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Energy Sector

1. *October 3, KBTX 3 Bryan/College Station* – (Texas) **Oil well fire injures four in Madison County.** Four people were injured in an oil storage tank fire in Midway, Texas, October 2. According to Navidad Resources Management, the well is located on the Ferguson Prison Unit property, and the fire was put out quickly. “Four service company personnel were apparently painting the tank batteries at the time the fire was ignited,” a company statement said. “Three of the four service company personnel suffered burns and helicopter ambulances were dispatched and have flown the three men to the hospital for treatment. The other man was being treated at the location. There was no spill of fluids outside of the tank containment area.” One person reportedly jumped off the rig 20-25 feet off the ground during the incident and suffered a broken leg and or ankle. The well itself is located about a quarter of a mile from the Trinity River in a farm area of the prison.
Source: <http://www.kbtx.com/home/headlines/Oil-Well-Fire-Injures-Four-in-Madison-County-172366571.html>
2. *October 3, Associated Press* – (Minnesota) **Xcel: Sherco power plant repairs could cost \$200M.** Xcel Energy Inc. said it will cost as much as \$200 million to repair the damage from a catastrophic turbine failure at Minnesota’s largest power plant November 2011, the Associated Press reported October 3. The Sherco plant director said Xcel still has not determined exactly why the turbine at the plant in Becker broke up, sending debris and metal flying and sparking a fire. He said consultants are expected to finish the investigation at the end of this year. The director said most repair costs will be covered by insurance. He said Xcel and contractors are working around the clock to complete the repairs so Unit 3 can restart in the first quarter of 2013.
Source: <http://www.kttc.com/story/19724446/xcel-sherco-power-plant-repairs-could-cost-200m>
3. *October 3, San Jose Mercury News* – (California) **Refinery problems send California gas prices skyrocketing.** Problems at California refineries have slashed supplies across the State, cutting fuel production and raising wholesale prices — the price stations pay for their gasoline — by as much as 73 cents, to levels not seen since 2007, the San Jose Mercury-News reported October 3. “California gasoline prices may surge in the next 5 days, perhaps to levels higher than February’s \$4.33-a-gallon average,” said an analyst with Gasbuddy.com. “It is within the realm of possibility that average prices reach near \$4.40 or even higher if the situation worsens.” Bloomberg News reported that Exxon Mobil’s 150,000-barrel-a-day Torrance refinery lost power October 1 and may suffer production problems for another week. Chevron’s Kettleman-Los Medanos pipeline, which carries crude from Kern County to Northern California refineries, was shut down October 1 after elevated levels of organic chloride were detected in the oil. In addition, Chevron’s 240,000-barrel-a-day Richmond plant, the largest refinery in Northern California, has been running at reduced capacity since a fire August 6. Maintenance work at the Phillips 66 plants in Rodeo and Arroyo Grande was under way, further curbing State supplies.
Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/traffic/ci_21682632/refinery-problems-send-california-gas-prices-skyrocketing

4. *October 2, Dow Jones Newswires* – (Louisiana) **Motiva: Impact assessment continues after brief fire at Louisiana refinery Monday.** Motiva Enterprises LLC said October 2 the impact assessment following a brief fire October 1 in a crude distillation unit at its oil refinery in Convent, Louisiana, continues. No other process units were affected by the event. The fire broke out and was contained in just over 30 minutes. Motiva's fence line and offsite monitoring indicated no community impact. An investigation is underway to determine its cause. Motiva's Convent refinery is able to process up to 235,000 barrels of crude oil a day and is a joint venture of Royal Dutch Shell Plc and Saudi Aramco.
Source: <http://www.nasdaq.com/article/motiva-impact-assessment-continues-after-brief-fire-at-louisiana-refinery-monday-20121002-00666>

5. *October 1, Government Security News* – (Texas) **Texas man convicted in refinery threat.** A Texas man will spend more than 3 years in jail for convincing his cousin to phone in bomb threats against an oil refinery almost a year ago so he could leave work early, Government Security News reported October 1. A federal judge handed the man a 37-month prison term September 28 after his conviction in June of persuading or inducing another to use a telephone to communicate bomb threats to the Valero Refinery in Corpus Christi, Texas. He was also ordered to pay \$145,700 in restitution to Valero and faces 3 years supervised released after he gets out of prison. The FBI said a Valero representative testified at the man's sentencing to explain the financial harm bomb threats have on the firm. In response to the threats Valero security, law enforcement personnel, and bomb detection dogs were dispatched and the FBI began an investigation. The man admitted convincing his cousin to make a series of calls to the refinery, to claim there was a bomb on the property. At a previous hearing, the cousin admitted that October 25, 2011, he called in two threats within 6 minutes.
Source: http://www.gsnmagazine.com/node/27488?c=infrastructure_protection

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Chemical Industry Sector

6. *October 3, WBAY 2 Green Bay* – (Wisconsin) **ChemDesign, Marinette Marine workers evacuated due to leak.** Nearly 300 employees were evacuated during a chemical leak at a plant in Marinette, Wisconsin, October 2. Authorities said an ammonia-based product, called 1,1-Dimethoxy-N,N-dimethyl methanamine, was released at ChemDesign Corp, a custom chemical manufacturer. Marinette County dispatch received a call about an odor, and the Marinette Fire Department and county Hazardous Materials Response Team responded and tested the air. The plant is near Marinette Marine, where some workers complained of nausea and headaches. No one sought medical treatment, but as a precaution the entire second shift of the plant that primarily builds ships for the U.S. Navy was sent home early and operations were suspended. According to the fire chief, the leak was confined to the two properties. The third shift at Marinette Marine was able to report to work. According to MatWeb, an engineering materials database, the chemical involved in the leak is used for the production of pharmaceuticals.

Source: <http://www.wbay.com/story/19715499/2012/10/03/290-employees-evacuated-from-marinette-chemical-plant>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

7. *October 2, WHP-TV 21 Harrisburg* – (Pennsylvania) **TMI to test new siren system.** Exelon Generation completed the installation of a new state-of-the-art siren system around Three Mile Island (TMI) Generating Station in Londonberry Township, Pennsylvania, part of a \$13 million investment to upgrade sirens around the company's nuclear stations, WHP-TV 21 Harrisburg reported October 2. The new system includes 96 sirens with improved sound coverage and battery back-up capability. This ensures the sirens will be able to operate and provide notification if electrical service is interrupted. The sirens are part of TMI's extensive emergency response system that includes detailed emergency plans; dedicated off-site facilities; training and public information materials, all designed to protect public health and safety. A postcard announcing the test schedule has been mailed to all residents who reside within the TMI Emergency Planning Zone. Exelon is conducting the test in cooperation with Cumberland, Dauphin, Lancaster, Lebanon, and York counties and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.

