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- More people than previously thought received possibly tainted steroid injections and 14,000 patients could be at risk of contracting meningitis, health authorities said October 11. – *Reuters* (See item [31](#))
- The outbreak of West Nile disease in the United States moved closer to becoming the second worst on record October 10, with federal health authorities reporting 4,249 total cases of the virus-caused illness and 168 deaths. – *Reuters* (See item [36](#))
- A hacking attack on a Florida college compromised sensitive financial data of about 279,000 students and employees, and resulted in at least 50 cases of identity theft. – *IDG News Service* (See item [39](#))
- Minneapolis is changing how it handles 9-1-1 calls weeks after the worst workplace shooting in Minnesota’s history claimed seven lives. – *WCCO 4 Minneapolis* (See item [49](#))
- Water level gauges installed on levees in New Orleans failed and did not provide accurate readings during Hurricane Isaac, officials said. – *KVUE 8 New Orleans* (See item [69](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *October 11, Auburn Reporter* – (Washington) **Auburn motorist finds explosive device on gas cap.** A motorist from Auburn, Washington, found an apparent improvised explosive device (IED) inside the fuel hatch of her car October 10 when she stopped at a Fred Meyer gas station. The woman placed the device on top of her car and called Auburn police. Officers responded to and secured the scene. Police called the Federal Way Bomb Squad, which moved the device to a safe area in the Fred Meyer parking lot, and neutralized it. A test of the device showed it was an IED, authorities said. Once the area and device were made safe, the scene was processed and opened, and all roads were later reopened. At this time, police have no reason to believe it was a random act. Auburn police are investigating.
Source: <http://www.auburn-reporter.com/news/173613881.html>
2. *October 11, Glen Falls Post-Star* – (New York) **Underground explosion in Glens Falls damages buildings, Centennial Circle re-opened.** An underground explosion in Glens Falls, New York, October 11 closed Centennial Circle and damaged many buildings, sending flames shooting from manholes. No injuries were reported, but the explosion was felt at a number of businesses. Officials initially believed a subterranean transformer exploded, but National Grid determined the problem stemmed from an electrical line that shorted. Businesses, apartments, and a school were evacuated. The west side of Ridge Street was re-opened for businesses and residents with power restored about 5 hours after the explosion, but the east side remained dark and the street remained closed to traffic. The Glens Falls fire chief said several buildings had basement damage from the force of the explosions, and high carbon monoxide levels that apparently stemmed from a fire prompted the evacuations. A National Grid spokesman said the line that shorted and caused the blast likely smoldered for some time, releasing gases that built up and ignited. Some buildings across the street seemed to have minor facade damage, including several broken windows. Centennial Circle was closed for nearly 3 hours as Glens Falls firefighters and police responded. Greater Glens Falls Transit temporarily moved its normal Ridge Street stop a block north.
Source: http://poststar.com/news/local/underground-explosion-in-glens-falls-damages-buildings-closes-centennial-circle/article_3231e1be-139b-11e2-a498-0019bb2963f4.html
3. *October 11, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Miners rescued after roof collapse.** Two men were rescued from an eastern Ohio coal mine where a roof collapsed and trapped them for 9 hours. Officials at the Hopedale Mine said the miners were bolting the roof October 10 when it collapsed, trapping them inside the mine. The roof had to be stabilized before they could be rescued. The men were shaken but not seriously injured.
Source: <http://woub.org/2012/10/11/miners-rescued-after-roof-collapse>

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Chemical Industry Sector

4. *October 11, Cleveland Plain Dealer* – (International) **Ex-Bridgestone scientist cleared of trade secret theft charges.** A former research scientist at the Bridgestone Americas Center for Research and Technology in Akron, Ohio, was cleared of economic espionage charges. Also, October 9, federal prosecutors dropped other claims that he made false statements to investigators. The man was accused of stealing trade secrets from Bridgestone and giving them to a Chinese polymer maker. The government said he used his insider status at Bridgestone to steal confidential data such as the formulas and compound properties for race tires. In September, a judge ruled there was not enough evidence to show the scientist was going to economically benefit from taking Bridgestone information or that he knew any theft would hurt the firm. October 9, prosecutors dropped charges that he lied to FBI agents. The researcher was fired from his job in April 2010 over a dispute with managers unrelated to the trade secret theft claims. He downloaded files from Bridgestone computers onto six CDs the day he was terminated. Bridgestone said he took more than 400 documents. Prosecutors said he kept in contact with what was known as the 42nd Institute after coming to the United States in 1989. The institute is a Chinese chemical plant that develops products for manned space programs, weapons applications, and specialized rubbers.

Source:

http://www.cleveland.com/business/index.ssf/2012/10/former_bridgestone_scientist_c.html

5. *October 10, BizTimes Milwaukee* – (Wisconsin) **OSHA cites Fontarome Chemical after fire.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) cited Fontarome Chemical Inc. for 17 serious safety violations following an April fire at the company's pharmaceutical, flavor, and fragrance manufacturing facility in St. Francis, Wisconsin, according to a report by BizTimes Milwaukee October 10. The fire occurred during troubleshooting of an electrical component on the hot oil heater. Proposed fines total \$51,800. Twelve violations cited relate to process safety management, including failing to: address hazards related to potential engineering and administrative control failures, implement written operating procedures, review and certify operating procedures annually, train workers on procedures, develop emergency procedures for the shutdown of process equipment or to address deviations from normal operating limits, conduct a compliance audit at least every 3 years, and respond to deficiencies found in compliance audits. Five other violations involve failing to: develop machine-specific procedures for locking and tagging out energy sources, perform periodic inspections of machinery, guard machines, require workers to wear insulating gloves and fire-retardant clothing when working on energized circuits, and conduct an arc flash hazard analysis.

Source: <http://www.biztimes.com/article/20121010/ENEWSLETTERS02/121019968>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

6. *October 9, World Nuclear News* – (Wyoming) **Wyoming uranium project clears final hurdle.** Wyoming’s Bureau of Land Management (BLM) released its decision on the proposed Lost Creek uranium project, World Nuclear News reported October 9. The decision is open to appeal, but represents the final regulatory approval needed for Ur-Energy to begin construction and operations. The BLM’s decision authorizes Ur-Energy to recover uranium by pumping an oxidizing solution into a borehole to dissolve the uranium. Ur-Energy plans to start facility construction at Lost Creek in October. The company anticipated it would produce its first uranium in the summer of 2013. Ur-Energy said it expects the project to produce more than 7 million pounds of yellowcake at a rate of 1 million pounds per year.
Source: http://www.world-nuclear-news.org/ENF-Wyoming_uranium_project_clears_final_hurdle-1010127.html

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

7. *October 11, Morrow County Sentinel* – (Ohio) **Yutaka employee arrested in connection with recent bomb threats.** A suspect was arrested in connection with multiple bombs threats made against Cardington Yutaka Technologies in Cardington, Ohio, an automotive parts supplier for Honda of America Manufacturing. The acting Cardington police chief said October 11 that a Yutaka employee was in custody at the Morrow County Correctional Facility. “We’ve been investigating this case pretty hard in the last couple of weeks,” he said, “and we went to the plant today and spoke with our suspect, and were able to retrieve a full confession.”
Source: <http://morrowcountysentinel.com/2012/10/yutaka-employee-arrested-connection-bomb-threats/>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Banking and Finance Sector

