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- About 3,000 Occupy Wall Street demonstrators forced a halt to operations at the nation's fifth busiest port in Oakland, California, November 2. – *Associated Press* (See item [11](#))
- The Los Angeles Police Department bomb squad arrested a man November 2, stating he assembled an "incendiary device" and was likely moments away from setting it off near a busy shopping center. – *KTLA 5 Los Angeles* (See item [33](#))

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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. *November 3, Bloomberg* – (Northeast) **Fewer than 1 million remain without power after early snow.** About 700,000 homes and businesses remain without power across the U.S. Northeast, 5 days after an early snowstorm killed an estimated 27 people. In Connecticut, the state with the largest number of power failures from the storm, about 432,000 customers still have no electricity, the chief operating officer of Connecticut Light & Power (CL&P) said at a press conference November 3 in Hartford. That number should drop to 300,000 or less by November 4 he said. More than 3 million customers in the Northeast lost power from the snowfall, which began October 29 and

fell from West Virginia to Maine. CL&P, a unit of Northeast Utilities and the state's largest utility, will spend at least \$75 million to \$100 million on snowstorm repairs. A spokesman said the storm's damage was "more significant" than Hurricane Irene, which knocked out power to 730,000 homes and businesses in Connecticut. Fewer than 90,000 customers in New Jersey still lack power. About 4,000 customers of New York-based Consolidated Edison Inc. remain affected.

Source: http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/g/a/2011/11/03/bloomberg_articlesLU3CCA6VDKHZ.DTL

2. *November 3, Associated Press* – (Oregon) **Ship owner, operator plead guilty to oil pollution charges in Portland; fined \$750K.** The owner and operator of a Cyprus-based ship have pleaded guilty in Portland, Oregon, to felony oil pollution charges. On November 2, a U.S. district judge gave A.E. Nomikos Shipping Inv. Ltd. and Lounia Shipping Co. Ltd. a joint penalty of \$750,000. Half of that will go to the Oregon Governor's Fund for the Environment. They pleaded guilty to one count each of violating the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships, and knowingly making false statements to the U.S. Coast Guard. The U.S. attorney's office said they failed to maintain proper records of oil residue disposal, and doctored records of an onboard waste oil incinerator. The Portland Oregonian reported the Coast Guard and state regulators responded after an oil spill was reported October 18 at the Port of Portland. State wildlife officials said 300 fish were later found dead in the water. It is not yet clear whether the fish died because of spilled oil.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/94775f3eb83a407d9866a14c1e4ae350/OR--Oil-Pollution-Fine/>

3. *November 2, Associated Press* – (Hawaii) **More than 14,000 gallons of diesel fuel spills at Aloha Petroleum facility in Hilo.** Operator error caused more than 14,000 gallons of diesel fuel to spill at Aloha Petroleum's bulk fuel storage facility in Hilo, Hawaii. Aloha Petroleum said in a statement November 2 no fuel spilled into the harbor and the liquid is being cleaned up. The release occurred when workers were offloading fuel from a barge into a storage tank November 1. The Hawaii County Fire Department said fuel flowed from two overflow pipes onto the ground after the operator miscalculated the amount of fuel that could be pumped into the tank. Aloha Petroleum said its response team followed procedures to contain the spill. The company said it immediately reported the incident to all regulatory agencies, and the fire department. The company said it also called environmental contractors to start the cleanup.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/488ce68f37b5471d8c225e3158c98c33/HI--Diesel-Spill/>

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Chemical Industry Sector

4. *November 2, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (National) **EPA takes next step to cancel 20 mouse and rat control products used in homes.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) took another step November 2 in the process to cancel 20 mouse and rat control products that do not adequately protect people, particularly young people, from exposure to toxic chemicals. The agency determined that safer rodent control products are now widely available, effective, and affordable. The products the EPA plans to remove from the consumer market are those that contain the most toxic and persistent active ingredients, products sold as loose bait and pellets and any remaining products without protective bait stations, which keep children, pets, and other animals from accessing the enclosed rodenticide bait. The companies that have not adopted the new more protective measures include: Reckitt Benckiser Inc. makers of D-Con; Spectrum Group makers of Hot Shot and Rid-a-Rat; and Liphatech Inc. makers of Generation rodent-control products.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/65A85CF0C5A968508525793C007299F0>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

5. *November 3, San Francisco Chronicle* – (California) **Small fire on U.S. Navy ship docked in S.F.** A pump emitting sparks started a fire November 2 on the U.S. Navy ship Henry J. Kaiser while it was in dry dock at San Francisco's Pier 70, authorities said. Fire crews and the U.S. Coast Guard were called to Pier 70 on the central waterfront a little before 10 a.m. after workers said smoke was pouring out of an empty fuel tank. The ship, a fleet replenishment oiler, is used to supply diesel and jet fuel to other Navy ships. Firefighters who boarded it found rags that they presume were ignited by a nearby pump, said a fire department spokeswoman. The fire was extinguished around 11:15 a.m.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/11/02/BAGQ1LPN5O.DTL>

