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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, Associated Press* – (Texas) **BP to pay Texas \$50 million for refinery pollution.** BP will pay Texas \$50 million after the sides reached a settlement over air pollution violations at the oil giant's Gulf Coast refinery, the site of a massive explosion in 2005 that killed 15 people. The settlement announced November 3 coincides with BP PLC's attempts to restore its reputation and resolve lawsuits over the April 2010 rig explosion that killed 11 people and caused the largest offshore oil spill in U.S. history. The agreement covers 72 emissions violations since the explosion. The

Texas attorney general said the dollar amount was a record-setter for the state's clean air act. BP said in a statement it views the settlement as a continuation of its attempts to improve operations at the Texas City refinery. The settlement with Texas also resolves violations from a 41-day benzene release in April 2010 that prompted a class-action suit by Texas City residents, and an investigation by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. This agreement does not resolve lawsuits or investigations by other agencies, or any future problems at the refinery.

Source:

http://www.boston.com/news/nation/articles/2011/11/03/bp_to_pay_texas_50_million_for_refinery_pollution/

2. *November 3, Associated Press* – (National) **EPA to probe gas drilling's toll on drinking water.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) November 3 released the outlines of its long-awaited probe into whether hydraulic fracturing is contaminating drinking-water supplies. Investigators will try to determine the impact of large-scale water withdrawals, above ground spills of drilling fluids, and the fracturing process itself on water quality and quantity in states where tens of thousands of wells have been drilled in recent years. Energy companies have greatly expanded their use of fracking as they tap previously unreachable shale deposits, including the Marcellus Shale formation in Pennsylvania and neighboring states. The industry has long contended fracking is safe, but environmentalists and some residents who live near drilling sites say it has poisoned groundwater. The EPA study, mandated by Congress last year, is the agency's first look at the impact of fracking in shale deposits. EPA will examine drilling sites in Pennsylvania, Colorado, Louisiana, North Dakota, and Texas. The earliest results will be available in 2012. The study will look at the entire water lifecycle of fracking in shale deposits, beginning with the withdrawal of huge volumes of water from rivers and streams and ending with the treatment and disposal of the tainted wastewater that comes out of the wells after fracking. Researchers will also study well design and the impact of surface spills of fracking fluids.

Source: <http://www.uticaod.com/environment/hydrofracking/x2128841146/EPA-to-probe-gas-drillings-toll-on-drinking-water>

3. *November 3, Cumberland Times-News* – (Pennsylvania) **Gas explosion, fire forces evacuations.** Two buildings were destroyed and several others damaged when fire broke out November 3 at the Columbia Gas Transmission compressor station in Artemas, Pennsylvania. Residents in the area were evacuated as a result of the 12:30 a.m. incident on Artemas Road. The natural gas pipeline of the compressor station in Mann Township was shut down by Columbia Gas Transmission employees who live in the area. The Bedford County emergency management director said it took 4 hours to control the fire. Flames reportedly shot hundreds of feet into the air when the fire occurred. Sixteen volunteer fire units remained at the scene at 10:30 a.m. Between 40 and 50 homes were evacuated because of the fire. The residents were returned to their homes by late the morning of November 3.

Source: <http://times-news.com/local/x459214584/Gas-explosion-fire-forces-evacuations>

4. *November 3, Associated Press* – (South Dakota; North Dakota; Minnesota) **Fuel shortages a big problem in the Dakotas.** Industry officials said fuel shortages that often occur during the busy fall harvest season in the Dakotas are a big problem this year. The South Dakota Petroleum Marketers Association director said it is “a supply nightmare.” There are gasoline and diesel shortages at fuel terminals throughout much of the Dakotas and into Minnesota. Fuel truck drivers are sitting in line for hours at some terminals, waiting for fuel to arrive via pipeline. Officials said there are several reasons for the low supplies. They include an early harvest in South Dakota that put farmers into competition for diesel fuel with their counterparts in other states, and demand from vehicles in the booming oil patch in western North Dakota.
Source: <http://www.crookstontimes.com/news/x812499662/Fuel-shortages-a-big-problem-in-the-Dakotas>

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Chemical Industry Sector

5. *November 4, San Francisco Chronicle* – (International) **Medchem Corp., owner charged in hazardous shipment.** A south San Francisco medical-supply company and its owner have been indicted by a federal grand jury on charges they tried to ship hazardous chemicals on an airplane, court records show. Medchem Corp., located on North Canal Street, and its owner, tried to ship 5 pallets containing 64 boxes of hazardous materials to Saudi Arabia in June 2010, federal prosecutors said. The invoice they prepared failed to disclose the shipment included 25 hazardous chemicals, including sulfuryl chloride, which is a corrosive, and chloroacetonitrile, a poisonous, flammable and combustible liquid, authorities said. Medchem and its owner pleaded not guilty November 2 to 15 counts, including charges of attempted placement of destructive substance on aircraft, transportation of hazardous materials without shipping papers, failure to file export information, and attempted smuggling.
Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/11/03/BACK1LQ4B9.DTL>
6. *November 4, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (National) **EPA reinstates toxics release inventory reporting requirements for hydrogen sulfide.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) November 4 reinstated its Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) reporting requirements for hydrogen sulfide. The TRI is a publicly available database that contains information on toxic chemical releases and waste management activities reported annually by certain industries, and federal facilities. Hydrogen sulfide occurs naturally in crude petroleum, natural gas, volcanic gases, and hot springs. It can also result from the breakdown of organic matter, and is produced by human and animal wastes. Hydrogen sulfide can also result from industrial activities, such as food processing, coke ovens, paper mills, tanneries, and petroleum refineries. Individuals living near a wastewater treatment plant, a gas and oil drilling operation, a farm with manure storage or livestock confinement facilities, or a landfill may be exposed to higher levels of hydrogen sulfide. The chemical was added to the TRI in a

final rule published December 1, 1993. However, August 22, 1994, the EPA suspended the TRI reporting requirements to address issues raised by the regulated community. The EPA provided the public a chance to comment on its review of current data, and after considering those comments, it concluded the reporting requirements for hydrogen sulfide should be reinstated. The action will be effective for the 2012 reporting year, and the first reports are due from facilities by July 1, 2013.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/e5917955bbcef0408525793e004acc4a?OpenDocument>

