



# Homeland Security

## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report 18 November 2011

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- Tornadoes hammered the Southeast November 16, killing at least six people and damaging numerous homes, businesses, and vehicles in six states. – *CNN* (See item [49](#))
- Tens of thousands of demonstrators took to the streets around the United States November 17, taking over buildings, disrupting transportation, and clashing with police in many major cities. – *Associated Press* (See item [50](#))

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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 16, Abilene Reporter-News* – (Texas) **Frac Tech to pay \$450K settlement to woman burned by acid.** Frac Tech has agreed to pay \$450,000 to settle a lawsuit filed by a transport driver who claimed she could not find any working safety showers after suffering chemical burns at Frac Tech's Aledo facility in Texas, according to a statement released November 16 by the woman's attorney. Frac Tech Services provides hydraulic fracturing services to gas-well drilling sites, using pressurized rigs to shoot so-called "fracking fluid" into casings deep underground in efforts to fracture rock formations and free natural gas. According to the statement, the woman, a worker for

L&B Transport, was unloading hydrochloric acid in February 2008 when a hose fitting came loose, spraying the acid onto her face and body. The victim alleged that of the two safety showers in the Aledo facility, "one was not working properly and that the second was locked and not accessible," according to the attorney's statement, which notes that the woman suffered serious chemical burns to her face, chest, and abdomen. Source: <http://www.reporternews.com/news/2011/nov/16/woman-alleging-no-working-safety-showers-at-frac/>

2. *November 16, Battle Creek Enquirer* – (Michigan) **EPA: Enbridge spilled 1.1M gallons of oil, much more than estimated.** The extent of the July 2010 oil spill that contaminated the Kalamazoo River was nearly 40 percent greater than previously estimated, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Enbridge Energy, the company whose pipeline ruptured near Marshall, Michigan in July 2010, has claimed since the incident occurred that it lost an amount of heavy crude oil ranging between 819,000 and 843,000 gallons. However, the EPA's Web site was updated November 16 to report 1,139,569 gallons of oil were recovered during cleanup efforts. The Web site also indicated more work is needed to clean up submerged oil, implying that even more oil remains to be found. The Web site said the EPA "has identified pockets of submerged oil in three areas covering approximately 200 acres that require cleanup." One of those sites is in the Mill Pond in Battle Creek, and another lies within and east of Ceresco. The third is in Morrow Lake. The EPA reported 15.7 million gallons of oil and water have been collected and disposed of since the cleanup began, involving work by 783 personnel. At the height of the cleanup in September, more than 2,500 EPA, state, local and Enbridge personnel and contractors were working along 35 miles of river and shoreline, according to the EPA Web site, which added that the cleanup effort continues to have more than 500 people deployed to the region.

Source:

<http://www.battlecreekenquirer.com/article/20111117/OILSPILL/111170311/Kalamazoo-River-oil-spill-EPA-Enbridge-Battle-Creek?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|Frontpage>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

3. *November 17, Nashville Tennessean* – (Tennessee) **Blasts at Gallatin plant preventable, safety board says.** Hoeganaes Corp. officials knew of serious safety hazards in their Gallatin, Tennessee metal-powders plant at least as early as 2008 after an insurance audit raised questions about combustible dust but did nothing to eliminate the problems before a series of flash fires this year killed five workers, and injured at least four others. That was the conclusion of the U.S. Chemical Safety Board's (CSB) probe, presented November 16. The latest accident, May 27, which fatally burned three workers, was started by a hydrogen explosion that occurred because of a corroded pipe, and the CSB found the firm had no inspection or maintenance program to keep pipes carrying the extremely flammable gas from leaking. Hydrogen is used to produce metal

powders Hoeganaes makes for the auto industry. A CSB member criticized Hoeganaes for lax corporate oversight. Board investigators said workers told them that before the first fatal explosion in January, there had been numerous flash fires, with no injuries, caused by the highly combustible dust. The dust was allowed to accumulate on surfaces throughout the plant, the probe found. Board investigators said the May 27 incident included a secondary blast fueled by the metal dust that made it worse. They also questioned the plant's practice of relying on protective clothing to prevent burns. The probe found all of the workers killed in both events were wearing fire-resistant clothing, but the fire was so hot the protective gear burned away. The CSB noted that after the insurance audit in 2008, Hoeganaes did its own tests in 2009 and in 2010 that showed the dust was highly explosive when released in confined areas and ignited. To prevent future dust and gas explosions, the investigators recommended Hoeganaes conduct regular audits for compliance with fire-prevention standards, train employees and contractors on how to eliminate hazards, and implement preventive-maintenance and leak-detection procedures for all flammable gases inside the plant.

Source: <http://www.tennessean.com/article/20111117/NEWS01/311120088/Blasts-at-Gallatin-plant-preventable-safety-board-says>

4. *November 17, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **4 treated after exposure to chemical leak at NewPage paper mill in Luke, Md.** NewPage Corp. said it is investigating a chemical leak that sent four workers at its western Maryland paper mill to hospitals for evaluation. Authorities told the Cumberland Times-News that the workers suffered respiratory distress from chlorine dioxide that leaked from a storage tank at the mill in Luke shortly before noon November 16. The company said in a statement late the afternoon of November 16 that a section of state Route 135 was briefly closed and people in the community were advised to stay indoors for nearly an hour. The Ohio-based company said the mill has returned to normal operations.  
Source: <http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/b1bee10f97e44104b94ae953909727ff/MD--Chemical-Spill-Luke/>
5. *November 16, Bloomberg* – (National) **J&J starts removing toxins from baby products.** Johnson & Johnson has begun removing two harmful chemicals from its iconic baby shampoo and other baby products in the United States, Bloomberg reported November 16. An international coalition of consumer and environmental groups had pressed the company since May 2009 to remove the toxins from all personal care products, including Johnson's Baby Shampoo. Two weeks ago, the Campaign for Safe Cosmetics was emboldened after finding the New Jersey-headquartered health care giant had removed the two chemicals from products in several other countries. But in the United States, the products contain trace amounts of potentially cancer-causing chemicals. Johnson & Johnson now says it expects to remove formaldehyde-releasing preservatives from baby products within about 2 years, and is reducing traces of the other chemical.  
Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9R22IIG0.htm>
6. *November 16, Jacksonville Journal Courier* – (Illinois) **Anhydrous ammonia tanks break free, prompt road closing.** A highway near Waverly, Illinois was closed to

traffic for about 6 hours November 16 after two tanks filled with anhydrous ammonia rolled into a steep ditch. The tanks had been picked up at Brandt Consolidated in Auburn and were hitched to a pickup truck. As the driver was nearing Rohrer Road about 9:30 a.m., the hitch pin broke and the two tanks went off the highway and into a 20-foot ditch. There was no leak of the gas commonly used as an agricultural fertilizer. As a precaution, police went door-to-door asking residents to leave. The highway remained closed while the anhydrous ammonia was drained into spare tanks. The highway was reopened to traffic about 3:30 p.m.

