



# Homeland Security

## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report 25 November 2011

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- A leaking tanker truck dropped a sticky substance over 40 miles of the Pennsylvania Turnpike, disabling more than 100 cars. – *WTXF 29 Philadelphia* (See item [14](#))
- Chicken livers contaminated with Salmonella Heidelberg have sickened 179 people in 6 states, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported November 22. – *Food Safety News* (See item [18](#))

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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 23, Sacramento Bee* – (California) **PG&E fined \$38 million in Rancho explosion.** The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) approved a \$38 million fine against Pacific Gas and Electric Corporation (PG&E) for the 2008 gas explosion that killed a Rancho Cordova man. Under a decision filed November 19, PG&E will pay the full fine to the state general fund within 20 days, bringing closure to the state's 3-year investigation into the December 24, 2008 explosion. PG&E previously agreed to pay \$26 million to settle the state's investigation. But last month, the company said it would pay the higher amount, which was set by an administrative law judge who

criticized the company for the "severity and gravity" of errors and failures that contributed to the explosion. In filings with the CPUC, PG&E admitted it was late responding to complaints of a gas leak, and that it installed the wrong pipe when performing repairs on the gas line prior to the explosion, which killed one man, and injured five other people. PG&E has said its customers will not be billed to raise money to pay for the fines.

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2011/11/23/4074679/pge-fined-38-million-in-rancho.html>

2. *November 23, Manchester Journal* – (Vermont) **Heavy wet snow knocks out power to 12,000 customers in eastern Vermont.** About 12,000 Central Vermont Public Service (CVPS) customers in Vermont were without power November 23. Heavy wet snow began building up and bringing down trees, tree limbs, and lines primarily in Windham and Windsor counties around 4:30 a.m. A large transmission fault occurred at about 7 a.m., affecting more than 5,500 customers. Crews were working to sectionalize that problem, and restore power. The towns of Dummerston, Jamaica, Cavendish, Chester, and Hartford were hit hardest, and Woodstock Town and Village, among others were without power due to the transmission fault.

Source: [http://www.manchesterjournal.com/ci\\_19395301](http://www.manchesterjournal.com/ci_19395301)

3. *November 23, Merced Sun-Star* – (California) **Oil company settles with city, RDA for \$1.25 million.** The city of Merced, California, settled a lawsuit with ConocoPhillips, one of several oil companies the city claims contaminated groundwater at several sites with methyl tertiary butyl ether, a fuel additive that possibly causes cancer. The total ConocoPhillips settlement is \$1.25 million to the city and its redevelopment agency, according to the settlement papers. In court documents, the city claimed the defendants — ConocoPhillips, Chevron, Shell, ExxonMobil, and others — sold gasoline containing MTBE or tertiary butyl alcohol (TBA) to Merced gasoline stations. TBA is present in some gasoline; it is a gasoline constituent, an impurity in commercial-grade MTBE and a degradation or breakdown product of MTBE, according to documents. The documents claim the gas stations released the chemicals into the environment. The chemicals are claimed to have contaminated groundwater, and Merced's public water supply.

Source: <http://www.mercedsunstar.com/2011/11/23/2131838/oil-company-settles-with-city.html>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

4. *November 23, Associated Press* – (Missouri; International) **EPA fines Mo. co. for lack of notice on pesticide.** A Liberty, Missouri agrichemical company has been fined for failing to notify a federal agency it imported nearly 25 tons of a toxic pesticide from China. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) said November 22 that Douglas Products and Packaging will pay a civil penalty of \$6,237. The agency said the company did not give the EPA the required notification about its May shipment of aluminum phosphide fumigant pellets from China. The EPA tracks potentially

hazardous pesticide products. The agency said aluminum phosphide is used as a fumigant for stored grains and is highly toxic. The firm's co-owner acknowledged the company failed to fill out the required EPA forms. He said the company recently changed suppliers, and that the previous supplier had handled the necessary forms.  
Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/f5f407180f1b43edbf8db96c2c23436/MO--Imported-Pesticide-Fine/>

5. *November 23, WYFF 4 Greenville* – (South Carolina) **Officials: Tanker truck carrying acid solution overturns.** An accident involving a tanker on Union Street near Cedar Springs Road in Spartanburg, South Carolina closed Union Street the morning of November 23. A Spartanburg Emergency Management official said the tanker was carrying a sodium hydroxide solution when it overturned around 7:20 a.m. Public safety officials said the tanker was only leaking fuel from its fuel tank. The state department of health and environmental control and local hazardous materials units responded. Officials said the acid solution would be pumped to another truck before the tanker is moved.

