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Energy Sector

1. *October 12, Casper Star-Tribune* – (Wyoming) **EPA fines Sinclair \$378,000 for violations at Rawlins refinery.** Sinclair Oil will pay a \$378,000 fine under a settlement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) stemming from a 2010 inspection of the company's troubled oil refinery near Rawlins, Wyoming, the agency announced October 11. The inspection showed Sinclair did not properly implement its risk management plan, a key requirement for the facility, which deals with a large range of toxic substances and hazardous gases, the EPA said. Under the terms of the deal, Sinclair will also update operating procedures for its process equipment, provide additional training to workers, improve maintenance of equipment, and perform integrity tests on pressure vessels and piping that will reduce the possibility of an accidental release of hazardous chemicals from the refinery, the EPA said.
Source: http://trib.com/business/energy/epa-fines-sinclair-for-violations-at-rawlins-refinery/article_ab4bb5b1-7acd-5ca6-b11c-32b025aad098.html
2. *October 12, Cincinnati Enquirer* – (Ohio; Kentucky) **9 indicted in copper thefts from Duke; 4 are ex-workers.** Federal prosecutors said nine men — including four former Duke Energy employees — stole copper wiring from the utility in Ohio and sold it to recycling centers in northern Kentucky. The men were indicted by a federal grand jury October 11, with conspiring to transport goods in interstate commerce, transporting stolen goods in interstate commerce, receiving stolen goods, and conspiracy to launder money. A former Duke maintenance and construction supervisor conspired with former co-workers to take copper wiring from Duke job sites and transport it to Kentucky, according to federal prosecutors. The crimes took place from 2006 to November 2010, according to a spokesman for the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky. Duke workers were supposed to take excess copper wire from construction sites to the utility's recycling plant in Cincinnati. Instead, the men sold it for cash to metal recycling facilities in Boone, Campbell, and Kenton counties and divided the proceeds.
Source: http://news.cincinnati.com/article/20121011/NEWS010701/310110218/9-indicted-in-copper-thefts-from-Duke?odyssey=tab|mostpopular|text|FRONTPAGE&nclick_check=1

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Chemical Industry Sector

3. *October 12, Willoughby News-Herald* – (Ohio) **Industrial fire breaks out in Painesville Township.** A huge industrial fire broke out early October 11 in Painesville Township, Ohio, and continued to burn into the night. The Painesville Township fire chief said the Hardy Industrial Technologies plant processes vegetable oil into cattle feed. After battling the blaze for 2 hours, fire crews began to evacuate from the area around the building because of the fire threatening rail cars near it. The fire chief said

the vegetable oil process contained in the cars was not dangerous by itself, but under pressure from the heat of the flames the tankers could vent, potentially causing a “catastrophic explosion.” He noted it was not worth the risk to put firefighters and equipment close to the tanks. There is a sprinkler system in the building, but the fire chief was not sure how effective it was or if it was working when the fire started. Officials planned for firefighters to remain on scene overnight into October 12 to put out any flare-ups.

Source: <http://news-herald.com/articles/2012/10/12/news/doc5076d3b17aec507265556.txt>

4. *October 11, Kitsap Sun* – (Washington) **EPA fines adhesives maker, which plans move from Bremerton to county.** Adhesives maker Westech Aerosol Corp. of Bremertown, Washington, was fined \$30,000 by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) October 11 for risk-management violations of the federal Clean Air Act. At any given time, Westech has about 10,000 pounds of the flammable chemicals propane and isobutane on its premises as it manufactures canisters of adhesives used in the fabrication of furniture, motor vehicles, boats, and in aerospace. But it failed to submit a required risk-management plan to the EPA, which came to light in a 2007 EPA inspection, said an agency spokeswoman.

Source: <http://www.kitsapsun.com/news/2012/oct/11/epa-fines-adhesives-maker-which-plans-move-from/>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

5. *October 12, Kennewick Tri-City Herald* – (Washington) **Material between Hanford tank walls apparently radioactive waste.** According to preliminary test results, a sample taken from between the inner and outer walls of a double-shell waste tank at the Hanford Site in Hanford, Washington, confirmed the material was consistent with the radioactive waste held in the tank, the Kennewick Tri-City Herald reported October 12. Finding waste outside the inner shell of Tank AY-102 was a first for a Hanford double-shell tank. The Department of Energy expects to know enough by the end of the week of October 15 to declare whether or not the tank is leaking from its inner shell. Hanford has 56 million gallons of radioactive and hazardous chemical waste held in underground tanks until they can be treated for disposal. The waste is being pumped from leak-prone single-shell tanks, some of them built as early as World War II, into 28 newer double-shell tanks. The double-shell tanks might have to hold waste for as long as another 40 years until all the waste can be treated.

