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- A former auditor for Provident Capital Indemnity Ltd. (PCI) pleaded guilty to assisting a \$670 million fraud conspiracy that impacted life settlement investment companies in several countries, including the United States. – *Bloomberg* (See item [16](#))
- The U.S. Air Force said it is investigating how an airman who instigated a 10-hour standoff managed to get his own handgun onto a base in Colorado that controls more than 60 military satellites. – *Associated Press* (See item [32](#))

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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 22, Bloomberg* – (Mississippi) **El Paso says Tennessee Gas Pipeline had explosion.** El Paso Corporation isolated part of the Tennessee Gas Pipeline in Panola County, Mississippi, after a release of fuel and fire November 21. Personnel were responding to the leak near Batesville, a spokesman said. The company was first aware of the incident after a compressor-station operator observed a pressure change on the system at 8:30 p.m. There were no known effects on customers. Twenty homes near the incident were evacuated, he said. The Tennessee system consists of about 14,000 miles

of pipeline stretching from the Mexican border to Canada, El Paso said on its Web site. It is supplied with gas from the Gulf of Mexico, Texas, Appalachia, and Canada and serves markets across the Midwest and mid-Atlantic regions, including metropolitan areas such as Chicago, New York, and Boston.

Source: <http://fuelfix.com/blog/2011/11/22/el-paso-says-tennessee-gas-pipeline-had-explosion/>

2. *November 22, Daily Environmental Report* – (National) **EPA proposes operator training, stronger containment regulations for storage tanks.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to strengthen regulations governing underground storage tanks (USTs), adding new rules for backup containment and extending training requirements to more storage tank owners and operators. State agencies that accept federal grant money are required under current regulations to set operator training requirements under the Energy Policy Act, but the requirements do not cover underground tanks on tribal lands and in states that do not accept federal funds. The proposed revisions would implement training requirements nationwide. The proposed regulations would apply to tanks that hold petroleum or hazardous chemicals, which are regulated under Subtitle I of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). They would not affect USTs containing hazardous waste, which are regulated under RCRA Subtitle C. The EPA published the proposed rule November 18. It expects to issue a final rule in 2013. There are about 595,000 active USTs at an estimated 214,000 sites in the United States, according to the EPA. The agency estimates the compliance costs of the proposed rule would amount to \$210 million annually, but said the proposal would lead to \$300 million to \$770 million in avoided remediation costs. Motor fuel retailers, which account for about 80 percent of UST systems, are expected to bear a majority of the cost.
Source: <http://www.bna.com/epa-proposes-operator-n12884904444/>
3. *November 21, WAFB 9 Baton Rouge* – (Louisiana) **Vandals target Beauregard oil well, cause spill.** Beauregard Parish, Louisiana sheriff's officials responded November 20 to a vandalism call from an oil-well site off Highway 389 near DeQuincy. The caller said someone vandalized the oil site, creating a major spill. Sources said 220 barrels were spilled. Environmental issues are not expected since sites like these are normally encircled by a berm. Hazmat teams were called out to clean up the mess.
Source: <http://www.wafb.com/story/16094506/vandals-target-beauregard-oil-well-cause-spill>
4. *November 21, WVEC 13 Hampton Roads* – (Virginia) **Fuel tank fires could spell catastrophe for Chesapeake.** Chesapeake, Virginia firefighters said they do not have the necessary equipment and training to properly fight a fuel tank fire. In an application for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant, Chesapeake Fire Department stated "we have determined a worst case scenario that places our community and firefighters at great risk. Currently, neither the Chesapeake Fire Department nor the Hampton Roads Metropolitan Area has the equipment or training needed to mitigate a potential catastrophic incident such as a tank fire." There are 12 fuel farms along the Elizabeth River in Chesapeake. Firefighters said a fuel tank at the Hess Terminal is the most hazardous in the city. A Hess

spokeswoman said the company believes it is prepared to handle a tank fire. “At our Chesapeake Terminal, we maintain fire-fighting capabilities to be prepared to handle the largest potential tank fire at the facility.” However, if that equipment failed, city equipment may not be enough to contain the fire. Nearby fire hydrants provide a flow of water at 1,500 gallons per minute. Firefighters say a flow of 7,000 gallons per minute is necessary to contain a tank fire because of the highly flammable nature of the mixture of fuels.

Source: <http://www.wvec.com/my-city/chesapeake/Fuel-tank-fires-could-spell-catastrophe-for-Chesapeake-134285273.html>

5. *November 21, Associated Press* – (International) **Brazil fines Chevron in \$28 million for oil spill.** Brazil’s environmental agency said November 21 it will fine Chevron nearly \$28 million for a continuing oil spill off the Rio de Janeiro coast, and the company could face several more similar fines in coming days. The agency said through its press office it will fine the oil company the maximum 50 million reais allowed under current Brazilian law. The environment minister said that as an investigation into the leak continues, California-based Chevron could face “five or six” other fines of the same amount if more infractions are found. Officials said Chevron hid information about the extent of the spill from the Brazilian government, took far too long to begin clean-up operations, and did not have the proper equipment to contain the leak. The National Petroleum Agency said more than 110,000 gallons of crude oil may have reached the ocean floor since the leak began November 7. Chevron was drilling an appraisal well about 230 miles off the northeastern coast of Rio de Janeiro when the leak started as crude rushed upward and eventually escaped into the surrounding seabed. The oil has leaked through at least seven narrow fissures, all within 160 feet of the well head on the ocean floor.