Source: http://www.whptv.com/news/local/story/TMI-to-test-new-siren-system/bZMibL3z80O3YiS6gDc_GQ.csp

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

8. *October 2, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Texas) **U.S. Labor Department's OSHA cites ThyssenKrupp Airport Systems in Fort Worth, Texas, for exposing workers to multiple safety hazards.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration October 2 cited ThyssenKrupp Airport Systems Inc. with 28 serious safety violations at its Fort Worth, Texas work site for exposing workers to "struck-by," fall, amputation, and shock hazards while they were manufacturing airport passenger boarding bridges. Proposed penalties totaled \$172,000. The violations involved failing to: regularly inspect overhead cranes, hooks, and slings; rate or inspect devices used for lifting; provide machine guarding for a press brake and belt sander; ensure that exits are not blocked and are properly marked; provide fall protection such as harnesses and guardrails; train workers on lockout/tagout procedures for the control of energy sources; and provide strain relief for flexible electrical cords.

Source:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=23085

9. *October 1, WSGW 790AM Saginaw* – (Michigan) **Saginaw chemical incident sends 3 to hospital.** Chemical fumes that escaped at the Thompson Aerospace Plant in Saginaw, Michigan, sent three people to the hospital October 1. Saginaw firefighters were called to the plant for reports of a hazardous materials incident. Firefighters said a mixture of muratic acid and residue from sulfuric acid being transferred from a 55 gallon drum into a 200 gallon tank caused eye and skin irritation after about 5 gallons were poured. A team from Young’s Environmental Clean Up, assisted by Saginaw firefighters, used a sodium bicarbonate solution to resolve the situation. Non-essential workers were asked to leave the building before being allowed back in to retrieve personal belongings and then go home early. Other workers continued to staff the plant’s furnaces. Normal activities were to resume with the next shift.

Source: http://www.wsgw.com/common/more.php?m=15&r=1&item_id=3551

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

10. *October 3, ABC News* – (International) **Russian agent sent advanced US military tech home: Feds.** A Russian agent was arrested for allegedly using a Texas-based front company to send sensitive American technology to the Russian military and intelligence agencies, the Department of Justice said October 3. According to federal officials, the man was at the center of a Russian “military procurement ring” that for years employed complex schemes to trick U.S. customs agents into believing his company was shipping harmless goods — like traffic light parts — to Russia, rather than advanced microelectronics that could be used in military applications including radar and surveillance systems, weapons guidance systems, or detonation triggers. The ring also allegedly provided microchips to a specialized electronics laboratory run by the FSB, Russia’s intelligence agency and successor to the KGB. In addition to the agent, 10 other suspects working in the United States and in Russia were indicted for their alleged role in the scheme. The ploy was apparently so significant that U.S. officials said in court documents the front company’s fluctuating revenue bore a “striking similarity” to fluctuations in Russian defense spending over the last several years.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/Blotter/russian-agent-advanced-us-military-tech-home-feds/story?id=17385118#.UGxwP65T-Hs>

11. *October 3, Associated Press* – (National) **Fort Knox soldier denies stealing body armor.** A soldier from Fort Knox, Kentucky, accused of selling military body armor said he legally bought and sold the ballistic plates online and said he did not know they were military property. The staff sergeant was slated to face a court-martial October 3 and 4 at the U.S. Army installation on two specifications of selling military property and two specifications of larceny of military property. He is accused of selling plates and other military items on many occasions, according to information provided by a Fort Knox spokesman. He is accused of selling a tactical body vest, small arms protective insert plates, and plate carriers while assigned to Fort Hood, Texas, between 2008 and 2009. He also is accused of selling ballistic plates and plate carriers, night vision goggles, and personal locator beacons while at Fort Knox in 2010. He does not

deny selling the plates but said he bought them from other individuals online. He said they had no markings to indicate they were military property.

Source: <http://www.militarytimes.com/news/2012/10/ap-soldier-denies-stealing-body-armor-100312/>

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Banking and Finance Sector

12. *October 3, NBC News; Reuters* – (National) **Corporate lawyer admits stealing \$10 million from clients.** A Manhattan, New York corporate lawyer pleaded guilty October 2 to stealing more than \$10 million in clients' money. The plea ended a year-long legal saga that began September 2011 when the lawyer flew to Hong Kong — a day after the Manhattan district attorney's office notified his law firm, Crowell & Moring, that he was the subject of a criminal probe. Prosecutors later accused him of embezzling millions in escrow funds starting in 2009, when he allegedly began siphoning money into bank accounts he controlled. Prosecutors accused him of fleeing to avoid arrest. The man pleaded guilty to several counts of grand larceny and scheme to defraud.
Source: <http://usnews.nbcnews.com/news/2012/10/03/14196449-corporate-lawyer-douglas-arntsen-admits-stealing-10-million-from-clients?lite>
13. *October 2, City News Service* – (California; National) **Attorney, salesman charged with defrauding thousands.** An Oceanside, California attorney and a telemarketing salesman were arraigned in federal court October 2 on a 50-count indictment charging them with defrauding thousands of homeowners in an \$11 million "loan modification" fraud scheme. The attorney, salesman, and two other defendants previously arraigned were accused of using the attorney's law firm, 1st American Law Center (1ALC), to persuade victims to pay thousands of dollars each by deceptively touting 1ALC's purported success and legal resources, and falsely promising that 1ALC would successfully modify their residential mortgage loans. The defendants and their co-conspirators allegedly used high-pressure sales tactics and outright lies to prey on homeowners across the country who were struggling to make their monthly mortgage payments and were at risk of losing their homes to foreclosure. The four defendants were charged with conspiring to commit mail fraud and wire fraud. The attorney was also charged with money laundering.
Source: <http://cappendleton.patch.com/articles/attorney-salesman-charged-with-with-defrauding-thousands>
14. *October 2, Associated Press* – (National) **Fla. man gets prison for NY investment fraud.** A Florida mutual fund executive October 2 admitted to a \$11 million fraud where he lied and promised investors early shares in companies such as Facebook and Groupon and spent their money instead on a lavish lifestyle. The man pleaded guilty in court in New York City to defrauding investors by claiming falsely in 2010 and 2011 that he and his mutual funds owned shares in Facebook Inc. and Groupon Inc., which were then privately traded. The judge accepted the man's plea to charges of conspiracy,

securities fraud, and wire fraud but said he will wait to decide whether to accept his plea to a money laundering charge because it was unclear that the man fully conceded his guilt.