Source: <http://www.bellinghamherald.com/2012/10/12/2725932/material-between-hanford-tank.html>

6. *October 12, Nuclear Power International* – (South Carolina) **NRC to increase oversight at South Carolina nuclear power plant.** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) said October 12 that it will increase oversight at Duke Energy’s

two-unit, 2,258 MW Catawba nuclear power plant in York, South Carolina due to violations linked to an event in April where the plant temporarily lost offsite power. The NRC said the two violations involved an incorrect modification to a Unit 1 generator protective relay that resulted in the loss of offsite power event. The NRC determined that the violation for Unit 1 was appropriately characterized as “white,” meaning it has low to moderate safety significance. The violation for Unit 2 was found to be “green,” or very low safety significance.

Source: <http://www.power-eng.com/articles/2012/10/nrc-to-increase-oversight-at-south-carolina-nuclear-power-plant.html>

7. *October 12, Agence France-Presse* – (International) **Japan’s TEPCO admits downplaying tsunami risk.** The operator of the crippled Fukushima nuclear plant in Japan admitted October 12 it played down the risks of a tsunami to the facility for fear of the financial and regulatory costs. The report said that before the huge waves of March 2011 smashed into the plant, the company was aware defenses against natural disasters were not sufficient but did not act because of the possible consequences. “There was a latent fear that plant shutdown would be required until severe accident measures were put in place,” Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO) said in a report. The company document, entitled “Fundamental Policy for the Reform of TEPCO Nuclear Power Organization”, said insufficient planning was done to prepare for a natural disaster at the plant.
8. *October 11, Allentown Morning Call* – (Pennsylvania) **Radioactive waste from Allentown’s arena site removed from Lower Saucon landfill.** Radioactive material found in debris from the demolition site of Allentown, Pennsylvania’s planned hockey arena has been disposed of 10 months after it was found, the Allentown Morning Call reported October 11. The material, which contains radium 226 isotope, was found January 7 when it arrived at the IESI Bethlehem Landfill in Lower Saucon Township. IESI is not permitted to accept and dispose of radium 226. The debris was not considered a serious threat at the time, but officials isolated the material until it could be disposed of, according to township documents. Earlier in October, officials from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) expressed concern that the material was still on site several months later. The radioactive material, which officials said was embedded in grit from the demolition site, was transported by Philotechnics Ltd., a radiological services company, and the Toxco Co. Philotechnics conducted a survey of the area where the radioactive material was stored and concluded the site was not affected by the waste. DEP officials also tested the site October 11 and indicated that it was not affected, the IESI district manager said.

Source: http://articles.mcall.com/2012-10-11/news/mc-lower-saucon-radiation-arena-allentown-contamin-20121011_1_lower-saucon-landfill-samuel-donato-iesi-officials

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

9. *October 12, Associated Press* – (National) **Feds investigate steering in Hyundai Santa Fe.** U.S. safety regulators are investigating a steering problem in Hyundai Santa Fe sport utility vehicles (SUV), the Associated Press reported October 12. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) said a fastener can come loose, causing the steering shaft to come apart and drivers to lose control of the vehicle. The investigation covers about 70,000 Santa Fes from the 2011 model year. It will determine if the problem is bad enough for Hyundai to recall the SUVs. NHTSA said one driver complained about a complete loss of steering. Hyundai also received a complaint that a loose bolt caused a similar problem.
Source: http://mdjonline.com/view/full_story/20471817/article-Feds-investigate-steering-in-Hyundai-Santa-Fe-?instance=secondary_story_left_column
10. *October 11, Door County Daily News* – (Wisconsin) **Three firefighters injured in fire at Bay Ship.** Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin firefighters responded October 11 to put out a fire that started inside an under-construction barge in the large graving dock at Bay Shipbuilding. The Sturgeon Bay fire chief said the fire was small and involved wood planking and staging that caught fire, but it was down about three levels and difficult to get to because of baffles in the barge's tank and small-diameter hatches the firefighters had to crawl through. The chief said two firefighters suffered from heat exhaustion. A third sustained a head laceration. All were treated on scene by county paramedics. The fire chief said that the fire likely was caused by sparks from a burning torch or welding arc.
Source:
<http://www.doorcountydailynews.com/news/details.cfm?clientid=28&id=49862>
11. *October 10, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **Sharper Image USB wall chargers recalled by Atomi due to fire and burn hazards.** The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with Atomi of New York City, October 10 announced a voluntary recall of about 80,000 Sharper Image USB wall chargers. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. The chargers can overheat and smoke, posing fire and burn hazards. Atomi received 13 reports of the chargers overheating, smoking, and producing acrid smells. The chargers were sold at Burlington Coat Factory, Tuesday Morning, and TJ Maxx stores, and on various Web sites from October 2011 through September 2012.
Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml13/13007.html>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Banking and Finance Sector