Source: <http://www.wyff4.com/r/29841776/detail.html>

6. *November 22, WHPT 21 Harrisburg* – (Pennsylvania) **No one injured in early morning fire at business.** The cause of an early morning, two-alarm fire at an East Drumore Township, Pennsylvania business is under investigation. Ten employees were inside Stoner Incorporated on Robert Fulton Highway, when they discovered a fire in one of the out buildings, November 22. The business makes cleaners and other chemicals. Quarryville firefighters responded. The assistant chief said built-in safety measures, like fire walls and sprinklers, kept the fire from spreading. Several pieces of equipment were damaged because the fire activated the sprinklers, flooding the floor. The plant manager said business operations may be affected for a few days, but that they would still be able to meet customer needs.

Source: <http://www.whptv.com/mostpopular/story/UPDATE-2-No-one-injured-in-early-morning-fire-at/0ckFsByX50KYfv1Tszegcg.csp>

7. *November 22, Salt Lake Tribune* – (Utah) **I-80 traffic flowing again following semi crash.** A crash on Interstate 80 near Park City, Utah closed all traffic lanes for several hours November 22 when a caustic chemical spilled on the roadway. Crews worked late into the evening to clear the contaminated soil, the Utah Highway Patrol (UHP) reported. Lanes were closed in both directions after a semitruck carrying liquid sodium hydroxide rolled about noon. Westbound traffic lanes were opened by 2 p.m., but eastbound lanes remained closed until 5:40 p.m. "The chemical that spilled is rather toxic," said a Utah Department of Transportation spokeswoman, who added the chemical did not appear to have damaged the road. The eastbound semi went off the right side of the freeway and rolled onto its top, breaching a plastic compartment containing the toxic, corrosive chemical. The UHP said the driver exited the truck with minor injuries. A hazardous material crew and local fire departments responded.

Source: <http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/52971365-78/traffic-eastbound-material-crash.html.csp>

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

8. *November 23, Mainichi Daily News* – (International) **Emergency condenser at Fukushima plant may not have fully run after tsunami.** An emergency cooling condenser at the Fukushima No. 1 Nuclear Power Plant in Japan appears to have only partially run after the loss of all external power sources caused by the March 11 tsunami, the plant's operator said November 23. The two systems comprising the isolation condenser (IC) were found to have coolant levels of 65 and 85 percent when Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO) employees examined the plant October 18. Noting that water has not been supplied to either of the systems since the disasters, TEPCO officials said they suspect the IC in the No. 1 reactor functioned only at a limited level over a short period. As to the cause of the suspected malfunctioning, TEPCO suggested hydrogen generated by damaged nuclear fuel may have gathered in the piping, causing the IC's heat removal efficiency to decline. During the inspection, workers found no damage to the IC in the No. 1 reactor.  
Source: <http://mdn.mainichi.jp/mdnnews/news/20111123p2a00m0na010000c.html>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

9. *November 23, West Fargo Pioneer* – (North Dakota) **Fire under control at metal galvanizing plant in West Fargo.** A fire that heavily damaged a metal galvanizing plant in West Fargo, North Dakota, November 22 was under control, and hazardous materials inside were contained as of the morning of November 23. An estimated 60 firefighters and hazmat crew members spent the night battling the fire at K&K Galvanizers in West Fargo's industrial park. Officials were concerned about the plume of smoke from the fire because the building was reported to contain hydrochloric acid, sodium hydroxide, and zinc used in the galvanizing process. A CodeRED alert advised people downwind to take shelter. Crews also built dikes to contain some hydrochloric acid that was released, according to the city's assistant police chief.  
Source: <http://www.westfargopioneer.com/event/article/id/19243/>
10. *November 22, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **Motion sensing wall switches recalled by HeathCo due to electrical shock hazard.** The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with HeathCo, November 22 announced a voluntary recall of about 75,000 Heath/Zenith and Wireless Command motion sensing wall switches. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. When the switches are in the auto mode and the light is off, a small amount of leakage current passes through the electric circuit, including the socket. If consumers fail to disconnect the power at the circuit breaker and make contact with both terminals inside the socket while replacing the bulbs, there is a risk of an electric shock. Consumers should stop using the recalled wall switches

and contact HeathCo for a free replacement.

Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml12/12046.html>

11. *November 22, Janesville Gazette* – (Wisconsin) **Estimated \$30,000 damage reported at D&K Coatings.** A fire November 21 at D&K Coatings in Janesville, Wisconsin, will shut down production at the facility temporarily. The Janesville Fire Department estimated \$30,000 in damages to the building and a \$6,000 loss to its contents to the industrial laminates, adhesives, and equipment plant. The fire started when a product was being transferred from one barrel to another, with one of the barrels not properly grounded, according to the Janesville Fire Department shift commander. Static electricity probably started the fire, he said. An employee tried putting it out with several extinguishers before the general manager intervened, ordering an evacuation and activating the plant's carbon dioxide fire-suppression system.