Source: <http://online.wsj.com/article/AP093ee9b0ff0d4bb29643e714f1e1ed43.html>

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Transportation Sector

15. *October 3, Associated Press* – (Oregon) **TriMet bus driver stabbed in Oregon City.** Police said a TriMet bus driver was attacked and stabbed by a passenger in Oregon City, Oregon, October 2 during fighting touched off by racial slurs. The Oregon City police said the attacker was shouting the slurs but it was not clear at whom. The driver managed to pull over. The attacker and another passenger fought outside the bus, police said, and then the violence spread inside. They said three passengers were injured, two stabbed five times, and the third bitten. The driver was stabbed in the stomach. The police said all are in Portland hospitals and expected to live. Police used a stun gun to subdue the suspect. He was booked on assault and weapons charges.
Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/TriMet-bus-driver-stabbed-in-Oregon-City-3915151.php>
16. *October 3, Associated Press* – (Wisconsin) **Biker struck and killed by semi.** A motorcyclist was killed in Trempealeau County, Wisconsin, when a semi driver lost control of his rig and flipped over. Sheriff's officials said the motorcyclist was pronounced dead at the scene of the crash on Highway 54 in the Town of Gale October 3. The driver of the semi suffered minor injuries. The road was closed for about 7 hours.
Source: <http://www.wbay.com/story/19723433/biker-struck-and-killed-by-semi>
17. *October 3, Associated Press* – (Texas) **AA jet returns to DFW due to landing-gear warning.** American Airlines said a jet returned to Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport in Texas shortly after takeoff because of a cockpit indicator that showed a problem with the landing gear, October 2. An Airline spokesman said the landing gear was still working and the plane made a safe landing. He said the pilot of the MD-80 jet declared an emergency but passengers were not told to brace for a crash landing. Flight 1862 was carrying 121 passengers and 5 crew members. The airline said passengers were put on another plane for the trip to St. Louis.
Source: <http://www.wtop.com/628/3064251/AA-jet-returns-to-DFW-due-to-landing-gear-warning>
18. *October 2, WSAZ 3 Charleston* – (West Virginia) **Tractor-trailer crashes have highway officials looking for answers.** There has been no shortage of accidents involving tractor-trailers on the interstate in the Kanawha Valley of West Virginia, including a stretch of the West Virginia Turnpike. There was an accident October 2 along Interstate 77 near the Edens Fork. The truck spilled 49,000 pounds of lumber on I-77. The driver said he was heading north when the load he was carrying began to shift

and spilled off the truck. Another crash happened just a few weeks ago in the same location. The parkways authority has taken measures to keep the turnpike safer, especially near the Cabin Creek exit. That area has seen four tractor-trailer accidents in the past 2 months. Not only has the authority put up signs, the agency also has enlisted some help. “We’ve talked to our state police and... they’ve indicated to us that they can beef up the patrols in the area in efforts to try to slow traffic down,” said the authority’s director of operations.

Source: <http://www.wsaz.com/news/charlestonnews/headlines/Tractor-Trailer-Crashes-Have-Highway-Officials-Looking-for-Answers-172362291.html>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report

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Agriculture and Food Sector

19. *October 3, Food Safety News* – (International) **Has imported Dutch smoked salmon sickened 100 Americans?** Several States, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) are investigating a spike in Salmonella Thompson cases in the United States — 85 people in 27 States — that may be linked to the same contaminated smoked salmon that has sickened 200 people in the Netherlands, Food Safety News reported October 3. Dutch health officials revealed October 2 that they identified smoked salmon made by Dutch fish processor Foppen as the common source of their ongoing outbreak. According to a CDC spokeswoman, the agency has been investigating a spike in Salmonella Thompson illnesses since September (health officials might normally see 30 reported cases of this strain of Salmonella during this time frame). She said they have not yet identified a common food source, but it is not likely all 85 cases are linked to the same source. States have been reporting Salmonella Thompson illnesses since July, and to date, 10 people have been hospitalized. According to eFoodAlert, the recalled Dutch smoked salmon was sold in the United States by Costco under both the Foppen and Kirkland brands.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/10/has-dutch-smoked-salmon-sickened-100-americans/#.UGw8O5GvMcs>

20. *October 2, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (Northeast) **Whole Foods Market recalls mislabeled soup in six States due to possible undeclared allergen.** Whole Foods Market recalled soup sold in all stores in six States due to mislabeling, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported October 2. The Whole Foods Market Kitchens soup, labeled as Roasted Garlic and Eggplant Soup, was in fact Lobster Bisque. The soup was sold in 24-ounce containers from Whole Foods Market stores in

- Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maine, Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey between September 29, and October 2. The label includes a sell-by date of October 4, 2012.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm322319.htm>
21. *October 2, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (California; Arizona) **Whole Foods Market recalls cheese because of possible health risk.** October 2, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) reported that Whole Foods Market, in an update to its Ricotta Salata Frescolina cheese recall, announced that in the four stores that sold it in California and Arizona, the recalled cheese was also sold with a Whole Foods Market scale label that read “Mitica Ricotta Salada,” and with Whole Foods Market scale labels with PLU 294413. All sell by dates through October 2 are affected, reported the FDA. The recalled cheese was sold in 21 States and Washington, D.C., and came from supplier Forever Cheese Inc. of Long Island City, New York. Forever Cheese recalled this cheese product because it may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm322347.htm>
 22. *October 2, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National; International) **Xan Confections voluntarily recalls peanut butter chocolate products due to possible health risk.** October 2, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported that Xan Confections voluntarily recalled 13 of its gourmet peanut butter chocolate products because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*. The recall was issued upon learning that Xan peanut butter supplier Sunland, Inc. recalled its entire peanut butter product from May 1 through September 24. The affected Xan products were distributed from May 28 through September 28 at retail locations in California, Arizona, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Texas, Alabama, Louisiana, and Nova Scotia, Canada, as well as through online distribution.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm322285.htm>
 23. *October 2, Yakima Herald-Republic* – (Washington) **EPA fines Yakima fruit firm \$17K for failing to file response plans.** A fruit company in Yakima, Washington, was fined for failure to submit ammonia accident prevention and response plans to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Yakima Herald-Republic reported October 2. Clasen Family Co., a cold storage operation with facilities in Union Gap and Yakima, agreed to pay a \$17,030 fine as part of a settlement with the EPA over requirements of the federal Clean Air Act (CAA), according to a news release issued by the agency. The EPA said Clasen did not submit risk management plans since 2004. In a separate case, Dovex Fruit Co. of Wenatchee agreed to pay more than \$134,000 for failure to meet risk management requirements for equipment maintenance since August 2008. Facilities that use more than 10,000-pounds of anhydrous ammonia are required by the CAA to develop an accident prevention plan, emergency response plan, and a risk management program. The fines deal with reporting requirements and not a release of ammonia.
Source: <http://www.yakima-herald.com/stories/2012/10/02/epa-fines-yakima-fruit-firm-17k-for-failing-to-file-response-plans>
 24. *October 2, WebNewsWire* – (Puerto Rico) **Settlement with Suiza Dairy Corporation for violation at facilities in Puerto Rico will make facilities safer, benefit nearby**

communities. Suiza Dairy agreed to pay a penalty and make significant upgrades to settle Clean Air Act violations, the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced October 2. The case stems from violations at two Suiza Dairy Corporation dairies located in Rio Piedras and Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, involving two major releases of anhydrous ammonia from the Rio Piedras facility. Suiza will pay a penalty of \$275,000 and spend approximately \$3.75 million on refrigeration improvements, ammonia reductions, alarm and notification procedures, and medical training and/or equipment for medical personnel to treat persons affected by exposure to anhydrous ammonia. Suiza also agreed to conduct community emergency drills and coordinate with first responders and the EPA to simulate an accidental anhydrous ammonia release. The Rio Piedras facility released 1,146-pounds of anhydrous ammonia into the atmosphere in 2007, causing at least 14 residents from the nearby community to require medical attention; at least 9 of those required an overnight hospital stay. The EPA reinspected the facilities in May and October 2009, and identified over 40 violations at each facility.