Source: <http://www.newsday.com/news/brazil-fines-chevron-in-28-million-for-oil-spill-1.3337372>

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Chemical Industry Sector

6. *November 22, The Daily Greenburgh* – (New York) **Ardsley Building evacuated after chemical spill.** ICL Industrial Products of America evacuated employees from its building in Ardsley, New York, November 21 after a chemical spill, the Greenburgh Police Department said. The incident prompted responses from the Hastings Fire Department, the Town of Greenburgh Technical Rescue Team, Greenburgh police, and ambulances. A lieutenant said the Westchester County Hazmat Team neutralized the spill. According to its Web site, ICL is a leading manufacturer of phosphorus-based flame retardants, clear brines for oil and gas exploration, magnesia and chlorine-based salts, fertilizer, and specialty chemicals. Crews blocked off the upper parking lot of 410 Saw Mill River Road for about 2 hours after the 1:30 p.m. spill. The lieutenant said the chemical had “corrosive elements” and was spilled on the third floor in an isolated area with technicians. About 15 employees evacuated.

Source: <http://www.thedailygreenburgh.com/news/ardsley-building-evacuated-after-chemical-spill>

7. *November 22, WDAF 4 Kansas City* – (Missouri) **Tanker truck crash closes Front Street for a time.** A tanker truck crashed on the northeast side of Kansas City, Missouri November 22, closing Front Street for a time as crews worked to prevent a chemical spill. According to authorities, the truck — carrying a load of isopropyl (rubbing) alcohol — overturned on Front Street near River Front Road around 3:30 a.m., closing Front Street for an hour and 45 minutes. Police said that no alcohol spilled.
Source: <http://fox4kc.com/2011/11/22/tanker-truck-crash-closes-front-street-for-time/>
8. *November 21, Associated Press* – (Tennessee) **Gallatin metal powders plant gets \$80K fine from state after May explosion kills 3 workers.** An investigation into a May explosion and fire that killed three workers at a Gallatin, Tennessee metal powders factory found a hydrogen gas leak came from a pipe not normally meant to be pressurized. The Tennessee Occupational Safety and Health Administration (TOSHA) issued an \$80,000 fine to Hoeganaes Corp. for 23 serious violations. The plant was fined \$49,200 a week before the May 27 accident for violations related to flash fires in January and March that killed two workers and injured a third. According to the report released November 21, workers heard a gas leak and called maintenance. The pipes were in a trough under metal floor plates. Workers attached chains and raised the plate with a forklift. A worker told investigators the cover broke loose leading to sparks, an explosion, and fire. Two employees who had just entered the building ran out when they saw a fireball headed their way. They then saw a dust cloud. A federal investigation by the U.S. Chemical Safety Board found the explosion knocked loose iron dust that had accumulated. That dust ignited, creating a flash fire. The board blamed the accidents in January and March on the accumulation of combustible metal dust. TOSHA investigators found the trough below the floor contained pipes supplying hydrogen and nitrogen, and a vent pipe routed through the roof and into the atmosphere. “The vent pipe was not intended to carry any pressure, except during purging of the furnaces,” the report states. “The most likely reason that the pipe was pressurized was that venting valves were mistakenly opened to purge a furnace and never closed.” The vent pipe also was “in a severely corroded condition.” The report faults the company for failing to evaluate and plan for the dangers posed by the hydrogen supply, and not inspecting or maintaining the gas pipes, which were located where they were exposed to water. It also faults Hoeganaes for failing to follow its own emergency action plan after the explosion. The report instead describes a chaotic scene in which no one was clearly in charge and employees took it upon themselves to fight the fire and rescue colleagues. The company has until December 23 to correct the violations.
Source:
<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/e878e178467f4ea6baccde81a9f63f40/TN--Plant-Fire/>
9. *November 21, Longview News-Journal* – (Texas) **Crews cleaning up leak from railcar spill near Hallsville.** Longview, Texas, Fire Department hazardous materials crews joined Harrison County first responders in containing a railcar spill about 3 miles east of Hallsville November 20. The Longview fire marshal said a railcar was leaking phosphoric acid. Crews led by the Hallsville Police Department made entry to stop the

leak at about 4:30 p.m. Harrison County sheriff's officers cordoned off nearby roads, and temporarily closed Harrison CR 3102, also known as Muntz Road. The fire marshal said there was no danger or immediate threat to neighbors from the spill. He said haz-mat crews mitigated the leak by 5:50 p.m. at which time Union Pacific railroad crews were cleaning the spill and working to reopen the rail spur.

Source: http://www.news-journal.com/news/local/crews-cleaning-up-leak-from-railcar-spill-near-hallsville/article_22c07924-20b5-5d19-8d04-14eaefa0cfad.html#.TsvEgVZXI5Y

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

10. *November 22, Connecticut Day* – (Connecticut) **Millstone investigates reactor restart failure.** Dominion, the owner of Millstone Power Station in Waterford, Connecticut, spent November 21 analyzing what went wrong November 20 that kept operators from restarting the Unit 3 reactor, which had been shut down for refueling. Operators halted the startup after an auxiliary steam boiler shut off unexpectedly, causing a loss of vacuum conditions used to run a condenser, according to a Dominion spokesman, and a spokesman for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The reactor had been shut down for several weeks, not only to replenish fuel in the reactor, but also to repair other equipment problems revealed during outage maintenance reviews. The company is continuing to isolate the cause of the problem while preparing to restart.

Source: <http://www.theday.com/article/20111122/BIZ02/311229919/1019&town=>

11. *November 21, St. Paul Pioneer-Press* – (Minnesota) **Xcel finds reason for shutdown of Monticello nuclear plant.** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) said November 21 its on-site inspectors at the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant in Monticello, Minnesota, were monitoring an unplanned shutdown of the plant over the weekend of November 19 and 20. The plant shut down automatically November 19 when safety systems detected low oil pressure in its turbines, according to Xcel Energy. Xcel officials said the outage is not expected to be lengthy but declined to specify how long. The NRC also is trying to locate a part missing from a device used to monitor the level of nuclear reaction inside the reactor, according to an NRC spokesperson. The monitor, which is highly radioactive, was taken out of service for replacement. It typically is stored in the spent fuel reactor pool for safekeeping until it can be shipped to a disposal site. There is no indication the missing part is outside of the pool — it simply could not be found in its designated location, so workers will search the entire pool.