Source: <http://gazettextra.com/news/2011/nov/22/estimated-30000-damage-reported-dk-coatings/>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

12. *November 23, Wilkes-Barre Citizens Voice* – (Pennsylvania) **Ammonia-filled balloon used to rob Dallas Twp. bank.** A man used a balloon he claimed was filled with "acid" as a threat to rob a Luzerne National Bank branch in Dallas Township, Pennsylvania, November 22. The suspect, who wore a two-tone black and dark gray jacket and concealed his identity with a black ski mask and a hood over his head, entered the bank and held up a balloon and told people in the bank it contained "acid," according to the Dallas Township police chief. After demanding cash, the balloon broke as the man left the bank, though it turned out to contain ammonia. The man escaped and was being sought by police November 23.  
Source: <http://citizensvoice.com/news/ammonia-filled-balloon-used-to-rob-dallas-twp-bank-1.1236300#axzz1eXMmbFIF>
13. *November 22, Orange County Register* – (California) **'Bubble Wrap Bandit' suspected in bank robbery.** A man authorities call the "Bubble Wrap Bandit" is believed to have carried out a robbery November 22 at a Garden Grove, California bank, FBI officials said. A man walked into a U.S. Bank branch and handed the teller a note indicating a robbery and claiming he had a weapon, although no weapon was seen, an FBI spokeswoman said. The man left the bank with an undisclosed amount of money. Officials believe the man is also linked to a robbery September 1 at a Wells Fargo branch in Anaheim, in which a note was also used, a threat of a weapon was made, and an undisclosed amount was stolen. FBI officials believe the robber is the

"Bubble Wrap Bandit," who is suspected of carrying out four robberies in Los Angeles in 2009 and 2010, including a Bank of the West in La Mirada, a Chase Bank in South Gate, a Bank of the West in Bell Gardens, and a Citibank in Bell Gardens. The robber reportedly earned his nickname after he was seen carrying bubble wrap during one of the earlier holdups.

Source: <http://www.ocregister.com/news/bank-328396-wrap-fbi.html>

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## **Transportation Sector**

14. *November 23, WTXF 29 Philadelphia* – (Pennsylvania) **Pa. turnpike goo disables 100 cars.** A leaking tanker truck dropped a sticky substance over a nearly 40-mile stretch of the Pennsylvania Turnpike in Pennsylvania, disabling more than 100 cars that had their tires covered in the gooey muck. A turnpike spokesman said a leaking valve on a tanker carrying driveway sealant spread the gunk over the eastbound lanes of the Turnpike between New Castle and the Oakmont Service Plaza November 22. The spokesman said workers initially tried plowing the mess off the roadway but switched to covering it with sand to help it dry. Traffic was moving normally November 23, but turnpike officials said some state police and maintenance vehicles had to be towed after getting stuck. The spokesman said the turnpike set up a phone number to help motorists filing insurance claims.

Source: [http://www.myfoxphilly.com/dpp/news/local\\_news/pa.-turnpike-goo-disables-100-cars-](http://www.myfoxphilly.com/dpp/news/local_news/pa.-turnpike-goo-disables-100-cars-)

15. *November 23, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Virginia man charged with carrying gun in airport.** Police charged a 46-year-old man with two weapons violations after a security screener at Richmond International Airport in Sandston, Virginia discovered a handgun and ammunition in his duffel bag. Airport officials said November 22 the traveler was charged with carrying a weapon in an airport terminal and carrying a concealed weapon. Authorities allowed him to continue traveling. A spokesman said a Transportation Security Administration screener saw what appeared to be a handgun in a duffel bag in an X-ray machine. The screener then requested help from airport police. The traveler confirmed he was the owner of the bag and its contents, including a .45 Ruger with two ammunition clips. The traveler told officials he forgot about the gun, and claimed he previously held a concealed-weapons permit.

Source: <http://travel.usatoday.com/flights/story/2011-11-23/Virginia-man-charged-with-carrying-gun-in-airport/51365460/1>

16. *November 23, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **St. Mary's County students injured in school bus crash.** Authorities said 20 people were treated at the hospital for injuries after a 3-vehicle accident in southern Maryland involving a school bus full of students, a car, and a truck whose driver was charged with driving under the influence. Maryland State Police said the accident happened November 22 when the bus carrying students from Great Mills High School in St. Mary's County was returning from a girls'

basketball game in Colonial Beach, Virginia. Seventeen occupants of the bus — the driver, another adult, and 15 students — were taken by ambulance to the hospital. All were released. Two occupants of the car, including a 13-year-old girl, were also hospitalized. The truck driver was treated for minor injuries and arrested on a DUI charge.

Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/crime-scene/post/st-marys-county-students-injured-in-school-bus-crash/2011/11/23/gIQArhrGoN\\_blog.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/crime-scene/post/st-marys-county-students-injured-in-school-bus-crash/2011/11/23/gIQArhrGoN_blog.html)

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

17. *November 23, WYFF 4 Greenville* – (South Carolina) **Overtaken FedEx truck blocks holiday traffic.** A tractor-trailer took a spill on an upstate highway November 23, creating a snag for holiday travelers in Travelers Rest, South Carolina. The FedEx tandem trailer overturned just after 5 a.m. on Highway 25 one mile south of Highway 11 and north of Travelers Rest, the South Carolina Highway Patrol (SCHP) said. Crews were able to move the wreck into the median initially, but SCHP troopers expected delays. The FedEx truck was carrying a full load of packages when it overturned, but no packages spilled onto the roadway, according to a WYFF 4 Greenville reporter. Troopers said all of the packages would have to be off-loaded and transferred to another truck before a wrecker could move the damaged tractor-trailer. That process was expected to close the highway temporarily. Troopers said traffic was moving slowly in the area as of 6:30 a.m.

Source: <http://www.wyff4.com/news/29841145/detail.html>

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

18. *November 23, Food Safety News* – (National) **179 Salmonella chicken liver cases in 6 states.** Chicken livers contaminated with Salmonella Heidelberg have now sickened 179 people in 6 states, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported November 22. That is 22 more cases in 4 more states than the CDC reported November 9. The kosher broiled chicken livers, sold by Schreiber Processing Corp. of Maspeth, New York, under the MealMart brand, were recalled November 8. The chicken livers were distributed to New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Minnesota, Ohio, Rhode Island, and Florida. In its latest report on the outbreak, the CDC said New York now identified 99 cases of Salmonella infection linked to the chicken livers, New Jersey confirmed 61 related cases, Pennsylvania 10, Maryland 6, Ohio 2, and Minnesota 1. The illnesses began in March and continued through October.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/11/cdc-179-salmonella-chicken-liver-cases-in-6-states/>

19. *November 23, Food Safety News* – (New York) **Allergen alert: Undeclared dairy in pineapple pastry.** Rio Grande Imports of Copiague, New York is recalling 50 cases of Semita de Pina because the pastries may contain undeclared dairy, Food Safety News reported November 23. The problem was discovered during routine sampling by New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets food inspectors. Subsequent analysis revealed the presence of the allergen in product packages that did not declare it on the label. Semita de Pina is a pineapple-filled pastry with the brand name El Triunfo packaged in a poly plastic boat with a clear plastic overwrap and a code of 11-22-11. It was distributed to the lower Hudson Valley Region, New York City boroughs, and Long Island.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/11/allergen-alert-undeclared-dairy-in-pineapple-pastry/>

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## **Water Sector**

20. *November 23, Cecil Whig* – (Maryland) **State: County, Perryville fined for sewage discharge violations.** Officials at the Maryland Department of the Environment said the week of November 21 they levied fines on two Cecil County wastewater treatment plants for previous discharge violations. Perryville paid \$800 to the clean water fund for a March 2010 incident in which the sanitary sewer system overflowed. Cecil County Public Works paid \$9,400 in fines for what the state called "an alleged ammonia nitrogen effluent discharge permit violation" at the Cherry Hill plant from January to March 2010.  
Source: [http://www.cecilwhig.com/local\\_news/article\\_8eda698a-155a-11e1-8b95-001cc4c002e0.html](http://www.cecilwhig.com/local_news/article_8eda698a-155a-11e1-8b95-001cc4c002e0.html)
21. *November 23, Raleigh News and Observer* – (North Carolina) **Fines levied in worker deaths.** The North Carolina Department of Labor has fined a Burlington construction company \$16,000 for alleged safety and health violations related to the deaths of two of the company's employees in Durham County June 7. According to the Raleigh News and Observer, two men of Clayton died inside an 11-foot-deep manhole while helping build a new section of Durham's water system along U.S. 70 near the Raleigh border. The state labor department said November 22 it cited Triangle Grading and Paving Inc. for four serious violations of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of North Carolina. The citations said the men suffocated, and that the company had not taken proper precautions to ensure there would be enough oxygen in the hole. Investigators said it appeared they suffocated one at a time after the first went down the hole to retrieve equipment and lost consciousness, and the other followed to rescue him. Emergency workers tested the underground chamber with a remote oxygen sensor and found there was not enough oxygen so they sent rescuers down with breathing equipment. The maximum penalty for such violations is \$7,000 each, said a labor department spokesman. The department is forced by law to calculate the fines with a formula that takes into account factors such as the size of the company, how much it

cooperated in the investigations, and its history of violations.