7. *November 3, WJW 8 Cleveland* – (Ohio) **Chlorine leak injures 3 at Dover chemical plant.** The Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office confirmed a chemical leak caused injuries and closed a portion of Interstate 77 in Dover, Ohio, November 3. The leak happened just after 6:30 p.m. when a chlorine line ruptured at the Dover Chemical Corporation on Davis Road. Twenty-four people were reportedly in the building at the time of the leak. At least three of them were taken to hospitals for chlorine inhalation. The remaining 21 workers were evaluated at the scene and then released. A sheriff's office dispatcher said I-77 and other surrounding roads were reopened later November 3. Officials said the leak had been contained, and all emergency crews were cleared from the scene.
Source: <http://www.fox8.com/news/wjw-dover-chemical-leak-txt,0,3870164.story>
8. *November 3, Beaumont Enterprise* – (Texas) **Chemical emission shuts DuPont Beaumont plant unit.** DuPont Beaumont in Texas released an unknown amount of aniline during a plant start-up November 3, but the incident did not cause injuries, a plant spokesman said. DuPont's regional manager of public affairs said 26 workers were evaluated by the on-site physician. The plant shut the aniline unit and conducted a shelter-in-place at the plant on Texas 347 between Beaumont and Nederland. He said DuPont notified all appropriate regulatory agencies. The public affairs manager said there were no impacts to the community. The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry said aniline is a clear to slightly yellow liquid with a characteristic odor. It is used to make many products such as polyurethane foam, agricultural chemicals, synthetic dyes, antioxidants, herbicides, varnishes, and explosives, the registry said. It is not associated with cancer-causing substances, the registry noted.
Source: <http://www.beaumontenterprise.com/news/article/Chemical-emission-shuts-DuPont-Beaumont-plant-unit-2250529.php>
9. *November 3, KSAZ 10 KUTP 45 Phoenix* – (National) **Study claims 'significant' number of cribs contain harmful chemicals.** A report released November 2 claims a significant portion of crib mattresses sold in the United States contain one or more potentially dangerous chemicals, despite previous efforts by manufacturers to reduce the number of harmful chemicals. The report by Clean and Healthy New York found 52 percent of mattress models surveyed were made with conventional materials, including toxic chemicals, and 20 percent of models were made without chemicals of concern but with potential allergens. Only 8 percent of models included in the report were made without any chemicals of concern or allergens. One of the mattress models, the Sealy Baby Firm Crib Mattress, is a top seller. It uses a vinyl cover coated with an

antibacterial. Despite a statement on the company Web site that the mattress “does not contain any harmful chemicals,” researchers said the process itself of vinyl manufacturing requires toxic chemicals. The researchers also warned parents to be on the look-out for other misleading health claims, such as: the addition of soybean or other plant oils to polyurethane foam (which does not decrease use of chemicals of concern) to reduce “carbon footprint”; the use of one or more layers of organic cotton. In one case, the cotton material was then covered with vinyl. Firms demonstrate varying degrees of public disclosure about chemicals in their mattresses, according to the researchers. Only half of the manufacturers in the study provided full information about the materials used in cribs — even though many of the chemicals the researchers tested for have been shown to cause harm in the past.

Source: http://www.myfoxphoenix.com/dpp/news/national/foxnews/Study-Claims-Significant-Number-of-Cribs-Contain-Harmful-Chemicals_91322709

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

10. *November 4, Associated Press* – (Tennessee) **TVA fakery brings man probation.** An electrician charged with falsifying inspection records at the Tennessee Valley Authority’s (TVA) unfinished Watts Bar Unit 2 reactor in Spring City, Tennessee, was sentenced November 3 to probation for 2 years after he apologized for causing any nuclear fears. His defense attorney said her client broke the law by hastily obeying a supervisor’s orders to hurry up and get the job done instead of making the required inspection. A U.S. attorney and TVA officials said at a March news conference after the man’s arrest that the falsified records posed no harm to the public. The 31-year old was charged with falsifying reports while working in August 2010 at the reactor construction site. Prosecutors said he lied about measuring the diameter of cables designed to provide electric power to operate equipment, including safety systems, in the reactor containment structure at the plant.

Source: <http://www.tennessean.com/article/20111104/NEWS21/311040081/TVA-fakery-brings-man-probation?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|FRONTPAGE|s>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

Banking and Finance Sector

11. *November 4, CBS News* – (Illinois) **Suspect arrested for robbing same bank 4 times.** A 57-year-old man has been charged with robbing a Chicago bank in September and is suspected of robbing the same bank at least three other times since August. The suspect was arrested by the FBI the week of October 24 and charged with the September 30 robbery of the Chicago Community Bank branch at 52 E. Lake Street. According to the criminal complaint, he entered the bank around 9:30 a.m. September 30, handed the teller a note stating he had a gun and a bomb, and demanded money. The teller handed over \$631 in cash and the suspect fled on foot. Authorities recovered the demand note he left behind and the FBI lifted a fingerprint from the note, matching it to the suspect. Although he has only been charged in the September 30 robbery, the FBI suspects him of robbing the same bank branch August 12, September 16, and October 12.
Source: <http://www.wtsp.com/news/article/218879/58/Suspect-Arrested-For-Robbing-Same-Bank-4-Times>