Source: http://www.twincities.com/business/ci_19383739

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

12. *November 21, WXIX 19 Cincinnati* – (Ohio) **Two-alarm fire at GE plant in Evendale collapses building.** An explosion November 21 at a GE Aviation plant in Evendale, Ohio, caused thousands of dollars in damage to one of the plant's north buildings. Officials said employees heard a loud boom and saw the roof of the building fully engulfed in flames. Fire officials said the steel structure building, surrounded by concrete is used to test component engines. The building is still structurally sound, however it sustained some damage from the explosion.
Source: <http://www.fox19.com/story/16095037/two-alarm-fire-at-ge-plant-in-evendale-building-collapsed>

13. *November 21, Hartford Courant* – (Connecticut) **Kaman employees return to work after leak forces evacuation.** About 100 Kaman Corp. workers were evacuated November 21 after a refrigerant leaked from a freezer in the company's Bloomfield, Connecticut plant, a company spokesman said. An employee in a freezer used to store materials used to manufacture helicopter rotor blades reported shortness of breath and called over three other employees, who noticed they too were short of breath. Medics checked the four employees and determined they were unharmed. There are no hazardous materials stored in the freezer, the substance that bothered the workers turned out to be a refrigerant.
Source: <http://www.courant.com/community/bloomfield/hc-bloomfield-kaman-evacuation-1122-20111121,0,5239062.story>

14. *November 21, U.S. Department of Labor* – (New York) **U.S. Labor Department's OSHA cites Remington Arms Co. for 35 serious safety and health violations at Ilion, NY, plant.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) November 21 cited Remington Arms Co. Inc. for 35 alleged serious violations of workplace safety and health standards at its Ilion, New York, manufacturing plant. The firearms manufacturer faces a total of \$170,000 in proposed penalties for a variety of mechanical, electrical, and chemical hazards identified during inspections by OSHA's Syracuse Area Office. The violations included a lack of personal protective equipment, accumulations of toxic substances on surfaces in the plant, unguarded moving machine parts, and improper storage and transfer of flammable liquids.
Source:
http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=21336

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Banking and Finance Sector

15. *November 21, U.S. Department of Treasury* – (International) **Fact sheet: new sanctions on Iran.** The United States November 21 announced a series of actions to confront the threat posed by Iran and significantly increase pressure on Iran to comply with the full range of its international obligations and to address the international community’s longstanding concerns regarding its nuclear program. These steps included: expanding sanctions to target the supply of goods, services, technology, or support (above certain monetary thresholds) to Iran for the development of its petroleum resources and maintenance or expansion of its petrochemical industry; designating 11 individuals and entities under Executive Order 13382 for their role in Iran’s WMD program; and identifying the Islamic Republic of Iran as a jurisdiction of “primary money laundering concern” under section 311 of the USA PATRIOT Act. These actions underscore the Administration’s continued strong commitment — particularly in light of the International Atomic Energy Agency director general’s most recent report — to hold the Iranian regime accountable for its refusal to comply with international obligations regarding its nuclear program.
Source: <http://www.treasury.gov/press-center/press-releases/Pages/tg1367.aspx>

16. *November 21, Bloomberg* – (International) **New Jersey accountant pleads guilty in \$670 million fraud.** A former auditor for Provident Capital Indemnity Ltd. (PCI) admitted to assisting a \$670 million fraud conspiracy in the life settlement bonding market, federal prosecutors in Virginia said November 21. The auditor pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud, a U.S. attorney said. The charge carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison, and prosecutors are also seeking as much as \$40 million in forfeiture, the attorney said. The United States claims the Costa Rica-based company misrepresented its ability to satisfy obligations under its bonds, according to a related civil complaint the Securities and Exchange Commission filed against the company in Richmond, Virginia. From 2004 to 2010, PCI sold about \$670 million of bonds to life settlement investment companies in several countries, including the United States, Canada, Germany, and the Netherlands, prosecutors said. The auditor admitted to conspiring with PCI’s president to prepare financial statements that falsely claimed PCI had contracts with other reinsurance companies. He admitted he never audited PCI’s financial statements, and that he knew the company never entered into any contracts with other reinsurance companies, prosecutors said. He was paid about \$84,000 by PCI from 2004 through 2010, prosecutors said. PCI’s president, a citizen of Costa Rica, and PCI have been criminally charged with conspiracy, and mail and wire fraud charges.
Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2011-11-21/new-jersey-accountant-pleads-guilty-in-670-million-fraud.html>

17. *November 21, KTLA 5 Los Angeles* – (California) **‘Black and Blue Bandit’ sought in San Gabriel Valley bank heists.** Police in California are searching for man connected to several recent bank robberies throughout the San Gabriel Valley, KTLA 5 Los Angeles reported November 21. According to officials, the suspect is being called the

“Black and Blue Bandit” because he wears arm slings, braces, and bandages during the crimes. His most recent robbery was reported shortly after 5 p.m. November 16 at a Chase bank on the 13100 block of E. Philadelphia Street in Uptown Whittier. Police said the suspect, wearing a bandage on his cheek, passed a note to a teller and demanded money. When the teller did not comply, he fled on foot. He is believed to be connected to crimes as far back as October in Whittier, Montebello, and Downey. Officials said the bandit was also linked to a robbery at a Chase bank in the 800 block of Beverly Boulevard November 12. In that robbery, he told the teller he had a weapon and demanded \$4,000. The teller then went to a back room and sounded an alarm. The suspect, wearing medical scrubs, an arm sling, and a baseball cap, then left the bank without any money.

