



## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report 11 October 2012

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- Pressure mounted for greater federal regulation in response to a meningitis scare caused by tainted steroid injections that widened to 11 States and 138 people — including 12 who died — October 10. – *Reuters* (See item [37](#))
- The U.S. State Department withdrew U.S. security personnel from Libya just weeks before suspected Islamist extremists killed the U.S. ambassador and three other Americans there. This withdrawal occurred despite warnings from the U.S. Embassy that the Libyan government could not protect foreign diplomats, according to an email released October 9. – *McClatchy Newspapers* (See item [43](#))

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## Energy Sector

1. *October 10, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Inglewood Oil Field fracking study finds no harm from the method.** A study released October 10 says the controversial oil extraction method known as hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, would not harm the environment if used at the Inglewood Oil Field in the Baldwin Hills area of Los Angeles. The year-long study by an environmental consulting firm included several issues raised by residents living around the field, such as the potential risks for groundwater contamination, air pollution, and increased seismic activity. For months, water wells on the 1,200-acre field were monitored. Data from ground and air monitors were collected and analyzed, but no effects were recorded before or after the technique was used, the study says.  
Source: <http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-fracking-baldwin-hills-20121010,0,5707434.story>
2. *October 7, Associated Press* – (California) **Nearly 1,000 gallons stolen from Roseville gas station.** Police in the northern California city of Roseville are investigating the theft of nearly 1,000 gallons of gas from a Shell station. The station's manager said October 6 that thieves in a pickup truck somehow disabled the meter to steal 300 gallons of gas after business hours September 27. He said security cameras caught them returning September 28 and taking another 300 gallons of gas, some of it going to a tank in the truck's bed. The manager said the thieves came back again during store hours and siphoned 300 more gallons, but a cashier recognized the suspicious vehicle and recorded its license plate. He estimated the stolen gas was worth \$4,500.  
Source: <http://www.dailyrepublic.com/usworld/nearly-1000-gallons-stolen-from-roseville-gas-station/>

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## Chemical Industry Sector

3. *October 10, WNBC 4 New York* – (New Jersey) **Seven injured in chemical plant explosion in East Rutherford.** Seven people were injured after an explosion at a chemical plant in East Rutherford, New Jersey, October 9, police said. The explosion happened as workers were mixing chemicals inside the Sun Chemical plant. An East Rutherford Fire Department assistant chief said the workers were mixing carbon and vegetable oil used in newspaper ink for the New York Times. Sun Chemical is the world's largest producer of printing inks and pigments, according to its Web site. A law enforcement source said the fire and chemicals spread to other workers after a fire extinguisher was used to put out the flames from the mixing vat. As the worker used the extinguisher, the contamination was spread from the original two workers to five more. Five workers were in fair condition at a hospital, while two others were transported to a burn unit at a different hospital. The explosion and subsequent fire was

contained inside the plant, the Bergen County police chief said. He said the county HAZMAT team responded to decontaminate employees, firefighters and others exposed to the chemicals.

Source: <http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/east-rutherford-nj-fire-explosion-sun-chemical-plant-173333201.html>

4. *October 9, Milwaukee-Wisconsin Journal Sentinel* – (Wisconsin; Illinois) **Cleanup of hazardous chemicals in Slinger completed.** Federal emergency response contractors removed the last of several thousand gallons of hazardous chemicals October 9 from an abandoned metal plating factory in Slinger, Wisconsin, a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) official said. The work ended the initial hazard removal stage of a taxpayer-financed cleanup that began September 12 inside the former Niphos Coatings factory. The deteriorated wood-frame building is in a residential neighborhood and a few blocks from three schools. The load of removed chemicals included extremely hazardous nitric acid, metal plating waste, and other liquids. All of the chemicals were to be shipped to Illinois hazardous waste companies for proper disposal, said an on-scene coordinator with the EPA's Superfund program. An undetermined though smaller quantity of thick sludge from the metal plating process remains in the building, she said. The sludge likely will be solidified and removed this month. Niphos Coatings closed in March 2010. No chemical wastes had been shipped off site since 2008.

Source: <http://www.jsonline.com/news/ozwash/cleanup-of-hazardous-chemicals-in-slinger-is-completed-ul75rh6-173373861.html>

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

5. *October 10, Richmond Times-Dispatch* – (Virginia) **Dominion shuts down 1 of its 2 nuclear reactors at North Anna.** Dominion Virginia Power shut down one of the two nuclear reactors at its North Anna generating facility in Louisa County, Virginia, 45 miles northwest of Richmond, because of concerns about failing reactor coolant pump seals, the Richmond Times-Dispatch reported October 10. A U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission spokesman said that North Anna's operators shut down Unit 2 October 7 after determining that a seal was degrading on a reactor coolant pump. The utility decided that while the unit was shut down, crews should go ahead and replace the seal package on another coolant pump as well. The process will likely take several days. The degradation was discovered before it posed a danger to the public, the spokesman said. Unit 1 continues to operate at full power.  
Source: <http://www2.timesdispatch.com/news/2012/oct/10/dominion-shuts-down-1-its-2-nuclear-reactors-north-ar-2272041/>
6. *October 10, Reuters* – (International) **Greenpeace activists hide overnight at Swedish nuclear plants.** Six environmental activists evaded police and hid overnight at two Swedish nuclear power plants after the sites were invaded on the previous day by Greenpeace campaigners demanding the closure of the stations on grounds of poor security, Reuters reported October 10. A spokeswoman for Greenpeace Nordic said the

six had remained in restricted areas around the Ringhals and Forsmark plants by hiding on rooftops. October 9, plant owner Vattenfall said police had detained in all 59 people who had climbed over or cut through fences into the plants' grounds. The Greenpeace spokeswoman said police resumed the searches again October 10 after one of those hiding at Ringhals tweeted her whereabouts. A Vattenfall spokesman said police had found and detained all six by mid-day.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/10/10/us-sweden-nuclear-activists-idUSBRE8990H620121010>

7. *October 9, Beaver County Times* – (Pennsylvania) **Crack found in nuclear reactor head.** FirstEnergy Corp. officials said a crack in the reactor head on Beaver Valley Nuclear Power Station's Unit 2 in Shippingport, Pennsylvania, did not release any radiation and is not a hazard, the Beaver County Times reported October 9. Crews found a crack in Unit 2's reactor vessel head during a scheduled refueling process October 6. The unit has been shut down since September 24 for refueling and maintenance. The crack was found on the welding around one of the unit's 66 openings through which nuclear fuel rods are inserted into the reactor. A U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission spokesman confirmed that the crack did not go all the way through the vessel head, and said that most nuclear power plants are in the process of replacing the welds with stronger alloys. The Beaver Valley Power Station has already replaced these parts in Unit 1 and has plans to replace them in Unit 2 in the next several years.

Source: [http://www.timesonline.com/news/local\\_news/crack-found-in-nuclear-reactor-head/article\\_e41fe355-b960-5d4a-a357-74598f58e4f3.html](http://www.timesonline.com/news/local_news/crack-found-in-nuclear-reactor-head/article_e41fe355-b960-5d4a-a357-74598f58e4f3.html)

8. *October 8, The Guardian* – (Texas) **Halliburton finds lost radioactive rod in Texas.** The oilfield services company Halliburton found a 7-inch radioactive rod it lost in the Texas desert almost a month before, the London Guardian reported October 8. The company lost the rod, which contains americium-241/beryllium, during a 130-mile journey between oil well sites in Pecos and Odessa September 11. A spokesman for Halliburton said the device was found October 4 on a road about 7 miles from the well site in Pecos, where the rod was last used. The Midland County sheriff said an oilfield pumper recognized the device from fliers that had been handed out in the area. Halliburton workers, police officers, and the National Guard had been involved in searching for the rod. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission said americium-241/beryllium, known as Am-241, is a "category 3" source of radiation and would normally have to be held for some hours before causing health problems.