Source: <http://www.myjournalcourier.com/news/tanks-36515-county-morgan.html>

7. *November 16, Associated Press* – (Charleston Gazette) **Board urges OSHA to stop delays on dust standard.** The U.S. government must act quickly to set standards to prevent combustible dust explosions, a watchdog agency said November 16. U.S. Chemical Safety Board investigators called on the Labor Department to propose the standards within a year. The department's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has been working on the combustible dust issue for years, but as recently as July, OSHA officials said they were "not able to project an estimate for when we will publish a proposed standard on combustible dust." The CBS chairman said the OSHA must develop a timetable. He spoke during an interview preceding a meeting in Gallatin, Tennessee, about an investigation into combustible dust incidents. Between January and May, three iron-dust flash fires at the Hoeganaes Corp. powered metal facility killed five workers. CSB investigators found unsafe accumulations of dust were a factor in all three incidents, and that such dust is combustible and presents a "serious flash fire hazard." In a comprehensive 2006 report, the CSB identified 281 dust fires and explosions that killed 119 workers and injured 718 others nationwide between 1980 and 2005. It urged the OSHA to adopt a broad combustible dust rule to protect workers in many industries. But the agency has not adopted a rule and instead relies on stepped up training and inspections. In the November 16 report, the CBS said the OSHA did not include the iron and steel mill industry — covering plants such as Hoeganaes — in its national emphasis program for dust inspections.

Source: <http://wvgazette.com/News/201111160131>

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## **Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector**

8. *November 17, Toledo Blade* – (Ohio) **Davis-Besse to stay shut until probe ends.** Crews are expected to pour concrete later the week of November 14 to patch an access portal that was cut into the outer shield building at FirstEnergy's Davis-Besse nuclear plant in Oak Harbor, Ohio, to replace the plant's reactor head. But a Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) spokeswoman said the agency will not let the plant resume operation until the probe of hairline cracks found in the shield building's concrete after that hole was cut in October is complete. She also said a minor electrical fire early November 17 at the plant "is not a safety concern". But she noted the federal agency expects FirstEnergy to investigate and report why a valve leak blamed for the

fire occurred.

Source: <http://www.toledoblade.com/Energy/2011/11/17/Davis-Besse-to-stay-shut-until-probe-ends.html>

9. *November 15, Associated Press* – (International) **California woman pleads guilty to helping ship material to a Pakistani nuclear reactor.** A San Francisco-area woman pleaded guilty November 15 to conspiring to ship material for a Pakistani nuclear reactor after initially denying she was behind any scheme contributing to the proliferation threat. The former managing director of PPG Paints Trading Co. of Shanghai, admitted her guilt before a federal judge in Washington. She also reached a \$200,000 settlement with the Commerce Department and agreed to cooperate with investigators. PPG Paints Trading also pleaded guilty in December 2010. The company and its parent, Pittsburgh-based PPG Industries Inc., paid nearly \$4 million in fines and restitution. The woman was accused of conspiring to send high-performance epoxy coatings to the Chashma II nuclear reactor run by the Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission. She admitted helping send three shipments of the coatings from the United States to Pakistan through a third-party distributor in China without the required license from the Commerce Department.

Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/industries/california-woman-pleads-guilty-to-helping-ship-material-to-a-pakistani-nuclear-reactor/2011/11/15/gIQAobpbPN\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/industries/california-woman-pleads-guilty-to-helping-ship-material-to-a-pakistani-nuclear-reactor/2011/11/15/gIQAobpbPN_story.html)

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

10. *November 16, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **Liebherr expands recall of refrigerators due to injury hazard; door can detach.** The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with Liebherr, November 16, announced a voluntary recall of about 8,000 Liebherr freestanding 30-inch wide, bottom freezer refrigerators. The refrigerator's door can detach, posing an injury hazard to consumers. Liebherr has received 16 additional reports of doors detaching on the freestanding refrigerators, including two reports of injuries involving bruising and strains. The refrigerators were sold individually or as side-by-side companion units. The units were sold at appliance and specialty retailers nationwide from February 2004 through July 2009. Consumers with recalled refrigerators should contact Liebherr to schedule a free in-home repair.

Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml12/12043.html>

11. *November 16, Hartford Courant* – (Connecticut) **OSHA levies \$177,000 in fines against Pomfret cable-maker.** A Pomfret, Connecticut cable manufacturer faces \$177,000 in fines for more than two dozen workplace safety violations — including a repeat violation for inadequate machine safeguarding, according to federal authorities. Loos & Co. was cited for 29 alleged violations for electrical, chemical, mechanical, fire, and exit hazards at its plant, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) said November 16. The cited hazards include untrained employees working on live electrical equipment without adequate personal protective equipment; ungrounded

lamps and electrical receptacles; damaged and misused electrical equipment and cords; unguarded moving machine parts; uninspected lifting slings; spray painting with flammable paint within 20 feet of spark-producing equipment; and exit routes arranged so employees would have to travel toward high-hazard areas when exiting the plant in an emergency. The one repeat violation dated back to a previous OSHA inspection in 2008.

Source: [http://articles.courant.com/2011-11-16/business/hc-osh-pomfret-loos-20111116\\_1\\_osh-labor-s-occupational-safety-violations](http://articles.courant.com/2011-11-16/business/hc-osh-pomfret-loos-20111116_1_osh-labor-s-occupational-safety-violations)

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

12. *November 16, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Connecticut) **Cheshire, Connecticut company to pay fine for clean air and chemical reporting violations.** A Cheshire, Connecticut, company that makes metal parts for the aerospace industry agreed to pay a \$105,240 penalty to settle claims by the U.S. Environment Protection Agency (EPA) the firm violated Clean Air Act requirements meant to prevent chemical releases, according to a November 16 EPA press release. The EPA said Consolidated Industries Inc. violated the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act by failing to file chemical reporting forms for chromium and nickel in 2007 and 2008. These forms are required for the federal Toxics Release Inventory (TRI). The EPA also alleged the company failed to put in place a required Risk Management Plan for hydrofluoric acid stored at the facility, in violation of the Clean Air Act. An accidental release of hydrofluoric acid could have severe consequences, due to its high toxicity and ability to travel significant distances downwind as a dense vapor. The complaint stemmed from an April 2010 inspection as well as follow-up letters seeking additional information.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/7c1a4fc4f981a0028525794a0065983d?OpenDocument>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

13. *November 17, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **San Francisco police arrest 100 in Bank of America protest.** Protesters in the Occupy Wall Street movement seized a Bank of America branch in San Francisco's financial district November 16, a demonstration that forced jittery customers and employees to flee and ended in nearly 100 arrests. It took about 40 police officers in riot gear nearly 4 hours to clear the bank, but no one was injured. Police said many of those arrested were University of California (UC), Santa Cruz students who were protesting fee increases and budget



cuts. Police removed the protesters methodically, placing them in plastic handcuffs, citing them for misdemeanor trespassing and sending them off in police wagons. The siege began after several hundred protesters gathered for a rally at a plaza near the waterfront and proceeded to march to the civic center. The route was designed to take marchers past buildings where members of the UC Board of Regents have offices. When the crowd reached the Bank of America branch, organizers opened the door and ushered protesters inside. They jumped on desks and banged drums while bank employees huddled behind a counter. After consulting with the police, bank managers tried to reclaim the lobby. Most of the demonstrators left and continued on their march, but about 100 remained, setting up a tent in the lobby and sitting on the floor. Demonstrators outside pinned a group of police officers attempting to enter the building and tried to grab their guns and batons, a San Francisco Police spokesman said. Once inside, the police waited for reinforcements before arresting the protesters. Source: <http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-sf-occupy-20111117,0,5764736.story>