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Banking and Finance Sector

6. *November 3, Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Patch* – (Washington) **Shoreline bank robbers charged in federal court.** Two men in their sixties with long criminal histories accused of robbing three banks in Shoreline, Washington, and two in Seattle, were charged October 28 in the U.S. District Court of Western Washington with bank robbery, armed bank robbery, and using a firearm in relation to a crime of violence. One of the men was charged with robbing Key Bank in Shoreline of \$2,136 July 6. Both were charged with robbing Washington Federal Savings in West Seattle October 20 of \$4,976, and using a shotgun and semi-automatic pistol in that robbery. They are also suspected of robbing a Wells Fargo branch in Shoreline September 12 and Key Bank October 3, and a Key Bank in Seattle August 8. A cooperating witness met with police investigators September 30, according to federal charging papers, and told them the men were responsible for the Key Bank robberies.
Source: <http://shoreline.patch.com/articles/shoreline-bank-robbers-charged-in-federal-court>

7. *November 2, Orlando Sentinel* – (Florida) **Feds: Group stole card numbers with 'skimmers'.** Federal authorities haccused owners of an Orlando, Florida mobile-phone business of using stolen credit-card numbers — obtained via "skimming" devices implanted at gas stations — to buy hundreds of thousands of dollars of merchandise at area stores. The two men, co-owners of Simple Mobile, were arrested November 1 on charges of conspiring to produce, use, or traffic in one or more counterfeit devices, following a lengthy U.S. Secret Service investigation. Three others are also accused of participating in the credit-card scheme, according to a criminal complaint filed in Orlando federal court the week of October 31. Agents said the group obtained credit-card numbers from skimming devices installed on Central Florida gas-station pumps, and then used equipment to manufacture credit cards, debit cards, and gift cards with the stolen numbers. A confidential source told authorities he saw one of the men use a card reader/encoder to re-encode cards with stolen credit-card numbers. The source also told authorities he saw about 1,000 Target gift cards on a single visit to the man's house. Those fraudulent cards were then sold at Simple Mobile, the source told authorities. Throughout their investigation, agents identified hundreds of thousands of dollars in fraudulent credit card purchases made at Target, Best Buy, Home Depot, and other stores. The group was already on the radar of Target asset-protection investigators when the Secret Service started its inquiry. Target investigators documented the fraudulent charges and identified the vehicles the suspects drove during their visits to the stores through surveillance video. American Express identified about \$125,565 worth of fraudulent charges at Target related to the case, and Discover identified about \$30,220, court documents said. American Express said the credit-card numbers were stolen at a Hess gas station in Winter Springs. The Secret Service accuses the group of using more than 175 fraudulent credit cards between January and October. On October

19, a U.S. Customs officer intercepted a package en route to Simple Mobile, which contained an embossing machine, a device often used to manufacture credit cards.

Source: http://articles.orlandosentinel.com/2011-11-02/news/os-business-owners-credit-card-fraud-20111102_1_credit-cards-gift-cards-credit-card-scheme

8. *November 2, Orange County Register* – (California) **Man suspected as ‘Stare Down’ bandit arrested.** A man suspected of being a serial bank robber known as the "Stare Down" bandit was taken into custody November 2 in Tustin, California, authorities said. Tustin officers and FBI agents working on a tip from an Orange County Sheriff's Department task force arrested the man they suspect of carrying out bank robberies in Tustin, Santa Ana, and Irvine, as well as an attempted robbery in Huntington Beach, an FBI spokeswoman said. The first robbery occurred at a Bank of the West branch in Santa Ana September 23, when the robber escaped with several hundred dollars, although a dye pack placed in with the money exploded in the bank's parking lot. On October 3, the robber took an undisclosed amount of money from a Bank of America in Irvine, hours after he left an attempted robbery earlier in the day after a clerk at a U.S. Bank branch in Huntington Beach refused to give him cash. The Huntington Beach attempt led to the "stare down" moniker, with FBI officials indicating the man stared at the clerk for a long time before leaving the bank after she refused to give him money. The latest suspected "Stare Down" bandit robbery took place October 31, when he took an undisclosed amount of money from a Bank of America branch in Tustin, the FBI spokeswoman said. In all four incidents, the bandit reportedly handed tellers notes and demanded money. He reportedly claimed to have a gun during the Santa Ana robbery, but there was no indication that a weapon was seen.

Source: <http://www.ocregister.com/news/bank-325122-down-bandit.html>

9. *November 2, Infosecurity* – (International) **Trusteer spots new trend in SpyEye/Zeus code development: webinjects.** Trusteer reported that they have discovered a new type of extensible code that is being developed by cybercriminals when customizing banking trojans such as SpyEye and Zeus. The new code attacks are called webinjects. According to the in-browser Web security specialist, webinjects are now being offered for sale or rent on open Internet forums. They effectively allow anyone with spare cash to use them for fraudulent purposes. Trusteer, which collates data anonymously from the many millions of online banking service users that installed its Rapport browser plug-in, said webinjects are malware configuration directives used to inject rogue content in the Web pages of bank Web sites. They are then used to steal confidential information from the institution's customers. The security software firm said that, from the advertisements its research team have seen, there are multiple targets, including British, Canadian, American, and German banks.