8. *October 11, Softpedia* – (National) **Regions Bank website attacked by hackers.** Hackers have once again kept their promise and launched a distributed denial-of-service (DDOS) attack against the Web site of Regions Financial Corp. October 10, they took aim at the site owned by SunTrust and October 11, they seemed to focus on the Regions Bank Web site. Regions representatives told Fox News that the organization was aware of the threats, and claimed they were “taking every measure” to

protect the company and customers. The site appeared to be experiencing some performance issues, but it seemed to be accessible from the United States. On the other hand, it was not accessible from a Romania IP, which might mean that certain IP address ranges were restricted in order to mitigate the attack. The hackers claimed that during the weekend of October 13 they will plan the next attacks.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Regions-Bank-Website-Attacked-by-Izz-ad-Din-al-Qassam-Hackers-298767.shtml>

9. *October 11, Associated Press* – (Florida) **Feds in south Florida arrest 40 in ID theft-tax crackdown.** Federal authorities in south Florida said they arrested 40 people in separate cases involving thousands of stolen identities used to commit tax fraud, the Associated Press reported October 11. A U.S. attorney said Miami has the highest identity theft rate in the nation at about 324 complaints for every 100,000 residents. The city's rate of false income tax returns based on stolen identities is 46 times the national average. The 40 arrests announced October 10 were the latest under a new federal strike force in south Florida that includes the FBI, Internal Revenue Service, Secret Service, and others. The U.S. attorney said so far in 2012, 79 people were charged in cases involving nearly \$40 million in fraudulent tax returns filed using stolen identities.
Source: <http://www.news-press.com/article/20121011/NEWS01/310110034/Feds-South-Florida-arrest-40-ID-theft-tax-crackdown?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|Home>
10. *October 11, WHNS 21 Greenville* – (National) **Feds make 2nd arrest in councilman's Ponzi scheme.** Federal agents arrested a second man October 9 in connection with a Ponzi scheme that bilked investors out of \$60 million. Investigators said Atlantic Bullion and Coin, a company run by a former Anderson County, South Carolina councilman, duped more than 900 investors across 25 States into thinking they were buying silver and making big profits. They said the councilman never bought any precious metals and was paying investors' lofty dividends with other investors' money. He pleaded guilty in July to two counts of mail fraud as part of a plea deal. October 9, FBI agents arrested another man in connection with the same scheme. He was charged with conspiracy to commit mail fraud. According to an indictment, the man worked with the councilman to defraud investors of nearly \$3.5 million. An attorney has taken possession of the assets of Atlantic Bullion and Coin. He will liquidate the assets and distribute the proceeds to the victims of the scheme.
Source: <http://www.foxcarolina.com/story/19789355/feds-arrest-another-arrest-in-ex-councilmans-ponzi-scheme>
11. *October 10, Fox News* – (National) **SunTrust the latest victim in cyber attack saga.** SunTrust seemed to be the latest bank targeted with a denial of service attack October 10 in a chain of cyber attacks that hit Capital One October 9 and other major Wall Street institutions in September. The hacking group in a blogpost October 8 said it would target Capital One October 9, regional bank SunTrust October 10, and Regions Financial October 11. A handful of users reported on Twitter and SiteDown.co they were having issues accessing SunTrust's e-banking Web site. That is different from some of the earlier attacks where customers could not access the main customer Web site altogether. When attempting to log on, some customers complained of receiving

one of two error messages: “Server Unavailable” or “Server is too busy”. “We have seen increased traffic today and have experienced some intermittent service availability,” a SunTrust spokesperson said. October 9, SunTrust said that it was “aware of the threat” and was working to mitigate any disruption to clients should an attack occur. The group threatened to pursue more cyber attacks the week of October 15 and has long said it will not stop until a video mocking the Islam religion first posted to YouTube is removed from the Internet.

Source: <http://www.foxbusiness.com/technology/2012/10/10/suntrust-may-be-latest-victim-in-cyber-attack-saga/>

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Transportation Sector

12. *October 11, Atlanta Journal-Constitution* – (Georgia) **MLK Drive bridge reopens after fire.** Part of the Martin Luther King Jr. Drive bridge that was closed after a fire near downtown Atlanta October 9 reopened October 10. The bridge had been closed after a fire underneath the bridge destroyed a homeless encampment. The bridge had been exposed to extreme heat, and engineers conducted a thorough inspection to determine if there was any structural damage, according to the public works commissioner. Concrete began falling from a section of the bridge that had been stressed by being heated by intense flames, and then doused in cooling water. WSB-TV 2 Atlanta reported October 10 that fire officials suspected arson as the cause of the fire and have identified a “person of interest.”
Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/news/fire-closes-part-of-new-mitchell-st-bridge/nSYjx/>
13. *October 11, KTLA 5 Los Angeles* – (California) **Water main break floods 101 freeway in Hollywood.** A water main break in Hollywood, California, flooded part of the 101 Freeway October 11. The break happened at Cahuenga Boulevard and Lakeridge Drive, just south of where Cahuenga hits Barham Boulevard. The water flooded the streets, and the force was so strong that it also spilled onto the northbound 101 near Barham, flooding the freeway with 6 inches of water, according to the California Highway Patrol. Officers slowed down freeway traffic periodically to keep cars from spinning out in the water. Several bus lines were rerouted during the break, which was repaired after about 5 hours.
Source: <http://www.ktla.com/news/landing/ktla-hollywood-water-main-break-freeway,0,1254905.story>
14. *October 11, Associated Press* – (International) **Much of odd weapons cache on plane was permissible.** Most of the items — including a hatchet and knives — found in the checked luggage of a man taken into custody at Los Angeles International Airport the week of October 1 — would not violate current Transportation Security Administration (TSA) guidelines. The man was stopped during a stopover on a trip from Japan to Boston, when U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers noticed he was wearing a

bulletproof vest under his trench coat, along with flame-retardant pants and knee pads. He had reached the United States after a stop in South Korea with a suspicious array of knives and other weaponry in his checked luggage, including a smoke grenade, a biohazard suit, a collapsible baton, masks, duct tape, leg irons, and plastic restraints, authorities said. The smoke grenade was X-rayed by police bomb squad offices in Los Angeles, who said the device fell into a category prohibited on board passenger aircraft. But in Incheon, South Korea, where the man deplaned and went through security, items such as axes, knives, or smoke-generating cartridges are allowed in checked bags, according to a senior airport security official. A U.S. Homeland Security official briefed on the investigation said October 10 South Korean security officials screened the man and his carry-on luggage, but the smoke grenade somehow made it onto the plane. The man was not cooperating with federal officials who are trying to determine why he was headed to Boston with the cache of weapons, authorities said. A former deputy administrator at the TSA said the U.S. will likely look at whether the failure to detect the grenade on a U.S.-bound jet was a one-time lapse or part of a wider security vulnerability. If the U.S. determines a country's airport does not meet U.S. standards, it can ask for stronger security measures and even prohibit flights from flying directly to the U.S. from that country.