12. *October 12, Softpedia* – (International) **Experts: Banks should review authentication procedures to prevent trojan attacks.** According to a report released by security firm RSA, U.S. financial institutions should expect to become the targets of cyberattacks. The firm was not referring to the recent distributed denial-of-service (DDOS) attacks launched by hackers, but the campaign called Project Blitzkrieg, Softpedia reported October 12. Project Blitzkrieg is said to rely on a trojan called Gozi Primumalka to intercept wire transfers made by the banks' customers with the purpose of emptying their accounts. To ensure success, the initiators want to target 30 unnamed banks with the help of 100 botmasters that could help in sustaining the attacks. Researchers from information security firm Solutionary once again highlighted that this operation leverages the weak state of security surrounding financial institutions, especially those from the United States. "Solutionary highly recommends banks review authentication procedures for wire transfers" a research analyst at Solutionary's Security Engineering Research Team explained. The expert warned that directly or indirectly this campaign will result in a DDOS attack and regular users, as well as the targeted firms, should be prepared to handle it. That is because the botnets utilized in massive DDOS attacks often composed of work or home computers.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Experts-Banks-Should-Review-Authentication-Procedures-to-Prevent-Trojan-Attacks-298953.shtml>
13. *October 12, Rochester Democrat and Chronicle* – (New York) **4 charged in bank robbery spree.** Four people are facing felony charges in connection with five recent bank robberies in Monroe County, New York suburbs, the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle reported October 11. The four were all charged with second-degree robbery, Monroe County sheriff's deputies announced. All four people are accused of participating in five bank robberies in five communities since September 22. The group is accused of robbing an M&T Bank and a Chase Bank October 9; a Bank of America October 3; and two Chase Bank branches September 22 and 29.
Source:
http://www.democratandchronicle.com/article/20121011/NEWS01/310110036/4-charged-in-bank-robbery-spreed?odyssey=nav|head&ncklick_check=1
14. *October 12, Traders Magazine* – (National) **SEC automating analysis of suspicious trading patterns.** The Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) said October 11 that the SEC is upgrading its investigative technology so it can identify "suspicious trading patterns and relationships among multiple traders and across multiple securities." She told the 2012 New England Securities Conference that the SEC will use "newly-developed analytics" to spot abuses. A new Market Abuse Unit has spearheaded the analysis project for the Division of Enforcement. With the tool, "staff are able to search across this database to recognize suspicious trading patterns and identify relationships and connections among multiple traders and across multiple securities, generating significant enforcement leads and investigative entry points," according to the enforcement's division director. The agency also has put in place an Aberrational Performance Inquiry team that focuses on identifying hedge fund managers that may be engaging in fraudulent practices. The agency is also using an "e-

discovery” system to make wide searches of data produced for the agency by the securities industry to find “needles that might have been missed or overlooked.” That system will be integrated with other tools, including technology that allows phonetic searches of voice recordings, to find leads.

Source: <http://www.tradersmagazine.com/news/sec-automates-identification-suspicious-trading-110401-1.html?pg=1>

15. *October 11, WIBC 93.1 FM Indianapolis* – (National) **FBI Seeking ‘Ray Bandit’**. Federal authorities are looking for a bank robber they are calling the “Ray Bandit” who has held up at least 10 banks across the Midwest, WIBC 93.1 FM Indianapolis reported October 11. A FBI official said the suspect hit his tenth bank in Omaha, Nebraska, October 10, and suspects he may be a resident of Illinois or Iowa. The suspect is often in disguise and usually wears wide-brimmed hats, Ray Ban-type sunglasses, a beard, and band aids or thimbles on his fingers. The suspect’s robberies began in July and have been in banks based in grocery stores — two in Wisconsin, one in Iowa, six in Illinois, two in Indiana, and officials believe he may be behind one in Nebraska.