Source: <http://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/view/21767>

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Transportation Sector

10. *November 3, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **Metra line may not be back to normal until Friday because of derailment.** Metra said service on its Milwaukee West Line

may not be back to normal until November 4, at the earliest, because of a fiery freight train derailment near Elgin, Illinois. All trains have been blocked on the line since at least 22 cars of a Canadian National train derailed at about 5:30 a.m. November 3 in an industrial area at 31 West 504 Spaulding near Elgin and Bartlett. Three of the cars caught fire, but there were no injuries and no evacuations. Officials said the train was carrying three chemicals — sodium hydroxide, ferrous sulfate, and organic acid — but they were not on the cars that caught fire. Bartlett police said two of the burning cars carried fiberboard and scrap metal, and the third was empty. A Metra spokesman said there would be an extensive cleanup and perhaps track repair. Metra encouraged commuters to use three other lines that run parallel to Milwaukee West: The North Central, Union Pacific West, and Union Pacific Northwest. There is some limited service between Bartlett and Chicago on two trains that had been situated on the east side of the derailment. Metra has provided two buses to accommodate outbound passengers between Roselle and Big Timber Road.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/chi-fiery-freight-train-derailment-near-elgin-metra-delayed-20111103,0,1017464.story>

11. *November 3, Associated Press* – (National) **Occupy Oakland protesters force halt to operations at busy port.** Several thousand Occupy Wall Street demonstrators gathering in Oakland, California forced a halt to operations at the nation's fifth busiest port November 2, escalating a movement whose tactics had largely been limited to marches, rallies, and tent encampments since it began in September. Police estimated a crowd of about 3,000 had gathered at the Port of Oakland by about 5 p.m. Some had marched from the city's downtown, while others were bused to the port. A port spokesman said maritime operations had effectively been shut down. The interim Oakland police chief warned that protesters who went inside the port's gates would be committing a federal offense. Organizers said they want to stop the "flow of capital." The port sends goods primarily to Asia, including wine as well as rice, fruits and nuts, and handles imported electronics, apparel and manufacturing equipment, mostly from Asia, as well as cars and parts from Toyota, Honda, Nissan, and Hyundai.
Source: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/11/02/occupy-oakland-port_n_1072955.html

12. *November 2, Aviation Week* – (National) **737 cracks prompt more frequent checks.** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has issued an airworthiness directive (AD) requiring earlier and more frequent fuselage inspections of a specific area on some Boeing 737-300, -400 and -500 series aircraft after a report of two similarly situated cracks that went through the frame and fail-safe chord. The directive affects 605 U.S.-registered aircraft and is effective as of November 16, the FAA said. The new AD supersedes AD 2009-02-06 RI, which requires repetitive inspections for cracking of the 1.05-inch nominal diameter wire penetration hole in the frame and in the frame reinforcement, between stringers S-20 and S-21, on both the left and right sides of the airplanes. The 2009 directive resulted from reports of cracking in the frame, or the frame and frame reinforcement, common to the penetration hole intended for wire routing, and followed a December 2007 Boeing Alert Service Bulletin on the same issue. Since that 2009 directive, the FAA said, it has received a report of four adjacent cracked frames in the forward cargo compartment between S-20L and S-21L.

on a 737-300. Two of the cracks went completely through the frame and fail-safe chord. The cracks were discovered when the aircraft had accumulated 44,535 flight cycles and 44,876 flight hours — before the compliance time required by the earlier directive. That discovery led Boeing in September to revise its service bulletin to shorten the compliance time for the initial inspection to 30,000 cycles, and to reduce the repetitive interval from 14,000 cycles to 4,500. The directive adopts the initial inspection revision. It also requires reinspections within 4,500 flight cycles, with a grace period of 90 days. Airlines have up to 90 days to inspect aircraft that already have accumulated more than 40,000 cycles.

Source:

[http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story.jsp?id=news/avd/2011/11/02/02.xml&headline=737 Cracks Prompt More Frequent Checks&channel=mro](http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story.jsp?id=news/avd/2011/11/02/02.xml&headline=737%20Cracks%20Prompt%20More%20Frequent%20Checks&channel=mro)

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report

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Agriculture and Food Sector

13. *November 3, Food Safety News* – (National) **29th death reported in Listeria cantaloupe outbreak.** One more death, 6 more cases, and 2 more states were added November 2 to the toll in the 28-state outbreak of Listeria infection caused by contaminated cantaloupes from Colorado's Jensen Farms. In what has become its weekly update of the most deadly incidence of listeriosis since 1985, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said that as of 9 a.m. November 1, 139 persons were infected with any one of four outbreak-associated strains of *L. monocytogenes*. The CDC said the addition of Nevada and Utah — each reporting their first case — expanded the footprint of the outbreak to 28 states. One additional adult death raised the total number of fatalities to 29. Among the 134 patients for whom information is available, the CDC said 132, or 99 percent, required hospitalization. The CDC said the confirmed case counts include those with onset dates beginning July 31 and running through October 21.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/11/footprint-of-listeria-outbreak-expands-29th-death-reported/>