Source: <http://www.azfamily.com/news/national/173648571.html>

15. *October 10, Manassas Patch* – (Virginia) **VRE Train Hits, Kills Man on Manassas Line.** Virginia Railway Express (VRE) Train 325 stopped between the Burke Centre station in Burke, Virginia, and the Manassas Park station reportedly due to a “trespasser that has been struck,” according to VRE, the Manassas Patch reported October 10. About half a dozen VRE trains were canceled, while others ran to the Burke Centre station where service was terminated and passengers traveling on to Manassas stops had to board buses. One adult male was found dead on the railroad tracks, according to a Fairfax County Police Department public information officer. Train 325 eventually was allowed to continue on to Manassas Park and other stops south of the incident.
Source: <http://manassas.patch.com/articles/vre-train-hits-trespasser-on-manassas-line>
16. *October 10, Long Island Newsday* – (New York) **LIRR service returns to normal after derailment.** Eastbound Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) service mostly returned to normal after a nonpassenger train derailed in Long Island City, New York, October 10, blocking trains needed for the nightly commute. About 2,800 LIRR passengers who use the railway during rush hour had to travel alternative routes eastbound, after the derailment. Six trains that normally originate at the Long Island City station took off from Jamaica instead, while two trains were canceled. A crane was on the scene trying to clear the derailed train, which blocked the diesel trains used for the rush hour runs. An LIRR spokesman said the agency has had to “scramble” to find other trains and equipment for the rerouted trains.
Source: <http://www.newsday.com/long-island/lirr-service-returns-to-normal-after-derailment-1.4098855>
17. *October 10, Newark Star Ledger* – (New Jersey) **Stun gun disguised as cell phone discovered at Newark airport.** Airport screeners October 9 confiscated a suspicious device that looked like a cell phone but was actually an elaborately disguised stun gun,

officials said. The stun phone was detected by a Transportation Security Administration (TSA) screener who X-rayed the passenger's carry-on bag at New Jersey's Newark Liberty International Airport, said a TSA spokeswoman. The man from Newark was arrested on a weapons charge by Port Authority police, who responded to the Terminal A checkpoint. The stun gun was the size and shape of a cellular phone, with a standard phone configuration that included a keypad, LED screen, and call and end-call buttons. However, in place of the typical green phone icon, the call button was embossed with the word "stun." The seizure followed a busy October 6 weekend for screeners at the three major airports in the area, where the spokeswoman said TSA confiscated a varied array of weapons, including throwing knives, a hand gun, more stun guns, a machete, and a cane containing a concealed knife. A Port Authority spokesman said the incidents resulted in five arrests.

Source:

http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2012/10/stun_gun_disguised_as_cell_pho.html

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Postal and Shipping Sector

18. *October 10, KAIT 8 Jonesboro* – (Arkansas) **Bomb explodes in mailbox, suspect arrested.** According to the Fulton County Sheriff Department, a bomb exploded in a mailbox in Fulton County, Arkansas, the evening of September 27. Police said a man from Salem was developed as a suspect and later arrested and charged with 2 counts of criminal use of a prohibited weapon, 31 counts of criminal acts involving explosives, and 1 count of driving while intoxicated (DWI). The Fulton County sheriff said his department worked with the U.S. Postal Inspectors Service (USPIS) and agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to investigate the bombing and allegations that the suspect made a silencer for a .22 caliber rifle. October 2, USPIS said it found that the suspect was at the scene of the bombing. The sheriff and chief deputy arrested the suspect later that day during a traffic stop for DWI. Officers said they found a semiautomatic handgun. Police said they later executed a search warrant on the suspect's residence.
Source: <http://www.kait8.com/story/19784170/bomb-explodes-in-mailbox-suspect-arrested>
19. *October 10, KRXI 11 Reno* – (Nevada) **Suspicious powder found in letter causes post office closure.** A post office in Sparks, Nevada, was closed October 9 and an investigation started as a result of a suspicious white powder found inside a letter. The Sparks police and fire departments responded and treated the scene as a HAZMAT situation. The victim reported she picked up her mail from her post office box and took it to her car in the parking lot. Once inside her car she opened an envelope that she thought contained an advertisement and a white powder spilled out of the envelope. The Sparks Fire Department could not locate any of the powder or any other evidence of contamination. However, as a safety precaution, the victim and her three children, who were present when the letter was opened, did go through a decontamination

process. Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority medics checked the victims at the scene and they did not appear to be suffering from any injuries or illnesses. The Post Office was closed during the investigation but opened up for normal business October 10.

Source: <http://www.foxreno.com/news/news/local/suspicious-powder-found-letter-causes-post-office-/nSZDY/>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

20. *October 11, Food Safety News* – (Washington) **More illnesses linked to Washington State Mexican restaurant.** Food Safety News reported October 11 that five more illnesses were tied to a Mexican restaurant in Vancouver, Washington, that is thought to be the source of a Salmonella outbreak, bringing the estimated number of people sickened from 16 to 21. The Clark County Health Department confirmed that 11 of the 21 illnesses are part of the outbreak, and are investigating 10 additional cases, up from the five additional cases it was investigating October 9. All outbreak victims were adults and two were hospitalized for dehydration. Clark County health officials closed the restaurant October 9.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/10/more-illnesses-linked-to-washington-state-mexican-restaurant/>
21. *October 11, KFSN 30 Fresno* – (California) **Ammonia leak at a winery causes evacuations, road closures.** October 11, authorities called for an evacuation for a 1 mile radius around Golden State Vintners in Fresno County, California due to an ammonia leak. Authorities evacuated workers from the winery to a nearby police training center. Fresno County fire ordered a shelter-in-place for residents in the area. Three people were hospitalized and several others were treated on site for exposure to ammonia.
Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/kfsn/story?section=news/local&id=8842842>
22. *October 11, Associated Press* – (Georgia) **Firefighters extinguish blaze in Atlanta Kroger.** October 11, authorities investigated a fire that closed a Kroger store on Atlanta's east side. Firefighters said the sprinkler system prevented the blaze in a storage area, from spreading to the rest of the store October 10. The damage was significant enough to close the 24-hour store until repairs and cleanup were completed. The employees and customers were evacuated.
Source: <http://www.ledger-enquirer.com/2012/10/11/2235621/firefighters-extinguish-blaze.html>
23. *October 10, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Dean Foods Company of California and Meadow Gold Dairy Conduct voluntary recall of two Albertsons brand ice cream varieties.** October 10, the Dean Foods Company facility in Buena Park, California and Meadow Gold Dairy processing facility in Orem, Utah, announced a voluntarily recall of two ice cream varieties manufactured for Albertsons supermarkets. The products contain a peanut butter ingredient supplied by Sunland,