Source: <http://www.ktla.com/news/landing/ktla-black-and-blue-bandit,0.6340052.story>

18. *November 21, Seattle Times* – (Washington) **Ex-bank execs sued by FDIC over loans.** Federal regulators sued two former executives and the board of Washington’s failed Westsound Bank for at least \$15 million, the Seattle Times reported November 21. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), which assumed most of the real-estate loans of Bremerton-based Westsound when it failed in May 2009, seeks to recover losses on seven loans to insiders, 7 risky land-development loans, and 21 allegedly fraudulent ones to Russian and Ukrainian borrowers. In its lawsuit, filed November 18, the FDIC estimated Westsound’s failure will cost the deposit insurance fund \$106.4 million. The lawsuit names Westsound’s former chief executive officer; former executive vice president of sales and lending; and former board chairman, and eight other former board members. The FDIC suit said the defendants repeatedly ignored warnings from state and federal regulators about the bank’s lending practices, and neglected to supervise a Federal Way loan officer who allegedly originated the 21 fraudulent loans. According to the regulators’ suit, the loan officer colluded from 2005 to 2007 with a homebuilder, borrowers and appraisers to gain approval for 142 fraudulent home-construction loans totaling \$96 million. The FDIC filed a separate claim in June against the loan officer, seeking to ban her from future involvement with any federally insured depository. In that claim, the FDIC said the construction loans to “unqualified Russian immigrant borrowers” accounted for 83 percent of troubled loans found in an October 2007 examination of the bank by regulators. The 21 fraudulent loans listed in the lawsuit against Westsound Bank directors total more than \$29.5 million. The FDIC estimates its losses on these loans at more than \$10 million. All 21 loans should have been reviewed by a board-level loan committee, the suit said. Instead, they were “approved through a largely automated process,” the FDIC alleges. It said the bank made “numerous” favorable insider loans. It cites seven such loans totaling more than \$3.1 million, which resulted in losses to the FDIC of at least \$1.7 million.

Source:

http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/business/technology/2016821108_westsound22.html

19. *November 21, Associated Press* – (National) **Criminal probe into online mortgage scams widens.** A criminal investigation into mortgage swindlers expanded beyond deceptive advertising on Google’s Internet search engine to root out con artists who

were luring their victims on Bing and Yahoo, the Associated Press reported November 21. News of the widening probe confirmed the Internet's three largest search engines were turned into tools of prey for crooks looking to bilk homeowners scrambling to avoid foreclosure. The scams involved online ads making bogus promises to help people hold onto their homes under a government-backed program to modify mortgage payments. After finding their victims using ads triggered by phrases such as "stop foreclosure," the swindlers extracted upfront fees or arranged to have the mortgage payments sent to them without providing any help. The crackdown shuttered 125 mortgage scams by November 21, up from 85 the week of November 14, when the Office of the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program announced it was cleaning up misconduct on Google. The U.S. Treasury Department division said many con artists bought ads on all three search engines. Like Google, Microsoft's Bing search engine agreed to stop accepting ads from hundreds of Internet advertisers and agencies tied to the scams. The ban also applies to Yahoo, because it depends on Microsoft to sell its search advertising as part of a revenue-sharing partnership.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jqtD1KZSDJ6Ccd5xJgDoxFmElrtQ?docId=726dd59cf33f4a318ecae159473800bf>

20. *November 21, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* – (Pennsylvania) **New Brighton man pleads guilty to mortgage fraud.** A New Brighton, Pennsylvania man pleaded guilty November 21 to federal charges connected to a fraud in which he and others obtained tens of millions of dollars in loans by selling properties to each other at elevated prices. The man orchestrated the scheme through his mortgage broker business, Beaver Financial Services, prosecutors said. A majority of the loans were for commercial properties the man controlled and that he sold to another company he also controlled, according to prosecutors. He pleaded guilty to conspiring to commit mail, wire, and bank fraud, and conspiring to launder money. The money laundering charge is based on the man using accounts in other people's names and corporations that exist only on paper to hide the money obtained in the mortgage fraud, prosecutors said.

Source:

http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/s_768476.html?_s_icmp=NetworkHeadlines

21. *November 21, Naples Daily News* – (Florida) **Three men arrested after deputies find \$1 million in bogus credit cards.** A traffic stop on Interstate 75 in Florida November 20 ended with Lee County Sheriff's deputies arresting 3 men and confiscating 123 cloned credit cards with an approximate value of \$1 million if used as intended. It was the largest single seizure of cloned credit cards by the agency. Detectives with the economic crimes unit said the bogus cards contained credit information of skimmed card accounts belonging to victims of identity theft. The three suspects were each charged with possession of cloned credit cards, and trafficking in cloned credit cards.

Source: <http://www.naplesnews.com/news/2011/nov/21/three-men-arrested-after-deputies-find-1-million-b/>

22. *November 18, Washington Post and Bloomberg* – (District of Columbia; Maryland; Virginia) **Millions lost in local Ponzi scheme.** A man ran a Ponzi scheme that cheated investors in the Washington, D.C. area, including charities, out of millions of dollars, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) said November 18. The broker told investors they could earn annual returns of about 20 percent with little or no risk, and he showed one prospective client, a Baptist church, a fake letter of recommendation from the Charles Schwab brokerage firm, the SEC alleged. He was actually losing money on risky options trades, and using funds invested by some clients to make interest payments to others, the SEC charged in a civil lawsuit. The scheme collapsed in 2010. From 2005 to 2010, investors put in more than \$27 million, the SEC said. The lawsuit did not say how much they lost overall. The defendant, a former employee of mortgage giant Fannie Mae, diverted \$5 million of clients’ funds for personal gain, the SEC said. He also made hundreds of thousands of dollars of unwarranted payments to family and friends. The SEC also sued the man’s businesses, Gibraltar Asset Management Group and Garfield Taylor Inc., and five collaborators. The Hillcrest Children’s Center, a Washington charity for impoverished single mothers and their children, sued the broker in January, alleging he and other defendants had lost or misappropriated almost all of the \$8 million the center entrusted to them. The broker’s more than 130 investors included many middle-class people spread across local communities such as Lanham, Germantown, Upper Marlboro, and Alexandria, the SEC said. In 2010, the broker’s businesses lost almost \$300,000 on its trading while paying out \$1.4 million to investors. Though it was selling securities, Gibraltar never registered with the SEC, and did not give clients audited financial statements, the SEC said.
Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/millions-lost-in-local-ponzi-scheme/2011/11/18/gIQAjMRdZN_story.html