14. *November 3, KHOU 11 Houston* – (Texas) **FDA investigates tainted Dr. Pepper found by Houston woman.** A criminal investigator from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) November 2 went to the house of a Houston woman who said she was sickened after drinking a tainted bottle of Dr. Pepper. She said 3 weeks ago she had to be rushed to the hospital after taking a sip of Dr. Pepper. She said the 20-ounce soda was bought at T&W Quick stop and smelled and tasted like gasoline. Tests by the

city's health department and an independent lab confirmed components of gasoline were found in the popular drink. Benzene and Naphthalene were among the components. The health department and Dr. Pepper now say that two dozen contaminated bottles were discovered. All of the bottles came from the same store. Some of the tainted Dr. Peppers were found in storage. The FDA told the woman it would send the contaminated bottles to a lab in Cincinnati. The agency hopes the lab will be able to determine how the dangerous chemicals ended up in the 24 sodas.

Source: <http://www.khou.com/news/local/FDA-investigates-tainted-Dr-Pepper-found-by-Houston-woman---133130748.html>

15. *November 3, Food Safety News* – (Massachusetts; International) **Italian olives recalled over botulism concerns.** Nearly a week after a woman in Finland died from botulism poisoning — the result of eating tainted Italian olives — a U.S. distributor is warning consumers not to eat Bio Gaudiano Organic Olives Stuffed with Almonds because they may be contaminated with the Clostridium botulinum toxin, Food Safety News reported November 3. The distributor, Pure Italian of Watertown, Massachusetts, together with the manufacturer and packer, Bio Gaudiano of Italy, are recalling all sizes of glass jars and cans and all lots of the Bio Gaudiano almond-stuffed olives, which were sold at the SoWa farmers market in South End, Massachusetts, and also distributed to other Massachusetts retailers. In Finland, two adults from the same household were hospitalized, and one died after eating Bio Gaudiano almond-stuffed olives. Both were diagnosed with botulism and their jar of stuffed organic olives was subsequently discovered to contain the toxin, the National Institute for Health and Welfare reported.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/11/italian-olives-recalled-over-botulism-concerns/>

16. *November 2, Associated Press* – (Northwest; California) **Judge upholds pesticide restrictions for salmon.** A federal judge upheld federal restrictions on agricultural pesticides designed to protect endangered salmon and steelhead in the West, the Associated Press reported November 2. The Oregonian reports a U.S. district judge in Maryland denied claims by pesticide manufacturers that National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries Service biologists failed to consider all available information. The agency called for warning labels on pesticides to keep them out of salmon streams, where even minute amounts can be harmful. The pesticides are organophosphates — chlorpyrifos, diazinon, and malathion. The restrictions would require no-spray zones of 500 feet when spraying from the ground, and 1,000 feet when spraying from the air. Once imposed, they would apply in Washington, Oregon, California, and Idaho.

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2011/11/02/4025495/judge-upholds-pesticide-restrictions.html>

17. *November 2, Associated Press* – (California) **Columbus settles with Genentech over ammonia leak.** Biotechnology firm Genentech said it settled a lawsuit filed against sausage maker Columbus Foods after a noxious ammonia leak sickened some of its employees in San Francisco in 2009, the Associated Press reported November 2. The Mercury News reported Genentech said the 94-year-old cured meat company agreed to

safety improvements to its refrigeration system, which was the source of the leak. The cloud of ammonia that escaped from the factory where Columbus makes salami and pancetta resulted in 30 workers at the South San Francisco biotech firm needing medical treatment. The suit, settled October 28, said about 200 pounds of the chemical shot out of the roof-mounted cooling system one morning in August 2009. The suit said the facility had a similar ammonia leak earlier that year but did not tell its neighbors.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/n/a/2011/11/02/state/n105032D79.DTL>

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Water Sector

18. *November 3, Drovers Cattle Network* – (Texas) **Water restrictions on 956 systems in Texas.** Texas' Senate Natural Resources Committee heard testimony the week of October 31 that 91 percent of the state is now facing extreme or exceptional drought, and 956 public water systems have imposed voluntary or mandatory restrictions on water use. One of the members of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality said the commission lists 4,721 community water systems across Texas. He said 55 of those have prohibited all outside watering, and at least 23 systems are so low officials cannot determine the state of their water stocks, or believe they are within 180 days of drying up. The state tracks water levels at 109 of its 175 major water supply reservoirs and found that by the end of September, they were below 60 percent of capacity -- the lowest since 1978. Weather forecasts suggest a warmer and drier than normal winter for southwest states, which means a continuation of drought for most areas.
Source: <http://www.cattlenetwork.com/cattle-news/latest/Restrictions-on-956-water-systems-in-Texas-133110233.html>
19. *November 3, Jamestown Press* – (Rhode Island) **Narragansett Bay one of 20 most contaminated in U.S.** According to a new fact sheet published by Environment Rhode Island Research & Policy Center, Narragansett Bay contains a toxic stew of pollutants including nitrogen, phosphorous, and heavy metals, the Jamestown Press reported November 3. The statement from the organization includes the quantities of nitrogen and phosphorous that have found their way into the water as a result of failing septic systems, inadequate wastewater treatment, and agricultural and urban runoff. The report warns that as a result of the combined sewer and storm drain system in Providence, heavy rains have overwhelmed the wastewater treatment plants resulting in this discharge of raw sewage into the bay. For this reason the state department of health recommends that people in the upper Narragansett Bay area avoid contact with water for three days after heavy rainfall. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration places Narragansett Bay in the top 20 most contaminated bays in the country. The report also notes the massive die-off of fish and clams in the bay as a result of excessive nutrient pollution. In the bay annually, 420 metric tons of oil enters, and toxic and carcinogenic oil molecules have been found in quahogs. These molecules enter the human body when the bay clams are consumed.