12. *November 3, New York Times* – (New York) **Protesters arrested outside Goldman Sachs building.** Police officers arrested more than a dozen protesters from the Occupy Wall Street movement November 3 after large group of the demonstrators marched to the headquarters of Goldman Sachs in Manhattan, New York. Police said 16 protesters were arrested shortly before 1 p.m., including nine men and seven women. All but one of the protesters faced charges of disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. One protester was charged with disorderly conduct. Police said the protesters apparently held a mock trial of Goldman Sachs at their encampment in Zuccotti Park before setting out for the building to deliver their verdict. When they got to the building, several crowded in front of it. “They were asked to move numerous times, and failed to do so,” a police spokesman said. “Consequently, arrests had to be made.” No protester entered the building, police said. A Goldman Sachs security manager said the event included about 100 protesters who walked west on Murray Street and crossed the West Side Highway to 200 West Street, the Goldman Sachs building, and began demonstrating. The manager said about a dozen in the group simply sat down on a wide sidewalk in front of the main entrance.
Source: <http://cityroom.blogs.nytimes.com/2011/11/03/protesters-arrested-outside-goldman-sachs-building/>

13. *November 2, Indianapolis Star* – (Indiana) **Indy man, 33, held in 4 bank robberies, 1 attempt.** A 33-year-old man was arrested on charges of robbing four banks and the attempted robbery of another bank in Indianapolis, the U.S. attorney’s office announced November 2. The suspect was charged in the wake of an investigation by the FBI’s Safe Streets Gang Task Force, a U.S. attorney said in a news release. The robberies occurred July 6 at Huntington Bank, 6965 W. 38th Street; July 21 at Chase Bank, 1 E. Ohio Street; July 25, Old National Bank, 5173 W. Washington Street; and September 29 at Huntington Bank, 201 N. Illinois Street The attempted robbery occurred August 8 at Old National Bank, 35 N. Lynhurst Avenue. Federal authorities

allege that in the first three robberies the suspect handed tellers a note threatening the use of a bomb if money was not provided. A similar method was used in the August 8 robbery, but authorities allege the suspect fled the scene before receiving any money. During the September 29 robbery, he allegedly threatened bank employees by lifting up his shirt and pointing to what he claimed was a gun, according to the news release.

Source: <http://www.indystar.com/article/20111102/NEWS02/111102015/Indy-man-33-held-4-bank-robberies-1-attempt?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|IndyStar.com>

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Transportation Sector

14. *November 4, WLS 7 Chicago; Sun-Times Media Wire* – (Illinois) **Train derailment still impacting Metra service.** In Illinois, Metra Milwaukee West riders may still face delays November 4 after a freight train derailment canceled some November 3 service. Some of the trains going through the site of the derailment that happened Thursday morning in west suburban Bartlett had to single-track through the area, forcing them to go through slowly. Repair crews were still on the scene trying to make extensive fixes to the rails, which were badly damaged because of the derailment and ensuing fire. Additionally, some outbound trains were only going as far as Bartlett, with riders having to take a bus from there to the rest of the Elgin stations. The crash in an unincorporated area of Cook County between Elgin and Bartlett derailed 22 Canadian National freight cars, three of which caught fire. No one was hurt and no evacuations were necessary because the cars containing hazardous materials did not catch fire. Metra is cautioning riders to plan for delays, and said train schedules may change throughout the day as crews continue to clean up the wreck.
15. *November 4, Detroit News and Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Buses running again as Bing vows to up security, stop ‘hooligans’.** Detroit’s mayor announced November 4 a plan for an increased police presence on Detroit Department of Transportation (DDOT) buses, a day after a driver was allegedly assaulted by a passenger at the Rosa Parks Transit Center, prompting bus drivers to halt city service until about 1:30 p.m. As of 2:30 p.m. buses had returned to service. About 100 DDOT bus drivers refused to cover their routes because they were upset over a physical assault on one of their own that occurred at the transit center November 3 in downtown Detroit. The work shutdown started early November 4, stranding surprised residents. Drivers were told by union officials that changes to DDOT include improved security measures on bus routes, including random pullovers of buses in identified trouble spots, a \$1,000 Crime Stoppers reward for information that would lead to an arrest of anyone responsible for the assault of the DDOT bus driver, increased patrols at the center, and monthly meetings to address drivers’ safety concerns.

Source:

<http://www.detnews.com/article/20111104/METRO01/111040400/1409/METRO/DDO-T-service-resumes-as-Bing-vows-to-stop-Ã¢â¬ÅhooligansÃ¢â¬Å>

16. *November 3, Associated Press* – (Oregon) **FAA: Blown engine caused pilot to abort takeoff of Allegiant flight from Medford to Las Vegas.** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) said a blown engine was the cause of an aborted takeoff by an Allegiant Air flight in Medford, Oregon. A FAA spokesman said November 3 the twin-engine MD-83 jet safely came to a stop, and none of the 145 people on board were injured. He said debris had to be cleared from the runway, but there was no other damage. A Medford airport spokeswoman said there was a loud bang from the airplane before it braked to a stop. Allegiant Air Flight 357 was on its way to Las Vegas. An Allegiant plane from Phoenix was sent to Medford to pick up the passengers.
Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/faa-blown-engine-caused-pilot-to-abort-takeoff-of-allegiant-flight-from-medford-to-las-vegas/2011/11/03/gIQAh06MjM_story.html
17. *November 3, WSAZ 3 Huntington/Charleston* – (West Virginia) **Accident knocks out phone service at Tri-State Airport.** Phone service at Tri-State Airport in Huntington, West Virginia was disrupted November 3 due to an accident. Tri-State Airport officials said a truck hit some overhead lines the afternoon of November 3. They said there were fallen lines along the road in front of the main terminal, so it would remain closed to through traffic until further notice. The service was expected to be restored sometime the afternoon of November 4.
Source:
http://www.wsaz.com/huntington/headlines/BREAKING_NEWS_Phone_Service_Down_at_Tri-State_Airport_133199213.html