- Inc. which may be contaminated with Salmonella. The recalled products include the “Peanut Butter Cup” and “Peanut Butter Chocolate” flavors that were sold in 1.5-quart cartons in Albertsons stores with plant codes 49-11 or 06-20. The product was sold between March 26, 2010 and September 25, 2012, in California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, Utah, Wyoming, and Washington.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm323388.htm>
24. *October 10, U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Service* – (National) **Arkansas firm recalls boneless chicken products due to misbranding and undeclared allergens.** October 10, Tyson Foods, Inc., a Pine Bluff, Arkansas company, recalled approximately 67,269-pounds of Honey BBQ Flavored Boneless Chicken Wyngz because of misbranding and undeclared allergens. Buffalo Style Boneless Chicken Wyngz were packaged in bags meant for Honey BBQ Flavored Boneless Chicken Wyngz and contain the allergens milk, soy, and egg, which are not declared on the Honey BBQ Flavored Boneless Chicken Wyngz label, said the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety and Inspection Service. The food was produced August 7 and 8, and was distributed to retail stores nationwide. Tyson Foods was alerted to the problem through consumer complaints.
Source:
http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_065_2012_Release/index.asp
25. *October 9, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (Ohio, Michigan) **Toft Dairy issues immediate voluntary recall of Buckeye Bites Ice Cream 48 oz cartons and 3 gallon tubs.** October 9, Toft’s of Sandusky, Ohio issued a voluntary recall on 48-ounce cartons and 3-gallon tubs of Buckeye Bites Ice Cream with expiration dates of March 14, 2013 or before. Any Buckeye Bites with an expiration date after March 14, 2013 is not involved in the recall due to a change of suppliers on March 15, 2012. The product was distributed throughout the Ohio and southern Michigan. The recalled product contains peanut butter manufactured by Sunland, Inc. which may be contaminated with Salmonella.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm323302.htm>
26. *October 9, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (Texas; Louisiana; Arkansas) **BGC Manufacturing voluntarily recalls its Peanut Butter Bash ice cream due to possible health risk.** BGC Manufacturing recalled its Goldenbrook Farms Peanut Butter Bash Ice Cream, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported October 9. The peanut butter used in the product, has the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella because it was sourced from Sunland, Inc. The product was distributed to Brookshire Grocery retail stores throughout Texas, Louisiana, and southern Arkansas between May 2010 and September 2012. It is packaged in half-gallon cartons with the UPC code 0009282530538.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm323232.htm?source=govdelivery>
27. *October 8, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Falcon Trading Company/SunRidge Farms.** Falcon Trading Company, Inc./SunRidge Farms of Royal Oaks, California, announced October 8 a voluntarily recall of four bulk items which contain peanut butter supplied by Sunland, Inc. that might be contaminated with

Salmonella. The recall includes all lot codes of the following products: Chocolate Brownie Squares, Chocolate Double Decker Chew, Peanut Butter Crunchy With Salt-Organic, and Peanut Butter Crunchy No Salt-Organic.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm323150.htm>

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Water Sector

28. *October 11, WBTV 3 Charlotte* – (North Carolina) **Wingate shuts of water to entire town after water main break.** Most people in Wingate, North Carolina, were forced to brush their teeth with bottled water October 11. That was because town utility officials said they had to shut off water service in some communities due to a water main break in front of Wingate University. The main broke on Highway 74 and Camden Street sometime October 11, police said. As crews worked to patch up the pipe, one westbound lane of Highway 74 was closed. The town expected to restore water service to all residents by mid-morning.
Source: <http://www.wbtv.com/story/19791510/people-in-wingate-urged-to-boil-water>
29. *October 10, Central Florida News 13 Orlando* – (Florida) **Boil water alert issued for parts of Clermont.** A precautionary boil water alert was issued October 10 for several areas in Clermont, Florida. The alert affects residents of the following areas; Greater Groves, Weston Hills, Sawgrass Bay, Greater Lakes, Siena Ridge, Tradd's Landing, Mission Park, Orange Tree, Westchester, Eagle Ridge, and Citrus Highlands subdivisions. The boil water advisory was in effect due to a pressure drop below 20 PSI within the potable water system that serves these communities. This occurrence was the result of a mechanical failure at the water treatment facility. The precautionary boil water notice was scheduled to remain in effect until a satisfactory bacteriological survey was received.
Source:
http://www.cfnews13.com/content/news/cfnews13/news/article.html/content/news/articles/cfn/2012/10/10/precautionary_boil_w.html
30. *October 10, KUAC 89.9 FM Fairbanks* – (Alaska) **Kivalina faces fresh water shortage.** The arctic village of Kivalina, Alaska, may run out of fresh water this winter KUAC 89.9 FM Fairbanks reported October 10. The governor declared a disaster in September after heavy rainfall flooded the Wulik River and washed away some of the city's surface water piping. By the time the State Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management had shipped a new high speed pump and pipe to the community, it was too late, according to the city administrator. Slush clogged the pipes and the crew gave up. It was not clear how much water made it into the tanks. The majority of Kivalina's 436 residents do not have boats or snowmachines to access large quantities of fresh drinking water. So they use the local washeteria. It is unlikely to remain open through the winter.
Source: <http://www.alaskapublic.org/2012/10/10/kivalina-faces-fresh-water-shortage/>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

31. *October 11, Reuters* – (National) **CDC says 14,000 people at meningitis risk amid call for criminal probe.** Health authorities said October 11 that more people than previously thought received possibly tainted steroid injections and that some 14,000 patients could be at risk of contracting meningitis. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said the number of people at risk, which is 1,000 higher than earlier estimated, was revised after consulting with health authorities. Fourteen patients have died from meningitis and 170 people have been infected, the CDC said in its latest update October 11. The number of infections rose by 33 since October 10, the CDC added. Florida reported a second death from meningitis and Indiana reported its first death from the outbreak. Meningitis cases have been confirmed in 11 States. State and federal officials are now investigating the New England Compounding Center, which distributed thousands of vials of a contaminated steroid. Five new cases were reported in Tennessee, which remained the hardest-hit State with 49 cases, the CDC said. October 11, Michigan totaled 39 cases, Virginia reached 30, and Indiana's count grew to 21 cases, according to the CDC.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/10/11/us-usa-health-meningitis-idUSBRE8970TQ20121011>
32. *October 11, WBUR 90.9 FM Boston* – (Massachusetts) **Mass. pharmacy industry resists call for stricter regulation.** A second compounding pharmacy in Massachusetts agreed to temporarily shut down, WBUR 90.9 FM Boston reported October 11. Ameridose of Westborough is run by the same executives who run the company that produced the steroid linked to a deadly outbreak of fungal meningitis. More than 130 people in 11 States have been sickened and 12 have died. Ameridose is not issuing recalls while regulators inspect its facility. The Massachusetts governor said October 10 that the New England Compounding Center responsible for the tainted steroid misled State officials and was operating outside of the bounds of its pharmacy license. The State director of the Bureau of Health Care Safety and Quality said there is no evidence other compounding pharmacies around the State are violating their licenses. "The Board of Pharmacy has issued an order requiring that all compounding pharmacies in the commonwealth sign an affidavit attesting compliance with all pertinent laws and regulations," the director said.
Source: <http://www.wbur.org/2012/10/11/compounding-pharmacies-mass>
33. *October 11, WBTV 3 Charlotte* – (North Carolina) **County fair E. coli outbreak grows; 13 people now sickened.** An E. coli outbreak related to the Cleveland County Fair in North Carolina, was growing after public health officials announced October 11 that 13 people have now been sickened. The number included eight adults and five children. According to the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, investigators are working with local health departments in Gaston, Cleveland, and Lincoln counties to investigate the outbreak. The people sickened all attended the

Cleveland County Fair between September 26 and October 7. According to the State health director, the State Laboratory for Public Health confirmed two of the patients have E. coli O157:H7 infections.