Source: [http://www.jamestownpress.com/news/2011-11-03/News/Narragansett Bay one of 20 most contaminated in US.html](http://www.jamestownpress.com/news/2011-11-03/News/Narragansett_Bay_one_of_20_most_contaminated_in_US.html)

20. *November 3, Quincy Patriot Ledger* – (Massachusetts) **Road salt tainting Norwell water, town says.** Some residents of Norwell, Massachusetts are getting drinking water from the town with five times the salt level recommended by the state, the Quincy Patriot Ledger reported November 3. Health officials said there is no risk to most people, but warned high-sodium water could be a hazard to those on low-sodium diets. The town gets its water from wells, some of them near routes 3 and 53. Norwell officials said they have grown increasingly concerned about rising sodium levels in the water supply over the last decade, and blame it on increased use of road salt during winter storms. They asked the state to cut back on the salt it uses on state roads in Norwell. City officials wrote state environmental and transportation agencies in August asking for help with the salt problem. They suggested, among other things that the state close its salt shed on Route 53 just south of the Hanover Mall or modify drainage in the area. A spokeswoman for the state department of transportation said the agency needs more information before designating the town a “reduced-salt area,” as has been done in other communities. There is no required limit on the amount of sodium in Massachusetts drinking water, but state health officials recommend that sodium levels not exceed 20 milligrams per liter. Water suppliers that exceed that threshold are required to notify local health officials of the elevated sodium level.

Source: http://www.patriotledger.com/lifestyle/health_and_beauty/x916007653/Road-salt-tainting-Norwell-water-town-says

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

21. *November 2, WFTS 29 Tampa* – (Florida) **Doctors, owner arrested in two Hillsborough pill mill busts.** In Tampa, Florida, a doctor and a clinic owner were among eight people arrested in a massive pill mill bust at the JW Wellness clinic November 2. Police said that in less than a year, the clinic issued prescriptions for more than 350,000 pills. The clinic owner and the doctor doled out nearly 200 pills per prescription. Inside the clinic, police found falsified medical histories and determined that 79 patients alone were issued more than 31,000 Oxycodone pills, and 6,000 Xanax pills. The clinic both serviced drug users, and provided supply to drug sellers, authorities said. More than a dozen of those dealers have been arrested since police started working undercover to bust the clinic in July. Neighbors near the business were the ones that tipped police off about the pill mill.

Source: http://www.abcactionnews.com/dpp/news/region_tampa/Doctors,-owner-arrested-in-two-hillsborough-pill-mill-bust-

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Government Facilities Sector

22. *November 3, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Riot police fire projectiles, arrest dozens of Occupy Oakland protesters.** Riot police from a number of Bay Area departments fired tear gas and other projectiles and arrested dozens of demonstrators November 2 to break up Occupy Oakland, California protests that had drawn thousands of participants. Officers moved in near the protesters' city hall encampment, where tents resprouted after officials the week of October 28 ordered them razed. The police action came after a predominantly peaceful day of protest that attracted more than 7,000 people. As demonstrators massed again at the city hall plaza, the situation devolved. Demonstrators managed to gain entry to an empty building that had housed the Traveler's Aid Society, a nonprofit organization that assists the homeless but had suffered funding cuts. Leaflets indicated protesters had targeted the building for "reuse." They branded it a new "community center" in Twitter feeds. Video from a local ABC affiliate's helicopter showed jubilant crowds flowing in and out of the building, where a banner marked "Occupy Everything" hung. Others built a barricade nearby, presumably to discourage police. Shortly before midnight, local media reported police officers from various agencies were suiting up in riot gear. Some demonstrators set the barricade aflame. Firefighters doused it. A police statement later said protesters had hurled rocks, explosives, bottles, and flaming objects at officers.

Source: <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2011/11/occupy-oakland-tear-gas-arrests.html>

23. *November 3, IDG News Service* – (Massachusetts) **MIT server hijacked and used in drive-by attack campaign.** A server belonging to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology was commandeered by hackers who used it to launch attacks against other Web sites as part of a larger drive-by download campaign, according to antivirus vendor BitDefender. "One MIT server, hosts a malicious script actively used by cybercrooks to scan the web for vulnerable websites," the BitDefender researchers who spotted the attack said in a blog. The rogue script hosted on the MIT server searched for vulnerable installations of phpMyAdmin, a popular Web-based database administration tool. When the script finds a server with phpMyAdmin version 2.5.6 through 2.8.2, it exploits a vulnerability in the application and injects malicious code into the underlying databases. This attack campaign started in June and has resulted in more than 100,000 compromised Web sites so far, said the BitDefender spokeswoman. The company's researchers believe the attacks are related to the Blackhole Exploit Pack, one of the most popular drive-by download toolkits currently used by cybercriminals. Users visiting Web sites compromised in this campaign will be redirected to exploits for vulnerabilities in Java and other browser plug-ins, which try to install malware on their computers. BitDefender said it tried to alert MIT about the security breach on their server, but received no reply. As far as the BitDefender researchers could tell, the server is still online, but no longer attacking Web sites. Hackers prefer to abuse servers from large organizations because requests sent from them are more likely to pass network filters, according to the researchers.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9221444/MIT_server_hijacked_and_used_in_drive_by_attack_campaign?taxonomyId=142