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Postal and Shipping Sector

18. *November 4, Hagerstown Herald-Mail* – (Virginia) **Package at Ranson post office contained cookies; ‘pop’ was from light fixture.** What was reported to authorities as an explosion that sent white powder into the air at the Ranson Post Office in Ranson, West Virginia, November 4 turned out to be an electrical problem, a firefighter with Citizens Fire Co. said November 4. The package in a storage locker that employees thought exploded contained cookies, said the firefighter, who was the designated spokesperson at the scene. The “pop” that employees at the post office at 205 Ambrose Drive was caused by a fluorescent light fixture malfunction, he said. Before that was determined 6 hours after the call went out to Jefferson County Emergency Services, the post office was evacuated, 15 postal workers were quarantined in a bus at Ranson Square shopping center, traffic was restricted in the area, and nearby residents were warned to stay indoors. Local, state and federal law enforcement agencies sent personnel to the scene.
Source: <http://www.herald-mail.com/breakingnews/hm-package-explodes-at-ranson-post-office-white-powder-reportedly-escapes-20111104,0,4376343.story>

19. *November 3, Victorville Daily Press* – (California) **Thieves break into Adelanto mailboxes, steal drop box.** Authorities warned Adelanto, California residents to keep an eye on their bank accounts and other personal information after two U.S. Postal Service mailboxes were broken into, and one whole drop box was stolen, San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Victor Valley station officials said November 3. “One of the mailboxes outside the (Adelanto) post office was actually stolen,” the spokeswoman for the Victor Valley station said. According to her, the first instance took place sometime between October 21 and 22. That is when the entire mailbox was stolen from in front of the post office, she said. A few days after that, someone broke into a drop off box making off with all of the mail inside. One day after that break-in, authorities reported a second mailbox had been pried open and had its contents stolen. Source: <http://www.vvdailypress.com/news/adelanto-31068-thieves-box.html>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

20. *November 4, Food Safety News* – (Utah) **Utah tracks raw milk Salmonella to ‘Mr. Cheese’.** Public health authorities estimate 2,000 people in Utah may have been infected with Salmonella since 2009 by eating soft cheese made from raw milk by an unauthorized food producer, the Salt Lake Tribune and Deseret News reported November 3. According to the news reports, the queso fresco was homemade by a man called “Mr. Cheese,” who supplied it to Salt Lake City delis or restaurants. An investigation was launched in 2009 after people began to get sick with Salmonella Newport. Since then, health department officials confirmed about 70 cases of Salmonella Newport linked to raw milk cheese, but believe as many as 2,000 Utahns in 6 counties may actually have been affected, the director of Salt Lake Valley Health Department’s Environmental Health Division told Deseret News. After samples of queso fresco collected at a restaurant were tested and resulted in a positive DNA match with the outbreak strain, the owner identified his source from a photo lineup, and called him “Mr. Cheese.” Investigators from the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food found the man’s cheese-making operation at his Salt Lake City home, and learned the unpasteurized milk he was using came from a dairy located outside of Heber. Raw milk sales are allowed in Utah, but only from the farm directly to consumers. Dairies must also have a permit or license to sell raw milk, and the Heber dairy had neither. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/11/utah-tracks-raw-milk-salmonella-to-mr-cheese/>
21. *November 4, Associated Press* – (New York) **Truck hauling doughnuts overturns on NY highway.** Authorities said one of the southbound lanes of Interstate 81 in Chenango, New York, reopened after a tractor-trailer hauling doughnuts overturned, spilling the baked goods across the highway, the Associated Press reported November 4. A Broome County Sheriff’s official said the driver fell asleep, causing the truck to hit a guardrail and roll over. The official said “a lot of doughnuts” spilled when boxes split open, scattering the breakfast treats across the lanes of the interstate, and into the median. He said the southbound lanes were closed for less than an hour. The left lane remained closed 5 hours after the crash as highway crews repaired the guardrail and

removed the doughnuts and rig from the scene.

Source: http://lacrossetribune.com/news/national/article_dd8f453c-e4c1-5919-a4e2-de33c18dbc79.html

22. *November 3, St. Louis Beacon* – (Missouri) **E. coli cases confirmed in Boone County.** Missouri state health officials confirmed November 3 that three E. coli cases have been found in Boone County. They said a specimen from a fourth suspected case was under review. These newly disclosed cases do not appear to be connected to the E. coli outbreak in the St. Louis area, according to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. The agency also lowered the number of confirmed cases growing out of the St. Louis outbreak. Late November 2, officials said the number stood at 26. However, late November 3, officials said 4 of the 26 cases were unrelated to the St. Louis outbreak.
Source: <http://www.stlbeacon.org/health-science/health/114019-e-coli-cases-confirmed-in-boone-county>
23. *November 3, KAYU 28 Spokane* – (Washington) **Coast Guard responds to fire, possible fuel spill on floating fish pen.** The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) responded November 3 to a fire and possible fuel spill on a floating fish-rearing-pen south of Bainbridge Island, Washington. Around 1:30 a.m., a Washington State Ferry crew reported spotting a fire on the American Gold Seafood’s floating fish-rearing pens in Rich Passage. “The Bainbridge Island Fire Dept. extinguished the fire, which occurred in a small shed on the floating pen. The fire involved an air compressor system,” a USCG spokesperson said. The compressor system was disconnected from its diesel fuel source though it was not clear how much, if any, fuel had already spilled into the water.
Source: <http://www.myfoxspokane.com/news/kcpq-coast-guard-responds-to-fire-possible-fuel-spill-on-floating-fish-pen-20111103,0,1902907.story>