Source: <http://www.newsobserver.com/2011/11/23/1664976/fines-levied-in-worker-deaths.html>

22. *November 22, Threatpost* – (Texas) **Was the three character password used to hack South Houston's water treatment plant a Siemens default?** Siemens said November 22 it is working with the DHS to investigate a cyber intrusion into a water treatment plant in South Houston, Texas, but could not confirm a default, three-digit password, hard coded into an application used to control the company's supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) software played a role. The hacker, who goes by the handle "prOf," described using an easy-to-crack three-character password that provided access to Siemens Simatic HMI (human machine interface) software. That description matches that of the default password assigned to new user accounts with Sm@rtService and Sm@rtClient, two applications used to remotely access Simatic HMI WinCC installations, according to Siemens documentation reviewed by Threatpost. In a statement November 22, Siemens said it "is aware of" the breach in South Houston in which "control graphics screen shots were taken from the system and posted on the Internet." The company said it didn't know of any malicious actions associated with the breach, but that it is in "close contact" with the U.S. Industrial Control Systems Cyber Emergency Response Team to support "ongoing investigations about the incident," Siemens said. A Siemens spokesman could not confirm the hack took advantage of a default password used by the application, or one configured by officials in South Houston. However, he acknowledged that older versions of the WinCC application use three-character default passwords.

Source: [http://threatpost.com/en\\_us/blogs/was-three-character-password-used-hack-south-houstons-water-treatment-plant-siemens-default-11](http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/was-three-character-password-used-hack-south-houstons-water-treatment-plant-siemens-default-11)

23. *November 22, KMBC 9 Kansas City* – (Missouri) **Boil advisory issued for part of south KC.** The Kansas City Water Services Department issued a boil advisory for part of south Kansas City, Missouri, November 22. There are only about 100 homes in the affected area, but several businesses are nearby, including a shopping center. The boil advisory was issued as a precaution following a 12-inch water main break. The main broke at about 5 a.m. and was the latest in a record-breaking year for water main breaks. More than 1,500 breaks have been reported this year, a number attributed to the aging pipes and the weather.

Source: <http://www.kmbc.com/r/29832433/detail.html>

24. *November 21, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **Cedar Rapids wins nearly \$15.7M in US funds to protect wastewater plant from future flooding.** Cedar Rapids, Iowa officials hailed the award of nearly \$15.7 million in federal funds to help protect the city wastewater plant from future flooding, the Associated Press reported November 21. The water pollution control plant at Iowa Highway 13 and Bertram Road SE was closed for 12 days during 2008 flooding, resulting in the discharge of 3.1 billion gallons of untreated or partially treated sewage into the Cedar River. The Cedar Rapids Gazette reported the total cost for the plant's flood protection project has been estimated at \$21 million. Under the terms of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's flood mitigation program, the state will pay for 10 percent of the work, and the city must pay

for 15 percent. Construction is expected to be completed in 2014.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/6f00652abcef46e08a28b235f657a18c/IA--Cedar-Rapids-Flood-Protection/>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

25. *November 22, Bloomberg* – (National) **Merck will pay \$950M to settle Vioxx investigation.** The Department of Justice (DOJ) said November 22 that drugmaker Merck will pay \$950 million to resolve investigations into its marketing of the painkiller Vioxx. The agency said Merck will pay \$321.6 million in criminal fines, and \$628.4 million as a civil settlement agreement. It will also plead guilty to a misdemeanor charge it marketed Vioxx as a treatment for rheumatoid arthritis before getting approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The government will get \$426.4 million from the settlement, and \$202 million will be distributed to state Medicaid programs for 43 states, and the District of Columbia. Merck stopped selling Vioxx in September 2004 after evidence showed the drug doubled the risk of heart attack and stroke. In 2007, the company paid \$4.85 billion to settle around 50,000 Vioxx-related lawsuits. The DOJ said the settlement resolves allegations that Merck made false, unproven, or misleading statements about Vioxx's safety to increase sales, and made false statements to Medicaid agencies about its safety.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9R600800.htm>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

26. *November 22, WGME 13 Portland* – (Maine) **Teenage girl charged with arson.** Maine fire investigators charged a 13-year-old girl with arson for allegedly setting fire to toilet paper at her school, forcing the entire school to be evacuated. Officials with the state fire marshal's office said the fire started in a toilet-paper dispenser in a second-floor girl's bathroom at Vassalboro Community School in Vassalboro. More than 500 students were evacuated. The fire was confined to the bathroom. No injuries were reported. Officials said the seventh-grade girl will appear in juvenile court in February.

Source: [http://www.wgme.com/news/top-stories/stories/wgme\\_vid\\_10044.shtml](http://www.wgme.com/news/top-stories/stories/wgme_vid_10044.shtml)

27. *November 22, Cleveland Sun* – (Ohio) **FBI continues to investigate Orange High School bomb threats, believes some students are holding back information.** Investigating officers were unable to say where they are in their search for the person or persons responsible for 2 weeks of e-mail threats at Orange High

School in Pepper Pike, Ohio, but they know students are talking and "we do believe some people are holding back some information," said a FBI spokesperson and special agent for communications. A threat arrived the night of November 20 that said 10 students would be coming to the high school November 21 with cell phone bombs, and there would also be car bombs. School officials decided to hold school November 21, though they barred cell phones. Another threat arrived the night of November 21, but school went on with restrictions, though cell phones were restored November 22. The superintendent said while the validity of the threats is diminishing, officials felt they had to act. The first set of threats November 6 brought the school to a halt for 3 days, after which it reopened with heightened security and restrictions, including backpack bans, single-door access, and restricted student movement.