24. *November 3, Intelligencer/Wheeling News-Register* – (Ohio) **St. John HS evacuated due to 'odor'; dozen students ill.** A dozen students at Bellaire St. John High School in Bellaire, Ohio, were taken to four area hospitals after becoming ill November 3. An "odor" of unknown origin was detected and students complained of headaches. Initial reports were of a gas leak, but officials around 11:30 a.m. said no such leak had been detected. A representative of the Belmont County 911 center said a total of nine EMS squads responded. The school has been evacuated, and the condition of the sick students was not known.
Source: <http://www.news-register.net/page/content.detail/id/561350.html>
25. *November 2, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **Boulder police officer among 2 Army National Guard members accused over stolen silencers.** One of two Boulder, Colorado Army National Guard members arrested by federal authorities is a Boulder police officer accused of stealing two Army-issued assault rifle silencers while serving as a staff sergeant with the Guard. The patrol officer is on unpaid leave pending an internal investigation, the Boulder Police Chief told the Daily Camera November 2. The police officer and fellow Guard member of Northglenn were arrested last week following a month-long investigation by federal agents. The officer is accused of stealing two .223-caliber silencers designed to fit an M-4/AR-15-style assault rifle from the Army and giving them to the other Guard member, according to federal court documents. He is accused of selling them this fall for \$800 to an informant working with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The officer, who was on the Boulder police force since January 2010, is charged with stealing from the Department of Defense and possessing firearms silencers not registered to him. The other Guard member is charged with receiving and concealing federal property, and with possessing silencers not registered to him. Both men pleaded not guilty and are free on unsecured \$10,000 bonds. Both are part-time guardsmen with B company, 1st Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment in Fort Lupton. They could face up to 10 years in prison on each count, if convicted.
Source:
<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/7d88855e9c3849839cbe93b6fd8cdfa3/CO--Guardsmen-Arrested/>

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Emergency Services Sector

26. *November 3, Worcester Telegram & Gazette* – (Massachusetts) **Two fire trucks hit at Mass. four-alarm fire.** The cause of the four-alarm fire October 30 at a two-story, 6-unit apartment building at 694 Main Street (Route 12) in Massachusetts may never be known, but besides building damage, two firetrucks were put out of service after a driver who ran a roadblock at the scene plowed into them. The fire chief said the fire

does not appear to be suspicious. Authorities had to contend with slippery and icy conditions — and an out-of-control driver trying to elude police while responding. "This gentleman almost killed a half-dozen firefighters," the chief said. She said a man who was stopped at a nearby roadblock decided to bust through and drive through the fire scene. Officers were able to get his license tag number. The man crashed his vehicle into the aerial ladder truck and an outrigger truck, damaging both. Both trucks are currently out of service. The unidentified driver also ran over firefighters' breathing apparatus, which was lying in the street. "He catapulted out of his car at the dead-end into the woods off Cherdon Lane," the chief said. Police began a search with K-9s and eventually tracked the suspect down.

Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/topic/emergency-vehicles-and-operation/two-fire-trucks-hit-mass-four-alarm-fire>

27. *November 2, Associated Press* – (California) **3 charged in Los Angeles SWAT weapons theft.** Three more men have been charged in the theft of a Los Angeles SWAT weapons cache from a downtown training facility, the Associate Press reported November 2. Thirty weapons, including machine guns, were stolen last month. The firearms had been altered to fire plastic pellets for training exercises. Prosecutors said a 28-year-old is being charged with unlawful assault weapon activity, and possession of a firearm by a felon. His 24-year-old brother is being charged with possession of a machine gun. City News Service said the brothers pleaded not guilty November 1. Prosecutors also charged a 31-year-old man with possession of a machine gun. He will be arraigned November 30. On October 31, a 29-year-old man, and a 41-year-old man pleaded not guilty to grand theft, and other charges.