14. *November 17, FoxNews.com* – (New York) **'Occupy' protesters march on New York Stock Exchange.** The "Occupy Wall Street" movement started anew November 17 with a group of about 1,000 protestors marching on the heart of Manhattan's financial district — 2 days after cops roused the protestors from their home encampment in Zuccotti Park. The marchers headed from the park to the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE). The New York City Police Department (NYPD) did its best to keep the protestors on the periphery of the plaza in front of the exchange, cordoning off the area with metal barricades, scooters, and parked vans. Only a smattering of officers wore helmeted riot gear. But as soon as one of the many side streets leading to the Exchange was blocked by the NYPD, protestors resumed their march and headed for another entry point. Blocked from access to the plaza, the march surrounded the outskirts. The horde held signs and chanted slogans as it wended in a circular pattern around the NYSE plaza. The NYPD set up a checkpoint where NYSE employees could enter the plaza. Some protestors blocked traffic on a roadway. The NYPD responded by peacefully herding the group back to the sidewalk. The day of action had been planned before the city and park owners cracked down on the encampment in Zuccotti Park in lower Manhattan, but took on added importance to the protestors after tents, tarps and sleeping bags were cleared out November 15, and the granite plaza was cleaned for the first time since the group arrived more than 2 months ago. The group announced it would rally near NYSE, then fan out across Manhattan and head to subways, before gathering downtown and marching over the Brooklyn bridge. Similar protests were planned around the country. Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2011/11/17/occupy-protestors-march-on-new-york-stock-exchange/>
15. *November 17, Bloomberg* – (National) **Ex-Madoff trader David Kugel agrees to plead guilty to fraud.** A former trader at a convicted con man's investment firm agreed to plead guilty to fraud, prosecutors said November 16. The trader is expected to enter a guilty plea "pursuant to a cooperation agreement with the government" at a November 21 hearing, prosecutors said November 16 in a letter to a U.S. district judge in Manhattan. The trade was a supervisory trader in the proprietary trading operation of

Bernhard L. Madoff Investment Securities, LLC, according to the letter. He is accused of conspiracy to commit securities fraud going back to the early 1970s by helping to create fake trades used to deceive the company's customers. He is also accused of conspiracy to commit bank fraud, as well as securities and bank fraud, and falsifying records. The maximum prison sentence for bank fraud is 30 years. The leader of the company, who pleaded guilty to fraud charges, is serving 150 years in prison for the largest Ponzi scheme in U.S. history. Investors lost about \$20 billion in principal, the U.S. trustee liquidating the securities business has said.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2011-11-17/ex-madoff-trader-david-kugel-agrees-to-plead-guilty-to-fraud.html>

16. *November 17, Seattle-Tacoma News Tribune* – (Washington) **JBLM soldier pleads guilty in bank scam.** A private from Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington who recruited soldiers to join him in swindling money from an Ohio bank recently pleaded guilty to 38 counts of fraud and was sentenced to 4 years in prison, the Seattle-Tacoma News Tribune reported November 17. The private was among 78 Lewis-McChord soldiers who allegedly bilked businesses including Tacoma Public Utilities and the Army and Air Force Exchange Service. The fraud ring involved as many as 1,800 people who allegedly stole \$3.5 million from an account at Credit First National of Ohio. The Army believes about \$600,000 went to soldiers, and the private was one of the key players in luring other service members to participate. Soldiers and civilians were lured into the scam with a too-good-to-be-true pledge to help them pay down debt. Service members would purchase products at an Army Post Exchange and receive a greater amount of money in return, according to investigative documents. Pierce County prosecutors in May accused a woman of leading the scam. She allegedly used the Credit First National account to pay bills for the scheme's participants. She allegedly recruited people through MySpace, Facebook, Craigslist, and at barbecues, bars, and other get-togethers. The private pleaded guilty to 38 of the 77 fraud-related counts the Army filed against him at a court-martial October 31.  
Source: <http://www.thenewstribune.com/2011/11/17/1909512/jblm-soldier-pleads-guilty-in.html>
17. *November 16, New York Post* – (National; International) **Bulgarian pair indicted in \$300K ATM skimming scam.** A pair of Bulgarian nationals was hit November 16 with an 81-count indictment for using skimming devices and pinhole cameras attached to bank ATM machines in New York City to steal nearly \$300,000 from about 1,500 debit card users. The scammers hit ATMs in Manhattan at four Chase branches around Union Square and Astor Place. The two men, both legal residents of Canada, traveled to New York many times in 2011. They would approach the ATMs as if they were customers, and instead use double-sided tape to affix pinhole cameras and skimming devices — spray painted silver to match the color of the machines, prosecutors said. The men would allegedly leave the devices in place for about 4 to 6 hours, typically in broad daylight, prosecutors said. They would then pass the data to unnamed co-conspirators, who used it to encode blank cards used to make purchases and cash withdrawals in Arizona, Illinois, and Canada. Chase has since installed skimming detection technology — and bank officials wound up catching the alleged crooks, alerting cops who staked out a compromised ATM. The pair was arrested in May after



removing their devices and loading them into a car, prosecutors said.

Source:

[http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/bulgarian\\_pair\\_indicted\\_in\\_atm\\_skimming\\_rwX1ZvIxXpO2M9FOVBTcHO](http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/bulgarian_pair_indicted_in_atm_skimming_rwX1ZvIxXpO2M9FOVBTcHO)

18. *November 16, Los Angeles Times* – (National) **Federal financial fraud prosecutions tumble to lowest level in 20 years.** Financial criminals are facing the lowest number of federal prosecutions in at least 20 years, according to a new report. The government has filed 1,251 new prosecutions against financial institution fraud so far this fiscal year, according to the Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse at Syracuse University. If the same pace holds, federal attorneys will file 1,365 such cases by the end of the year — the lowest number since at least 1991. The report, compiled from Justice Department data gleaned through the Freedom of Information Act, considers crimes involving crooked mortgage brokers, bank executives with something to hide, and accounts hiding illegal activity. The expected volume of prosecutions by the end of 2011 would be 2.4 percent smaller than that of last year, 28.6 percent thinner than that of 5 years ago, and less than half the amount from a decade ago. The number of federal bank fraud cases has slipped every year since 1999.

Source: [http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/money\\_co/2011/11/federal-financial-fraud-prosecutions-tumble-to-lowest-level-in-20-years.html](http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/money_co/2011/11/federal-financial-fraud-prosecutions-tumble-to-lowest-level-in-20-years.html)

19. *November 16, KVVU 5 Las Vegas* – (Nevada) **2 indicted in Clark County mortgage fraud scheme.** Two mortgage title officers are facing 606 counts related to documents in which they allegedly fraudulently filed in Clark County, Nevada, KVVU 5 Las Vegas reported November 16. According to the Office of the Nevada Attorney General, a grand jury returned indictments for two defendants, who were accused of having employees forge names on foreclosure documents and then notarize them on the same day they were prepared. The pair was charged with counts including offering false instruments for recording, false certification on certain instruments, and notarization of a signature of a person not in the presence of a notary public, the attorney general said. The alleged offenses took place between 2005 and 2008. The defendants allegedly directed the employees under their supervision to file the fraudulent documents with the Clark County Recorder's office.