Source: <http://www.wbtv.com/story/19795414/cleveland-county-fair-e-coli-outbreak-13-people-now-sickened>

34. *October 11, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* – (National) **Hospital cooperation key to reducing rates of infection, study finds.** Based on a new study published October 9 in the journal *Health Affairs*, researchers from the University of Pittsburgh, Harvard University, and the University of California, Irvine, are urging hospitals to share infection-rate data and adopt the practice of isolating patients carrying methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) bacteria. A University of Pittsburgh associate professor of medicine and biomedical informatics said hospitals share patients extensively with other hospitals in their area, facilitating the spread of MRSA infections. The research model demonstrated that a hospital’s decision to test patients for MRSA upon admission then isolate those who test positive — a process known as “contact isolation” — can help reduce the prevalence of MRSA not only at that location but in other hospitals.
Source: <http://www.post-gazette.com/stories/news/health/hospital-cooperation-key-to-reducing-rates-of-infection-study-finds-657013/>
35. *October 11, Healthcare IT News* – (Missouri) **Missouri medical group reports possible data breach.** Officials at Litton & Giddings Radiological Associates (LGRA) announced a potential breach of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), which may have compromised the personal health information of 13,000 patients, *Healthcare IT News* reported October 11. According to a company press release, the mistake occurred due to a miscommunication between its billing company and janitorial provider. July 31 and August 2, the janitorial services provider at LGRA’s billing company inadvertently sent patients’ paper billing records to a Springfield, Missouri recycling center without first shredding the records. According to an October 5 letter mailed to potentially affected patients, the documents may have included patient names, addresses, dates of birth, diagnosis codes, and/or Social Security numbers. Officials said there is no indication that any patient data was misused, but they are uncertain as to which patient files and the exact number of files sent to the recycling center.
Source: <http://www.healthcareitnews.com/news/missouri-medical-group-reports-possible-data-breach>
36. *October 10, Reuters* – (National) **West Nile outbreak closer to being second worst in U.S.** The outbreak of West Nile disease in the United States moved a step closer October 10 to becoming the second worst on record with federal health authorities reporting 280 cases of the virus-caused illness since October 8. There have now been 4,249 cases of West Nile recorded in 2012, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 20 cases fewer than in 2006, the second-largest outbreak on record. The number of deaths rose by five to 168 since October 1, the CDC said. The pace of new cases of the disease has slowed since the summer of 2011. More than 70 percent of the cases have been reported in 8 States: Texas, Mississippi,

Michigan, South Dakota, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Illinois, and California. Texas has been the hardest hit, recording close to 40 percent of the cases in the country, according to the CDC.

Source: http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2012-10-10/lifestyle/sns-rt-us-usa-health-westnilebre89a03a-20121010_1_neuroinvasive-form-west-nile-outbreaks

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Government Facilities Sector

37. *October 11, Louisville Courier-Journal* – (Kentucky) **Mold forces 270 University of Louisville students to move out of dorm.** October 10, the University of Louisville (U of L) in Louisville, Kentucky, ordered 270 freshmen to pack up and move out in the middle of midterm exams after high levels of mold were found in their residence hall. The students were told they would not be able to sleep in Miller Hall after October 11, and have until 6 p.m. October 15 to remove all of their belongings. The dorm will be closed the rest of the semester, said the student housing director. Students were being moved to other dorms, university-affiliated housing and hotel rooms near campus. Students with parents or guardians in the Louisville area were asked to move in with them. U of L inspections found high levels of two types of mold spores, aspergillus and penicillium, that do not normally present a threat but could affect people with allergies, asthma and upper respiratory problems if exposed to high levels in closed spaces, said the student health director. More residence halls could also have a mold problem, and the university is awaiting the results from tests, the housing director said. The university inspected all residence halls on campus after receiving multiple complaints about mold, she said. She said a contractor performed visual inspections and tested mold samples and air quality during the fall break, October 8 and 9.
Source: [http://www.courier-journal.com/article/20121010/NEWS01/310100116/?gcheck=1\]&nclick_check=1](http://www.courier-journal.com/article/20121010/NEWS01/310100116/?gcheck=1]&nclick_check=1)
38. *October 11, Associated Press* – (Florida) **Trapped worker freed in deadly Fla. garage collapse.** A construction worker was pulled out alive from under a huge slab of concrete October 11, 13 hours after a parking garage collapsed at Miami-Dade College in Doral, Florida, killing three others. He was in “extremely critical condition,” and was to be transported by helicopter to a trauma center, said a Miami-Dade Fire Rescue captain. Seven workers were brought to the hospital with unidentified injuries while an eighth was treated on the scene and sent home. No students were in the area when the collapse occurred the afternoon of October 10. The campus was evacuated and closed for the rest of the week, and rescue crews initially closed nearby streets. Investigators planned to pick through the rubble to see what caused the garage to crumble. The president and chief executive officer of the garage contractor, Ajax Building Corp. said an internal review was being launched. The 1,855-space, 5-story garage was nearly complete, and was to be finished in December, according to Ajax’s Web site. The structure is next to the college’s main office building.
Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2012/10/10/workers-trapped-miami-parking-garage-collapse/1624721/>

39. *October 10, IDG News Service* – (Florida) **Hackers steal thousands of student records from computers at Florida college.** An information breach at a Florida college has compromised information of about 279,000 students and employees, the Florida Department of Education said October 10. In a statement October 8, Northwest Florida State College in Niceville said a breach of computer systems had compromised the personal data of 3,200 current and retired college employees. It was breached between May 21 to September 24 by outsiders, and the personal information of employees that was compromised included name, birth date, employee direct deposit bank routing and account number information, and Social Security number, the college said. By October 10, the college said the incident involved more than 3,000 employee records, about 76,000 Northwest College student records containing personal identification information, and another 200,000 records with names. At least 50 employees were hit by identity thefts as a result of the breach, the college president said in a memo to employees. Hackers accessed one folder with multiple files on the main server, and pieced together the information required for the identity theft by working between files, although no one file had a complete set of personal data on individuals, he said. “We speculate this was a professional, coordinated attack by one or more hackers,” the president added.
Source: http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9232276/Hackers_steal_thousands_of_student_records_from_computers_at_Florida_college
40. *October 10, Auburn Citizen* – (New York) **Marcellus High School student arrested for making false threats that shut down his school for hours.** The Onondaga County Sheriff’s Office arrested a student at Marcellus High School in Marcellus, New York October 10 and accused him of making two false threats that forced officials to lock down the school for more than 3 hours. According to police, the male called 911 anonymously and reported a student was armed with a weapon and planned to kill his peers. The sheriff said the teen — posing as someone else — named himself as the armed student. Sheriff’s deputies and the State police responded and the school was put on lockdown, according to the sheriff’s office. Authorities and school personnel determined the student accused of planning to harm students was not in school and he was at his Marcellus home. Sheriff’s deputies then received a text reporting a bomb threat in the school. Police dogs were dispatched to assist. The student was charged with one count of first-degree falsely reporting an incident and one count of third-degree falsely reporting an incident.
Source: http://auburnpub.com/news/local/marcellus-high-school-student-arrested-for-making-false-threats-that/article_4e006cea-625c-5ce1-babe-ce823fdf26f5.html
41. *October 10, Associated Press* – (Alaska) **1 treated in Sitka boiler explosion.** A contractor was hospitalized October 10 when a boiler exploded at the Coast Guard’s main hangar in Sitka, Alaska. The Coast Guard said in a release it reported the biomass boiler explosion to Sitka authorities. The Daily Sitka Sentinel reported the worker was treated and released from the hospital and back at the air station later in the day. Two other biomass boilers were taken offline as the Coast Guard investigates the cause of the explosion. Biomass boilers burn wood pellets instead of oil. The Coast Guard said Air Station Sitka recently switched to a biomass system, the first for the service in

Alaska.