Source: <http://www.utilityproducts.com/news/2012/10/02/settlement-with-suiza-dairy-corporation-for-violations-at-facilities-in-puerto-rico-will-make-facili.html>

25. *October 2, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (Washington; Oregon) **Gretchen’s Shoebox Express voluntarily recalls expired Protein Bistro Boxes because of possible health risk.** October 2, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported that Gretchen’s Shoebox Express of Seattle recalled its Starbucks brand Protein Bistro Box. The boxes contained the recalled 0.5-ounce single-serve Honey Peanut Butter squeeze packs from Justin’s Nut Butter, which are potentially contaminated with Salmonella because they were made with peanuts associated with the Sunland, Inc. recall. The Protein Bistro Boxes have best by dates: July 14, August 10, 13, 14, and 15. The product was distributed solely to Starbucks retail stores in Washington and Oregon, from September 1-27. All affected product has been confirmed as removed from all stores. The Bistro Box product is in a clear plastic container, with a white code date sticker on the bottom.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm322292.htm>

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Water Sector

26. *October 3, Osceola Sentinel-Tribune* – (Iowa) **Murray water-main break cancels school, boil-order issued.** A water-main break at First and McLellan streets in Murray, Iowa, caused school to be cancelled October 2 and a boil water order issued. A Murray city councilman said there was an 80 percent chance the water-main break would be repaired by the end of the day October 2. He did not know the cause of the break. Murray School District closed October 2. “The school is waiting for notification on whether they can have school or a late start in the morning,” the councilman said about the school day October 3. If the water was restored, it could still be contaminated, he said. This meant a 5-day mandatory boil order has been issued. The councilman said the school was in the process of getting pallet loads of bottled water available for drinking purposes during the week of October 1.

Source: <http://www.osceolaiowa.com/2012/10/02/murray-water-main-break-cancels-school-boil-order-issued/ahvkq3e/>

27. *October 3, Mt. Vernon Register-News* – (Illinois) **Boil-water order issued.** All customers, water districts, and municipalities served by Rend Lake Conservancy District (RLCD) in Illinois were under a boil-water order that may last until October 4. “At 3 p.m. (October 1), there was a water main break east of the water plant,” the RLCD assistant manager explained. He said the break was near construction and was considered accidental. Crews were nearby and October 1, the line was fixed. The first sample of water from the line was taken October 1 and would take 24 hours to analyze at the lab, he said. A second required sample was taken October 2 and taken to the lab. During the boil order, local restaurants and convenience stores had been making alternative plans for coffee, tea, and fountain drinks. The Jefferson County Health Department issued a reminder for food establishments that they are required to use potable water from an approved source such as a tank truck or potable bottled water for all water usage.

Source: <http://register-news.com/local/x766465568/Boil-water-order-issued>

28. *October 2, North Georgia News* – (Georgia) **Big rainfall total being blamed for wastewater spill.** Utilities workers in Gainesville, Georgia, scrambled October 2 as the constant deluge of rain overwhelmed the pumping capabilities at the Flat Creek Water Reclamation Facility. “We recorded over seven inches of rain here at the plant at Flat Creek in less than 24 hours. It just sort of maxed out our capabilities,” the Gainesville Environmental Services administrator said. The estimated spill was between 1 and 1.5 million gallons that bypassed the final treatment process. As is the case with spills, city officials have gone into the monitoring protocol. They posted signs and continued monitoring the spill site October 2. Hall County Environmental Health, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Georgia Environmental Protection Division were notified, according to the city.

Source: <http://www.accessnorthga.com/detail.php?n=253633>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

29. *October 3, Associated Press* – (National) **Report: Some dietary supplements illegally labeled.** Dozens of weight loss and immune system supplements on the market are illegally labeled and lack the recommended scientific evidence to back up their purported health claims, government investigators warned in a new review of the \$20 billion supplement industry. The report, released October 3 by the Department of Health and Human Services’ inspector general, found that 20 percent of the 127 weight loss and immune-boosting supplements investigators purchased online and in retail stores across the country carried labels that made illegal claims to cure or treat disease. Some products went so far as to state the supplements could cure or prevent diabetes or cancer, or that they could help people with HIV or AIDS, which is strictly prohibited

under federal law. Federal rules do not require the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) to review supplement companies' scientific evidence for most of their products' purported health benefits before they hit the market. In response, the food safety agency said it would consider asking Congress for more oversight powers to review supplement companies' evidence proving their products' purported health benefits. FDA agreed that the agency should expand surveillance of the market to detect spurious claims that supplements can cure or treat specific diseases. Investigators also found that 7 percent of the weight loss and immune support supplements they surveyed lacked the required disclaimer stating that FDA had not reviewed whether the statement on the label was truthful.

Source: <http://www.thecalifornian.com/article/20121003/NEWS06/310030025/Report-Some-dietary-supplements-illegally-labeled>

30. *October 3, NBC News* – (National) **Fungal meningitis suspected in four deaths, 26 cases as outbreak grows.** Four people have died and 22 more were made sick by meningitis linked to a rare fungal infection blamed on contaminated steroids, health officials said October 3. They are “almost certain” more will be identified before it is over. The 26 cases include 18 people in Tennessee, 1 in North Carolina, 2 in Florida, 3 in Virginia, and 2 in Maryland, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported. Two of the deaths were in Tennessee, one in Virginia, and one in Maryland. The chief suspect is contaminated vials of a pain treatment injected directly into the spine. The drug, called methylprednisolone acetate, was made by a compounding pharmacy — one that makes drugs to order. The suspected batches were made without any preservatives. Several of the patients are seriously ill, said the Tennessee Department of Health commissioner. Two clinics have closed voluntarily and a third is no longer giving the injections.

Source: <http://vitals.nbcnews.com/news/2012/10/03/14203956-fungal-meningitis-suspected-in-four-deaths-26-cases-as-outbreak-grows?lite>

31. *October 3, Forum of Fargo-Moorhead* – (Minnesota) **7 Karlstad homes destroyed; wildfire contained.** Seven homes, including three mobile homes, were destroyed October 2 in Karlstad, Minnesota, after high winds fanned a wildfire that had been burning since September 30. The County 27 Fire was one of eight weekend fires that started burning the weekend of September 29 in Minnesota's Wannaska complex. The fire was estimated to have grown to about 4,720 acres October 2, according to the Minnesota fire marshal. That was nearly half of the estimated 9,800 acres consumed in the eight fires throughout the Wannaska complex. Other fires were near Fourtown, Goodridge, Greenbush, Lancaster, Middle River, and Thief River Falls. At least half of the Kittson County community of 800, including the Kittson Memorial Nursing Home and Assisted Living Center and Tri-County Public School, was evacuated October 2, the fire marshal said, but residents were allowed to return home before dark. School was canceled October 3 in Karlstad. An estimated 150 firefighters, Minnesota National Guard, and other agencies were on the scene. At least 16 fire departments assisted, said the fire marshal.