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Transportation Sector

23. *November 22, WSVN 7 Fort Lauderdale* – (Florida) **Elderly driver crashes through fence at MIA.** Police are investigating a security breach at Miami International Airport (MIA). According to authorities, a man in his late 70s was seen driving erratically near 25th Street and 72nd Avenue, when he crashed through a fence at MIA at around 8:20 p.m., November 21. The elderly driver drove through a fence and ended up in the American Airlines cargo area. Miami-Dade Police responded to the security breach and officers found the elderly man about 250 yards away from the fence. The elderly man never got near the tarmac because of an embankment, and airport operations were never affected by the incident. The incident may have been caused by a medical emergency, police said. The driver was taken to the hospital and treated.
Source: <http://www.wsvn.com/news/articles/local/21005962843111/elderly-driver-crashes-through-fence-at-mia/>

24. *November 22, Odessa American* – (Texas) **Train derailment backs up traffic in Marathon, Alpine.** A train derailment in Brewster County, Texas November 21 delayed train traffic until about 9:30 p.m. officials with Union Pacific Railroad (UP) report. The derailment occurred at 6:20 a.m. when a train loaded with pipe going from Los Angeles to Houston derailed about 10 miles west of Longfellow, which is 5 miles from the Brewster County line. Train traffic was backed up around Alpine and Marathon following the derailment. A total of 12 trains were delayed, but the line was opened to train traffic at about 9:30 p.m. said a UP spokesman. Because of the rural location, UP crews brought equipment from San Antonio so they could remove the pipe from the derailed car.
Source: <http://www.oaoa.com/news/derailment-76318-train-traffic.html>
25. *November 22, DNAINFO.COM* – (New York) **Kids escape school bus fire near Penn Station.** In New York City, a group of children narrowly escaped a school bus that caught fire on Seventh Avenue near Penn Station November 22, authorities and witnesses said. New York City Fire Department (FDNY) crews responded to the blaze, outside 460 Seventh Avenue near West 35th Street, after getting reports of heavy smoke in the area about 8:30 a.m., the FDNY said. A witness who was working across the street at the time saw bus riders fleeing the inferno before flames engulfed the vehicle. Another witness who was at a nearby deli said the passengers and driver got off the bus just in time.
Source: <http://www.dnainfo.com/2011/11/22/midtown/kids-escape-school-bus-fire-near-penn-station>
26. *November 21, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Metro bus struck by two bullets in South Los Angeles.** A Metro bus was struck by two bullets in South Los Angeles November 21 as a gunman on Century Boulevard fired at someone across the street, authorities said. None of the 20 or so people on board the bus was injured in the shooting, which occurred about 2:15 p.m. as the bus traveled east on Century near Western Avenue in Grammercy Park, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department said. One round struck the windshield and the other hit the front door, a sheriff's department spokesman said. Deputies from the sheriff's transit bureau were investigating the incident.
Source: <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2011/11/metro-bus-struck-by-bullets.html>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

27. *November 22, Food Safety News* – (Georgia) **Allergen alert: GFS sugar, coffee creamer mix up.** Diamond Crystal Brands of Savannah, Georgia, issued an allergen alert because of undeclared milk in 12-ounce GFS sugar canisters that were filled in error with non-dairy coffee creamer, Food Safety News reported November 22. Non-dairy coffee creamer contains sodium caseinate, which is a milk derivative. The items, which were shipped in 24-can cases include: case label: GFS Non-Dairy Coffee Creamer - 24/12 ounce - Lot G293 B located on the side of the case and canister label: GFS Sugar - Lot G293 B located on the bottom of the canister.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/11/allergen-alert-gfs-coffee-creamersugar-mix-up/>

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28. *November 21, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* – (Wisconsin; Michigan) **Debris on Michigan beaches tied to Milwaukee sewer overflows.** Some of the debris that washed up on Michigan beaches in 2008 and 2010 likely came from Milwaukee sewer overflows, federal investigators concluded in documents released November 21 by the Chicago-based Alliance for the Great Lakes. According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, a 2011 U.S. Coast Guard summary of the investigations identifies combined sewer overflows in June 2008 and July 2010 as a “logical suspect” in releasing debris to the lake that later washed ashore in Michigan, the Alliance said in a statement on its Web site. A National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration analysis of lake tides, currents, and winds after both overflows concluded the debris might have come from Milwaukee at around the time of the overflows, according to investigation documents. An estimated 2.9 billion gallons of untreated sewage and storm water flowed to the lake over 9 days — June 7 to 15 — in the largest combined sanitary and storm sewer overflow since the deep tunnel system opened in 1994. The district’s separate sanitary sewers released 686 million gallons of untreated sewage and storm water to the lake during overflows from June 7 to 9, 2008. Torrential rains were blamed in a July 22 to 25, 2010, combined sewer overflow of 1.985 billion gallons, and a separate sewer overflow of 171 million gallons. The Alliance acknowledged that Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewage District’s (MMSD) state permit allows up to six combined sewer overflows in a year.
Source: <http://www.jsonline.com/news/milwaukee/debris-on-michigan-beaches-tied-to-milwaukee-sewer-overflows-nh35971-134289978.html>
29. *November 21, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (New Jersey) **EPA proposes plan to remove contaminated sediment from bottom of Pompton Lake; Public hearing slated for January 5.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed November 21 to dredge approximately 68,000 cubic yards of mercury