Source: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/business/2012/oct/08/halliburton-radioactive-rod-texas>

9. *October 8, Beaver County Times* – (Pennsylvania) **FirstEnergy won't contest finding of security breach at Shippingport.** According to the Beaver County Times, FirstEnergy Corp. is not disputing a security-related violation filed against the Beaver Valley Nuclear Power Station in Shippingport, Pennsylvania, by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), a FirstEnergy spokeswoman confirmed October 8. Since the deficiency was security-related, however, neither the utility company nor the NRC said whether more than one violation occurred or what the violation was. A

FirstEnergy spokeswoman said the problem was identified by a plant worker during a July 13 inspection and that action was taken immediately. She said the issue has been corrected. According to the NRC report issued in August, inspectors found at least one “greater-than-green” violation, which means the violation was of greater than low-security significance. An NRC spokesman said the finding means the plant will be subject to increased oversight until inspectors are convinced that any issues have been corrected.

Source: [http://www.timesonline.com/news/local\\_news/firstenergy-won-t-contest-finding-of-security-breach-at-shippingport/article\\_405d6a43-644a-589d-af7e-ada31596c5c.html](http://www.timesonline.com/news/local_news/firstenergy-won-t-contest-finding-of-security-breach-at-shippingport/article_405d6a43-644a-589d-af7e-ada31596c5c.html)

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

10. *October 10, Associated Press* – (National) **Counterfeit air bags called 'extreme safety risk'**. Car owners whose air bags were replaced in the past 3 years may have had dangerous counterfeit bags installed, the U.S. Presidential administration warned October 10. Only 0.1 percent of the U.S. vehicle fleet is believed to be affected, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) said in a statement. However, industry officials briefed by the government said tens of thousands of car owners may be driving vehicles with counterfeit air bags. In government tests of 11 counterfeit bags, 10 did not inflate or failed to inflate properly. In one test, a counterfeit bag shot flames and shards of metal shrapnel at a crash dummy instead of inflating, according to the NHTSA Administrator. NHTSA is asking car owners to check a government Web site for information on how to contact a call center established by auto manufacturers to learn if their vehicle model is among those for which counterfeit air bags are known to have been made. NHTSA compiled a list of dozens of vehicle makes and models for which counterfeit air bags may be available, but the agency cautioned that the full scope of the problem was not clear yet and the list is expected to "evolve over time." The counterfeit bags were typically made to look like air bags made by automakers and usually include a manufacturer's logo. Government investigators believe many of the bags come from China, an industry official said. Source: <http://www.omaha.com/article/20121010/AP13/310109990>
11. *October 10, Los Angeles Times* – (National; International) **Toyota recalling millions of cars to fix fire hazard**. Toyota will recall 2.5 million vehicles sold in the United States to fix a faulty power window switch linked to several hundred reports of smoke and fires and at least 9 injuries, the Los Angeles Times reported October 10. The move by Toyota follows a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration probe into the problem and is part of a global recall of nearly 7.5 million vehicles. The U.S. recall includes the following models: Yaris, RAV4, Tundra, Camry, Camry Hybrid, Scion xD, Scion xA, Sequoia, Highlander, Highlander Hybrid, Corolla, and the Matrix. The recalled model years vary, but span from 2007 to 2009. Source: <http://www.latimes.com/business/money/la-fi-mo-auto-toyota-recall-20121010,0,2490456.story>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

12. *October 9, United Press International* – (New York) **Fake bills found in New York City ATMs.** Crudely counterfeited currency was found in automatic teller machines at two New York City banks, and bank officials said about \$110,000 was missing, United Press International reported October 9. Police and bank officials were investigating, on the assumption the stacks of fake money, printed on ordinary paper stock and only on one side, were placed in two Chase Bank branch machines to replace stolen cash. The counterfeit bills were not to fool customers but to imply the machines had a full load of cash, The New York Times reported. At least two customers received fake \$20 bills in transactions with the machines, but alerted bank personnel quickly and resolved the situations, a bank official said.  
Source: [http://www.upi.com/Top\\_News/US/2012/10/09/Fake-bills-found-in-New-York-City-ATMs/UPI-76581349807593/?spt=hs&or=tn](http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2012/10/09/Fake-bills-found-in-New-York-City-ATMs/UPI-76581349807593/?spt=hs&or=tn)
13. *October 9, MarketWatch* – (National) **U.S. approves stress test rules for 100 banks.** Bank regulators October 9 approved regulations requiring more than 100 large financial institutions with more than \$10 billion in assets to conduct annual stress tests to ensure they have enough capital in the event of a deep recession. The rules expand on a similar stress test developed by the Federal Reserve for the biggest bank holding companies with \$50 billion or more in assets, and the agencies have agreed to coordinate efforts on the tests. The Federal Reserve stress test in March gave failing marks to Ally Financial Inc., Citigroup Inc., MetLife Inc., and SunTrust Banks Inc. The new rules were approved by the board of Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., the Comptroller of the Currency, and the Federal Reserve as part of a three-agency joint rule effort. The regulation requires stress tests based on three scenarios, a baseline scenario, an adverse scenario, and a severely adverse scenario that will be provided to banks and the public by November 15 at the latest each year.  
Source: [http://articles.marketwatch.com/2012-10-09/economy/34333219\\_1\\_stress-tests-bank-regulators-smaller-banks](http://articles.marketwatch.com/2012-10-09/economy/34333219_1_stress-tests-bank-regulators-smaller-banks)
14. *October 9, Bloomberg News* – (International) **Capital One target as cyber attacks resume on U.S. banks.** Capital One Financial Corp. said it was the latest target in a new round of coordinated cyber attacks aimed at disrupting the Web sites of major U.S. banks, Bloomberg News reported October 9. SunTrust Banks Inc. and Regions Financial Corp. said they expect to be next. A spokeswoman for Capital One confirmed in an email statement that the bank's online systems were disrupted, but that most

online services had been restored. “At this point, we have no reason to believe that customer and account information is at risk,” she said. The computer assaults are a continuation of a campaign that began last month using commercial servers to overload bank Web sites with Internet traffic, temporarily disrupting and slowing online services for customers. A group claiming responsibility said that attacks would continue against SunTrust October 10, and Regions Financial October 11.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2012-10-09/capital-one-target-as-cyber-attacks-resume-on-u-dot-s-dot-banks>

15. *October 9, Reuters* – (National) **U.S. sues Wells Fargo in mortgage fraud case.** The U.S. Government filed a civil mortgage fraud lawsuit October 9 against Wells Fargo & Co, the latest legal volley against big banks for their lending during the housing boom. The complaint, brought by the U.S. Attorney in Manhattan, seeks damages and civil penalties from Wells Fargo for more than 10 years of alleged misconduct related to government-insured Federal Housing Administration (FHA) loans. The lawsuit alleges the FHA paid hundreds of millions of dollars on insurance claims on thousands of defaulted mortgages as a result of false certifications by Wells Fargo. Wells, the largest U.S. mortgage lender, denied the allegations, and said in a statement it believes it acted in good faith and in compliance with FHA and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development rules.