Source: <http://www.fox5vegas.com/story/16059477/grand-jury-indicts-pair-in-clark-county-mortgage-fraud-scheme>

20. *November 16, Associated Press* – (National) **Government closes mortgage scams tied to Google.** The U.S. government has shut down dozens of Internet scam artists who had been paying Google to run ads making bogus promises to help desperate homeowners scrambling to avoid foreclosures, the Associated Press announced November 16. A spokesman for the U.S. Treasury Department said the probe is ongoing. To fight future abuse, Google suspended its business ties with more than 500 advertiser and agencies connected to the alleged scams, according to the U.S. Treasury Department's Office of the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP). The evidence collected in the current investigation led to the government's closure of 85 alleged mortgage scams. The con artists are accused of duping people into believing they could help lower their home loan payments under a

government-backed mortgage modification program created to reduce the foreclosures that have made it more difficult for the slumping real estate market to recover. The alleged rip-offs typically relied on collecting upfront fees or getting victims to transfer monthly mortgage payments to the scam artists, according to the Office of the Special Inspector General for the TARP. In some cases, swindlers said they were affiliated with the government. Google's name popped up because the scam artists relied on the company's advertising network to bait victims. About two out of every three Internet search requests are made through Google, making its ad network a prime outlet for finding people hoping to save their homes, according to the deputy special inspector general for the TARP.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jutEOrNyXiEsNWsjUgz1-GpFBEag?docId=4c7c6614367346afaa6fbabdf069fd8b>

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## **Transportation Sector**

21. *November 17, New York Post* – (New York) **Pilot locked in lavatory causes unnecessary terror scare.** A pilot who accidentally locked himself in the bathroom of his plane bound for LaGuardia Airport in Queens, New York, caused a terror scare November 16 when a helpful passenger with an accent tried to come to his rescue by banging on the cockpit door. The incident began when the captain of a Chatauqua Airlines flight from Asheville, North Carolina, decided to take a bathroom break before landing. But when he tried to get out of the men's room, the door jammed, trapping him. Desperate to get out and land the plane — which was in a holding pattern — he pounded his fists on the door to attract attention. A passenger heard his thumping and came over to help. Relieved, the pilot told the passenger to go to the cockpit and alert the crew. But crew members did not react well to the unexpected visit from a stranger trying to breach the highly secure area. The jittery co-pilot — at the controls and wondering why his boss' bathroom break was taking so long — thought the unfamiliar accent was Middle Eastern, a source said. He quickly radioed air traffic control. The controller advised the pilot to declare an emergency and “just get on the ground.” The captain finally extricated himself and told his colleagues all was well. Before that happened, fighter planes were alerted, although they were never scrambled. The FBI and Port Authority police met the plane when it landed around 6:30 p.m. A spokesman for Chatauqua said police quickly found it was all a misunderstanding.

Source:

[http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/flight\\_scared\\_tless\\_NCATGVVoOq9V6WgWjVwszRJ](http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/flight_scared_tless_NCATGVVoOq9V6WgWjVwszRJ)

22. *November 16, Associated Press* – (North Carolina) **System issue, bird strike affect Charlotte airport.** Concerns over an instrument landing system and a bird strike on a departing flight have impacted operations at Charlotte Douglas International Airport in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) said November

16 an instrument landing system (ILS) on Runway 18R was out of service for about 2 hours after a pilot reported a fluctuating signal. While the ILS was out of service, only one runway was available for landings instead of two runways. That meant holding Charlotte-bound flights on the ground at their departure airports until the ILS was returned to service. FAA technicians examined the system and found nothing unusual. Also, Republic Airlines flight 3140 was on its takeoff roll when a bird struck the number 2 engine on the Embraer E170. The pilot aborted the takeoff and returned to the ramp.

Source: <http://www.wcti12.com/news/29789981/detail.html>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

23. *November 17, Associated Press* – (Illinois) **Gunman fatally shoots himself at Ill. FedEx center.** Police said a gunman who killed himself after firing several shots inside a Bedford Park, Illinois, FedEx shipping center was looking for his wife. They identified the shooter as 28-year-old man of Chicago. The Bedford Park police chief said the man's wife is an employee at the 24-hour facility and the couple had "recent problems." He said the man walked into the building November 17 yelling his wife's name, and she hunkered down in her office. The gunman fired several shots before fatally shooting himself inside a vehicle at the facility. Nobody else was injured. Police said they found his body in the vehicle.

Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/nation-world/gunman-fatally-shoots-himself-1230315.html>

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

24. *November 17, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Soldier accused in plot to bomb Fort Hood troops to be arraigned on 6 new federal charges.** A soldier accused of planning to bomb a restaurant filled with Fort Hood, Texas, troops was set to return to federal court November 17. The suspect was scheduled for an arraignment in Waco on six new charges — including trying to use a weapon of mass destruction. He could be sentenced to life in prison if convicted. The soldier who was absent without leave from Fort Campbell, Kentucky, was indicted on those charges the week of November 7. He has not yet entered a plea since his August indictment on three other federal charges. They are related to the same bomb plot the summer of 2011 near the Texas Army post. Prosecutors said they plan to try him first on the six new charges, which carry lengthier prison terms.

Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/soldier-accused-in-plot-to-bomb-fort-hood-troops-to-be-arraigned-on-6-new-federal-charges/2011/11/17/gIQAYZiaTN\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/soldier-accused-in-plot-to-bomb-fort-hood-troops-to-be-arraigned-on-6-new-federal-charges/2011/11/17/gIQAYZiaTN_story.html)