contaminated sediment from the bottom of a 26-acre area of Pompton Lake in the Borough of Pompton Lakes, New Jersey and remove 7,800 cubic yards of contaminated soil from a one-acre area adjacent to the lake. The proposed cleanup is designed to remove 100 percent of the mercury contamination in the near shore sediment in the Acid Brook Delta of Pompton Lake and clean up soil in the adjacent area. The E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Company, Inc. operated the Pompton Lakes Works facility, lat 2000 Cannonball Road, from 1902 to April 1994. Products manufactured at the facility included explosive powder containing mercury and lead, detonating fuses, electric blasting caps, metal wires, and aluminum and copper shells. The manufacturing operations and waste management practices contaminated soil, sediment, and groundwater on and off-site. Lead and mercury from its operations were released into Acid Brook, which flows through the facility and discharges into the Acid Brook Delta. The cleanup is the specific focus of the proposed cleanup plan, which requires a permit modification under the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. Once EPA's proposal is final, it will be reflected in the modified permit that legally requires DuPont to fund and perform the work. Cleanup will be performed under EPA oversight, and is expected to begin in spring 2012. DuPont's operations also contaminated groundwater with chlorinated volatile organic compounds, such as tetrachloroethylene, trichloroethylene, cis 1,2-dichloroethylene, and vinyl chloride. Plans to clean up the remaining areas of contamination will be the subject of future proposed permit modifications when investigations have been completed and reviewed by federal and state authorities.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/B82734CA64C738728525794F006902DF>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

30. *November 21, Insurance Journal* – (Kansas) **Kansas hospital alerts patients to online security breach.** Officials at Lawrence Memorial Hospital in Lawrence, Kansas, said they are anticipating a federal investigation and possible fine after an online security breach potentially compromised 8,000 patients' financial information. The Lawrence Journal World reported the hospital mailed letters alerting patients to the problem. The breach apparently occurred September 20 when a company that hosts the hospital's online bill paying service was upgrading its system. The company left a portal open that contained payment records from 28 patients. That data was accessed by Google, which then cached the page and kept the information public. Hospital officials also believe there was a way to access a database with information on every patient who had used the online bill pay system since it was first offered in 2005 from that portal. The hospital learned about the breach October 28 after a patient using Google to search her husband's name found his financial data online. The hospital has advised patients to put a lock on the account, or obtain new credit or bank cards. Two patients have contacted the hospital so far about charges they consider suspicious. Online bill pay has been shut down but should return in a few weeks. The hospital already was in the process of

switching to a different vendor to provide the service.

Source: <http://www.insurancejournal.com/news/midwest/2011/11/21/224915.htm>

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Government Facilities Sector

31. *November 22, Associated Press* – (Florida) **North Fla. brush fire forces school to close.** A brush fire in north Florida has forced officials to close an elementary school. Putnam County School Board officials decided to close Ochwilla Elementary School in Hawthorne, November 22 because smoke from the smoldering fire was expected to blow onto the campus. Officials said buses would have had to be rerouted to avoid smoke-covered roads. The Gainesville Sun reported the fire has been burning for about a week and covers some 700 acres along the Alachua-Putnam county line. The Florida Highway Patrol said some roads have been periodically closed due to smoke. Forestry officials said the cause of the fire has not been determined.
Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2011/11/22/2513900/north-fla-brush-fire-forces-school.html>
32. *November 22, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **Colo. barricaded airman suspect is awaiting sentencing on attempted sex exploitation of child.** The U.S. Air Force said it is investigating how an airman managed to get his own handgun onto a sensitive air base in Colorado where he barricaded himself in a building for 10 hours before surrendering. The airman was taken into custody at Schriever Air Force Base near Colorado Springs, Colorado, at about 8 p.m. November 21, officials said. No injuries were reported. The base, about 60 miles south of Denver, controls more than 60 military satellites, including those used for GPS. The Air Force said satellite operations were not disrupted. Officials said the suspect was in a building where personnel prepare for deployment. The satellite control rooms are in a separate, heavily guarded area. Authorities said the airman faces a possible discharge for an unrelated crime in civilian court. He is being held in the Teller County jail in Divide, Colorado, under an agreement between the county and the Air Force base. Air Force officials did not say whether the suspect will face prosecution in civilian or military court over the standoff. Personal weapons are forbidden on the base. The suspect is a member of the 50th Security Forces Squadron, and has been in the Air Force for 2 years and 9 months, officials said.
Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/after-standoff-air-force-investigates-how-airman-got-handgun-onto-sensitive-colorado-air-base/2011/11/22/gIQAQfk3kN_story.html?tid=pm_national_pop
33. *November 22, Associated Press* – (South Carolina) **Suspicious package shuts SC school for 2nd day.** A suspicious package has led officials to cancel classes at a Columbia high school for the second time in less than a month in Columbia, South Carolina. The package was found November 21 before classes started at Eau Claire High School. Police closed a road in front of the school as they investigated. Richland School District 1 originally announced a 2-hour delay, but decided to cancel classes about 2 hours later. Eau Claire students also missed a day October 31 after a suspicious

package was found. Police detonated the package, but never said what was inside.