Source: [http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2012-10-09/news/sns-rt-us-wellsfargo-lawsuitbre8981c8-20121009\\_1\\_mortgage-fraud-case-fha-direct-endorsement-lender](http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2012-10-09/news/sns-rt-us-wellsfargo-lawsuitbre8981c8-20121009_1_mortgage-fraud-case-fha-direct-endorsement-lender)

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## **Transportation Sector**

16. *October 10, KXAN 21 Austin* – (Texas) **SH 21 reopens after deadly tanker crash.** One person died overnight when a pickup truck got pinned under a gas tanker on State Highway 21 in Mustang Ridge, Texas. The accident late October 9 shut down the eastbound lanes of SH 21, near the interchange with U.S. Highway 183. The highway reopened about 7 hours later October 10. The pickup truck driver died at the scene. The tanker driver was not hurt. Emergency workers off-loaded the fuel from the tanker, and no fuel spilled. "Dealing with the product that we had — but unleaded fuel and diesel fuel and the mixture of the two with fumes — any type of spark could have caused an explosion of some kind," said a Chisholm Trail Fire Rescue assistant chief.

Source: <http://www.kxan.com/dpp/news/deadly-gas-tanker-crash-closes-hwy-21>

17. *October 10, Associated Press* – (Georgia) **Atlanta bridge closes after it's damaged by fire.** Authorities said a major thoroughfare through downtown Atlanta would be closed October 10 after a fire damaged the structure and sent chunks of concrete raining down to the street below. An Atlanta Fire Rescue spokesman told WSB-TV 2 Atlanta that the blaze broke out October 9 in a homeless camp near the Mitchell Street bridge. The fire was so hot that it heated up the concrete and caused large pieces to fall. Authorities said engineers were planning to assess the damage October 10.

Source:

[http://www.newschannel9.com/template/inews\\_wire/wires.regional.ga/3c4b1139-www.newschannel9.com.shtml](http://www.newschannel9.com/template/inews_wire/wires.regional.ga/3c4b1139-www.newschannel9.com.shtml)

18. *October 10, Associated Press* – (Hawaii) **Homeland security probes unscreened bags in Hawaii.** An investigation into why security officers at Honolulu International Airport in Hawaii failed to screen some checked bags for explosives said the slip-up might not have happened if Transportation Security Administration (TSA) supervisors did a better job of overseeing the officers. The probe from DHS's inspector general's office, released October 9, said the incident years ago may have been avoided if adequate staff and screening equipment was provided. The report recommended that the TSA revise job descriptions for checked baggage supervisors and managers to clarify responsibilities. It said the TSA should ensure supervisors and managers were trained to ensure screening was done as required. Investigators said the TSA does not know how many bags were not screened at Lobby 4, which handles mostly international passengers traveling to Asia, the Pacific, and Canada, in 2010. The security lapse came to light after two Honolulu employees said thousands of bags were not checked properly or screened for traces of explosives. In 2011, the TSA fired or suspended dozens of employees after its own investigation, taking the single largest personnel action for misconduct in the agency's history. The 50-page report dated September 27 said the TSA had a fragmented and inconsistent process for developing and evaluating changes to baggage screening, and this may have contributed to the problem. The TSA in a statement October 9 said it recently reviewed job duties and responsibilities to update position descriptions for checked baggage supervisors and managers.

Source: [http://www.sbsun.com/living/ci\\_21739255/homeland-security-probes-unscreened-bags-hawaii](http://www.sbsun.com/living/ci_21739255/homeland-security-probes-unscreened-bags-hawaii)

19. *October 9, Bel Air Aegis* – (Maryland) **Overtaken fuel tanker closes I-95 to northbound traffic for seven hours.** Two of the three lanes for northbound traffic on I-95 were re-opened October 9, about 7 hours after an overturned fuel tanker truck caused major delays for motorists along the Harford County, Maryland portion of the interstate highway. The crash, which involved the tanker truck and a passenger car near the south entrance of the Tydings Bridge, forced the closing of I-95 in both directions, Maryland State Police said. Southbound traffic was allowed to resume using the roadway about 2 hours after the accident, but all northbound traffic was diverted. The overturned truck spilled about 3,500 gallons of diesel fuel into the soil on the Harford County side of the bridge, a Maryland Department of the Environment spokesman said. The U.S. Coast Guard also responded to the scene, and the "responsible party" in the accident will be accountable for any clean-up, the spokesman said. He identified the trucking company as Pilot Flying J of Knoxville, Tennessee, operator of truck and travel stops and bulk fuel supplier. A spokesman from State police headquarters in Pikesville, said the tanker truck spilled part of its load and HAZMAT crews were dispatched to the scene and to the river for containment.

Source: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/explore/harford/news/traffic/ph-ag-tydings-bridge-crash-1010-20121009,0,2482986.story>

20. *October 9, Associated Press* – (California) **Feds: Man arrested at LA airport not cooperating.** A man arrested at Los Angeles International Airport in Los Angeles wearing a bulletproof vest and flame-resistant pants would not cooperate with federal officials working to discover why he was headed to Boston with a suitcase full of weapons, the Associated Press reported October 9. The man was taken into custody recently during a stopover on a trip from Japan when U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers reported he was wearing the protective gear under his trench coat, triggering a Homeland Security investigation. A search of his checked luggage uncovered numerous suspicious items, including a smoke grenade, knives, body bags, a hatchet, a collapsible baton, a biohazard suit, a gas mask, billy clubs, handcuffs, leg irons, and a device to repel dogs, authorities said. The suspect was charged with one count of transporting hazardous materials, an offense that carries a maximum penalty of 5 years in prison. He made a brief court appearance October 9, but his arraignment was delayed until October 12 and he was ordered held until then. The suspect is a U.S. citizen whose permanent residence is in Boston, though he recently started living and working in Japan, officials said.  
Source: <http://www.star-telegram.com/2012/10/09/4323257/man-arrested-after-smoke-grenade.html>
21. *October 9, Washington Post* – (Maryland) **Downed wires delay Amtrak, MARC trains.** Many Amtrak trains in the region were canceled or delayed October 9 and some Maryland commuter rail stations north of Baltimore were closed after overhead electrical wires came down south of Aberdeen. The Aberdeen and Perryville stations serving Maryland Area Regional Commuter (MARC) trains on the Penn Line remained closed throughout the morning, forcing commuters to catch trains at Edgewood. A spokesman for the Maryland Transit Administration, said about 400 MARC passengers were affected by the station closings October 9. Amtrak investigated why the wires came down on the tracks, an Amtrak spokeswoman said. Amtrak trains were delayed 30 to 90 minutes throughout the morning, she said. Amtrak resumed full service between Washington D.C. and Wilmington, Delaware late in the day. Amtrak might not know the cause of the wire problem until later the week of October 8.  
Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/trafficandcommuting/downed-wires-delay-amtrak-marc-trains/2012/10/09/e7033d14-1228-11e2-a16b-2c110031514a\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/trafficandcommuting/downed-wires-delay-amtrak-marc-trains/2012/10/09/e7033d14-1228-11e2-a16b-2c110031514a_story.html)
22. *October 8, Associated Press* – (National) **Alaska Airlines operations returning to normal after computer outage cancels nearly 80 flights.** Alaska Airlines said flights were running close to normal October 8 after a fiber-optic outage shut down its ticketing system for more than 4 hours, causing the airline and its regional carrier to cancel 78 flights, affecting nearly 7,000 customers. More than 130 other flights departed during the disruption, but some were delayed for as long as 4 hours, the airline said. The problems started when computers the airline uses to check in passengers went down early October 8, forcing employees to board travelers manually — in some instances sticking handwritten flight numbers to computer monitors. The problems were caused by two severed fiber-optic lines in Sprint's network. Most affected were Alaska's hub cities of Seattle, Portland, Oregon, Los Angeles, Anchorage, Alaska, and the San Francisco area. The problem was caused by a combination of two cut cables in

Sprint's fiber-optic network. One occurred at a construction site along railroad tracks between Chicago and Milwaukee and the other was somewhere between Portland and Seattle, said a Sprint spokeswoman. The second cut involved an aerial cable that runs along power lines.

Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/travel/alaska-airlines-operations-returning-to-normal-after-computer-outage-cancels-nearly-80-flights/2012/10/08/3b055ae0-11b2-11e2-9a39-1f5a7f6fe945\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/travel/alaska-airlines-operations-returning-to-normal-after-computer-outage-cancels-nearly-80-flights/2012/10/08/3b055ae0-11b2-11e2-9a39-1f5a7f6fe945_story.html)

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

23. *October 9, Riverside Press-Enterprise* – (California) **Yucaipa: Several chemical bombs found in city.** Sheriff's investigators are warning residents of Yucaipa, California, to avoid touching, picking up, or kicking bottles containing unknown fluids after several chemical bombs were found throughout the city, the Riverside Press-Enterprise reported October 9. The bombs have been left in mailboxes and in front yards, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department said in a news release. The department did not say where specifically the bombs were found. The explosives contain chemical cleaners inside plastic beverage bottles and a piece of foil inserted into the bottle that causes the bombs to explode. Under normal conditions, the bombs will go off on their own, but occasionally they do not explode until they are disturbed, investigators said. So far, no one has been hurt.

Source: <http://www.pe.com/local-news/san-bernardino-county/san-bernardino-county-headlines-index/20121009-yucaipa-several-chemical-bombs-found-in-city.ece>

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

24. *October 10, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (Maryland; Virginia; District of Columbia) **Nina International recalls Ground Hot Pepper because of possible health risk.** October 10, Nina International of Hyattsville, Maryland, voluntarily recalled its brand of Ground Hot Pepper, 5-ounce, because it is potentially contaminated with Salmonella. The product was distributed in Maryland, Washington, D.C., and Virginia and reached consumers through African and ethnic retail food stores. The product is in a 5-ounce, clear plastic container, and inscribed with "Nina International, The Best Brand" and "Ground Hot Pepper, Chillies, All Natural." It has a yellow seal with a red "Nina" inscription with the barcode 745851004004. The recall was the result of a routine test which revealed that the finished products contained the bacteria.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm323227.htm>

25. *October 10, Food Safety News* – (Washington) **Health authorities close Vancouver, WA restaurant for Salmonella outbreak.** Clark County Public Health announced

October 10 that it was investigating at least 16 Salmonella cases among patrons of On the Border, a Mexican restaurant in Vancouver, Washington. "We closed the restaurant this morning as a further precaution to reduce the risk of Salmonella spreading to others," said the Clark County health officer. "Our staff is interviewing employees and patrons to learn more about the possible source of the outbreak, such as a contaminated food source. We're also working with restaurant staff to make sure standard control measures are in place," he added. To date, health authorities have confirmed 11 cases and identified 5 additional "probable cases" associated with this outbreak.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/10/health-authorities-close-vancouver-wa-restaurant-for-salmonella-oubtreak/>

26. *October 9, General Mills* – (National) **General Mills voluntarily recalls limited number of Cascadian Farm snack bars containing peanuts.** General Mills announced a voluntary recall October 9 of a limited number of Cascadian Farm Granola Bars containing peanuts. The peanut pieces in the products may have been sourced from Sunland, Inc., a peanut supplier that recently expanded its recall of peanut ingredients. The recall includes 6-count boxes of Cascadian Farm Peanut Butter Chip Chewy Granola Bars with better-if-used-by dates of November 1 and November 2, 2012. The granola bars were produced in February and may no longer be on store shelves. Consumers were urged to dispose of any Cascadian Farm Granola Bar products containing peanuts that are past the better-if-used-by date printed on the box.  
Source: <http://www.generalmills.com/Media/NewsReleases/Library/2012/October/CascadianFarm.aspx>
27. *October 9, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Belfonte Ice Cream & Dairy Foods Company announces voluntary recall of ice cream due to possible health risk.** Belfonte Ice Cream and Dairy Foods Company of Kansas City, Missouri, October 9, initiated a recall of a peanut butter containing ice cream because it has the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella, due to the use of recalled Sunland Inc. products. Recalled products include the Home Run Sundae (UPC 83057-91023) and Mama's Choice Reverse Peanut Butter Pie (UPC 83057-17033) flavors. The ice cream was sold between April 2010 and October 2012 in retail and convenience stores in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas.  
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm323149.htm>
28. *October 9, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Clemmy's is voluntarily recalling Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip ice cream due to possible health risks.** Clemmy's Ice Cream of Rancho Mirage, California, voluntarily recalled its Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip 16-ounce containers of ice cream October 9. The ice cream contains peanut butter associated with the Sunland, Inc. recall and may be contaminated with Salmonella. The product was distributed to grocery stores nationwide beginning March 2011. The recalled product is in a standard pint container with with best by dates of February 2013 through August 2014.  
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm323146.htm>

29. *October 9, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Smith Dairy announces voluntary recall on Smith and Ruggles brand Peanut Butter Crunch Ice Cream and Acme brand Peanut Butter Twist Ice Cream.** Smith Dairy Products Company, October 9, announced a voluntary recall on all lot codes of Smith's Peanut Butter Crunch ice cream, Acme Peanut Butter Twist ice cream, and Ruggles Peanut Butter Crunch and Peanut Butter Crunch Brownie ice cream. The recall notification was initiated by Pecan Deluxe, the company that manufactures the peanut butter candy pieces in the products. The products were distributed in Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia, and Michigan.  
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm323131.htm>
30. *October 9, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Bliss Unlimited, LLC, voluntarily recalls Luna & Larry's Coconut Bliss Chocolate Peanut Butter Non-Dairy Frozen Dessert, code dates Nov 11 2012 — Oct 24 2013, due to possible health risk.** Bliss Unlimited, LLC, of Eugene, Oregon, recalled Luna & Larry's Coconut Bliss Chocolate Peanut Butter Non-Dairy Frozen Dessert October 9. Recalled expiration dates include November 11, 2012 through October 24, 2013 only. Peanut butter used in these products was supplied by Sunland, Inc. and may be contaminated with Salmonella. The product was distributed to retail stores nationwide between November 2010 and December 2011. It is packaged in 1-pint paperboard containers with UPC code 8 96767 00121 9, and stamped with 41-61.  
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm323158.htm>
31. *October 9, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Rich Products Corporation announced nationwide voluntary recall of Jon Donaire Peanut Butter Cup Ice Cream Cake and TCBY Peanut Butter Fudge Deep Dish Frozen Yogurt Pie.** In response to the expanded Sunland, Inc. recall, Rich Products Corporation October 9, recalled its Jon Donaire Peanut Butter Cup Ice Cream Cake and TCBY Peanut Butter Fudge Deep Dish Frozen Yogurt Pie. Certain lots of the products and have the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella. The UPC code for the Jon Donaire Peanut Butter Cup Ice Cream Cake is 049800626836. The cake was sold by the case primarily to in-store bakeries nationwide; a small amount of product was sold to food service distributors nationwide. Each individual unit is boxed with a best by date of October 5, 2010 through January 19, 2013. The TCBY Peanut Butter Fudge Deep Dish Frozen Yogurt Pie does not have a UPC code and was sold by the case exclusively to TCBY stores. The pie was not packaged for retail distribution. Each individual unit is labeled with a best by date of November 14, 2010 through March 1, 2013.  
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm323200.htm>
32. *October 8, Kellogg's* – (National) **Voluntary recall of select packages of Frosted Mini-Wheats Bite Size Original and Mini-Wheats Unfrosted Bite Size.** Kellogg's initiated a voluntary recall October 8 due to the possible presence of fragments of flexible metal mesh from a faulty manufacturing part. Recalled products include only Frosted Mini-Wheats Bite Size Original and Mini-Wheats Unfrosted Bite Size with the letters KB, AP, or FK before or after the best-if-used-before date.  
Source:

[http://community.kelloggs.com/kelloggs/topics/voluntary\\_recall\\_of\\_select\\_packages\\_of\\_frosted\\_mini\\_wheats\\_bite\\_size\\_original\\_and\\_mini\\_wheats\\_unfrosted\\_bite\\_size-686lj#topic\\_4542700](http://community.kelloggs.com/kelloggs/topics/voluntary_recall_of_select_packages_of_frosted_mini_wheats_bite_size_original_and_mini_wheats_unfrosted_bite_size-686lj#topic_4542700)

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## **Water Sector**

33. *October 10, Baton Rouge Advocate* – (Louisiana) **More land falls into sinkhole.** A shallow well recently drilled into the aquifer underneath the Bayou Corne area of Louisiana hit natural gas, Shaw Environmental officials said October 9. The well was one of three that contractors for Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) drilled to find and vent natural gas believed trapped in the Mississippi River Alluvial Aquifer. Also, an earlier boring made by Texas Brine Co. LCC of Houston, Texas on its leased property also hit gas, Shaw officials said. However gas was not found in another DNR relief well drilled farther west on property west of Bayou Corne. Along with sampling showing some of the most remote bubble sites are swamp gas from decomposing organic matter, the well findings support earlier indications that gas is in the aquifer, running under the section of northern Assumption Parish. However the findings also suggest the gas has not spread to populated areas. Parish officials have said they are concerned the gas could build pressure in the aquifer, escape, and lead to an explosive risk, though testing has not found that so far. Shaw officials working with the DNR on the sinkhole told about 100 residents gathered for a community meeting that the well north of La. 70 and another drilled on the same site would be linked to a flare to begin removing the gas gradually. The community has been evacuated since the sinkhole was found August 3. DNR scientists have suspected that an abandoned Texas Brine salt cavern failed and caused the sinkhole.  
Source: <http://theadvocate.com/news/4111969-123/another-chunk-of-land-falls>
34. *October 9, KNOE 8 Monroe* – (Louisiana) **Boil advisory for Jonesville.** There was a major leak in a 14-inch water line in the town of Jonesville, Louisiana, KNOE 8 Monroe reported October 9. The water supply was cut off in the town, which was under a boil advisory with the water flowing again that day. All water to be used for drinking, brushing teeth, or in food preparation must be boiled for 3 minutes prior to use. This advisory would remain in effect until lifted by local authorities.  
Source: <http://www.knoe.com/story/19773785/b>
35. *October 9, Rochester Democrat and Chronicle* – (New York) **Thieves steal Monroe County Water Authority's copper.** Scrap metal thieves made off with nearly \$9,000 worth of copper in three incidents at the construction site of the Monroe County Water Authority's new treatment plant on Basket Road in Webster, New York, the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle reported October 9. Each theft happened over the weekend of October 6 when workers were not there. In the first instance, the suspects stole 18 20-foot links of copper, worth \$2,800, the weekend of July 7. The weekend of August 18, another four 20-foot links, worth \$2,000, were stolen from the same area in the back of

the building under construction. The third instance was the weekend of September 8, when thieves stole \$4,000 worth of copper that had already been installed in the building. Webster police said they have no leads on any of the three incidents. The fence around the site is locked with padlocks that require several peoples' keys to open, and there were no signs of forced entry, police said. More security measures have recently been implemented.

Source:

<http://www.democratandchronicle.com/article/20121009/NEWS01/310090046/County-s-copper-pilfered?odyssey=tab|mostpopular|text|SPORTS>

36. *October 9, Gant Daily* – (Pennsylvania) **DEP issues boil water advisory for village in Elk County.** The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) issued a boil water advisory to residents of Daguscahonda Village in Ridgway Township, Elk County, the Gant Daily reported October 9. The results from a recent sample DEP collected from Daguscahonda's drinking water source showed that E. coli (fecal) bacteria was present in the water at a level well above Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act standards. The agency strongly recommended that residents not consume untreated Daguscahonda water. Information DEP obtained indicated the water supplied to homes in Daguscahonda originates from unprotected springs and stored in an open-air reservoir prior to consumption. Untreated water stored in open-air reservoirs poses significant health risks because the water is exposed to a wide range of pathogenic organisms that are pervasive in the environment and frequently contaminate water. Source: <http://gantdaily.com/2012/10/09/dep-issues-boil-water-advisory-for-village-in-elk-county/>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

37. *October 10, Reuters* – (National) **Calls for oversight grow as meningitis scare widens.** Pressure mounted for greater regulation in response to a meningitis scare that widened to 11 States on October 10 with the first case confirmed in Idaho, Reuters reported. The Idaho case was the first discovered in the western United States. To date, 138 people have contracted meningitis and 12 have died. Approximately 5 percent of patients treated with the suspect medication have contracted meningitis, said the chief medical officer for the Tennessee Department of Health. The rate of infection overall is not known. The recalled steroid vials were shipped to 76 facilities in 23 States, according to the CDC. Tennessee has been the hardest hit, with six reported deaths and 44 cases of meningitis, followed by Michigan with three deaths and 28 cases, Virginia with one death and 27 cases, and Maryland with one death and nine cases. The other States with cases are Indiana, Florida, Minnesota, North Carolina, Ohio, New Jersey, and Idaho. Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/10/10/us-usa-health-meningitis-idUSBRE8970TQ20121010>

38. *October 9, Associated Press* – (Puerto Rico) **Puerto Rico declares dengue epidemic.** Puerto Rico's health department announced a dengue epidemic October 8. The health secretary said at least six people have died, including two children younger than 10. A total of 4,816 cases were reported, including 21 cases of the potentially fatal hemorrhagic dengue. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said 342 new cases were reported in 1 week in September, twice the number of cases during the same period in 2011. Dengue cases usually flare up from August to January. Source: [http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2012/10/09/puerto-rico-dengue-epidemic/1622783/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+UsatodaycomNation-TopStories+\(News+-+Nation+-+Top+Stories\)](http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2012/10/09/puerto-rico-dengue-epidemic/1622783/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+UsatodaycomNation-TopStories+(News+-+Nation+-+Top+Stories))