25. *November 17, Food Safety News* – (International) **Ginger beef pulled from shelves in Canada.** A pre-prepared ginger beef entree is being recalled in Canada for possible Listeria contamination, according to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Food Safety News reported November 17. Distributed by Costco stores in Western Canada, the recalled product is the Ginger Beef Choice brand Special Combo manufactured by Calgary-based Ginger Beef Choice Ltd. The affected product is sold in a 1-kilogram package with the "best-before" date of November 8.  
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/11/costco-distributed-ginger-beef-entree-pulled-from-shelves/>
26. *November 17, Associated Press* – (National) **Smucker recalls chunky peanut butter.** J.M. Smucker Co. is recalling some 16-ounce jars of its Smucker's Natural Peanut Butter Chunky sold in 24 states and the District of Columbia because of possible salmonella contamination, the Associated Press reported November 17. The Ohio-based company said the jars covered in the recall would have been purchased recently. They have "Best if Used By" dates of August 3, 2012 and August 4, 2012. Smucker said 3,000 jars are being recalled from stores. Another 16,000 had never left warehouses.  
Source: [http://www.fox10tv.com/dpps/on\\_the\\_money/recalls/smucker-recalls-chunky-peanut-butter\\_3991386](http://www.fox10tv.com/dpps/on_the_money/recalls/smucker-recalls-chunky-peanut-butter_3991386)
27. *November 16, Reuters* – (International) **Japan says rice near damaged nuclear plant contaminated.** Rice with radiation levels exceeding Japan's safety standards was found for the first time since the March earthquake and tsunami triggered the world's worst nuclear accident in 25 years, the country's farm ministry said November 16. Japan's normal rice harvest in autumn has been closely monitored near the nuclear accident site at Fukushima after excessive levels of radiation were found in beef, vegetables, and seafood in the area. Crops harvested in a Fukushima farmer's rice paddy were found to contain 630 becquerels of radioactive caesium per kilogramme, compared with the government-imposed cap of 500 becquerels, a farm ministry official said. The farmer who grew the rice in question and nearby farmers in Fukushima city have been asked not to ship their rice, officials said.  
Source: <http://af.reuters.com/article/commoditiesNews/idAFL3E7MG21W20111116>
28. *November 16, WSOC 9 Charlotte* – (North Carolina) **Environmental officials not contacted for hours after ammonia leak.** Three months after an explosion and ammonia leak at a chicken plant in Marshville, North Carolina, federal documents show no one contacted environmental officials for hours after the blast, WSOC 9 Charlotte reported November 16. On August 16, an explosion ripped through a building at Pilgrim's Pride, releasing 20,000 pounds of anhydrous ammonia into the air. A report filed by an official with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) said he was not called to that scene for more than 24 hours after the accident. The pipeline exploded at 4:36 a.m. Pilgrim's Pride employees made their first call to 911 35 minutes later but did not ask for help. When asked if they wanted the fire department to be sent there, they said, "No, everything's taken under control. We just wanted to notify you that there is an ammonia leak up here." An hour and a half later, workers called 911 again, this time asking for firefighters' help. Local officials handled the response alone for the

next 10 hours, until someone called the EPA to tell officials it was 20,000 pounds ammonia that was leaking into the air and a nearby creek that runs into the Pee Dee River. It would take another 6 days to finish the cleanup, which EPA officials said could have been faster if Pilgrim's Pride had been more forthcoming.

Source: <http://www.wsocvtv.com/seenon9/29785176/detail.html>

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## Water Sector

29. *November 17, Pueblo Chieftain* – (Colorado) **State maps acid rock drainage.** Water quality in some parts of Colorado high country is acidic and high in metal concentrations in the same way, according to a report released by the Colorado Geological Survey the week of November 14. The Pueblo Chieftain said the report identifies 11 headwater streams in Colorado that have naturally poor water quality because of geologic formations. Researchers found rocks in these areas were altered by intensely hot water during the volcanic activity during Colorado's geologic past. Some minerals were dissolved, while metal-sulfide minerals like pyrite were deposited. When the rocks were exposed at the surface, they interacted with oxygen to form iron oxide minerals. By determining the natural processes, the state hopes to be able to determine background water quality to differentiate between natural effects and man-caused disturbances such as mining. Many of the headwater sites in the study are also in former mining areas, and the geology disturbed to the point it accelerated the natural processes. More than 100 water samples at 11 locations in Central and Southwestern Colorado were studied.

Source: [http://www.chieftain.com/news/state-maps-acid-rock-drainage/article\\_76ddba94-10e1-11e1-bd27-001cc4c03286.html](http://www.chieftain.com/news/state-maps-acid-rock-drainage/article_76ddba94-10e1-11e1-bd27-001cc4c03286.html)

30. *November 17, WAVY 10 Portsmouth* – (Virginia) **2 men, ship scrapping company indicted.** A Chesapeake ship scrapping company and two of its officials were indicted on charges of conspiring to illegally discharge pollutants into the Elizabeth River, WAVY 10 Portsmouth reported November 17. The two men, a father and son aged 55 and 80, of Virginia Beach and their company S.E.A. Solutions Inc., were charged with seven Clean Water Act counts and one count of making false statements to a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) investigator, according to a news release from the U.S. attorney's office. The indictment alleges a scheme to illegally discharge pollutants from M/V Snow Bird, a vessel being scrapped on a site on the river. The vice president of the company and the company's treasurer are accused of pumping contaminated water overboard during the scrapping process to keep the ship afloat and remove excess contaminated water and fluids. The vessel contained petroleum products that leaked into the river because they were not removed before scrapping. According to the U.S. attorney's office, the Clean Water Act counts of the indictment each carry a maximum possible term of 3 years in prison and a potential \$50,000 fine for each day the violations occurred. The conspiracy and false statements counts of the indictment each carry a maximum possible term of 5 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000.

Source: <http://www.wavy.com/dpp/news/crime/2-men,-ship-scrapping-company-indicted>

31. *November 17, WTVJ 6 Miami* – (Florida) **Raw sewage cleanup continues in Hollywood.** On November 17, a day after a sewer main rupture flooded streets in Hollywood, Pembroke Pines, and other areas of Broward County, Florida, residents were still dealing with sewage soaked yards and streets, WTVJ 6 Miami reported. Because of safety concerns, residents have been asked to stay away from the sewage, and avoid long showers, dishwashing, and doing laundry to prevent a stronger flow. Construction crews accidentally struck a sewer main sending thousands of gallons of sewage gushing into neighborhoods early November 16. Clean-up crews started sandbagging diverting sewage from homes soon after the spill. About 20 homes least of North 31st Road were evacuated and the city put the residents up in local hotels. Near the scene of the main break, the YMCA facility and Rotary park were contaminated by sludge and will remain closed until further notice. Once the flow has been contained and clean-up has been completed, the impacted areas will be disinfected. Officials indicated the process could be complete as early as November 17.

Source: <http://www.nbcmiami.com/news/Raw-Sewage-Cleanup-Continues-in-Hollywood-134028538.html>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

32. *November 17, Palm Beach Post* – (Florida) **Nearly 100 evacuated from West Palm nursing home after carbon monoxide alarm.** Authorities evacuated nearly 100 people from a West Palm Beach, Florida, nursing home November 17, according to a fire-rescue spokeswoman. At 8:52 a.m., West Palm Beach Fire Rescue crews were called to the nursing center after a fire-rescue worker who was in the building detected high levels of carbon monoxide on his portable monitor. The rescue worker called hazmat crews and said the levels were "so high that they could cause death." A spokesman from West Palm Beach Emergency Management said the carbon monoxide leak was caused by a faulty stove.

Source: [http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/nearly-100nearly-100-evacuated-from-west-palm-nursing-home-1975424.html?cxntcid=breaking\\_news](http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/nearly-100nearly-100-evacuated-from-west-palm-nursing-home-1975424.html?cxntcid=breaking_news)

33. *November 16, Sacramento Bee* – (California) **Stolen Sutter Medical Foundation computer had information on millions of patients.** A Sutter Medical Foundation computer stolen from the foundation's administrative offices in Sacramento, California, October 15 held information on more than 4 million patients, some dating back to 1995, including names, addresses, and descriptions of diagnoses, officials at the health network said November 16. The theft came, Sutter officials said, as the health network was in the process of encrypting their computers. The stolen computer was not encrypted. For 3.3 million patients whose health-care provider is supported by Sutter Physician Services, names, addresses, e-mail addresses, dates of birth, telephone



numbers, and names of patients' health insurance plans were contained in the computer's database. The same data was compromised for another 943,000 Sutter Medical Foundation patients. Information on patients from January 2005 to January 2011 included dates of services and a description of medical diagnoses and/or procedures used for business operations. Sutter Physicians Service provides billing and managed-care services for health-care providers, including those in the Sutter Health network. Foundation patients are being notified by mail of the theft and the damage done. The computer did not contain patient financial records, Social Security numbers, patients' health plan identification numbers, or medical records.