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2012/10/10/4900548/1-treated-in-sitka-boiler-explosion.html>

42. *October 10, KWTW 9 Oklahoma City* – (Oklahoma) **OKCPS tightens security after middle school stabbing.** October 10, leaders of Oklahoma City Public Schools (OKCPS) said they tightened security across the district after a stabbing at Roosevelt Middle School. A 7th grade student got through metal detectors with the knife he used to stab another student at lunch October 8. All secondary campuses in the district have walk-through metal detectors, but police reports show the student at Roosevelt got through by putting the knife in his shoe. “We’ve identified what problem we’ve had in our process and corrected it, not only at Roosevelt but all of our secondaries,” said the OKCPS chief operating officer, who heads security at the district’s schools. He noted no security system is perfect. “You’ve got to understand we’re wandering and scanning over 20,000 secondary students on a daily basis, so something like this happening is an anomaly.” Police reports also showed the attacking student had a box blade hidden in his pants. He faces a charge of assault and battery with a deadly weapon, and carrying a weapon on school grounds. That student was suspended from school for a year.
Source: <http://www.news9.com/story/19789017/okcps-tightens-security-after-middle-school-stabbing>
43. *October 10, University of Connecticut Daily Campus* – (Connecticut) **Electrical emergency caused by exploded transformer.** A transformer in front of the Charles B. Gentry School of Education Building exploded and caught fire October 10, leaving several buildings on the University of Connecticut (UConn) campus in Storrs, Connecticut, without power and leading UConn emergency response personnel to block off parts of a road. Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P) and the UConn electrical department were still investigating the cause of the explosion. The UConn fire chief said there was no danger and the area was evacuated as a precaution. Wood Hall and Jorgensen would remain without power until CL&P and the UConn electrical department are able to repair the switchbox, he said. The explosion also took the UConn server offline, and students could not access UConn sites, log into library computers, or use email. UConn students were notified by the UConn alert system that there was an “electrical emergency” and to “stay clear of the area until further notice.” Some rooms in the Gentry Building were closed, including the department of educational psychology. After several hours, all power on campus was restored and UConn officials sent out a message that said the emergency had ended.
Source: http://www.dailycampus.com/news/electrical-emergency-caused-by-exploded-transformer-1.2924453#.UHbzKK6_E3M
44. *October 10, WSOC 9 Charlotte* – (North Carolina) **Boil advisory issued for Boone after water main break.** Schools in Watauga County, North Carolina closed October 10 after a water main break occurred October 9. A spokesman for Boone Public Works said an 8-inch water pipe ruptured on Highway 321 while a contractor was working on the road. Both Hardin Park Elementary and Watauga High schools were closed. The break was repaired, but town officials said residents should continue to boil water until they can test the system for contamination. The schools were closed after officials said

they could not supply enough water for students and for food preparations.

Source: <http://www.wsocvt.com/news/news/local/watauga-co-schools-close-after-water-main-break/nSY4K/>

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Emergency Services Sector

45. *October 11, Associated Press* – (North Carolina) **Private prison guards arrested for taking bribes.** Two guards at a private prison in North Carolina were charged with accepting bribes to smuggle in cellphones and cigarettes, the Associated Press reported October 11. The two worked as correctional officers at Rivers Correctional Institution in Winton, North Carolina. According to a federal criminal indictment made public October 10, one guard was charged with conspiracy to commit bribery and acceptance of a bribe, while the other was charged with accepting a bribe. The indictment alleges that the two had been smuggling contraband into the prison since early 2011.
Source: <http://www.digtriad.com/news/article/249407/57/Two-Prison-Guards-Charged-With-Accepting-Bribes>
46. *October 11, Springfield State Journal-Register* – (Illinois) **Security tightened at Municipal Center East.** Stricter security measures are in place at one of Springfield, Illinois' downtown municipal buildings, the Springfield State Journal-Register reported October 11. Visitors to Municipal Center East, which houses the police department, mayor's office, and City Water, Light and Power administrative offices, now have to show photo identification and provide details about their visit. The changes are a result of two recent audits of the police department - one by the FBI and another by State police. Visitors to the police department's front desk do not need to show identification. No security changes have occurred at Municipal Center West, which includes other city offices such as the city clerk, treasurer, public works, budget office, and council chambers.
Source: <http://www.sj-r.com/breaking/x684456996/Security-tightened-at-Municipal-Center-East>
47. *October 10, KFSN 30 Fresno* – (California) **Clovis man arrested after laser attack.** A man is in jail facing possible federal charges for shining a laser at a Fresno, California County Sheriff's helicopter, KFSN 30 Fresno reported October 10. Authorities said the pilot was flying a Fresno County Sheriff's helicopter when he radioed officers to report someone was pointing a laser at the aircraft. Clovis police said two deputies on the helicopter were searching for a man wanted for a domestic dispute when the incident happened. Authorities had given up the search to figure out where the laser came from, when the helicopter guided officers to the source of the red laser. Clovis Police arrested a man near the Sierra Vista Mall. Authorities contacted the FBI to see if additional federal charges can be filed against the man.
Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/kfsn/story?section=news/local&id=8841456>
48. *October 10, Associated Press* – (Wisconsin) **FBI to investigate death in Wis. police custody.** The FBI launched a federal civil rights investigation into the death of a man

who died in Milwaukee police custody, the Associated Press reported October 10. The man died in July 2011 after struggling to breathe in the back of a squad car. The Milwaukee County medical examiner changed the manner of his death in September from natural to homicide following an investigation by the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. In a statement October 10, the Milwaukee police chief said he has told federal officials they are open to the investigation and will cooperate fully. There is also a State criminal inquest into the death being overseen by a former Milwaukee County judge. Source: <http://www.wbay.com/story/19787199/fbi-to-investigate-death-in-wis-police-custody>

49. *October 10, WCCO 4 Minneapolis* – (Minnesota) **After workplace shooting, Mpls. changes 911 procedures.** The city of Minneapolis is making a change with how it deals with 9-1-1 calls. It comes almost 2 weeks after Minnesota's worst workplace shooting, WCCO 4 Minneapolis reported October 10. At least four people called 9-1-1 from the scene of Accent Signage and never got through to a dispatcher. In all, seven people died in that attack September 27, including the gunman. The day of the attack, there were six 9-1-1 operators working alongside seven dispatchers. September 27, there were 65 calls from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. — 16 were related to the shooting. In the police report, two Accent employees said they called 9-1-1 and it just kept ringing. Police arrived on scene 5 minutes after the first call to 9-1-1. The average response time to a call is more than 8 minutes. Now instead of a continued ring, if a call cannot be answered in 10 seconds, the caller will hear a recorded message urging the caller to stay on the line if it is safe to do so.

Source: <http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2012/10/10/after-workplace-shooting-mpls-changes-911-procedures/>

50. *October 8, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Bomb squad response outside Seattle FBI office.** Several streets in downtown Seattle were reopened October 8 after a bomb squad destroyed a suspicious device outside FBI offices. TV reporters at the scene said federal security agents reported the device and the Seattle police bomb squad used a robot to destroy it with a controlled blast. Police said on Twitter the situation is being managed by federal agencies.