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Water Sector

24. *November 4, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Chemicals in Puget Sound come from diverse sources.** The Associated Press reported a new Washington state analysis released November 3 found tens of thousands of toxic chemicals enter the Puget Sound each year through many diffused sources, including leaking oil from cars, zinc from rooftops, copper in boat paint, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) from creosote-treated wood pilings and wood stoves. The report ties together a multi-year effort to quantify and understand the chemical threats in Puget Sound. The state estimates that about 710,000 to 800,000 pounds of petroleum enters the Sound each year — much smaller amounts than previous estimates. Two-thirds of the petroleum comes from motor oil drips and leaks on vehicles, and roads. About 250,000 to 300,000 pounds of zinc and 300 to 600 pounds of PAHs are also getting into streams. The Puget Sound Partnership plans to use the results of the assessment to come up with new strategies to reduce the contaminants and clean up the sound.

Source:

http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/localnews/2016682396_apwapugetsoundtoxics2ndldwritethru.html

25. *November 4, Cedar Rapids Gazette* – (Iowa) **Private Iowa wells may be at risk for arsenic.** Water samples from across Iowa are tested for arsenic and other contaminants at the State Hygienic Laboratory in Ankeny. Almost half of the samples in a statewide survey of 475 wells contained arsenic, with high levels documented in 31 Iowa counties. Scientists said arsenic is a naturally occurring inorganic chemical in Iowa. Arsenic can emit from erosion of mineral deposits, as well as runoff from orchards or from glass and electronics production wastes, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Concentrations are dependent on geologic and chemical factors. The associate director for the University of Iowa Center for Health Effects of Environmental Contamination said well construction is also a factor, with shallow and older wells more prone to contamination than deeper and newer wells. A statewide survey conducted from 2006 to 2008, showed high arsenic levels in shallow and deep wells. About 8 percent of those contained arsenic concentrations at or above 10 parts per billion (ppb), the EPA's drinking water standard for public water supplies. Highest levels reached 75 to 80 ppb. Homeowners at high levels were referred to local health departments. Experts in Ankeny recommend that every private well be tested for total coliform and nitrate at least annually.
Source: <http://thegazette.com/2011/11/04/private-iowa-wells-may-be-at-risk-for-arsenic/>
26. *November 3, KVIA 7 El Paso* – (Texas) **2 Arrested In Scrap Metal Thefts At Water Plant.** KVIA 7 El Paso reported El Paso County sheriff's deputies were flagged down about 5:30 p.m. November 1 at the East Montana water plant where a witness said they saw two men throwing what appeared to be heavy scrap metal iron from within the property over a chain-link fence. When deputies arrived, they said they saw two male suspects, one inside of the property and one outside of the property, standing next to a black pickup truck with several metal pipes in the back. Deputies also said they saw shoeprints that matched both men's sneakers. The men were arrested on suspicion of theft and were booked into the El Paso County Jail Annex with a bond set at \$750 each. The estimated value of the property was reported to be about \$550.
Source: <http://www.kvia.com/news/29678397/detail.html>
27. *November 3, Associated Press* – (Texas) **1 dead in sewer line accident in North Texas, rescuers try to locate second worker.** One worker is dead and another is missing after they were apparently overcome by gas fumes while working on a sewer line without protective breathing equipment in North Texas, emergency officials said November 3. The dead man's body was found Thursday morning, the Fairview fire chief said. He said emergency personnel using oxygen and wearing protective gear were searching for the missing worker in the sewer in Fairview, a small town about 30 miles north of Dallas. The workers were likely overcome by gas when they tried to replace a plug on a line that was part of a larger sewer system, the Fairview police chief said. The supervisor went into the sewer without a mask or other breathing equipment to remove the plug as part of the final stage of a year-long operation, officials said.

When he did not emerge, one of the other workers went down to get him, also without protective gear. The third worker — a brother of the man who died — went to get a rope. It is standard procedure for those working on sewer lines to monitor air quality before going in, but it was not clear if they had conducted those checks, an official said. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration is investigating the incident.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/1-dead-in-north-texas-sewer-line-accident-rescuers-hunt-for-2nd-missing-worker/2011/11/03/gIQAPHZliM_story.html

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

28. *November 4, Hazleton Standard Speaker* – (Pennsylvania) **Water main break forces St. Luke’s Hospital to divert emergency room patients.** A water main break at St. Luke’s Miners Memorial Hospital November 2 in Coaldale, Pennsylvania, flooded the ground floor causing the hospital to divert patients from the emergency room and to close some outpatient services. But most hospital-based outpatient services, including respiratory, cardiology, oncology, and the laboratory reopened November 4. Hospital hours were extended to handle patient volume. The St. Luke’s Miners Memorial Hospital’s Emergency Department will continue to divert patients, and the radiology department remains closed, until further notice.

Source: <http://standardspeaker.com/news/water-main-break-forces-st-luke-s-hospital-to-divert-emergency-room-patients-1.1227647#axzz1ckEB711F>

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Government Facilities Sector

29. *November 4, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Students and principal sickened at Ohio school, prompting evacuation; air quality to be tested.** Officials at a Catholic school in eastern Ohio said it is not clear why 13 students and the principal suddenly suffered nausea, headaches, and eye irritation. The illnesses November 3 prompted the evacuation of St. John Central High School in Bellaire. The school will be closed November 4 so its air quality can be tested. Multiple media outlets reported that sickened students and the principal were taken to hospitals to be evaluated. There were no reports of any serious medical problems. The schools director with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Steubenville said authorities November 3 detected no elevated levels of natural gas or carbon monoxide in the building. He said the reactions may have been something in the air that came in from outside.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/186731790dfe4a9f8c5f0c3625db998a/OH--School-Sickness/>

30. *November 3, WKTV 2 Utica* – (New York) **Decades old bottle of Picric acid leads to evacuation at Waterville Jr Sr High.** Students and staff members at Waterville Junior

and Senior High School were evacuated a little after noon November 3 when the New York State Police Bomb Disposal Unit out of Albany was called in to assess and dispose of some potentially hazardous chemicals. “We are concerned about one of the chemicals that is possibly dangerous and could call an explosion,” said the superintendent of schools. The main issue is a bottle of picric acid that is more than 25 years old. When in liquid form, the chemical is safe to use. However, the compound has solidified over the years, which means it could be potentially explosive if not removed properly. “We acted as quickly as we could and we followed protocol and we got good advice from the state police and haz-mat unit,” he said. Administrators were never advised to evacuate students, but they said they did so as a precautionary measure.