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

39. *October 10, Associated Press* – (Florida) **1 dead, others trapped in Miami parking garage collapse.** A section of a parking garage under construction at a community college in Miami collapsed October 10, killing one worker and trapping at least two others in the rubble, officials said. Several other workers were hurt. The two trapped workers used cellphones to talk to rescue teams, a Miami-Dade Fire-Rescue spokeswoman said. Dogs, firefighters, and others in hard hats walked over piles of concrete, plywood, and metal rubble to look for other possible victims. The large section of the roof of the nearly completed 5-story garage fell late in the morning. No students were in the area at the time, authorities said. Four workers were taken to the hospital, including one in serious condition, the fire rescue spokeswoman said. Three others were treated at the scene. The construction of the 1,855-space garage appeared to be nearly complete. Ground was broken on the project in February, and it was to be completed in December, according to the Web site of the contractor, Ajax Building Corp. The first floor was to have classroom and office space. The structure is nestled near other buildings at the college, which serves about 8,000 students and is one of several campuses in the Miami-Dade College system. Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2012/10/10/workers-trapped-miami-parking-garage-collapse/1624721/>
40. *October 10, WISC 3 Madison; Associated Press* – (Wisconsin) **Beloit school will reopen Thursday.** Robinson Elementary School in Beloit, Wisconsin, was evacuated after a gymnasium wall began cracking during construction, October 9. Corporate Contractors Inc. was digging to place footing for the addition when the foundation under the gymnasium began to collapse, causing the north gym wall to crack. The fire department responded and the building was evacuated. Structural engineers said the gym structure was sound after crews worked overnight to reinforce the building. Classes were canceled October 10, but were scheduled to resume October 11. The gym area will not be used until the area is rebuilt. The district was looking into the possible use of portable classrooms during construction. About 400 students attend the K-3 school. Source: <http://www.channel3000.com/news/Beloit-school-will-reopen-Thursday/-/1648/16920434/-/1kx71v/-/index.html>

41. *October 10, Terrebonne Parish Houma Today* – (Louisiana) **Phone threat scuttles schools, courts.** Police arrested a Thibodaux, Louisiana man October 9 who they allege made a vague phone threat through 911 that forced officials to close Thibodaux courts in the morning and some schools all day. He was charged with terrorizing and communicating false alarm, Thibodaux police said. He was scheduled to appear in court October 9 to address his child-support payments. Two threatening calls phoned into 911 were patched to Thibodaux police where the caller made threats against the police department, and buildings and schools in Thibodaux without naming specific places, a police detective said. Police went to all of the Thibodaux schools, and then relayed the information to district and city courts, which evacuated, as well as Lafourche Parish schools, he said. The schools in the two towns serving about 18,000 students initially were placed on lockdown. But about 2 hours after the initial call, they all were evacuated as were the three Catholic schools in Thibodaux. A school spokesman said schools did not send out notices immediately because principals and staff were implementing lockdowns. Searches with police dogs at the schools and courthouse turned up nothing. Police also blocked off a 1-block perimeter around the courthouse. District and city courts reopened about 5 hours after the initial threat.  
Source: <http://www.houmatoday.com/article/20121009/HURBLOG/121009665/1211/news01?Title=Threat-puts-Lafourche-schools-on-lockdown>
42. *October 9, Ohio State University Lantern* – (Ohio) **Ohio State's Newark campus reopens after Tuesday morning bomb threat.** Ohio State University's (OSU) Newark, Ohio campus reopened late the afternoon of October 9 after a morning bomb threat shut it down. An alert on the university's Web site asked all students, faculty, and staff to evacuate the campus. Officials at the Newark campus released a statement saying the campus would be closed as the Newark police and fire departments were investigating the bomb threat. Some students at OSU's Columbus campus said they did not receive an email notifying them of the threat. One student said the U.S. President's October 9 visit to the Columbus campus made the matter a little more concerning. Another student said officials did not evacuate the residence halls, but only the "main buildings" on campus.  
Source: [http://www.thelantern.com/campus/ohio-state-s-newark-campus-reopens-after-tuesday-morning-bomb-threat-1.2923069#.UHWg8a6\\_E3M](http://www.thelantern.com/campus/ohio-state-s-newark-campus-reopens-after-tuesday-morning-bomb-threat-1.2923069#.UHWg8a6_E3M)
43. *October 9, McClatchy Newspapers* – (International) **Security units pulled from embassy in Libya despite warnings.** The U.S. State Department withdrew U.S. security personnel from Libya just weeks before suspected Islamist extremists killed the U.S. ambassador and three other Americans there despite warnings from the U.S. Embassy that the Libyan government could not protect foreign diplomats, according to an email released October 9. The State Department rejected requests to extend the tours of U.S. diplomatic and military security personnel in order to "normalize" embassy operations according to "an artificial timetable," the embassy's former security chief, wrote in an October 1 email. The email and a list the former security chief compiled while in Libya of 230 security incidents between June 2011 and July 2012 were released by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on the eve of a hearing at which the chief, who is still a State Department security officer, was

scheduled to testify. A lieutenant colonel who commanded a security detail at the embassy in Tripoli was also scheduled to appear. The security chief's list, which he said resulted in a 30 percent increase in pay this summer for embassy staff because of the danger of the assignment, recounted a litany of near-daily bombings, shootings, robberies, and other violence.

Source: <http://www.star-telegram.com/2012/10/09/4323812/security-units-pulled-from-embassy.html>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

44. *October 10, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Texan charged with impersonating fire marshal.** A Texas Panhandle man was charged with pretending to be a fire marshal and wrongly ordering a business to close, the Associated Press reported October 10. The Amarillo Globe-News reported the man was arrested August 28 and charged with impersonating a public servant. He was also charged with tampering with a government record. He was freed October 9 on \$8,500 bond. In August, he allegedly faked being a fire marshal and presented a bogus certificate saying a business structure was unsafe. Source: <http://www.star-telegram.com/2012/10/10/4324853/texan-charged-with-impersonating.html>
45. *October 9, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Ironwood prison riot numbers increase.** October 9, California prison officials said a riot the weekend of October 6 at a Blythe prison was much larger than previously reported, involving more than 460 inmates and sending 7 to the hospital. The disturbance at Ironwood State Prison began in an exercise yard and spread to day rooms in two housing units of the medium-security prison. An official initially said the fight broke out between some 100 black and Latino inmates. The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation said guards were brought in from the adjacent Chuckawala Valley State Prison. Guards responded with batons, direct impact rounds, and pepper spray. One warning shot was fired to quell the disturbance. Three inmates remained hospitalized October 9, including one with stab wounds. The entire prison was on "restricted movement" October 9. Source: <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/california-politics/2012/10/corrections-delays-report-of-prison-riot.html>
46. *October 9, Associated Press* – (Utah) **CDC: Old potato cause of Utah prison-brew botulism.** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said a weeks-old baked potato was the source of a botulism outbreak at a Utah prison where inmates consumed cell-brewed alcohol, the Associated Press reported October 9. The outbreak sickened eight maximum-security inmates at the State prison in Salt Lake County in October 2011. The CDC announced in a report the week of October 1 that the inmates made several batches of cell brew made with fruit, water, and sugar, but only one contained a potato believed to have made inmates sick.