Source: <http://www.wftv.com/ap/ap/education/suspicious-package-shuts-sc-school-for-2nd-day/nFjNt/>

34. *November 21, KMGH 7 Denver* – (Colorado) **Art + science chemicals = 16 sickened at school.** The smell that made more than a dozen students sick at Blevins Middle School November 18 is being blamed on chemicals from an art class and a science lab storage area mixing in the air in Fort Collins, Colorado. Officials believe the odor came from non-toxic sulfur-based compound, in a classroom. The investigation indicates that when the school’s ventilation system malfunctioned, fumes from this compound could have combined with other vapors from typical classroom chemicals in the adjacent science lab. This created an airborne irritant similar to strong cleaning agents. As a safety precaution, Poudre School District said it removed the chemicals in question, ventilated the entire building, and hired a private cleaning company to sanitize the four affected classrooms. Classes resumed November 21. Poudre Schools is reviewing all of its science lab chemicals and ventilation systems, according to an official with the Poudre School District.

Source: <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/29826030/detail.html>

35. *November 18, Pacific Business News* – (Hawaii) **PBS Hawaii knock off the air by fire; no one injured.** A light exploded at PBS Hawaii’s television studio November 18, igniting a fire in the insulation in the ceiling, knocking Hawaii’s only public broadcast station off the air, and prompting 50 people to evacuate the building on the Manoa campus of the University of Hawaii. The fire was contained a short time after the fire broke out just before 11 a.m. at the PBS headquarters on the corner of Dole Street and University Avenue, according to the PBS Hawaii president and CEO. The public television station’s only studio was filled with smoke, and the entire PBS staff of 33 people, as well as about 20 people in a UH classroom, had to be evacuated, she said. The station was off the air and without electricity November 18, but power could be restored over the weekend of November 19 and 20, at which time the station could go back on the air. The fire department put the damage estimate at \$250,000.

Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/pacific/news/2011/11/18/pbs-hawaii-studio-catches-fire-no-one.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

36. *November 21, Fort Collins Coloradoan* – (Colorado) **Larimer Jail inmates facing rioting charges after throwing feces.** Four inmates are facing rioting and assault charges after they threw feces and barricaded themselves in their cells at the Larimer County, in Fort Collins, Colorado, jail. The inmates barricaded themselves in their cells in the high-security wing about 7 p.m. November 20, sheriff’s officials said. The men eventually surrendered peacefully. “It’s not clear there’s anything specific that triggered it,” said a spokesman for the Larimer County Sheriff’s Office. “They started throwing the fecal matter and then all went into their cells and flooded them, which flooded the day room.” The jail’s special emergency response team was brought in, as

was a K-9 unit. The dog's presence prompted one of the four to surrender immediately. The other three inmates remained barricaded in their cells, and resisted deputies' attempts to open the doors. The spokesman said for security reasons he could not disclose exactly how the inmates were able to block their doors. The four inmates are facing charges including rioting, assault on a peace officer, criminal mischief, and obstructing government operations.

Source:

<http://www.coloradoan.com/article/20111121/UPDATES01/111121019/Larimer-Jail-inmates-facing-rioting-charges-after-throwing-feces?odyssey=mod|mostcom>

37. *November 21, KRCC 7 Redding* – (California) **Girls discover sheriff evidence bags in A.C.I.D canal.** Two Redding, California, girls were hospitalized November 19 after finding a bag of Shasta County Sheriff's Office evidence. The two girls were walking a dog along the A.C.I.D canal in Redding when they came across a black bag. The girls found it just yards away from Juniper School. The bag was filled with discarded evidence from the sheriff's office from investigations from 2005. The evidence included sheriff documents, cds, and broken drug pipes with biohazard signs. The office's chief evidence technician said the bag did not have any hypodermic needles. The girls were taken to a hospital where they underwent a drug screening, and were tested for HIV and Hepatitis. The sheriff's department said they were unsure how the bag got to the canal. They believe it was taken from a dumpster near the department. Since this incident, the department has invested in new dumpster locks, officials said. Source: <http://www.krcrtv.com/news/29827890/detail.html>

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Information Technology Sector

38. *November 21, Saginaw News* – (Michigan) **Chemical vapor leak at Hemlock Semiconductor Group.** A chemical vapor leak at Hemlock Semiconductor Group's (HSC) manufacturing site November 20 forced the facility in Saginaw County, Michigan, to close for about 30 minutes. No injuries were reported, but roads were blocked around the factory and nearby residents were told to stay indoors. The Thomas Township fire chief said HSC called at 10:40 a.m. seeking backup as a precaution. The Richland Township fire department also responded. The leak was a minor vapor release that extended beyond the plant's fence line, a spokeswoman for Hemlock said in a statement. Residents within 1 mile northeast of the plant were asked to stay in their homes, but the Thomas Township fire chief said none of the gas release was detected off HSC property. The contaminant leaked was chlorosilane, he said. He said it gives off an odor similar to ammonia and irritates they eyes and throat. He said workers were conducting a maintenance operation and cleaning a vessel. Fire and HSC officials are investigating.

Source:

http://www.mlive.com/news/saginaw/index.ssf/2011/11/chemical_vapor_leak_at_hemlock.html

39. *November 21, CNET News* – (International) **Android’s a malware magnet, says McAfee.** Malware targeting Android devices continues to surge, according to a new report from McAfee, pushing 2011 to become the busiest year in history for mobile and general malware. The amount of malware infecting Android devices during the third quarter grew almost 37 percent from the second quarter, according to McAfee’s Third-Quarter Threats Report. Android’s growing demand among consumers has made it an increasingly ripe and inviting target for cybercriminals — almost all new mobile malware over the third quarter was aimed squarely at Android. Among all mobile platforms, Nokia’s Symbian OS still saw the greatest amount of malware. As a result of the onslaught against Android and the growth in overall malware, McAfee believes the industry will see 75 million unique pieces of malware by the end of the year, up from its previous forecast of 70 million. Phony antivirus products, AutoRun malware, and password-stealing trojans were among the most common types of malware in the quarter, staging a rebound from previous quarters. Malware aimed at the Mac also continues to grow. The number of botnet infections inched down over the third quarter but staged dramatic gains in countries such as Argentina, Indonesia, Russia, and Venezuela. Cutwail, Festi, and Lethic proved to be the most dangerous and damaging botnets last quarter. Though spam dropped in numbers since 2007, it has grown in sophistication, according to McAfee. Spearphishing, or targeted spam, is increasingly being adopted by more attackers and is proving to be highly effective.
Source: http://news.cnet.com/8301-1009_3-57328575-83/androids-a-malware-magnet-says-mcafee/