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2011/11/02/4024579/3-charged-in-los-angeles-swat.html>

28. *November 2, Los Angeles Times* – (Washington) **Spokane police officer convicted in fatal beating.** A former Los Angeles police officer working in Spokane, Washington, was convicted by a federal jury November 2 of using excessive force in the beating of a mentally ill man who died after being struck with batons, hogtied, shocked, and smothered. The officer was convicted of civil rights violations and obstruction charges stemming from what federal authorities called an "extensive cover-up" within the Spokane Police Department after the 2006 incident. The victim, who was developmentally disabled and taking medication for schizophrenia, was accosted by the officer in a convenience store after being suspected, wrongly, of taking money from a nearby ATM. He had just picked up a soda bottle when the officer rushed up to him and unleashed a hail of blows with a baton, prosecutors said. They said the officer was acting on a vague report from some teenagers who had seen the victim behaving in an odd manner. They said they were not sure whether any money had been taken. It turned out he was probably trying to figure out how to cash his paycheck, which was found in his pocket. Security video from the convenience store introduced at trial showed the officer running into the store and drawing his baton as he ran at the victim from behind. Less than 2.5 seconds after he turned to see the officer running toward him, the officer delivered two baton blows to his head, knocking him backward to the floor, according to prosecutors and witness testimony. Many officers arrived as backup, and the victim was hogtied, his face covered by a plastic mask, purportedly to keep him from spitting

at officers. Within minutes, he stopped breathing. He was revived and hospitalized but never regained consciousness. He was pronounced dead 2 days later. The cause of death was lack of oxygen to his brain.

Source: <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/nationnow/2011/11/police-beating-excessive-force-thompson-zehm-spokane.html>

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Information Technology Sector

29. *November 3, Softpedia* – (International) **InDesign license key emails spread new trojan.** An e-mail that promises a license key for Adobe's InDesign CS4 turns out to be a malicious campaign that distributes a new trojan, which at the time of writing was detected only by 7 out of the 43 AV engines listed in Virus Total. MX Labs intercepted a lot of e-mails that come with the subject "Your InDesign CS4 License key." The messages appears to be coming from a spoofed e-mail address that could fool users into believing it really came from Adobe. The example addresses discovered so far are account-no2532@adobe.com, information@adobe.com, or help-no.146@adobe.com. The ZIP file attached is called License_key_N7853.zip and once its content is extracted, the user is faced with a Licese_key executable that reveals itself to be the a piece of malware identified by Sophos as being Troj/Bredo-LK. Once it lands on a device, it copies itself to the Startup folder of the operating system, replicating a DirectX component. To make sure it cannot be easily detected, it creates a process called svchost which makes sure every time the computer starts, it can fulfill its mission. Each time it is executed, Bredo sends HTTP requests to a recently registered Russian domain. At the time it was found by the researchers, the trojan was only being detected by a handful of security solutions providers. F-Prot detected it as W32/Yakes.F.gen!Eldorado, and Symantec as Downloader.Chepvil.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/InDesign-License-Key-Emails-Spread-New-Trojan-231975.shtml>
30. *November 2, threatpost* – (International) **Microsoft mum on Duqu fix in November.** Microsoft said it is looking into a reported zero day vulnerability in Windows used by the Duqu malware to spread, but is not committing to a patch for the problem in time for November's scheduled update. "Microsoft is collaborating with our partners to provide protections for a vulnerability used in targeted attempts to infect computers with the Duqu malware," the company said in a statement attributed to a member of the company's Trustworthy Computing effort. "We are working diligently to address this issue and will release a security update for customers through our security bulletin process."
Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/microsoft-mum-duqu-fix-november-110211
31. *November 1, IDG News Service* – (International) **Facebook denies vulnerability, then quietly fixes it.** Facebook apparently fixed a vulnerability in its social-networking site after insisting it was not a weakness and did not need to be remedied, IDG News Service reported November 1. An employee who works for the technology consultancy CDW updated his blog November 1 to reflect the flaw had been fixed. The problem

allowed a user to send another user an executable attachment by using Facebook's "Message" feature. The sender and the recipient did not have to be confirmed friends. The CDW employee, who notified Facebook September 30, found Facebook parses part of a POST request to the server to see if the file being sent should be allowed. Usually, executable files are rejected. However, the CDW employee found that if he modified the POST request with an extra space after the file name for the attachment, it would go through. If a victim accepted the file, the person would still need to launch it for malicious software to be installed. The danger is Facebook could be used for so-called spear phishing, or targeted attacks with the intention of loading malware on a victim's machine.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9221368/Facebook_denies_vulnerability_then_quietly_fixes_it

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Communications Sector

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Commercial Facilities Sector

32. *November 3, Associated Press* – (New Hampshire) **More than 100 people evacuated from their homes after gas leak in Nashua, NH.** Firefighters said more than 100 people were evacuated from their homes after a gas leak in Nashua, New Hampshire, the Associated Press reported November 3. Fire crews were called in the afternoon of November 2 because of an odor in the area. Officials said construction workers accidentally ruptured a natural gas line, sending gas spewing into the air. One resident told WMUR 9 Manchester the gas was shooting out of the line and looked like a geyser.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/aeaa96d4ce2745b89bf165a9c0a8fe70/NH--Gas-Leak-Evacuation/>

33. *November 2, KTLA 5 Los Angeles* – (California) **Man arrested after bringing explosive device to shopping center.** The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD)

bomb squad arrested a man November 2, stating he assembled an "incendiary device" and was likely only moments away from setting it off near a busy shopping center. The bomb squad descended on the shopping center about 2 p.m. after police detained a man in the parking lot who was making verbal threats, LAPD officials said. Officers noticed the man had "suspicious" devices in his white SUV. After he was detained, he continued to make threatening statements, leading police to believe a bomb could be in the area, officials said. A bomb squad robot pulled an item out of the SUV, a LAPD official said. Detectives later determined the man had several pieces of a large incendiary device — meant to explode and start a fire — inside the SUV. The device was hooked up and ready to be detonated; officials said, and the man was likely only moments away from setting it off. Officers arrested the man on suspicion of possession of an incendiary device. The bomb squad evacuated several stores in the area, and blocked off traffic for several hours.