Source: [http://www.cleveland.com/chagrin-valley/index.ssf/2011/11/fbi\\_continues\\_to\\_investigate\\_o.html](http://www.cleveland.com/chagrin-valley/index.ssf/2011/11/fbi_continues_to_investigate_o.html)  
([http://www.cleveland.com/chagrin-valley/index.ssf/2011/11/fbi\\_continues\\_to\\_investigate\\_o.html](http://www.cleveland.com/chagrin-valley/index.ssf/2011/11/fbi_continues_to_investigate_o.html))-###

28. *November 20, msnbc.com and Associated Press* – (International) **Obama security booklet discovered in gutter in Australia's capital.** The Australian government launched an investigation November 20 into how a classified booklet detailing the U.S. President's itinerary came to be lost in a gutter during the president's visit to Canberra, Australia, the week of November 14. A journalist with the Age newspaper reported he found the 125-page booklet November 17 about 100 yards from Parliament House in Canberra, where the President attended several functions during his 27-hour Australian visit. The booklet contained details on his itinerary, his security convoy, and the cell phone numbers of senior U.S. and Australian officials. An analyst based at Sydney University, described the incident as a "significant security breach." Australia's attorney-general's department said in a statement November 20 it was investigating. Source: [http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/45374668/ns/politics-white\\_house/#.Ts0EIVZinus](http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/45374668/ns/politics-white_house/#.Ts0EIVZinus)

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## Emergency Services Sector

29. *November 23, Las Cruces Sun-News* – (New Mexico) **Volunteer firefighters arrested in blaze.** Four volunteer firefighters were arrested November 22 on charges of setting fire to hay bales at a Mesquite, New Mexcio, dairy farm November 21, a Dona Ana Sheriff's Office spokeswoman said. The four allegedly set the fire because "they were bored," according to the criminal complaint in the case. All four volunteer firefighters with the Mesquite Fire Department were booked into the Do-a Ana County Detention Center on charges of conspiracy and arson, the spokeswoman said. The fire at Mountain View Dairy, near Stern Drive and N.M. 228, just south of Las Cruces, was reported around 11:30 p.m. November 21, and fire crews from Mesquite, La Mesa, and the South Valley Fire Departments had to let it burn out rather than battle it. No injuries were reported, nor were any structures damaged, but the cost of damages to the more

than 400 bales of hay was estimated at \$120,000.

Source: [http://www.lcsun-news.com/las\\_cruces-news/ci\\_19397333](http://www.lcsun-news.com/las_cruces-news/ci_19397333)

30. *November 23, Easton Star Democrat* – (Maryland) **Easton ER evacuated.** Staff at the Memorial Hospital at Easton, Maryland evacuated the emergency department November 21 after a chemical odor from an exploded computer battery caused several employees to get sick. According to Talbot County Emergency Services, the 911 Call Center received a call at 4:33 a.m. reporting a chemical acid odor from the emergency department. Easton Volunteer Fire Department responded and worked with hospital staff to evacuate 12 emergency department patients to the main hospital, secure the area, and establish a unified command post.  
Source: [http://www.stardem.com/news/local\\_news/article\\_9f6fb90f-593b-5d62-a151-85f89e360d72.html](http://www.stardem.com/news/local_news/article_9f6fb90f-593b-5d62-a151-85f89e360d72.html)
31. *November 22, Del Norte Triplicate* – (California) **Another prison riot at Pelican Bay.** Dozens of inmates rioted at Pelican Bay, California, State Prison November 22, the second uprising in 9 days. The brawl involving an estimated 50-75 inmates around 7 a.m. in the minimum support facility, a dormitory setting area housing non-violent offenders, said the prison's public information officer. Force was not needed to stop the inmates, he said. "Officers responded ... and when they responded all the inmates got down on the ground and stopped fighting with each other," The riot lasted about 5 minutes, he added. Four inmates were injured; one was admitted to Sutter Coast Hospital for a higher level of care, and the rest were treated at the prison's medical facility, he said. This riot had no connection with the November 20 riot, when 63 inmates attacked each other on the general population yard A, which houses maximum-security inmates, he said. The prison's investigative services unit and the Del Norte County District Attorney's Office are investigating.  
Source: <http://www.triplicate.com/News/Breaking-News/Another-prison-riot-at-Pelican-Bay>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