Source: <http://www.10tv.com/content/stories/apexchange/2012/10/09/ut--homemade-prison-brew-botulism.html>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

47. *October 10, The H* – (International) **Mozilla closes numerous critical holes in Firefox 16.** Following the recent Firefox 16 release, Mozilla detailed all of the security fixes in the new version of its open source Web browser as well as in the Thunderbird news and email client. Version 2.13 of the SeaMonkey "all-in-one internet application suite" also received fixes. In addition to adding new features, version 16.0 of Firefox closes 14 security holes, 11 of which are rated as "Critical" by the project. These critical vulnerabilities include several memory handling and corruption issues, buffer overflows, and the possibility of arbitrary code execution through bypassing security checks for the cross-origin properties. Another vulnerability could lead to JavaScript crashing the browser when using an invalid cast with the instanceof operator. According to Mozilla, many of these vulnerabilities could be exploited remotely by an attacker to, for example, execute malicious code on a victim's system.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Mozilla-closes-numerous-critical-holes-in-Firefox-16-1726884.html>

48. *October 10, The H* – (International) **BIND DNS server updates close critical hole.** The Internet Systems Consortium (ISC) is warning users of a critical vulnerability in the free BIND DNS server that can be exploited by an attacker to cause a denial-of-service (DoS) condition. According to the ISC, the security issue (CVE-2012-5166) is caused by a problem when processing a specially crafted combination of resource records (RDATA). When loaded, this data can cause a name server to lock up. The ISC says that, when this happens, normal functionality can only be restored by terminating and restarting the named daemon. Affected versions include 9.2.x to 9.6.x, 9.4-ESV to 9.4-ESV-R5-P1, 9.6-ESV to 9.6-ESV-R7-P3, 9.7.0 to 9.7.6-P3, 9.8.0 to 9.8.3-P3, and 9.9.0 to 9.9.1-P3. The ISC notes that while versions 9.2, 9.3, 9.4, and 9.5 of BIND are vulnerable, these branches are considered to be "end of life" (EOL) and are no longer updated. Upgrading to 9.7.7, 9.7.6-P4, 9.6-ESV-R8, 9.6-ESV-R7-P4, 9.8.4, 9.8.3-P4, 9.9.2, or 9.9.1-P4 corrects the problem. Alternatively, as a workaround, users can set the "minimal-responses" option to "yes" in order to prevent the lockup.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/BIND-DNS-server-updates-close-critical-hole-1727232.html>

49. *October 10, The H* – (International) **Pwnium 2: Full Chrome exploit earns hacker \$60,000.** Google's Chrome Web browser fell at the company's Pwnium 2 security competition, which took place October 10 at the Hack In The Box conference. SC Magazine reported that the hacker who goes by the pseudonym "Pinkie Pie" was successfully able to "fully exploit" Chrome, escaping the sandbox using only bugs within Chrome. The hack was done on a fully patched 64-bit Windows 7 system

running the latest stable branch of Chrome.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Pwnium-2-Full-Chrome-exploit-earns-hacker-60-000-1727282.html>

50. *October 9, Threatpost* – (International) **Microsoft report exposes malware families attacking supply chain.** Less than a month after the Nitol botnet takedown, Microsoft released data casting more scrutiny on supply chain security. In its latest Security Intelligence Report (SIR), Microsoft connected the most prevalent malware families involved in supply chain compromises, including malicious add-ons pre-installed on PCs by manufacturers, pirated software on peer-to-peer networks, and music and movie downloads. Microsoft began its Nitol investigation more than a year ago after it found Nitol-related malware on PCs built in China running counterfeit versions of Windows. Microsoft took down more than 70,000 sub-domains hosting the botnet, which was backed by more than 500 different malware strains. In the SIR, Microsoft reports hackers are hitting supply chains by infecting networks with malware bearing file names matching popular downloads and by the presence of what Microsoft calls indicator families on machines compromised by file-sharing or an insecure supply chain.  
Source: [http://threatpost.com/en\\_us/blogs/microsoft-report-exposes-malware-families-attacking-supply-chain-100912](http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/microsoft-report-exposes-malware-families-attacking-supply-chain-100912)
51. *October 9, Threatpost* – (International) **Microsoft patches critical word flaw; certificate key length changes are official.** Microsoft issued seven security updates, including a fix for a critical remotely exploitable Word vulnerability. In all, Microsoft repaired 20 vulnerabilities, and issued an advisory regarding poorly generated digital certificates an automated mechanism that will check for certificate key lengths, revoking any shorter than 1024 bits. The patch for the Word flaw fixes a memory-parsing vulnerability; attackers using a specially crafted RTF file could remotely gain the system privileges if users preview or open the infected RTF file in Outlook's preview pane when Word is the default email reader. Microsoft Word 2003, 2007, and 2010 are vulnerable, as are Microsoft Word Viewer, Microsoft Office Compatibility Pack, Microsoft Word Automation Services on Microsoft SharePoint Server 2010, and Microsoft Office Web Apps.  
Source: [http://threatpost.com/en\\_us/blogs/microsoft-patches-critical-word-flaw-certificate-key-length-changes-are-official-100912](http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/microsoft-patches-critical-word-flaw-certificate-key-length-changes-are-official-100912)
52. *October 9, Ars Technica* – (International) **Confirmed: Apple-owned fingerprint software exposes Windows passwords.** Security consultants independently confirmed a serious security weakness that makes it trivial for hackers with physical control of many computers sold by Dell, Acer, and at least 14 other manufacturers to quickly recover Windows account passwords. The vulnerability is contained in multiple versions of fingerprint-reading software known as UPEK Protector Suite. In July, Apple paid \$356 million to buy Authentec, the Melbourne, Florida-based company that acquired the technology from privately held UPEK in 2010. The weakness was revealed no later than September, but Apple has yet to acknowledge it or warn end users how to work around it.

Source: <http://arstechnica.com/security/2012/10/confirmed-fingerprint-reader-owned-by-apple-exposes-windows-passwords/>

53. *October 9, Ars Technica* – (International) **Skype users targeted by malicious worm that locks them out of their PCs.** Researchers detected a malware campaign that attempts to infect Skype users by sending them booby-trapped links from contacts in their address book. The social-engineering ploy attempts to install a variant of the Dorkbot worm that previously menaced Twitter and Facebook users. Once installed, Dorkbot uses its host computer to engage in click fraud and installs software that locks the user out of the machine and displays screens saying their data will be deleted unless a \$200 "fine" is paid within 48 hours. According to a report from Sophos, the malware campaign is taking advantage of the Skype API to spam out messages such as "lol is this your new profile pic?" along with a malicious URL.

Source: <http://arstechnica.com/security/2012/10/skype-users-targeted-by-malicious-worm-that-locks-them-out-of-their-pcs/>

54. *October 9, Ars Technica* – (International) **HTTPS Everywhere plugin from EFF protects 1,500 more sites.** Members of the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) updated their HTTPS Everywhere browser plugin to offer automatic Web encryption to an additional 1,500 sites, twice as many as previously offered. EFF introduced HTTPS Everywhere in 2009 in collaboration with members of the Tor anonymity project with the goal of encrypting the entire Web. When the browser extension is installed, users are automatically directed to secure sockets layer (SSL) versions of many Web sites even when the "HTTPS" tag is not in the URL. Google, Wikipedia, Twitter, and thousands of other sites are included, with more added regularly. A previous update to HTTPS Everywhere introduced an optional feature called the Decentralized SSL Observatory. It detects and warns of possible man-in-the-middle attacks on Web sites a user visits by sending a copy of the site's SSL certificate to the EFF's SSL Observatory. When EFF detects anomalies, it sends a warning to affected end users.