Source: <http://www.wktv.com/news/local/Decades-old-bottle-of-Picric-acid-leads-to-evacuation-at-Waterville-Jr-Sr-High-133195948.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

31. *November 4, Leesburg Daily Commercial* – (Florida) **Rifle stole from police trunk.** A loaded high-powered, service assault rifle was stolen from the trunk of a Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida police unmarked vehicle, police said November 3. The captain reported the theft to his department October 3, about 3 days after he noticed the black AR-15 rifle missing from the his 2005 Ford Crown Victoria and failed to find it in a futile search, according to a Howey-in-the-Hills police investigative report. The police chief said the 17-year veteran is the department’s firearm master who trains other officers on gun safety and maintenance. The chief said the officer believes it was stolen while the car was parked in his Tavares neighborhood. He added they did not bother checking for fingerprints due to the officer having recently washed the car. It is not clear what happened to the weapon. But the officer said he discovered problems with the power lock on a rear door, and believes the thief could have gained entry through an unlocked door.

Source: <http://www.dailycommercial.com/News/LakeCounty/110411rifle>

32. *November 3, Associated Press* – (Tennessee) **4 Hancock Jail inmates escape, 1 recaptured.** One inmate has been recaptured but three others were still on the loose after they escaped from the Hancock County, Tennessee jail. The sheriff’s office said the four inmates were all discovered missing from their cells the morning of November 2. WATE 6 Knoxville reported one inmate was tracked to a home near the Hawkins County line, but sheriff’s officials were still looking for the other three. One inmate was convicted of aggravated burglary, another was sentenced to 8 years for aggravated robbery, and the third was convicted of theft, and violation of probation.

Source: <http://www.wrcbtv.com/story/15949322/4-hancock-jail-inmates-escape-1-recaptured>

33. *November 3, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **Police say jail cap could jeopardize safety.** Police said a decision by Adams County, Colorado commissioners to impose a cap on prisoners beginning next year could jeopardize public safety. The Thornton

police chief said the cap means some inmates who should be in jail may be let go. The cap calls for cities to get a limited number of beds at the county jail, and pay a fee for each prisoner if the cap is exceeded. The county said the cap is needed because of budget cuts. The commission chairman told KMGH 7 Denver the fears were overblown because no prisoners would be turned away.

Source: <http://www.kgwn.tv/story/15949860/police-say-jail-cap-could-jeopardize-safety>

34. *November 2, KDKA 1020 Pittsburgh* – (Pennsylvania) **Fight club allegations probed at SCI Fayette.** A full-blown investigation is underway into a so-called “fight club” inside the Fayette State Correctional Institution in Luzerne Township, Pennsylvania. A corrections officer reached out to a KDKA Investigator claiming inmates have been seriously injured. There are 2,000 inmates at the prison. According to a letter written by a veteran corrections officer and sent to the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections (PDOC) there is an organized “fight club octogone” inside the facility. The letter states inmates had “missing teeth, swollen eyes, broken knuckles [and] broken hands.” The letter goes on to say the, “COs were betting on the fights and allowing the winner to run a store.” State prison officials said they have the letter and they are conducting a complete investigation. “Staff will be interviewed, inmates will be interviewed, video tape will be reviewed, I mean, it will run the whole gamut,” a PDOC spokeswoman said. The corrections officer expresses concern in the letter. “If nothing is done, it will go on and somebody will get hurt or even killed.” He also worries about his own safety. “I am in fear of my life.” Investigators said corrections officers were not in danger. Source: http://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2011/11/02/fight-club-allegations-probed-at-sci-fayette/?hpt=ju_bn4

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Information Technology Sector

35. *November 4, IDG News Service* – (International) **Microsoft issues workaround for Duqu attack while it prepares a patch.** Microsoft published code to temporarily blunt attacks against a software vulnerability exploited by Duqu, an advanced piece of malicious software still being closely analyzed by security researchers. Microsoft is working on a patch for the vulnerability in the Win32k TrueType font-parsing engine, a component of various Windows operating systems. An attacker could exploit it to load malicious code on a computer in kernel mode. The exploit can be delivered by a malicious Microsoft Word document, researchers found. The document could be sent to a target via an e-mail attachment; opening the document would launch the attack. Researchers from the Laboratory of Cryptography and System Security in Hungary located an installer file for Duqu and discovered it used the previously unknown Windows vulnerability. Microsoft’s workarounds involve a few lines of code that run at an administrative command prompt. Microsoft warned installing the workarounds may mean some applications that rely on embedded font technology may not display properly. The workarounds apply to Microsoft’s XP, Vista and 7 operating systems, as

well as to various Windows Server products. The company has also published a quick fix that can be downloaded and applied.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9221491/Microsoft_issues_workaround_for_Duqu_attack_while_it_prepares_a_patch