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Communications Sector

40. *November 21, KGW 8 Portland* – (Oregon) **Portland TV stations lose signal.** Three Portland, Oregon television stations lost their signal on many carriers November 20, and again for a short time early November 21, and wild weather was being blamed. The broadcasts from Channels 2, 6, and 8 went dark for many cable, satellite, and over-the-air users at about 8:30 p.m. November 20. KGW 8 Portland engineers created a solution at about 9:30 p.m. that restored broadcasts for Channel 8 viewers. The other two stations were able to restore their signal later November 20. A tree fell into a power line, and the power line then damaged the fiber line that connects all three stations to their transmitters in the West Hills, triggering the outage. Channel 12 was not affected because its studios are located in Beaverton, so its fiber line runs along a different route

from the Sylvan Hills. The three Portland stations also experienced a brief outage around 4:30 a.m. November 21 while the main fiber line was severed to complete repairs. All three stations were using backup transmitters until the repairs could be completed. Full repair of the fiber line was expected by around noon November 21.
Source:

<http://www.nwcn.com/home/?fId=134223883&fPath=/news/local&fDomain=10202>

41. *November 21, Computerworld* – (International) **AT&T says attempted hack of customer accounts failed.** AT&T November 21 acknowledged an organized attempt to hack information on fewer than 1 percent of its 100 million wireless customers, but it said no accounts were breached. A spokesman said the hackers appear to have used auto-script technology to find whether AT&T telephone numbers were linked to online AT&T accounts. He did not elaborate, but said an investigation is continuing. The spokesman said fewer than 1 percent of AT&T's 100.7 million wireless subscribers were contacted by hackers through e-mail — a number that could mean about 1 million customers were affected. “Our investigation is ongoing to determine the source or intent of the attempt to gather this information,” the AT&T spokesman said. He said the AT&T account holders were advised of the attempt “out of an abundance of caution.”

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9222079/Update_AT_T_says_attempted_hack_of_customer_accounts_failed

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Commercial Facilities Sector

42. *November 21, WHNS 21 Greenville* – (North Carolina) **8 departments battle blaze that destroys NC clubhouse.** Firefighters from several departments were fighting a fire at a Tryon, North Carolina country club November 21. According to the Columbus Fire Department's assistant chief, crews found heavy smoke on both sides of the entrance, and shortly after flames shot through the roof. Crews had to evacuate into a defensive operation to battle the fire. A total of eight departments responded. The North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation was called in due to the size of the loss, estimated between \$500,000 and \$750,000. The clubhouse building was a total loss, which included the locker rooms, bar, and restaurant areas.

Source: <http://www.foxcarolina.com/story/16090440/dispatch-multiple-departments-battle-country-club-blaze>

43. *November 20, WTNH 8 New Haven* – (Connecticut) **Yale U-Haul driver passes sobriety test.** When a U-Haul truck plowed through the Lot D parking lot at the Yale University-Harvard University football game in New Haven, Connecticut, November 18, striking three and killing one, many assumed the driver was drunk; but police said that is not the case. New Haven police said the driver passed a field sobriety test. His attorney released a statement that said the accident was the result of a vehicle

malfunction. As of November 22, no charges had been filed against the driver. Police said it is still early in the investigation.

Source: http://www.wtnh.com/dpp/news/new_haven_cty/yale-u-haul-driver-passes-sobriety-test?hpt=us_bn4

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

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Dams Sector

44. *November 22, Cranford Chronicle* – (New Jersey) **Levee system faces ‘potential failure’**. Representatives from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers came to Cranford, New Jersey for a special workshop meeting November 21 to discuss the integrity of the township’s levee system, the potential for increasing the capacity of Lenape Park basin, and the modeling of a retention basin on Birchwood Avenue. According to the Cranford Chronicle, the presentation came after completing about 30 percent of their overall study, expected to be finished in 2015, looking at Cranford’s flood mitigation plans. A geotechnical team leader on the project explained levees are tested for their side slopes as well as their ability to protect against seepage. The system in Cranford, according to the team leader, faces “potential failure” with seepage, because of the composition of the soil at the base of the levees and a lack of an impervious core. These factors could lead to water seeping through the base of the levees, potentially creating a hole. The hydraulic engineer for the project said, based on the evaluation that has been done so far, the levees as they are now can withstand approximately a 10-25 year storm event. Hurricanes Floyd and Irene were 100- and 500-year events respectively. He also told residents it is possible that the pressure caused by Irene could have weakened the levees further, increasing the probability of failure.

Source:

http://www.nj.com/cranford/index.ssf/2011/11/levee_system_faces_potential_f.html

45. *November 21, Sacramento Bee* – (California) **Drilling begins on American River Parkway levees**. A contractor hired by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is drilling into levees along the American River Parkway through January to collect soil samples. Truck-mounted drilling rigs and an equipment staging area are located along the river’s south bank, at Paradise Beach in Sacramento, California. The work will continue eastward, on both sides of the river, through January. A Corps spokesman said the contractor is drilling adjacent to levees along the river to take soil samples. The results will help engineers assess erosion and seepage risk. The work is just one part of the Corps’ broad assessment of levee safety in Sacramento. Called a general re-evaluation report, it will help determine if the levees need additional work to meet a 200-year

flood safety standard, or the ability to hold back a flood with a half-percent chance of striking in any given year.

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2011/11/21/4071790/drilling-begins-on-american-river.html>

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