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2011/11/16/4059549/stolen-sutter-medical-foundation.html>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

34. *November 17, The Register* – (International) **Romanian authorities cuff NASA hack suspect.** Romanian authorities arrested a 26-year-old suspected of breaking into NASA's systems, causing damages estimated at \$500,000 in the process. The suspect was arrested November 15 in Cluj by officers from the Romanian Directorate for Investigating Organized Crime and Terrorism who were investigating a string of break-ins starting in December 2010 that were traced back to Romania. The means used or the motive for the attack remains unclear, but NASA is a frequent target of hacking attacks and almost as frequently a target of cybercrime prosecutions.  
Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/11/17/romania\\_nasa\\_hacker\\_charged/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/11/17/romania_nasa_hacker_charged/)
35. *November 17, Associated Press* – (District of Columbia) **Oscar Ramiro Ortega-Hernandez charged with attempt to assassinate Obama.** An man accused of firing two shots at the White House the week of November 7 has been charged with attempting to assassinate the U.S. President or his staff. The man, from Idaho Falls, Idaho, made his first court appearance before a federal magistrate in Pittsburgh November 17, 1 day after he was arrested at a western Pennsylvania hotel. He will be taken back from a federal court in Pittsburgh to face the charges in Washington, D.C.  
Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/crime-scene/post/oscar-ramiro-ortega-hernandez-charged-with-attempt-to-assassinate-obama/2011/11/17/gIQAZC9BVN\\_blog.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/crime-scene/post/oscar-ramiro-ortega-hernandez-charged-with-attempt-to-assassinate-obama/2011/11/17/gIQAZC9BVN_blog.html)
36. *November 16, Associated Press* – (Oregon) **Umatilla chemical weapons incinerator fined.** A defense contractor has been fined more than \$800,000 over the past 12 years while incinerating a stockpile of leftover Cold War chemical weapons stored at the U.S. Army's Umatilla Chemical Depot in northeastern Oregon. The latest fines from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality were for lapses such as failing to inspect pollution control equipment before putting it back into operation. They amounted to \$38,400, bringing the total to \$853,600. The department environmental law specialist said none of the violations resulted in environmental or public health harm. A employee of Washington Demilitarization Co. said the bulk of the fines were the result of problems reported by the company itself. Some of the fines have been reduced

through negotiations, and the company has paid about \$725,000. Nearly half of that has gone to community programs such as food banks around Central Oregon.

Source: <http://www.seattlepi.com/news/article/Umatilla-chemical-weapons-incinerator-fined-2272356.php>

37. *November 16, WFED 1500 Washington D.C.* – (National) **Hardware problem causes multi-day website outage at DISA.** The Web site of the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA), the U.S. military's main information technology arm, has been out of service since November 12 — an outage that agency officials blamed on a hardware failure that also knocked out some internal services for Department of Defense (DoD) users. The DISA said the cause was a failure of a data storage system in one of its 13 global data centers, known as Defense Enterprise Computing Centers (DECCs). The outage knocked out an estimated 10 percent of that particular DECC's functionality. Aside from the public Web site, the outage also affected the services that DISA provides to customers within the Defense Department. DoD personnel were unable to access some applications that deal with functions such as training, time and attendance and file sharing, but those applications were being incrementally restored, an agency spokeswoman said. The DISA's public Web site remained offline as of the evening of November 16.

Source: <http://www.federalnewsradio.com/?nid=394&sid=2635587>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

38. *November 17, KSTU 13 Salt Lake City* – (Utah) **3 firefighters injured, 1 critically, in training exercise in Farmington.** Three Farmington, Utah firefighters were injured, one critically, when the heavy rescue vehicle they were riding in rolled down a slope November 16. The Centerville Police Department said the three were injured in a training exercise on Firebreak Road between Farmington and Centerville when the vehicle they were riding in rolled down a mountain slope. The Centerville Police lieutenant said the vehicle rolled three to four times and came to a rest in a stream at about 9:35 p.m. A Farmington fire chief was critically injured and flown to the hospital with head injuries. The two other firefighters, one a part-time firefighter and EMT, and a fire captain, were taken to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The 22,000-pound truck remains in the ravine; crews were expected to extract it November 17.  
Source: <http://www.fox13now.com/news/kstu-firefighter-injured-3-firefighters-injured-1-critically-in-training-exercise-20111116,0,3928315.story?track=rss>
39. *November 16, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **5 taken to hospitals after NJ fire truck accident.** Five people were taken to hospitals after being injured in a southern New Jersey fire truck accident. A police dispatcher said the accident happened around 7:30 p.m. November 16 at Route 38 and Smithville Road in Lumberton as a fire apparatus from that town was heading back to the station after a call. None of the people who were injured were believed to be in life-threatening condition. The nature

of the accident was not clear.

Source: <http://www.app.com/article/20111116/NJNEWS10/311160095/5-taken-hospitals-after-NJ-fire-truck-accident?odyssey=nav|head>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

40. *November 17, threatpost* – (International) **Google fixes high-risk flaw in Chrome.** Google issued an update for its Chrome browser, fixing a high-risk vulnerability in the V8 JavaScript engine. The flaw is the only one Google fixed in the update. The vulnerability in the V8 engine is an out-of-bounds error that can cause a memory-corruption condition and lead to remote code execution.  
Source: [http://threatpost.com/en\\_us/blogs/google-fixes-high-risk-flaw-chrome-111711](http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/google-fixes-high-risk-flaw-chrome-111711)
41. *November 17, Help Net Security* – (International) **DevilRobber trojan returns, masquerades as PixelMator.** DevilRobber, the latest trojan to target Mac users, was recently updated, Help Net Security reported November 17. The previous incarnation stole Bitcoins from the user's wallet file, used the computer's resources to mine Bitcoins for the malware author, stole log-in credentials, browsing histories, the history of commands run in the terminal, and data regarding the use of Truecrypt software and TOR, and opened a backdoor. It came bundled with the GraphicConverter app, and would fail to install if the user has Little Snitch installed. F-Secure researchers said the new trojan is the third iteration of the malware (as indicated by its dump.txt file), and that it poses as the popular image-editing app PixelMator. "The main point of difference in DevilRobberV3 is that it has a different distribution method — the 'traditional' downloader method ... The DevilRobberV3 sample that we analyzed is an FTP downloader that will download its backdoor installer package from an FTP Server service provider," F-secure said. This version of DevilRobber does not check if Little Snitch is installed before attempting to install itself, and it does not take screenshots. However, it has other features the original version lacked — it tries to harvest the shell command history, the system log file and the contents of 1Password, the popular software for managing passwords. Its Bitcoin mining and stealing capabilities are also still present.  
Source: [http://www.net-security.org/malware\\_news.php?id=1914](http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=1914)
42. *November 16, Computerworld* – (International) **Facebook porn storm used same tactics as May's Bin Laden spam.** The attacks against Facebook that planted pornography on users' news feeds relied on the same trickery as a campaign last spring that touted the death of al-Qa'ida's leader, a security researcher said November 16. Facebook confirmed November 15 what it called "a coordinated spam attack" that resulted in sexually explicit images, as well as photos of animal abuse, spreading on member's pages. Facebook identified the hacker tactic used to hijack pages and bombard friends with the photos as an exploit of what it called a "self-XSS browser vulnerability." Self-XSS has been used by other researchers, including those at