36. *November 3, IDG News Service* – (International) **Simulated cyberattack unites EU and U.S. security experts.** Almost 100 computer experts from 16 European countries jointly battled to hold off cyberattacks on the European Union’s security agencies and power plants as part of a simulated exercise November 3. The event, Cyber Atlantic 2011, was the first joint cybersecurity exercise between the European Union (EU) and the United States. Two scenarios were acted out. The first was a targeted, stealth advanced persistent threat attack aimed at extracting and publishing online secret information from EU member states’ cybersecurity agencies. Security experts at Europe’s network and information security agency said this type of attack was possible in a real-world situation. The second simulation focused on the disruption of supervisory control and data acquisition systems in power generation infrastructures. This threat is being taken very seriously by EU authorities, particularly in light of allegations the Anonymous hacker group has attempted to infiltrate French power plants, and the widespread Stuxnet attack on Iran’s nuclear facilities. More than 20 EU countries were involved in the exercise, with the European Commission providing high-level direction, and DHS lending support. The aim was to explore how the EU and the United States would engage each other and cooperate in the event of cyberattacks on critical information infrastructures, and follows the first pan-European cybersecurity stress test. Lessons learned from Cyber Atlantic 2011 will be used to plan potential future joint EU-U.S. cyberexercises.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9221452/Simulated_cyberattack_unites_EU_and_U.S._security_experts

37. *November 3, Computerworld* – (International) **Microsoft to patch critical Windows 7 bug in ‘upside down’ update next week.** Microsoft November 3 said it will issue four security updates the week of November 7 to patch four vulnerabilities in Windows. The critical vulnerability affects only Windows Vista, Windows 7, Server 2008, and Server 2008 R2, said Microsoft in its monthly advanced warning of Patch Tuesday’s roster. Other than the one critical update, the collection also includes two pegged “important,” and one labeled “moderate.” Two of the updates — the critical and one of those marked important — will patch vulnerabilities attackers could exploit to execute malicious code and potentially commandeer the computer. While the Windows XP will not require the sole critical update, it will be patched by one of the important vulnerabilities. Windows 7 users, however, will receive all four updates — including the critical patch — and Vista owners will see three.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9221470/Microsoft_to_patch_critical_Windows_7_bug_in_upside_down_update_next_week

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Communications Sector

38. *November 4, WWLP 22 Springfield* – (National) **Many have power, but no cable.** In Massachusetts, the October snowstorm did not only damage power lines, it damaged cable lines as well, and many people are dealing with not having television or Internet access. A Charter Communications spokeswoman told WWLP 22 Springfield that 10,000 cable lines were damaged in the storm, and they had repaired about 2,000 of them by the morning of November 4 using crews brought in from Atlanta. Their issue is that in order to get cable systems online, they first have to wait for the area to be safe, and in certain areas, power must be restored 100 percent for cable and Internet services to come back. It is not just repairing lines, either. Some lines have to be completely replaced.

Source: <http://www.wwlp.com/dpp/news/local/hampden/Many-have-power,-but-no-cable>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

39. *November 4, Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice* – (Pennsylvania) **Blaze heavily damages Pittston Twp. plant.** Firefighters from several departments in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, battled a fire that heavily damaged the roof of plastics and paper cup manufacturer Maui Cup in the Grimes Industrial Park November 3. The Pittston Township assistant fire chief said the roof sustained serious damage and the plant will need structural inspections. About 100 employees who were in the plant at the time of the fire were evacuated, said a maintenance manager. The plant shut down operations as a result of the severe damage to the roof. It took about an hour to control the fire, fire officials said. In addition to Pittston Township firefighters, crews from 10 departments responded. As firefighters battled the fire, PPL shut off power to about 115 industrial and residential customers in the area for about an hour for safety reasons, said a PPL spokesman.

Source: <http://citizensvoice.com/news/blaze-heavily-damages-pittston-twp-plant-1.1227480#axzz1cjyRyBvL>

40. *November 4, KSAZ 10 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **Crews battle blaze at cotton warehouse.** A fire at a cotton warehouse in Glendale, Arizona, that broke out late November 3 was still burning early November 4. The fire destroyed a Calcot cotton warehouse, which stores cotton for farmers around the state. The fire destroyed an estimated \$3 million worth of cotton. There were 6,000 bales of cotton in the 38,000 square-foot warehouse, and that made the fire difficult to extinguish. The roof collapsed on top of the warehouse, making it more difficult to fight the fire. Crews could not get to the fire because it was covered by the roof. Strong winds were expected November 4, and that forced fire crews to try to keep the flames from moving to the other warehouses, which are metal and filled with cotton bales. There were about 20 firefighters battling the fire, and they were being relieved by new crews every 2 to 3 hours.
Source: <http://www.myfoxphoenix.com/dpp/news/local/cotton-warehouse-on-fire-overnight-11042011>
41. *November 4, KDVR 31 Denver* – (Colorado) **Arrest made in Fort Collins condo fire; damage estimated at \$10M.** A Fort Collins, Colorado man was in jail November 4 to face charges related to a fire that burned two buildings and caused \$10 million damage. Police arrested the man late November 3. He is accused of setting the fire in a 4-story building that was under construction. That fire spread to Penny Flats, a nearby building that had condominiums and stores in it. The blaze broke out at 3:30 a.m. October 24. The building under construction was fully engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived. Investigators spent 6 days at the site of the fire before releasing it to the property owners. The man is under investigation for 1st degree arson, 2nd degree burglary, and criminal mischief.
Source: [http://www.kdvr.com/news/kdvr-arrest-made-in-fire-that-caused-10-million-damage-20111104,0,7549067.story?track=rss&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+kdvr-news+\(KDVR+-+Local+News\)](http://www.kdvr.com/news/kdvr-arrest-made-in-fire-that-caused-10-million-damage-20111104,0,7549067.story?track=rss&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+kdvr-news+(KDVR+-+Local+News))
42. *November 4, New York Post* – (New York) **100 flee retch-id Port Authority stink.** A cloud of noxious paint fumes emanating from a New York Authority Bus Terminal forced the evacuation of a nearby building November 3, and sickened several office workers in Manhattan, authorities said. The fumes wafted over from the bus station's exterior renovation to the McGraw-Hill building at 330 W. 42nd Street at around 11 a.m., and fire officials ordered about 100 workers out on the street while it was ventilated. The stench dissipated at around noon, and four people were taken to Bellevue Hospital, according to the Fire Department of New York. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PA) said work stopped when officials became aware of the problem. They "followed all safety precautions during the work and are carefully looking into the matter," the PA statement said.
Source:
http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/manhattan/flee_retech_id_port_authority_stink_AyIAWeIArIyeI27IAR6smK
43. *November 3, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* – (Pennsylvania) **Chemical exposure in Murrysville sickens at least 11.** At least 11 people were taken to area hospitals and