Source: <http://www.inforum.com/event/article/id/376169/group/news/>

32. *October 2, Alexandria Echo Press* – (Minnesota) **Health department releases final report of 2011 infection outbreak in St. Cloud.** The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) released a final report about its investigation into an outbreak of blood infections at St Cloud Hospital in 2011 that was associated with a health care worker diverting narcotics from intravenous (IV) bags. On February 21, 2011, MDH epidemiologists identified 25 patients that had unusual bacteria in their blood. A common factor was the affected patients were all in the same post-surgical ward and all had received IV-pain-killing narcotics. The MDH epidemiological investigation with support from experts at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention pointed to the possibility that a health care worker had inadvertently introduced bacteria into the IV bags while withdrawing narcotics for personal use. This data enabled the hospital to focus on drug diversion as a possible cause of the outbreak. March 8, the St. Cloud Hospital informed MDH that a health care worker had admitted to diverting narcotics. Among the 25 patients who had blood infections, 6 required intensive care, 3 had unplanned surgeries, and 1 died within 2 days of their blood infection occurring. Some of the adverse consequences in these patients may be linked to inadequate pain management resulting from the diversion.
Source: <http://www.echopress.com/event/article/id/98253/group/News/>
33. *October 2, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **DA says UPMC improving security since shooting.** The University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) in Pittsburgh is making security improvements that mirror those the district attorney has recommended since one worker was killed and five others were wounded by a mentally ill gunman at a psychiatric hospital, the prosecutor said October 2. UPMC officials provided a list of the most important security improvements, including plans to have at least one armed officer available on all shifts at its Allegheny County hospitals and UPMC Hamot in Erie. UPMC also plans to install walk-through metal detectors at its emergency departments in those hospitals and to have security available to check purses and other bags and backpacks visitors carry. UPMC will also make specific changes to the clinic where the shooting occurred, including making the main entrance where the gunman entered a portal only for employees with magnetic “swipe” security cards. The prosecutor also said the University of Pittsburgh plans to hire 20 additional police officers who will provide a round-the-clock armed presence for UPMC’s Pittsburgh-area hospitals. UPMC plans to arm them with Tasers so the officers will have a “non-lethal alternative” to stop intruders. The prosecutor said the quick response by campus police limited the carnage, but said better planning on several fronts might have prevented the shooting altogether.
Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/DA-says-UPMC-improving-security-since-shooting-3912016.php>
34. *October 1, KCNC 4 Denver* – (Colorado) **More patients test positive for hepatitis or HIV.** There are now six former patients of a dentist accused of reusing needles who have tested positive for either hepatitis or HIV, KCNC 4 Denver reported October 1. It was not known whether they contracted the diseases from the dentist office, who has since surrendered his license as an oral surgeon. About 8,000 of his patients were sent letters asking them to get tested. The health department said it is impossible to definitively tell if the infected patients got sick from the malpractice. The Denver

Police Department is also investigating the dentist for prescription drug fraud.
Source: http://denver.cbslocal.com/2012/10/01/more-stein-patients-test-positive-for-hepatits-or-hiv/?hpt=us_bn10

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Government Facilities Sector

35. *October 3, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Wildfire burns 2 homes near Omak, threatens school.** Two homes have been burned by a wildfire near Omak that also was threatening an Indian boarding school on the Colville Reservation, in north central Washington, authorities said October 3. A Mount Tolman Fire Center’s public information officer said the homes burned overnight as a 1,000-acre fire jumped a road and spread. She also said the fire has burned an outbuilding near the historic St. Mary’s Mission and burned close to the Paschal Sherman Indian School. The school has about 300 students. Boarding students were evacuated and classes were canceled October 3. A State management team is taking over the firefighting and bringing more resources.
Source: <http://www.seattlepi.com/news/article/Wildfire-burns-2-homes-near-Omak-threatens-school-3914993.php>
36. *October 2, Milwaukee-Wisconsin Journal Sentinel* – (Wisconsin) **Racine Park student arrested in ‘MacGyver bomb’ plot.** A Racine Park High School student was taken into custody October 2 after a homemade “bottle bomb” was found in the school, Racine, Wisconsin police said. Officers assigned to the school were told that the device, also called a “MacGyver bomb,” was in a garbage can on the third floor. Students were evacuated to the school’s field house, and officers located the device, which consisted of common household chemicals that become explosive when mixed in a plastic bottle. Racine firefighters were called to the school, where it was determined that the device did not explode because it was not assembled correctly. After a search of the building, students returned to school. The student suspected in the incident was placed in secure detention and could face charges of recklessly endangering safety and possession of explosive materials, police said.
Source: <http://www.jsonline.com/news/crime/bomb-squad-called-to-grafton-high-school-rh730hd-172296591.html>
37. *October 2, Seattle Times* – (Washington) **Ex-student, 16, arrested in Skyline High School threat.** A former student arrested in connection with an online death threat that prompted the closure of Skyline High School in September may also be responsible for a similar threat against a high school in Lynnwood April 13, according to the King County, Washington Sheriff’s Office. The teen was arrested October 2 at his home in Edmonds, sheriff’s office and Sammamish police officials announced. The online threat of a shooting at Skyline High prompted officials to close the school September 20. Neighboring Eastside Catholic High School canceled classes September 21 because of the threat. The sheriff’s office said a forensic search of one of the suspect’s seized computers has linked the teen to the Skyline threat.

Source: <http://blogs.seattletimes.com/today/2012/10/arrest-made-in-threats-that-prompted-closure-of-skyline-high/>

38. *October 2, Associated Press* – (Massachusetts) **Bomb threat charge against Mass. college student who supported Norwegian massacre convict.** A former college student who wrote letters of support to a man convicted of setting off a bomb and fatally shooting 77 people in Norway was charged October 2 with making a campus bomb threat in 2011. The charge against him stems from literature found in September 2011 at Assumption College in Worcester, Massachusetts. He later was suspended for public statements he made in support of the July 2011 attacks in Norway. Police in Worcester said in a statement released October 2 that they were called to a campus of Assumption College September 23, 2011, and were shown documents containing threatening literature that indicated a violent act would occur that day. Campus buildings were evacuated, searched, and cleared by police. An investigation ensued, and police said they established a probable cause to arrest him October 2. The suspect turned himself in at police headquarters and a plea of not guilty was entered for him, said a district attorney spokesman. The suspect was released on his own recognizance and was ordered to stay away from the college.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/d3d82d067c9848b78875e18d5d8ec79c/MA--Norway-Massacre-Pen-Pal>

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Emergency Services Sector

39. *October 3, Evansville Courier & Press* – (Indiana) **Vandals' graffiti targets include Evansville police office, liquor store.** Vandals spray painted multiple buildings in Evansville, Indiana October 2 including the wall of the West Sector Office of the Evansville Police Department. During one of the incidents, a woman told police when she tried to confront the group, that one of the suspects showed a handgun and fired several shots. Evansville police said at least three buildings were vandalized. An Evansville police sergeant said investigators are working to determine if the symbols are associated with any known gangs.
- Source: <http://www.courierpress.com/news/2012/oct/03/no-headline---graffiti/>
40. *October 3, KTVI 2 St. Louis* – (Illinois) **Woman killed in accident with stolen east St. Louis police car.** One person was dead after a man stole an East St. Louis, Illinois police cruiser and then slammed into two innocent victims, KTVI 2 St. Louis reported October 3. It happened when a man was being escorted off a Metro Bus by police. Authorities said that was when the suspect jumped into a police squad car and took off. Police pursued the suspect in a chase. The suspect slammed into two other cars near 70th and State Street. One person was killed. Another was injured and transported to an area hospital. The suspect was taken into custody.