32. *November 23, Softpedia* – (International) **Xbox Live accounts targeted by massive phishing campaign.** There is much confusion related to the issue of Xbox live accounts forcefully taken by cybercriminals, Softpedia reported November 23. While some feared a massive hacking operation was behind the incident, Microsoft claims the accounts fell victim to phishing. Xbox forums have been flooded with complaints from members who believe their accounts were taken over by hackers, but the official Xbox Live UK Facebook page claims no hacking was involved. The Sun published an article in which they revealed many users around the world reported the credit cards attached to their Live accounts were used to make small purchases, the average loss being estimated at \$80 per account holder. In response to the article, Xbox UK issued a statement denying Xbox Live was hacked. "Microsoft can confirm that there has been

no breach to the security of our Xbox LIVE service. In this case, a number of Xbox LIVE members appear to have recently been victim of malicious ‘phishing’ scams,” reads the statement.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Xbox-Live-Accounts-Targeted-By-Massive-Phishing-Campaign-236130.shtml>

33. *November 23, H Security* – (International) **FFmpeg updates fix security bugs.** Versions 0.7.8 and 0.8.7 of the open source FFMpeg tool and library collection have been released. According to a news post on the project's homepage, the maintenance and security updates to the 0.7.x and 0.8.x branches of FFMpeg fix a number of bugs found in previous releases and address three vulnerabilities. The updates correct issues that could be exploited by an attacker to cause a denial-of-service condition or potentially compromise an application that uses FFMpeg — well-known open source software that uses the library collection and includes the VLC Media Player, MPlayer, and Perian. An attack on FFMpeg would typically require the user to open a maliciously crafted media file or streaming URL. The vulnerabilities addressed in the update include errors in the QDM2 decoder and "vp3\_dequant()" function that could be used to trigger a buffer overflow, as well as a problem in a number of functions that could lead to out-of-bounds reads.
- Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/FFmpeg-updates-fix-security-bugs-1382715.html>

34. *November 23, IDG News Service* – (International) **Google protects HTTPS-enabled services against future attacks.** Google modified the encryption method used by its HTTPS-enabled services including Gmail, Docs, and Google+ in order to prevent current traffic from being decrypted in the future when technological advances make it possible, IDG News Service reported November 23. The majority of today's HTTPS implementations use a private key known only by the domain owner to generate session keys that are subsequently used to encrypt traffic between the servers and their clients. This approach exposes the connections to so-called retrospective decryption attacks. "In 10 years time, when computers are much faster, an adversary could break the server private key and retrospectively decrypt today's email traffic," explained a member of Google's security team. To mitigate this relatively low, but real security risk, Google implemented an encryption property known as forward secrecy, which involves using different private keys to encrypt sessions and deleting them after a period of time. In this way, an attacker who manages to break or steal a single key will be unable to recover a significant quantity of e-mail traffic that spans months of activity, the member of Google's security team said.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9222129/Google\\_protects\\_HTTPS\\_enabled\\_services\\_against\\_future\\_attacks](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9222129/Google_protects_HTTPS_enabled_services_against_future_attacks)

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### Communications Sector

35. *November 22, KITV 4 Honolulu* – (Hawaii) **PBS Hawaii will resume shooting schedule.** Three days after a fire cut power and production of local shows for the PBS Hawaii television station, a new shooting schedule was set up thanks to donated studio time. The station was gutted by a fire November 18, which started when a studio light exploded and flames swept through the building. Smoke poured from the studio as the ceiling and insulation burned. During the emergency, some important items were saved, including cameras. The smoke and flames did an estimated \$1 million in damage to the studio, and its high-tech equipment. PBS Hawaii went back on the air a day later. Many employees who came into work were forced to wear masks to filter out the smell while others worked from home. Also, soot was spread in the fire. Specially trained crews will be cleaning equipment for weeks.

Source: <http://www.kitv.com/r/29836346/detail.html>

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### Commercial Facilities Sector

36. *November 23, WLUC 6 Marquette* – (Michigan) **Gas explosion destroys camp.** A fire ripped through a camp in Erwin Township, Michigan, the evening of November 22. Gogebic County deputies arrived to find the camp completely engulfed in flames and determined it a total loss. All four walls of the structure were blown out. Initial reports indicate a propane gas explosion to be the cause.

Source:

<http://www.uppermichiganssource.com/news/story.aspx?list=~\home\lists\search&id=689951#.TszxqVaLNqo>

37. *November 22, WAVE 3 Louisville* – (Kentucky) **Man charged with arson at apartment complex.** A Louisville, Kentucky man is facing arson charges after investigators said he set his own apartment complex on fire November 21. According to the arrest report, the suspect set two fires in an occupied apartment. The fire forced three people to jump from a second-floor window. Police said the suspect also set a car on fire in front of the apartment. He was booked in to Louisville Metro Corrections on two counts of arson.