Source:

http://seattletimes.com/html/localnews/2019373490_apwaseattlebombresponse1std.html

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Information Technology Sector

51. *October 11, IDG News Service* – (International) **Firefox 16 removed from installer page after vulnerability found.** Mozilla temporarily removed Firefox 16 from the current installer page after it found a security vulnerability in the new version of its browser, it said October 10. The vulnerability could allow a malicious site to potentially determine which Web Sites users have visited and have access to the uniform resource locator (URL) or URL parameters, the director of security assurance at Mozilla said. Mozilla does not however have any information that the vulnerability is

currently being “exploited in the wild,” he added. It is working on a fix and planned to ship updates October 11.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9232278/Firefox_16_removed_from_installer_page_after_vulnerability_found

52. *October 11, Softpedia* – (International) **Facebook develops ‘extensive system’ to fix phone number leakage issue.** A security researcher recently demonstrated that he could collect a large number of usernames and phone numbers from Facebook customers by leveraging a privacy flaw. Initially Facebook representatives said there was nothing they could do about it, highlighting the fact that “it’s a feature, not a bug.” However, after the media picked up on the researcher’s findings, Facebook “developed an extensive system” to prevent the misuse of the search functionality. The expert confirmed a mitigation mechanism was established — the accounts of users who try to look up a wide range of phone numbers are suspended for 24 hours.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Facebook-Develops-Extensive-System-to-Fix-Phone-Number-Leakage-Issue-298583.shtml>
53. *October 10, IDG News Service* – (International) **A better reason to avoid Huawei routers: Code from the ‘90s.** A security researcher has a more compelling reason to avoid routers from Huawei Technologies than fears about their ownership. While the company blasted for its opaque relationship with China’s government in a U.S. intelligence report released October 8, a bigger worry for some is what is inside its routers. “The code quality is pretty much from the ‘90s,” said the researcher, who analyzed the software inside Huawei’s home and enterprise routers, and runs Reurity Labs, a security consultancy. He will speak October 11 at the Hack in the Box security conference and discuss the vulnerabilities he and a fellow researcher disclosed earlier in 2012 along with an overview of Huawei’s security. When the researcher began looking at Huawei’s routers, the firm did not have a prominent product security team, he said. However, since he and his colleague detailed vulnerabilities in the firmware of Huawei’s AR18 series routers, which are meant for homes, and its AR29 series routers, intended for small enterprises, at the Defcon conference in July, “they seem to be trying to ramp up product security in a visible way right now,” he said.
Source:
http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9232229/A_better_reason_to_avoid_Huawei_routers_Code_from_the_90s
54. *October 10, Softpedia* – (International) **Experts warn users to beware of ‘Apple ID Cancelled’ phishing scam.** Cybercriminals are once again out to acquire Apple customers’ IDs with the aid of a malicious spam campaign that is designed to lure users to a phishing Web site. The emails, entitled “Apple ID Cancelled,” inform the recipient that “Your Apple ID has been temporarily suspended! Somebody else just tried to sign in into your Apple account from another IP address. Please re-confirm your identity today or your account will be suspended due to concerns we have for the safety and integrity of the Apple Community. Please click here to Activate your Apple ID [link].” Websense experts reveal that users who click on the link are taken to a page that replicates the legitimate My Apple ID site with a log-in form. However, customers who

provide their credentials and select the “Sign In” button are not actually logging in to Apple’s services, but instead are providing their credentials to cyber criminals.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Experts-Warn-Users-to-Beware-of-Apple-ID-Cancelled-Phishing-Scam-298468.shtml>

55. *October 10, Threatpost* – (International) **Deluge of election-related spam, threats begins.** In the wake of the presidential debate the week of October 1, a wave of malicious, election-tinged spam began to hit Internet users. According to a Websense researcher, the spam email messages that look as if they are trying to gauge users’ interest in the candidates are leading to sites hosting the BlackHole Exploit kit code. The post claims attackers are using thousands of emails containing malicious .pdf, .jar, and .exe files to dupe users into compromising their systems. The post shows a fake email allegedly sent by “CNN Breaking News,” yet the links lead to a site hosting obfuscated BlackHole exploit kit 2.0 code.
Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/deluge-election-related-spam-threats-begins-101012

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Communications Sector

56. *October 11, Jackson Hole News & Guide* – (Wyoming) **After three silent days, KHOL returns to the air.** A power outage on Rendezvous Mountain in Wyoming, blew out a piece of KHOL 89.1 FM Jackson’s transmitter over the weekend of October 6, putting the community radio station off the air for 3 days. The damaged piece of equipment had to be sent back to its manufacturer, repaired, and returned to Jackson, the station president said. The power went out October 7 on the tower the station uses to transmit its signal. The power came back on October 8, but the station still did not get its signal back. A piece of the transmitter, called an exciter, had blown out. The station summoned its engineer to check the equipment, and the part was shipped for repairs and then sent back. By October 10, the signal was back up.
Source: http://www.jhnewsandguide.com/article.php?art_id=9114
57. *October 11, Purdue Exponent* – (Indiana) **Damaged wires are cause of problems with AT&T services.** Any problems experienced with West Lafayette, Indiana’s AT&T phone services since October 5, should be alleviated by the end of the week of October 8, according to a city official. The West Lafayette public works director and engineer said the issues with AT&T landline, Internet, and cellphone services began after fiber

optic and telephone wires were cut during a construction project October 5. The general manager of Frontier Communications in Lafayette said 1,500-4,300 pairs of wire have been restored already, and 2,700 pairs were still out of service. Additionally, 1,100 customers' landlines were still being affected by the damage. Cellphone service, however, was restored October 6.

Source: http://www.purdueexponent.org/campus/article_0cd8e030-6912-52f9-a03c-7d4b37c36ef7.html

58. *October 10, Sacramento Bee* – (California) **Software problem knocks Clear Channel-owned stations off air.** The technical problem that knocked several California Clear Channel-owned stations from the radio airwaves October 10 was traced to a software problem, a local spokesman for the media company said. Engineers at Clear Channel responded and got the stations back on the air as quickly as possible. The disruption lasted roughly 2 hours.

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2012/10/10/4898933/clear-channel-stations.html>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

59. *October 11, Martinsville Bulletin* – (Virginia) **Fire damages building, displaces 25 residents.** An apartment building fire October 10 displaced 11 families but caused no injuries. The fire occurred at the three-story brick Spruce Street Apartments in Martinsville, Virginia. A Martinsville firefighter used a chain saw to cut through the roof, stated the property manager. He said early indications were that the fire started in a three-bedroom unit at the top right corner on the back of the building. The four top units in the building likely had the most damage, he said, and the bottom units likely will have water damage from the firefighting efforts. All the units in the building had been damaged in some way. The property manager estimated 25 people lived in the 11 occupied apartments in the 12-unit building. The building, which was constructed around the mid 1960s, was valued at around \$400,000, he estimated. The property manager said rebuilding probably would cost \$300,000.

Source: <http://www.martinsvillebulletin.com/article.cfm?ID=35025>

60. *October 11, WOOD 8 Grand Rapids* – (Michigan) **Squirrel torched to eat; apts destroyed.** A fire that displaced more than two dozen people from their apartments in Holland Township, Michigan was started by a resident burning off a squirrel's fur, the local fire chief said October 11. The fire at one of the buildings in the ClearView Apartments October 10 heavily damaged dozens of units and left many people displaced. The fire chief confirmed the fire was started when a resident attempted to use a propane torch to remove a squirrel's fur before eating it. The fire got out of control and soon spread to the roof, which eventually caved in. Both the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department and the Holland Charter Township fire department were on scene within minutes of the fire starting. They called on Zeeland's fire department to assist. Eight apartments were destroyed and several others sustained smoke and water damage. Even though 29 of the 32 units were occupied, not a single person or pet was injured. A representative from the fire department said people would be displaced for at

least a few days, if not longer, until they finished their investigation and make sure the complex was safe to live in.