Source: <http://fox2now.com/2012/10/03/woman-killed-in-accident-with-stolen-east-st-louis-police-car/>

41. *October 3, CNN* – (Arizona) **Manhunt under way for killer of Border Patrol agent.** Investigators were searching for suspects October 3 after a shooting that killed one Border Patrol agent and wounded another near the U.S.-Mexican border in Arizona. The agents came under fire near Naco, October 2 after responding to a sensor that had gone off near the border, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency said. The agent who was wounded was airlifted to an area hospital and with non-life-threatening injuries. He was released from the hospital October 3, said an agent with the Tucson Sector of U.S. Border Patrol. The FBI is conducting a joint investigation with the Cochise County Sheriff's Office. Investigators have not yet found the weapon used in the shooting, a law enforcement official said.
Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2012/10/03/us/arizona-border-patrol-violence/index.html>
42. *October 3, Deseret Morning News* – (Utah) **Utah firefighter gets jail for setting blazes.** An 18-year-old volunteer firefighter from Elk Ridge has been ordered to serve 180 days in jail after he was convicted of setting fires in central Utah the summer of 2012. He was sentenced October 1 for the fires started in June and July. Utah County officials said six fires were set in Loafer Canyon between Elk Ridge and Woodland Hills between June 25 and July 2. The convict was charged for three of them.
Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/news/10797797/utah-firefighter-gets-jail-for-setting-blazes>
43. *October 3, Associated Press* – (California) **Plea: Customs agent let convict relative into US.** A Customs agent in San Diego pleaded guilty to allowing his brother-in-law, a convicted immigrant smuggler, into the United States, the Associated Press reported October 3. A U.S. attorney announced October 2 that the man pleaded guilty to concealing a person from arrest. He was a 9-year veteran of U.S. Customs and Border Protection. He admitted allowing the convicted immigrant smuggler into the United States from Mexico in April and entering inaccurate data about his car to help him evade arrest. The convict also pleaded guilty to collecting insurance money by claiming his pickup truck had been stolen when in fact he had driven it to Mexico. He agreed to pay more than \$7,000 in restitution to Farmers Insurance. He could get 5 years in prison and fines of up to \$250,000 when he is sentenced in December.
Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/plea-customs-agent-convict-relative-us-17380758>
44. *October 1, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Ambulance security tightened after potential drug tampering.** Boston health officials said October 1 that security measures have been tightened aboard the city's ambulances following the discovery of drug tampering, allegedly by a Boston Emergency Medical Services paramedic. The tampering with vials of pain medications and sedatives, discovered September 6, 2011, may have exposed as many as 64 patients to blood-borne infections when they were treated during summer 2011, officials said. The Boston EMS chief said that since the alleged incident, the agency has started a "very strict" inspection schedule of the ambulance medications and has improved packaging of the drugs. The Boston Public

Health Commission, which runs the city's ambulance service, began notifying patients over the weekend of September 29 and offering free medical tests to determine whether they were exposed to infectious diseases. Officials do not believe that the paramedic carried any infectious diseases, but they acknowledged that they do not know for sure. Source: <http://bostonglobe.com/lifestyle/health-wellness/2012/10/01/security-has-been-tightened-boston-ambulances-after-suspected-drug-tampering-paramedic/SzpHxbHGYO99naSCs0yi4N/story.html>

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Information Technology Sector

45. *October 3, The Register* – (International) **Zombie-animating malnets increase 300% in just 6 months.** Cyber criminals are bolstering the infrastructure behind the delivery of botnets, a move that is leading toward more potent and numerous threats, say researchers. Botnet infections are commonly spread through compromised Web sites seeded with malicious scripts and promoted via black hat SEO tactics such as link farms. These malware networks, or malnets, pose a growing threat, according to a new study by Web security firm Blue Coat. Malnets largely deal in mass-market malware, and, as such, are different from advanced persistent threats (APTs) associated with cyber-espionage attacks targeting large corporations and Western governments. Attacks will be updated and changed, but the underlying infrastructure used to lure in users and deliver these attacks is reused. The ease with which cyber criminals can launch attacks using malnets creates a vicious cycle, a process by which individuals are lured to malware, infected, and then used to infect others.
Source: <http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/10/03/malnets/>
46. *October 3, Help Net Security* – (International) **Universal Man in the Browser attack targets all Web sites.** Trusteer researchers discovered a new Man-in-the-Browser (MitB) scam that does not target specific Web sites, but instead collects data submitted to all sites without the need for post-processing. This development, which they are calling Universal Man-in-the-Browser (uMitB), is significant. Traditional MitB attacks collect data (log-in credentials, credit card numbers, etc.) entered by the victim in a specific Web site. And while MitB malware may collect all data entered by the victim, it requires post-processing by the fraudster to parse the logs and extract the valuable data. Parsers are easily available for purchase in underground markets, while some criminals simply sell off the logs in bulk. According to Trusteer's CTO: "In comparison, uMitB does not target a specific web site. Instead, it collects data entered in the browser at all websites and uses 'generic' real time logic on the form submissions to perform the equivalent of post-processing. This attack can target victims of new infections as well as machines that were previously infected by updating the existing malware with a new configuration. The data stolen by uMitB malware is stored in a portal where it is organized and sold."
Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2283

47. *October 3, CNET News* – (International) **Regulators shut down global PC ‘tech support’ scam.** Regulators from five countries joined together in an operation to crack down on a series of companies they say orchestrated one of the most widespread Internet scams of the decade. October 3, the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and other international regulatory authorities said they shut down a global criminal network that allegedly bilked tens of thousands of consumers by pretending to be tech support providers. The chairman of the FTC said 14 companies and 17 individuals were targeted in the investigation. In the course of the crackdown, U.S. authorities froze \$188,000 in assets, but the chairman said that would increase over time due to international efforts.
Source: http://news.cnet.com/8301-13578_3-57525250-38/regulators-shut-down-global-pc-tech-support-scam/
48. *October 3, Homeland Security News Wire* – (International) **Self-contained, Android-based network to study cyber disruptions, help secure hand-held devices.** Cyber researchers at Sandia National Laboratories linked together 300,000 virtual hand-held computing devices running the Android operating system so they can study large networks of smartphones and find ways to make them more reliable and secure. Android dominates the smartphone industry and runs on a range of computing gadgets. The work is expected to result in a software tool that will allow others in the cyber research community to model similar environments and study the behaviors of smartphone networks. Ultimately, the tool will enable the computing industry to better protect hand-held devices from malicious intent.
Source: <http://www.homelandsecuritynewswire.com/dr20121003-selfcontained-androidbased-network-to-study-cyber-disruptions-help-secure-handheld-devices>
49. *October 3, The H* – (International) **NIST names Keccak hashing algorithm as SHA-3.** The United States National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) announced the winner of its competition to select a cryptographic hash algorithm to bear the name SHA-3. The 5-year competition attracted 64 entries in total with the winner being the Keccak algorithm created by four researchers. The competition was created in 2007 when NIST had reasons to suspect that the current SHA-2 algorithm might be threatened.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/NIST-names-Keccak-hashing-algorithm-as-SHA-3-1722490.html>
50. *October 3, The H* – (International) **HSTS becomes IETF proposed standard.** The HTTP Strict Transport Security protocol (HSTS) was approved as a proposed standard by the Internet Engineering Task Force. HSTS is designed to allow Web sites to ensure that only secure connections are being made to them by informing browsers that they should use a secure connection. The mechanism works by the server responding with a Strict-Transport-Security header that signals to the browser that it should connect using HTTPS for a time, not only for this connection, but potentially for subdomains as well. Once a browser gets this header, it is under orders to only use secure connections to the site.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/HSTS-becomes-IETF-proposed-standard-1722502.html>