Source: <http://arstechnica.com/security/2012/10/https-everywhere-plugin-from-eff-protects-1500-more-sites/>

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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](mailto:sos@us-cert.gov) or visit their Web site: <http://www.us-cert.gov>

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## Communications Sector

Nothing to report

## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

55. *October 10, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Cause of Echo Park commercial blaze under investigation.** It took firefighters nearly 2 hours to put out a fire in the Los Angeles neighborhood of Echo Park that started October 9 and engulfed a commercial building. The fire reportedly started in vegetation outside the building and witnesses told authorities it spread into the structure through windows. The cause of the fire was under investigation and the cost of damage was being tabulated October 10. A Los Angeles Fire Department spokesman reported that 125 firefighters tackled the fire. At one point, crews had to shift from an aggressive attack to a defensive posture as flames swept across the building's attic and moved into the second floor, "The building ... will be a total loss," the spokesman said. The structure was the site of a business-cleaning company and printing business, among others. Traffic on the southbound 101 Freeway was severely backed up during the blaze because the building was alongside the freeway and lanes were closed, halting traffic as drivers squeezed into the remaining lanes and drove slowly by the fire.  
Source: <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2012/10/firefighters-extinguish-echo-park-commercial-fire-in-two-hours.html>
56. *October 10, KPIX 5 San Francisco* – (California) **Firefighter hurt battling Union City 4-alarm strip-mall fire.** The roof of a strip mall collapsed prior to the containment of a four-alarm fire October 10 in Union City, California, stated an Alameda County fire official. Firefighters were dispatched to a structure fire and crews had the fire contained early in the morning, fire officials said. About 50 residents in an apartment building behind the retail center were allowed to return home following a precautionary evacuation, fire officials said. Nine businesses, including a beauty salon, a travel agency, and multiple restaurants were damaged in the fire, stated fire officials. One firefighter sustained a laceration to the back of his hand while fighting the fire and was transported to a local hospital, an Alameda County fire department spokeswoman said.  
Source: <http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2012/10/10/firefighter-hurt-battling-union-city-4-alarm-strip-mall-fire/>
57. *October 9, Associated Press* – (Oklahoma) **Man accused of bomb plot.** A suspect was arrested October 4 after a maintenance worker at a motel in Miami, Oklahoma, spotted the makings of Molotov cocktails in a trash bin and alerted police, the Associated Press reported October 9. Officers found bomb-making materials in his motel room, along with plans to attack nearly 50 churches in Miami, a community of about 13,500, stated a police affidavit. An affidavit filed by police said a maintenance worker alerted Miami police after noticing a pile of brown bottles with cloth wicks attached by duct tape in a trash bin at the Legacy Inn and Suites. A funnel and 5-gallon red gasoline can were also dumped in the bin. While background checks were being done on the hotel's 18 guests, the maintenance worker accidentally walked into the suspect's room and saw him with similar items and a Wal-Mart receipt showing the purchase of other items, the affidavit said. Police found pieces of paper in the trash that, when assembled, contained

directions for making Molotov cocktails, a list of 48 local churches, a hand-drawn map of the churches, and an outline of a plan to plant bombs.

Source: <http://www.columbiatribune.com/news/2012/oct/09/man-accused-of-bomb-plot/>

58. *October 9, Napa Valley Register* – (California) **Bomb technicians detonate chemical cache at Calistoga fairgrounds.** Bomb technicians from the Napa County Sheriff's Office in California blew up an old crate of ether October 9, discovered in a long-forgotten disaster cache at the Napa County Fairgrounds. The fairgrounds were closed much of the day, but there were only limited, voluntary evacuations of seven nearby residences. Officials said there was never any immediate danger to anyone, but that the only safe and economical way to dispose of the volatile liquid was to blow it up in a controlled way. City workers filled hundreds of sandbags to surround the ether. Officers had planned to stage the destruction in several explosions, but eventually decided to do it all at once. There were several other crates of material involved as well, but officials did not identify what was inside.

Source: [http://napavalleyregister.com/calistogan/news/local/bomb-squad-to-blow-up-chemicals-at-calistoga-fairgrounds/article\\_71727656-1231-11e2-8fda-001a4bcf887a.html](http://napavalleyregister.com/calistogan/news/local/bomb-squad-to-blow-up-chemicals-at-calistoga-fairgrounds/article_71727656-1231-11e2-8fda-001a4bcf887a.html)

59. *October 9, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Two injured following mall shooting.** Police searched for a man who fired a gun inside a Henrico County, Virginia mall and sent dozens of customers fleeing. Henrico County police told media outlets that two people were slightly injured in the October 8 incident. One victim suffered what appeared to be a ricochet wound in a leg and another woman fell as she was fleeing and injured an ankle. Police said the suspect fired one shot in a hallway outside public restrooms near the food court in the Regency Square mall. Investigators also looked for a second man who is believed to have argued with the gunman before the shot was fired.

Source: <http://www.whsv.com/news/headlines/Two-Injured-Following-Mall-Shooting-173312151.html?ref=151>

60. *October 9, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Gunman opens fire in suburban Fort Worth Chinese food restaurant; 1 dead, 1 wounded.** An unidentified gunman opened fire in a north Texas Chinese food restaurant, killing one person and wounding another. The incident happened October 9 at the Hunan Wok restaurant in the Fort Worth suburb of North Richland Hills. A police investigator said the shooting did not appear to be a random act of violence but offered no motive for the deed. He said the wounded man was hospitalized in stable condition. About 4 hours later, investigators probed for any connection between the shooting and a car found burning near Lake Benbrook, about 20 miles southwest of the restaurant. Officials said the car was impounded and its occupant airlifted to a hospital in undetermined condition.

Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/article/1-dead-1-wounded-in-suburban-restaurant-shooting-3934340.php>

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

61. *October 9, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **Rocky Mountain National Park fire among several burning in Colorado.** High wind and low humidity fed fires in remote areas of Colorado the week of October 8, including a blaze of 300 acres in Rocky Mountain National Park October 9 about 8 miles west of Estes Park, Colorado. The Larimer County Sheriff's Department said the fire was burning less than a half mile from the area known locally as "The Pool," about 2 miles west of the Fern Lake Trailhead in Moraine Park. Fern Lake Road and Moraine Stables were closed, and homes and recreationalists in the area were evacuated as a precaution. The blaze was located about 2 miles from the nearest road, and air support was requested to join the fight, according to the sheriff's department. The Goblin fire in the Animas Canyon north of Durango grew to 110 acres, according to fire response managers. The fire was reported October 6 and was burning on steep, rocky, and inaccessible slopes that lead into the West Needles Mountains and the Weminuche Wilderness, about 2 miles south of Needleton. Source: [http://www.canoncitydailyrecord.com/news/colorado/ci\\_21734508/rocky-mountain-national-park-fire-among-several-burning](http://www.canoncitydailyrecord.com/news/colorado/ci_21734508/rocky-mountain-national-park-fire-among-several-burning)

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