Source: <http://www.wave3.com/story/16103966/man-charged-with-arson-at-apartment-complex>

38. *November 22, Sand Springs Leader* – (Oklahoma) **Police: Pipe bomb found in apartment.** A man found an explosive device in a diaper bag late November 19, leading to the Tulsa police bomb squad being called in to Sand Springs, Oklahoma. Officers responded and confirmed the device was real. Nearby apartments were evacuated. The Tulsa bomb squad used a water cannon to destroy the pipe bomb without it going off. Police do not have a motive yet.

Source: [http://sandspringsleader.com/news/police-pipe-bomb-found-in-apartment/article\\_6d4c95e2-1521-11e1-8641-001cc4c002e0.html](http://sandspringsleader.com/news/police-pipe-bomb-found-in-apartment/article_6d4c95e2-1521-11e1-8641-001cc4c002e0.html)

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

39. *November 22, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **GAO report links Arizona wildfires to immigrants.** A study by Congress' investigative arm shows investigators have linked 30 fires that erupted in a 5-year period in Arizona's border region to people who crossed into the United States illegally, the Associated Press reported November 22. The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) gathered information for the study, which included fires within 100 miles of Arizona's border with Mexico, from the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho, and interviewed federal, state and tribal officials along the state's 370-mile border. Nearly 2,500 wildfires occurred in the Arizona border region from 2006 to 2010, but the GAO studied only those that were human-caused, burned more than an acre, and those for which investigative reports were available. Of the 422 wildfires that topped an acre, federal investigators probed 77, or 18 percent. The GAO found that 30 of the probed wildfires were linked to illegal border crossers primarily in southeastern Arizona based on what was written in investigative reports. Fifteen were thought to be a signal for help, provide warmth, or cook food. An investigative report on the 2009 Bear fire backed up that suspicion by noting the discovery of discarded bottles and food wrappers with Spanish language labels near a campfire. It also noted the area is frequented by illegal border crossers, and is adjacent to a heavily used smuggling trail, the GAO report said. Reports on the other 15 wildfires do not give a reason for the start of the fire, but the GAO said a couple of them mention that the areas of ignition are known for drug smuggling.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/ap-exclusive-report-links-wildfires-immigrants-15005836#.Tsz-lFZhIW9>

40. *November 22, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **3-month-old Great Dismal Swamp fire put out in Va.** A wildfire that burned thousands of acres in southeastern Virginia's Great Dismal Swamp over more than 3 months has been extinguished, the Associated Press reported November 22. Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge officials surveyed the burned area November 18 and found no evidence of smoke. An aerial reconnaissance flight confirmed those findings November 21. The fire was initially

detected August 4 after two separate lightning strikes. Before it was put out, the fire consumed more than 6,500 acres and as much as 5 feet of peat soil in the swamp. Smoke from the fire also extended as far north as Maryland at one point. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said it deployed up to 400 firefighters to combat the flames in recent months.

Source:

[http://www.salon.com/2011/11/22/3\\_month\\_old\\_great\\_dismal\\_swamp\\_fire\\_put\\_out\\_in\\_va/](http://www.salon.com/2011/11/22/3_month_old_great_dismal_swamp_fire_put_out_in_va/)

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## **Dams Sector**

41. *November 23, WSAU 550 Wausau* – (Wisconsin) **DNR approves funding for McDill Pond dam repairs.** A Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) grant will cover most repair costs for the McDill Pond dam in Whiting, Wisconsin, WSAU 550 Wausau reported November 23. The DNR listed 21 dams that were in need of repairs, and ranked them on a priority list. McDill Pond ranked 6th, and qualified for one of the largest grants in the state: \$319,000. The grant is for 50-50 funding. Local municipalities will have to cover the rest. Whiting, Stevens Point, and Portage County are expected to contribute to the project. Stevens Point had offered to take over operation of the dam, including the management of water levels on McDill Point. Another project in Central Wisconsin — The Upper and Lower Camelot Dam in Adams County — was listed as the DNR's top priority. It qualified for a \$45,000 state grant.

Source: <http://wsau.com/news/articles/2011/nov/23/dnr-approves-funding-for-mcdill-pond-dam-repairs/>

42. *November 22, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Corps: Plan a year away for Morganza-to-the-Gulf levee system for Houma.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said a new enlarged plan for the Morganza-to-the-Gulf flood protection system — seen as critical to the defense of the oil city of Houma, Louisiana and its surrounding towns — is one year away from completion, but on track. The Corps is revising the much-anticipated levee works for Houma, a city experts say is vulnerable to hurricanes because of its piecemeal system of levees. The Corps proposed the levee system 20 years ago, but the project has been delayed by setbacks. The Houma Courier reported the Corps promises it will complete the new plan by a December 2012 deadline. Next summer, the report will be released for external review by independent scientists and engineers.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/92936b2aa5f24a3aad367efc52caa2a9/LA--Houma-Levees/>

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