51. *October 2, Threatpost* – (International) **Microsoft reaches settlement with site linked to Nitol botnet.** Microsoft announced October 2 that it reached a settlement with the operator of a Chinese Web site whose domain and sub-domains hosted more than 500 kinds of malware, including the Nitol botnet found on brand new computers. In a lawsuit filed 2 weeks ago by the software company, Microsoft alleged the domain 3322.org hosted Nitol, which was found being preloaded onto computers during an investigation into supply chain security in August. Microsoft created a sinkhole to divert infected computers and was able to block some 609 million connections from more than 7,650,000 unique IP addresses to those subdomains in just 16 days. As part of the settlement reached in a U.S. District Court in northern Virginia, the registered owner of 3322.org will work with Microsoft and China’s Computer Emergency Response Team to prevent the site from remaining a conduit for malicious activity. Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/microsoft-reaches-settlement-site-linked-nitol-botnet-100212
52. *October 2, New York Times* – (International) **Google warns of new state-sponsored cyberattack targets.** Beginning October 2, tens of thousands more Google users will begin to see a message at the top of their Gmail inbox, Google home page, or Chrome browser that state-sponsored attackers may be attempting to compromise their account or computer. The company said that since it started alerting users to malicious — probably state-sponsored — activity on their computers in June, it has picked up thousands of more instances of cyberattacks than it anticipated. A manager on Google’s information security team said that since Google started to alert users to state-sponsored attacks 3 months ago, it gathered new intelligence about attack methods and the groups deploying them. He said the company was using that information to warn “tens of thousands of new users” that they may have been targets. Source: <http://bits.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/10/02/google-warns-new-state-sponsored-cyberattack-targets/>

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Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at sos@us-cert.gov or visit their Web site: <http://www.us-cert.gov>

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

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Communications Sector

53. *October 3, WSB 750 AM/95.5 FM Atlanta* – (Georgia) **Six arrested in Douglas Co. copper theft bust.** Douglas County, Georgia authorities have arrested six people in a major copper theft bust, WSB 750 AM/95.5 FM Atlanta reported October 3. The sheriff said they have been working the case for 3 months after receiving a tip that the thieves were stealing copper from telephone wires. “They’re six of them: four men, two

women. They would go to secluded areas in this county and other counties and use deer stands to climb the telephone poles and cut the cable,” he said. They would then melt it down and sell it. However, due to Georgia’s tough new recycling laws, they had to go to North Carolina to make any money. The sheriff said the six also caused thousands of dollars of damage to AT&T, and disrupted phone service in Douglas County, Coweta County, and Carroll County over the last few months.

Source: <http://www.wsbradio.com/news/news/six-arrested-douglas-co-copper-theft-bust/nSR8L/>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

54. *October 3, WANE 15 Fort Wayne; Associated Press* – (Ohio; Indiana) **DeKalb County man arrested for arson at Toledo mosque.** A suspect from DeKalb County, Indiana was arrested by State and federal authorities October 2 for allegedly starting a fire at the Islamic Center in Toledo, Ohio September 30. Two Indiana State troopers and federal agents arrested him in a parking lot in Fort Wayne after they received information on where he worked. He was accused of two counts of arson, a charge of aggravated burglary, and a charge of carrying a concealed weapon. He was taken to the Allen County Jail where he will face extradition back to Ohio.

Source: <http://www.wane.com/dpp/news/crime/dekalb-county-man-arrested-for-arson-at-toledo-mosque>

55. *October 3, KXAS 5 Dallas-Fort Worth* – (Texas) **Fire at Dallas apartment complex extinguished.** Firefighters in Dallas battled a fire at an apartment complex October 2. Firefighters saw heavy fire coming out of a unit on the third floor of a building at the Advenir at Foxmoor Apartments. More than 60 crews fought the fire at the three-story apartment complex. Crews fought the source of the fire, and two more attack teams were assigned when smoke coming from the roof line at both ends of the building was spotted. Dallas Fire-Rescue said all 48 apartment units were uninhabitable because the entire building lost power.

Source: <http://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/Fire-at-Dallas-Apartment-Complex-172373321.html>

56. *October 2, Springfield Republican* – (Massachusetts) **Westfield Fire Department: 56 apartments in 112-unit building remain off limits to tenants as fire investigation continues.** An October 1 fire at a 112-unit apartment building operated by the Westfield Housing Authority displaced dozens of mostly elderly tenants and caused about \$800,000 damage, Westfield, Massachusetts officials said. Fire officials said the fire broke out on the third floor of the four-story building. It prompted the evacuation of roughly 100 tenants. About 56 units were affected by the fire and 26 sustained severe structural and water damage, said the executive director of the housing authority.

Source:

http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2012/10/westfield_fire_department_56_u.htm
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57. *October 2, Contra Costa Times* – (California) **Additional beaches closed in Alamitos Bay after weekend sewage spill.** A spill from a private sewer system September 30 resulted in additional beach closures in Alamitos Bay in California, health officials said October 2. A Long Beach City health officer ordered additional recreational beach areas closed following a sewage spill in the Cerritos Channel that closed the Mother’s Beach swimming area. Health officials said that bacteriological test results showed that the spill impacted other areas of Alamitos Bay as well. As a precaution, the beaches will remain closed to water contact until testing confirms that the results are within State standards, officials said. The department of health and human services has posted the Alamitos Bay beaches as closed. The health department will sample the water daily to determine if the beach can be reopened.
Source: http://www.contracostatimes.com/california/ci_21683472/additional-beaches-closed-alamitos-bay-after-weekend-sewage
58. *October 2, Rockford Register Star* – (Illinois) **Fire tears through Rockford apartment building.** All of the occupants in a multi-unit apartment in Rockford, Illinois were displaced and one firefighter was injured October 2 when the building caught fire. Damage was estimated at \$1 million. Shortly after the residents cleared the building, a portion of the roof collapsed and forced firefighters out of the two-story structure, an official said. During the call, a wet piece of drywall fell on a firefighter. The firefighter continued to work, only to later experience dizziness. He was taken to a hospital as a precaution, was treated, and released. This was the third time in the past 12 months in which the fire occurred above the ceiling sprinklers.
Source: <http://www.rrstar.com/news/x1531252736/Fire-decimates-Rockford-apartment-building-no-injuries>
59. *October 2, WFAA 8 Dallas-Fort Worth* – (Texas) **Bomb squad called to suspicious vehicle in Hurst.** Police in Hurst, Texas arrested a 30-year-old man for allegedly tampering with a government document October 2 after the bomb squad was called in when a suspicious pick-up truck was reported behind a shopping center. The truck appeared to have been in an accident. Police said they found a handgun, “possibly a rifle,” and what they described as “suspicious” government documents in the truck. The documents appeared to be used to make fake ID’s, stated the Hurst assistant police chief. Hurst police arrested the owner of a dry cleaning business in the shopping center. He was accused of tampering with a government document. Police contacted both the Department of Defense and Homeland Security after the truck was discovered, and the agencies advised the police department to check the truck for explosives. The businesses in the strip mall were evacuated while the bomb squad worked.
Source: <http://www.wfaa.com/news/local/Bomb-squad-called-to-suspicious-vehicle-in-Hurst-172292591.html>
60. *October 1, U.S. Department of Labor* – (New York) **US Labor Department’s OSHA cites manager of Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum on Long Island for asbestos and other hazards.** The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health