Commtouch, to describe a ploy where spam messages tell recipients to copy and paste JavaScript into their browser's address bar. The script, however, is in fact malicious and exploits a bug in the browser. To dupe users into doing their dirty work — copying and pasting malicious JavaScript — criminals have used a range of bait, including "exclusive" video and the giveaway of free Starbucks cards. Last May, for instance, a Facebook spam campaign set the trap with the promise of a video supposedly showing the death of al-Qa'ida's leader. In that campaign, Facebook recipients were directed to copy and paste JavaScript into their browser's address bar. More than a year before that scam, a similar self-XSS attack circulated on Facebook that told recipients they could acquire a \$25 Starbucks card for free. Facebook did not specify which browsers were vulnerable to the recent attacks. However, a Sophos security researcher said his testing showed Google's Chrome and Mozilla's Firefox 6 and later were immune because they do not allow pasted JavaScript to execute from the address bar.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9221900/Facebook\\_porn\\_storm\\_used\\_same\\_tactics\\_as\\_May\\_s\\_Bin\\_Laden\\_spam](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9221900/Facebook_porn_storm_used_same_tactics_as_May_s_Bin_Laden_spam)

43. *November 16, threatpost* – (International) **New flaw in BIND causing server crashes.** A new vulnerability in the BIND name server software is causing various versions of the application to crash unexpectedly after logging a certain kind of error. The Internet Software Consortium (ISC), which maintains BIND, is investigating. The problem reportedly affects all currently supported versions of BIND, including BIND 9.7x and 9.8x. Currently, it is unknown whether the flaw can be used to run remote code. "Organizations across the Internet reported crashes interrupting service on BIND 9 nameservers performing recursive queries. Affected servers crashed after logging an error in query.c with the following message: "INSIST(! dns\_rdataset\_isassociated(sigrdataset))." Multiple versions were reported affected, including all currently supported release versions of ISC BIND 9. ISC is investigating the root cause and has produced patches which prevent the crash," the ISC said in an advisory on the BIND flaw. "An as-yet unidentified network event caused BIND 9 resolvers to cache an invalid record, subsequent queries for which could crash the resolvers with an assertion failure. ISC is working on determining the ultimate cause by which a record with this particular inconsistency is cached. At this time we are making available a patch which makes named recover gracefully from the inconsistency, preventing the abnormal exit," the advisory said. ISC produced patches for each of the vulnerable versions, and is still looking into whether there are any active exploits being used against the vulnerability.

Source: [http://threatpost.com/en\\_us/blogs/new-flaw-bind-causing-server-crashes-111611](http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/new-flaw-bind-causing-server-crashes-111611)

44. *November 16, Network World* – (International) **Mobile devices, virtualization seen as biggest security challenges: Ponemon survey.** Increased use of mobile devices, especially smartphones, in addition to the transition to virtualization, are key factors weighing on enterprises trying to sort out security strategy and budgets, according to a survey of 688 information and security managers released the week of November 14. According to the Ponemon Institute's "State of the Endpoint" study, there are signs IT operations and IT security often fail to work as a team. Forty percent said collaboration

is "poor or non-existent" and 48 percent called it "adequate, but can be improved." Virtualization, mainly VMware and Microsoft Hyper-V, are increasingly the software platforms their organizations support, and 55 percent said virtualization requires "additional security measures," with most turning for help to the virtualization vendor or vendors with specialized virtualization security components. Forty-one percent indicated responsibility for virtualization security is not clearly defined by department or function. Additionally, 21 percent said IT security was responsible, 15 percent said IT operations was, and 11 percent said it was a job for IT compliance. Mobile devices, especially the use of employee-owned devices for work purposes, are also putting new stress on the IT department, according to the survey. The survey showed mobile devices, especially smartphones, are counted as among "the greatest rise of potential IT security risk."

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9221924/Mobile\\_devices\\_virtualization\\_seen\\_as\\_biggest\\_security\\_challenges\\_Ponemon\\_survey](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9221924/Mobile_devices_virtualization_seen_as_biggest_security_challenges_Ponemon_survey)

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### Internet Alert Dashboard

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

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## Communications Sector

45. *November 17, Mobile TV Examiner* – (Alabama; Florida) **WHBR-TV announcement includes the cause of recent transmitter failure.** According to an announcement posted on the home page of the Web site for WHBR 34 Pensacola, Florida, November 16, the reason the station could not broadcast between November 11 and November 15 was a lightning strike to the transmitter for the station. According to the message, the charge for repairing the transmitter was about \$15,000.

Source: <http://www.examiner.com/tv-in-mobile/whbr-tv-announcement-includes-the-cause-of-recent-transmitter-failure>

46. *November 17, Ashland Daily Tidings* – (Oregon) **KSKQ back on airwaves after outage.** Community radio station KSKQ in Eagle Point, Oregon, has re-established power to its FM antenna on Table Mountain near Hyatt Lake and is back on the air, the Ashland Daily Tidings reported November 17. The station's 89.5 FM frequency came back to life at about 2 p.m. November 16 after volunteers restarted the propane-powered generator providing electricity to the antenna on the snow-laden hilltop. Efforts to refuel the generator failed November 11 after the gas truck got stuck in the snow. Two truck drivers from Ferrellgas of Central Point were able to ease a propane truck up the slick, rutted road November 15 to refill KSKQ's 200-gallon tank there.

Source:

<http://www.dailytidings.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20111117/NEWS02/111170305/-1/NEWSMAP>

47. *November 16, KUNC.org* – (Colorado) **Update on KUNC antenna damage.** High winds in Northern Colorado severely damaged the KUNC 91.5 Greeley radio tower and antenna November 13. Crews worked November 14 to patch and shore up the antenna and as a result the station was operating at about 10 percent of normal power as of November 16. Since it was operating at below normal power, the station's coverage area was reduced. Listeners may experience a signal that is scratchy or has intermittent static. Customers in the Denver Metro area were encouraged to listen on 91.7 FM which may come in better in that area. Additionally, KUNC streaming and all mobile apps were not affected. A back up antenna, transmission line and temporary tower had been ordered and could be installed in the next 2 weeks, the radio station said. This would allow the station to restore some service, but not at full power levels.