Source: <http://www.ktla.com/news/landing/ktla-bomb-squad-searching-in-tarzana,0,6546019.story>

34. *November 2, WCAU 10 Philadelphia* – (Pennsylvania) **9 arrested as Occupy Philly converges on Comcast Center.** Dozens of protesters with the Occupy Philadelphia movement converged on the downtown headquarters of cable company Comcast, WCAU 10 Philadelphia reported November 2. According to Philly.com, police arrested 9 protesters who got into the lobby of the tower. Police formed a barricade between the glass-walled lobby and the protesters, who were chanting and waving signs. Protesters marched a few blocks to the skyscraper from city hall, reportedly out of solidarity for the Occupy Oakland movement. The protestors were banging on the lobby glass of the Comcast Center until police moved in.

Source: <http://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/local/Occupy-Philly-Converges-on-Comcast-Center-133091958.html>

35. *November 2, WSPA 7 Spartanburg* – (South Carolina) **Rash of fires has Greenville community on edge.** Five buildings went up in flames in 25 days in the Parker Fire District of Greenville County, South Carolina, WSPA 7 Spartanburg reported November 2. The Parker fire chief said October 6, a US Gas Pumps warehouse burned. Just days later, the massive warehouse connected to that and close to hundreds of homes burned also. He said after firefighters put out the flames, they noticed metal and copper that was once inside disappeared. The very next day, an empty home burned and then two more warehouses caught fire less than half a mile away. The Parker fire chief called in the State Law Enforcement Division and Greenville County Sheriff's Office to investigate. The chief said the buildings have different owners, and their only common denominator is that they were empty and burned in the middle of the day.

Source: <http://www2.wspa.com/news/2011/nov/02/rash-fires-has-greenville-community-edge-ar-2646183/>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

36. *November 2, Associated Press* – (Missouri) **Arson suspected in several fires in Missouri's Mark Twain Forest.** More than 50 U.S. Forest Service firefighters were battling a fire November 2 at Mark Twain National Forest in south-central Missouri that a forest ranger thinks may have been set intentionally by locals with a history of using arson in their disputes against absentee landowners. A Salem District forest ranger said the fire, which had consumed about 5,000 acres began as three separate fires. Firefighters were racing to contain the fire before a storm system forecast to move through changed the wind direction. The timing and proximity of the fires, which began November 1, is suspicious, the forest ranger said.
Source: <http://www.kansascity.com/2011/11/02/3244919/arson-suspected-in-several-mark.html>

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Dams Sector

37. *November 2, WSAU 550 Wausau* – (Wisconsin) **Domtar patches leaking dam in Port Edwards.** Domtar paper company in Wisconsin made emergency repairs to fix a leaking dam at Lake Nepco in Port Edwards, Wisconsin, WSAU 550 reported November 2. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) discovered the dam had failed during an inspection in September. It ordered the dam drawn down in October to make repairs including putting pea gravel, crushed sand, and larger gravel along the embankment to prevent sand and other soil from eroding away. If that happens, the dam could suffer a catastrophic failure, said a DNR dam safety engineer. He said Domtar has slowly begun to refill the dam with water and water levels in the dam should be back to normal within the next week or two. The long-term approach to fixing the dam includes monitoring and controlling how much water flows through it. He said Domtar will submit a proposal to the DNR in the spring about how it plans to accomplish that.
Source: <http://wsau.com/news/articles/2011/nov/02/domtar-patches-leaking-dam-in-port-edwards/>
38. *November 2, abcnewspapers.com* – (Michigan) **Change in the pool level at the dam.** The 6-mile recreational pool above the Coon Rapids Dam will not be lowered to its normal winter level, according to an intergovernmental media relations coordinator for Three Rivers Park District, which owns and operates the dam. Three of the four rubber gates at the dam will remain inflated, resulting in a higher than normal winter pool level behind the dam. As of October 28, the elevation is about 3 feet higher than the normal winter elevation, as measured at the dam. According the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) manager of conservation assistance and regulations, the recommendation not to lower the pool to its normal level came from the Three Rivers Park District consultant on the dam. The concern is three of the four rubber gates are in such a deteriorated state they might not inflate again next spring if they are deflated for the winter, they said. The higher than normal pool level will give

property owners living on the Mississippi River in the 6-mile recreational pool “a taste of what it will be like” when a new dam is constructed, officials said. The new dam, designed to be an Asian carp barrier, will result in the pool remaining at its summer level year-round. The DNR plans to send out requests for proposal (RFP) to firms in the next month for design and construction of the new dam. The RFPs are scheduled to be returned and evaluated in time for construction to begin on the new dam in the spring of 2012.

Source: <http://abcnewspapers.com/2011/11/02/change-in-the-pool-level-at-the-dam/>

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