more than 60 people were treated outside a Murrysville, Pennsylvania office building where they were sickened by an unknown chemical, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reported November 3. Many ambulance companies were called around noon to Justifacts after the workers reported feeling ill, a Westmoreland County emergency dispatch supervisor said. Those who required further treatment were taken to several area hospitals. The chemical they inhaled was likely a cleaning agent, as a cleaning crew was inside the building late November 2, the supervisor said.

Source: <http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/11307/1187280-100.stm>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

44. *November 4, St. Louis Post-Dispatch* – (Missouri) **Weather helps battle blazes in Mark Twain forest.** Firefighters got a break November 3 as light rain and a little snow fell on what officials believe is the largest fire in Missouri’s Mark Twain National Forest in recent history. Damp weather has “reduced the fire activity significantly; however, the fire has the potential to build up again,” said a spokesman for the U.S. Forest Service. Meanwhile, at least one suspected arsonist remained on the loose and more fires have been set. Officials believe a 5,000-acre fire was intentionally set November 1 in three different locations in southeast Dent County. The area is primed to burn because of brush and fallen trees left to decay since a heavy windstorm hit the region in 2009. Arson is also suspected in at least two more fires set November 2 in Reynolds County, including one that has burned through 310 acres, officials said. About 40 firefighters have been working to establish containment lines around each fire. Reinforcements from the East Coast were expected to arrive November 4 to help work the lines and be ready for any new fires. Since January, officials said Mark Twain National Forest has been the site of 110 fires that burned about 19,000 acres of national forest, and other nearby land.

Source: http://www.stltoday.com/news/state-and-regional/missouri/weather-helps-battle-blazes-in-mark-twain-forest/article_206cdb30-1e7b-5cf3-91c3-21fb788d4962.html

45. *November 2, Associated Press* – (California) **Santa Ana winds fan Southern California fires.** A fire driven by Santa Ana winds damaged several structures in Glen Avon, California, November 2 as the seasonal onslaught of withering gusts put the region on alert for wildfires, and falling trees and power lines. A 2-acre fire heavily damaged one home and also scorched two other structures, said a spokeswoman for the California Department of Forestry and Fire. The fire apparently started near a freeway, swept across a plowed field, and among adjacent homes. In neighboring Orange County, a brush fire burned 5 acres of hilly unincorporated territory near Brea before it was contained. Two water-dropping helicopters and 150 firefighters from Los Angeles and Orange counties tackled the fire amid winds that gusted up to 30 mph. The fire broke out in an oil field, but no wells were affected, officials said. Elsewhere, a 5-acre fire on the remote Carrizo Plain of San Luis Obispo County was held in check by

aircraft-retardant drops, and a 1-acre fire in the Hansen Dam area of Los Angeles was posing no threat to homes, authorities said. Smoke seen from the San Diego suburb of Chula Vista was from a 600-acre vegetation fire 1.5 miles south of the U.S.-Mexico border, a San Diego Fire-Rescue spokesman said.

Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_19247912

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Dams Sector

46. *November 4, Associated Press* – (Kentucky) **Final gate going in at Markland Lock and Dam.** Workers installed the last 260-ton gate at a lock and dam on the Ohio River in northern Kentucky that is undergoing major repairs, the Associated Press reported November 4. Repair work on the Markland Lock and Dam near Warsaw began in 2009 after a gate segment failed, forcing the main lock chamber to close until a smaller lock could be used. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Louisville said the installation of the last gate door on November 4 will complete the project, and the repaired lock will be ready to open November 24. About 53 million tons of cargo, including coal and grains, passes through the Markland Locks in a typical year.
Source: http://www.wcpo.com/dpp/news/region_northern_kentucky/final-gate-going-in-at-markland-lock-and-dam

47. *November 3, Johnstown Tribune-Democrat* – (Pennsylvania) **Glitch damages valve at Que dam.** During a scheduled drawdown of the Quemahoning reservoir in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, several 1900-era cast-iron pieces of a gate frame inside a dam whitewater tower broke off, damaging sections of the recently upgraded raw water “waste” gate used for releases and drawdowns, Cambria Somerset Authority officials said. The Johnstown Tribune-Democrat reported November 3 that some of its original parts — heavy iron parts used to close a tower gate — broke off during a drawdown and caused damage to its newest components, shredding stainless steel covering plates in the release valve pipeline, and damaging the new valve itself — a significant part of last year’s \$1.3 million project to ready the Stonycreek for whitewater releases. Authority officials put repair efforts on the fast track toward repair November 3, preapproving up to \$140,000 in reserve funds to quickly fix the problems in coming months. About \$100,000 of that would come from emergency funds already on hand. The other \$40,000, if needed, would be taken from money set aside for a hydroelectric feasibility study planned for 2012. Officials said the valve itself still works.
Source: <http://tribune-democrat.com/local/x471032508/Glitch-damages-valve-at-Que-dam>

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