Source: <http://www.kunc.org/post/update-kunc-antenna-damage>

48. *November 16, WTOP 103.5 FM Washington, D.C.* – (Virginia) **Va. Internet users experiencing outages.** Customers across Fairfax County, Virginia, and some in Fredericksburg complained about Internet problems November 16. Cox Communications told WTOP 103.5 FM that it is a problem with one of its DNS servers, which affects customers nationwide. A Cox spokesman said the problem occurred late November 14 at their Atlanta headquarters. The spokesman added the problem is serious enough that they have asked for outside assistance to track down and solve the problem. Nearly 10 percent of customers in Fairfax County and Fredericksburg lost service during the height of the outage, late November 15. Cox believed most customers should have their service back, but there will still be sporadic outages as technicians try to fix the core problem.

Source: <http://www.wtop.com/?nid=120&sid=2636396>

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## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

49. *November 17, CNN* – (National) **6 killed as storms sweep across South.** Search teams combed through rural South Carolina early November 17 after a storm swept through the Southeast, killing at least six people and causing injuries in several states. At least three people died and five others were taken to hospitals after a November 16 storm hit York County, according to the sheriff's office. Two people died when a home collapsed late November 16 in Davidson County, North Carolina, according a spokesman with the county's emergency operations center. A sixth person died in Forsyth County, Georgia, when a tree fell on a car, the fire department said. Downed trees, damaged homes and buildings, and power outages were reported across Alabama and Georgia. The North Carolina governor confirmed one death in the state. An apparent tornado south of Winston-Salem damaged "multiple structures," according to North Carolina



emergency management. Four people were injured in Mississippi, according to the National Weather Service. Homes were also reported damaged near Jones, Mississippi. A possible tornado demolished homes and vehicles near Opelika, Alabama. Alabama's Lee County received "significant reports of damage," said a public information officer with the county emergency management. "We've got reports of damage at an apartment complex, structures at a lake, mobile homes and trees down," she said. Earlier November 16, a suspected tornado in Louisiana's Tangipahoa Parish moved a home with four people inside off its foundation.

Source: [http://www.cnn.com/2011/11/17/us/severe-weather/index.html?eref=rss\\_topstories&utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed:+rss/cnn\\_topstories+\(RSS:+Top+Stories\)](http://www.cnn.com/2011/11/17/us/severe-weather/index.html?eref=rss_topstories&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+rss/cnn_topstories+(RSS:+Top+Stories))

50. *November 17, Associated Press* – (National) **Bands of Occupy protesters march in several cities as movement enters 3rd month.** Thousands of Occupy Wall Street demonstrators took to the streets around the United States November 17 to mark 2 months since the movement's birth and signal they are not ready to quit, despite the breakup of many of their encampments by police. At least 175 people were arrested in New York. More than 1,000 demonstrators gathered near the New York Stock Exchange and staged sit-ins at several intersections. The demonstration around Wall Street failed to disrupt operations at the stock exchange, but brought taxis and delivery trucks to a halt. Police said four officers went to a hospital after a demonstrator threw some kind of liquid in their faces. Many demonstrators were carrying vinegar as an antidote for pepper spray. One man was taken into custody for throwing liquid, possibly vinegar, into the faces of several police officers, authorities said. Helmeted police broke up some of the clusters, but most of the crowd re-assembled in Zuccotti Park, where the encampment that served as the unofficial headquarters of the Occupy movement was broken up by police earlier in the week. Organizers in New York said protesters would fan out across Manhattan later in the day and head into the subways, then march over the Brooklyn Bridge. Police in Los Angeles arrested 23 people. About 500 sympathizers, many of them union members, marched in downtown Los Angeles between the Bank of America tower and Wells Fargo Plaza. In Albany, New York, about 250 protesters from Buffalo, Rochester, and other encampments arrived by bus to join a demonstration in a downtown park. Police in Portland, Oregon, closed a bridge in preparation for a march there, and later detained more than a dozen people who sat down on the span. Demonstrations were also planned or under way in such cities as Washington, D.C., St. Louis, Las Vegas, and Portland, Oregon. In Dallas, police evicted dozens of protesters near city hall, citing health and safety reasons. Eighteen protesters were arrested. Two demonstrators were arrested and about 20 tents removed at the University of California, Berkeley. City officials and demonstrators were trying to decide what to do about an encampment in Philadelphia, where about 100 protesters were ordered November 16 to clear out immediately to make way for a plaza renovation at city hall.

Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/occupy-movement-plans-day-of-action-in-nyc-nationwide-officials-bracing-for-thousands/2011/11/17/gIQABMISTN\\_story.html?hpid=z2](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/occupy-movement-plans-day-of-action-in-nyc-nationwide-officials-bracing-for-thousands/2011/11/17/gIQABMISTN_story.html?hpid=z2)

51. *November 17, KMSP 9 Minneapolis-Saint Paul* – (Minnesota) **South Minneapolis business fire, evacuations.** A commercial building fire burned November 17 in Minneapolis. Flames could be seen shooting through the roof, and excessive heat caused the evacuation of neighboring homes. Firefighters took a defensive approach, as the fire spread to an adjacent building. The walls of the building collapsed. The Minneapolis Fire Department battalion chief said oxygen tanks and containers of paint were in the building. No tanks exploded, though the burning paint produced much more smoke than usually seen in a fire that size. The building was considered a total loss. Source: <http://www.myfoxtwincities.com/dpp/news/Mpls-Business-Fire-Prompts-Evacuation-nov-17-2011>
52. *November 16, KIII 3 Corpus Christi* – (Texas) **3 arrested in Ingleside arson case.** Ingleside, Texas police officials said arsonists who were setting fires in September were two volunteer firefighters there, KIII 3 Corpus Christi reported November 16. Now those two men are each facing three felony charges. A third firefighter is charged with a misdemeanor because he allegedly knew they were setting the fires and said nothing about it. There were some 15 fires set by someone in Ingleside in September. So far, three of those fires have been pinned on the suspects. They are also believed to have set the other 12. Investigators believe the suspects were unhappy with the department and that is what set them off on their arson spree. Source: <http://www.kiiitv.com/story/16059799/3-arrested-in-ingleside-arson-case>
53. *November 16, KNBC 4 Los Angeles* – (California) **Explosives found in Pasadena apartment.** A police pursuit led to the discovery of explosives in a Pasadena, California, apartment November 16. The driver fled into an apartment, where he apparently knew someone inside, police said. Officers found the man on the balcony and arrested him. During a search, police found three suspicious devices inside the apartment, said an official with the Pasadena Police Department. They turned out to be pipe bombs. The apartment building was evacuated, along with homes and businesses in the neighborhood. Schools were put on lock down. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Bomb Squad was called in and used a robot to safely detonate the pipe bombs. Source: <http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/Pasadena-Apartment-Explosives-133988438.html>

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## **Dams Sector**

54. *November 16, KVLV 4 Fargo* – (North Dakota) **Making safer dams.** Work has started on a project to make two dams on the Red River south of Fargo-Moorhead, North Dakota safer, Fargo Valley News reported. The Christine and Hickson dams are being retro-fitted with stones. Work began near Christine the week of November 14. Crews will put field stones around the dam making it appear more like natural rapids. The changes will allow fish to pass by, while eliminating dangerous undertows. Other dams on the river — including the dams in Fargo — have already been upgraded.  
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