Source: http://www.woodtv.com/dpp/news/local/ottawa_county/clearview-apartment-holland-twp-fire-101012

61. *October 11, USA Today* – (Colorado) **Aurora shooting suspect faces new charges.** Prosecutors October 11 added 14 counts of attempted murder to the charges against the suspect in the July 20 Aurora, Colorado theater shooting. Prosecutors also amended five other counts that the man already faced. Details about the new charges were not made public. The man is accused of donning body armor and killing 12 people and injuring 58 after opening fire in a movie theater during a crowded midnight film premiere. He already faces multiple murder and attempted-murder charges.
Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2012/10/11/holmes-aurora-murder-theater-batman/1627229/>
62. *October 10, Your News Now Austin* – (Texas) **Most residents to return to Las Palmas after city code investigation.** Some east Austin, Texas families would be allowed to go home October 11 after they were evacuated from their residences October 9. Fifty people from 16 families were evacuated from the Las Palmas apartments after the ground shifted, and a resident began to notice cracks appearing in the walls and floors. The families of Las Palmas had housing advocates, city officials, and the property owner on their side while they worked together all day to investigate an unstable second floor walkway. “All indications lead to some type of joist or support beam that was compromised as the building aged and the foundation shifted,” the property owner said. The concerns at Las Palmas are common in buildings more than 20 years old. All but three residents were expected to be able to return by October 11. Those three tenants would be relocated to other 1-bedroom apartments on the property.
Source: http://austin.ynn.com/content/top_stories/288738/most-residents-to-return-to-las-palmas-after-city-code-investigation
63. *October 10, WTAE 4 Pittsburgh* – (Pennsylvania) **ATF probes 5-alarm fire at antique rug business.** A five-alarm fire gutted an antique and Oriental rug showroom, destroying much of its merchandise and causing an estimated \$1 million in damage. Firefighters from McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania, were called to Linder’s October 10. They had a tough time battling flames at the building, a former church dating back to the early 1900s. The words “Iran” and “terrorist” were found spray-painted on the business, which is owned by a person from the Middle East. The Allegheny County fire marshal told the media that a hate crime may have been committed, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives was called to help with the investigation.
Source: <http://www.wtae.com/news/local/allegheny/ATF-probes-5-alarm-fire-at-antique-rug-business/-/10927008/16925848/-/qcgiqz/-/index.html>
64. *October 10, KWCH 12 Hutchinson* – (Kansas) **Old Town hotel to reopen Friday after water main break.** A major water main break in the Old Town area of Wichita, Kansas prompted an evacuation and road closure October 10. The Courtyard at Marriott Hotel evacuated after the break knocked out power, smashed a window, and flooded the hotel’s basement. More than 100 people were moved to other hotels in the

area. After the water main broke, rocks flew from the ruptured pipe and smashed a window where a guest was sleeping. Mosley Street between Second and Third Street was closed all day because of the water main break. The hotel was closed the rest of October 10 and 11. Hotel officials said it would reopen the afternoon of October 12. Source: <http://www.kwch.com/news/kwch-jab-water-main-break-prompts-traffic-problems-near-old-town-20121010,0,2499037.story>

65. *October 10, Southern Maryland Newspapers Online* – (Maryland) **Potomac Heights Baptist Church set on fire.** Someone set fire to the chapel at Potomac Heights Baptist Church in Indian Head, Maryland, October 10, causing about \$80,000 in damage. The fire was discovered by a church employee, who called 9-1-1 after seeing smoke billowing out of the church. The flames burned out prior to arrival of the Potomac Heights and Naval Surface Warfare Center, Indian Head Division fire departments, meaning a school housed inside the church did not have to close for the day. Investigators determined that accelerants were poured into the sanctuary through a broken window and ignited. The fire damaged carpeting, four upholstered chairs, and the interior wall of the church before burning out. The deputy chief State fire marshal said the fire was “definitely an arson” and that most of the damage was a result of soot and smoke.
Source:
<http://www.somdnews.com/article/20121010/NEWS/710109377/1229/potomac-heights-baptist-church-set-on-fire&template=southernMaryland>

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66. *October 11, KING 5 Seattle* – (Washington) **Table Mountain fire contained, smoke clears out.** The Table Mountain fire in Kittitas County, Washington, was fully contained the week of October 8. It burned 43,312 acres between Cle Elum and Ellensburg. The fire started over the weekend of September 9 by a lightning storm. The combined smoke from the Table Mountain and nearby Wenatchee Complex fires choked central Washington with hazardous air for weeks.
Source:
<http://www.nwcn.com/home/?fId=173725731&fPath=/news/local&fDomain=10212>
67. *October 11, Minneapolis Star Tribune* – (Minnesota) **Arson suspected in northern Minnesota wildfire.** Fire investigators said a wildfire that destroyed 11 homes in Karlstad, Minnesota, the week of October 1 appeared to have been deliberately set, the Minneapolis Star Tribune reported October 11. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) said a \$6,000 reward is being offered for information that helps identify the person who set it. A DNR forestry program coordinator and manager of the investigation said the suspicion is based on evidence found at the origin of what became known as the County 27 fire. It was one of at least eight fires that blazed across northwest Minnesota. It is possible some of the other fires might also have been set;

they were being investigated as well. Two days after the fire started, firefighters were battling it on the south side of Karlstad. That forced the evacuation of 69 residents of a nursing home and assisted living center, as well as other homes and businesses. Hundreds of firefighters are still working across the region, including 180 on the 4,400-acre North Minnie fire, north of Red Lake, which October 10 was 35 percent contained. Source: <http://www.startribune.com/local/173620621.html?refer=y>

68. *October 10, Longmont Times-Call* – (Colorado) **Rocky Mountain National Park fire burns 400 acres.** A wildfire burning near Fern Lake in Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado grew to 400 acres October 10 as crews battled the flames from the ground and air. The fire remained uncontained, and high winds grounded a helicopter. However, that craft, a second helicopter, and a single engine air tanker were expected to return to the air October 11. No structures were threatened, and smoke was visible from Estes Park. Trail Ridge Road remained open, however, Bear Lake Road, Upper Beaver Meadows Road, and Moraine Park Campground were closed. Trails west of Bear Lake Road and south of Trail Ridge Road also were closed. And, park officials have banned smoking and open fires in the backcountry area due to fire conditions. Source: http://www.timescall.com/news/longmont-local-news/ci_21742956/rocky-mountain-national-park-fire-burns-400-acres

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69. *October 10, WVUE 8 New Orleans* – (Louisiana) **Corps admits water level gauges failed during Isaac.** As a Category 1, Hurricane Isaac beat up on New Orleans for longer than many expected. For the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Isaac provided a limited test of the multi-billion dollar investment in flood protection since Hurricane Katrina flooded the city 7 years ago. While the storm surge from Isaac did not match the new protection, the Corps admitted there were problems with sensors placed along the 17th Street Canal and other outfall canals “There were four of the inside gauges that would come and go, and then a couple of them went out completely when we got to our maximum canal level,” the Corp’s 17th Street Canal captain said of the six gauges. The outages were intermittent and often lasted just a minute, he added. The water level in the 17th Street Canal should remain at 6.5 feet or lower, according to the Corps. At one point during Isaac, there was a flawed reading of 8 feet. The Corps said sensor problems never put the community at risk. The canal captain added their investigation indicated some gauges were positioned too low. But he said raising them too high could also cause problems with their stability during a storm. He said the Corps is also looking at getting some additional gauges with a different type of technology. Source: <http://www.fox8live.com/story/19788819/corps-admits-water-level-gauges>

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