Administration (OSHA) cited SMG @ Nassau Coliseum LLC, doing business as SMG, with 16 alleged serious violations of workplace health and safety standards, OSHA announced October 1. The company, which manages the day-to-day operations of the Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Long Island, New York, faces a total of \$88,000 in proposed fines for asbestos, electrical, chemical, and other hazards facing workers at the coliseum. OSHA's Long Island Area Office opened an inspection in response to an employee complaint.

Source:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=23061

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

61. *October 3, Scranton Times-Tribune* – (Pennsylvania) **Exploding target in Pike County hurts two State workers.** Two State Game Commission workers suffered burns, temporary blindness, and hearing damage October 1 when an illegal exploding rifle target blew up while the men attempted to put out a fire at a gun range in Pike County, Pennsylvania. A game lands maintenance supervisor and a worker, both employees for the State Game Commission Food and Cover Corps, arrived at State Game Land 183 in Palmyra Township to find the target backstop on fire, according to a game commission press release. An exploding target on the ground detonated while the two were attempting to put out the blaze, sending them to a hospital for treatment. The use of exploding targets — which are made with chemicals that explode when impacted with a high velocity bullet — at the shooting range is strictly prohibited, said a State Game Commission northeast regional director. It was not known who set up the prohibited targets.

Source:

<http://www.poconorecord.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20121003/NEWS90/121009933/-1/NEWS>

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Dams Sector

62. *October 3, Dredging Today* – (California) **USA: Corps awards Sacramento levee construction contracts.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Sacramento District awarded five levee construction contracts to small businesses, totaling \$16,213,075 for flood risk reduction work along the American River in Sacramento, California. The work is to be completed in 2013 and is part of the American River Common Features Program, a joint effort between the Corps, the State's California Central Valley Flood Protection Board, and the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency, to reduce flood risk throughout the region. The levee construction projects will focus on strengthening certain levees sites and bringing them up to Corps standards by installing water seepage

barriers, widening and raising levee heights, and substantially improving erosion protection along the American River.

Source: <http://www.dredgingtoday.com/2012/10/03/usa-corps-awards-sacramento-levee-construction-contracts/>

63. *October 3, New York Daily News* – (International) **Police foil farmers attempt to lay siege to Cauvery reservoir.** Karnataka police October 3 foiled an attempt by thousands of farmers to lay siege to two reservoirs in Karnataka, India, to stop Cauvery river water from flowing to Tamil Nadu. The agitators broke the heavy cordon and some of them jumped into the Cauvery River but police managed to disperse them. Hundreds of Tamils in Cauvery basin districts of Mandya, Mysore, and Chamarajanagar, also joined the agitation against the water release. The main attack was at Krishnaraja Sagar (KRS) dam, which is about 93 miles from Bangalore and built across the Cauvery river, and the smaller one at Kabini dam, which is built across the Kabini river, a tributary of the Cauvery. The protestors said they would resume their attacks October 4 with their leader, a former Congress Lok Sabha member, threatening an indefinite fast starting October 4, unless the water release was stopped. Official sources said that the central government was sending teams to Karnataka and Tamil Nadu October 4 to assess water availability in the two States, and to find a solution to the dispute. Schools and colleges in Mandya district, where the KRS is situated, were closed October 3 as a precautionary measure. Traffic movement between Bangalore and Mysore, 130 kilometers away, was severely impacted October 3 also as agitators blocked roads at several places.

Source:

<http://india.nydailynews.com/business/3aeadfdc6c57ec82e297f9aabfcfa3b6/police-foil-farmers-attempt-to-lay-siege-to-cauvery-reservoir>

64. *October 3, Arizona Daily Star* – (Arizona) **Rupture in CAP puts water in desert.** The Central Arizona Project (CAP), Tucson's main drinking water source, was shut down after the first break in its concrete canal in the project's 27-year existence, the Arizona Daily Star reported October 3. The canal rupture, that spanned nearly 500 square feet and was discovered September 30, could be repaired in less than 3 weeks but might take longer, depending on the cause, CAP officials said October 2. The break allowed about 400 to 500 acre-feet, or 130 million to 160 million gallons, of Colorado River water to escape into a desert wash about 27 miles east of where the canal begins at Lake Havasu. The 336-mile-long CAP aqueduct ends at Pima Mine Road, 14 miles south of Tucson. The shutdown would not cause immediate water cutbacks to CAP customers in Tucson, Phoenix, or Pinal County, officials said. The stored water, enough to serve more than 900,000 Tucson families for a year, will suffice for all customers through 2012, a CAP spokesman said. In addition, Tucson Water said it has at least 100,000 acre-feet of CAP water, about a year's city drinking supply, stored at three underground recharge basin facilities west and south of the city.

Source: http://azstarnet.com/news/local/rupture-in-cap-puts-water-in-desert/article_9d945bf9-a118-5cc0-948a-76efaf1adf556.html

65. *October 2, South Florida Sun-Sentinel* – (Florida) **Water in Lake Okeechobee still rising as dumping continues.** Flushing billions of gallons of water out to sea has not

stopped Lake Okeechobee, and south Florida flood concerns, from rising, the South Florida Sun-Sentinel reported October 2. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers since September 19, has been draining water from the lake to ease the strain on the Herbert Hoover Dike, considered one of the country's most at risk of failure. Discharges to the east and west coast dumped about 11 billion gallons of lake water out to sea as of September 29, according to the Corp. It tries to keep the lake between 12.5 and 15.5 feet above sea level. The lake was at 15.63 feet October 1. The Corps considers 17.25 feet to be the maximum allowable threshold for the dike, with dike stability becoming an even greater risk if the lake tops 18 feet. Five years of construction aimed at strengthening the lake's ailing 143-mile dike has cost taxpayers more than \$360 million and the work remains far from finished. The dike rehab so far has focused on building a reinforcing wall aimed at stopping erosion on a 21-mile southeastern portion that is considered the most vulnerable to a breach. Draining lake water helps protect the 70-year-old dike, but it also wastes lake water relied on to back up south Florida water supplies during the typically dry winter and spring. In addition, dumping billions of gallons of lake water out to sea has damaging environmental consequences on coastal estuaries; threatening fishing grounds and water quality in prime tourism territory. Source: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/palm-beach/fl-lake-okeechobee-dumping-continues-20121001,0,6400558,full.story>

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