dam failure because the work had been done by design and construction firms the town hired. More than 120 homeowners sued after the town-owned earthen dam, then barely 2 months old, gave way completely, draining the 220-acre man-made lake in hours, and leaving downstream homes with serious damage, and lakefront homeowners on a sea of mud. In June 2010, a jury divided financial blame, with the town assessed at 23 percent. The construction firm, Glen

Falls-based Kubricky Construction Corp., was assigned 45 percent of damages. The firm appealed a lower court ruling that lifted responsibility from the town. As part of last year's verdict, the firm that designed the dam, HTE Northeast, of Bedford, New Hampshire, was found responsible for 27 percent of the damage.

Source: <http://www.timesunion.com/local/article/Court-Town-owes-dam-failure-costs-2239655.php>

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