Source: <http://www.wibc.com/news/Story.aspx?ID=1789366>

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Transportation Sector

16. *October 12, KGTV 10 San Diego* – (California) **Big rig crashes on southbound SR-163 at SR-52 onramp**. The westbound onramp to State Route 52 from State Route 163 was reopened after a big rig crash early October 12. The crash in Kearny Mesa, California, shut down the westbound onramp for over 4.5 hours. The driver of the gas tanker was on the transition ramp when it lost control and crashed, according to police. Firefighters and a hazardous material team were called to the scene to clean up the fuel leaking from the truck. The driver was treated at the scene and a SigAlert was issued. Source: <http://www.10news.com/news/big-rig-crashes-on-southbound-sr-163-at-sr-52-onramp>
17. *October 12, Associated Press* – (California) **Four-alarm blaze disrupts SF Muni service**. A four-alarm blaze in San Francisco’s West Portal neighborhood forced the closure of a municipal transportation tunnel. The fire at the Squat and Gobble restaurant broke out October 12. A fire chief said it looked like the fire was coming from the restaurant’s kitchen area. She said one firefighter was treated at the scene for smoke inhalation, but there were no other reports of injuries. Inbound M and K Muni lines were disrupted. Muni set up a bus bridge at the St. Francis Circle station to bring people into the downtown area. Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_21757847/four-alarm-blaze-disrupts-sf-muni-service

18. *October 11, Associated Press* – (California) **17 hurt in Victorville, Calif., school bus crash.** A school bus carrying 40 children was knocked on its side October 11 when a U-Haul truck backed into it, injuring 16 students and the bus driver, authorities said. The crash occurred as the children were being taken home from Galileo Academy in Victorville, California, about 60 miles northeast of Los Angeles. Two of the children had “serious but non-life threatening” injuries and were taken to a medical center, said a spokeswoman for San Bernardino County fire. Ten others were also transported to hospitals. The remaining four were treated and released at the scene, said a California Highway Patrol officer. One of the children seriously injured suffered a laceration to the head, and the other possibly had a broken leg, he said. Parents were contacted by school and transportation officials, and came to the scene of the accident to pick up their children.
Source: <http://www.boston.com/news/education/2012/10/11/hurt-victorville-calif-school-bus-crash/Nypzn2c2hquQlpVIXTP5PP/story.html>
19. *October 11, Orange County Register* – (California) **Truck carrying 1,600 pounds of live fish flips in Irvine.** A crash involving two vehicles and a truck carrying 1,600 pounds of live fish shut down a busy intersection in Irvine, California, October 11. The Orange County Fire Authority’s HAZMAT unit was called to Walnut and Yale avenues after officials found the truck was carrying several tanks of pure oxygen, said an authority captain. The oxygen was being used to keep saltwater bass alive as the fish were being taken to a market, he said. The crash caused the truck to flip on its side. The HAZMAT unit cleaned up the oxygen tanks and diesel that spilled, and the intersection was reopened after several hours.
Source: <http://www.ocregister.com/news/truck-374262-crash-carrying.html>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

20. *October 12, Associated Press* – (Missouri) **Rural carrier’s mail truck catches fire in mid-Mo.** A fire that engulfed a rural mail truck destroyed hundreds of pieces of mail and several packages. The U.S. Postal Service said the mail carrier was near the mid-Missouri town of Smithton October 9 when his sport utility vehicle stalled. After pushing his SUV into a driveway, the carrier called a supervisor to take him to get a part needed to make a repair. The Sedalia Democrat reported the SUV was in flames when the carrier returned. A Postal Service spokeswoman said the driver made only 30 of the more than 400 deliveries on his route. She said the fire, and water used to extinguish it “completely destroyed” most of the mail. The salvageable pieces will be sent out as soon as possible.
Source: <http://www.bnd.com/2012/10/12/2357919/rural-carriers-mail-truck-catches.html>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

21. *October 12, Softpedia* – (International) **Turkish hackers leak details of 50,000 users from Pepsi Hungary.** A member of the Turkish Agent Hacker Group, claims to have breached the official Web site of Pepsi Hungary, Softpedia reported October 12. As a result of the breach – which targeted the 3d.pepsi.hu domain – the details of more than 50,000 users were posted on Pastebin. The information includes names, email addresses, clear text passwords, phone numbers, cities of residence, dates of birth, and registration dates. CyberWarNews said the hacker also altered the subdomain to redirect visitors to a defacement page on zonehmirrors.net. Several hours after the attack, the 3d.pepsi.hu domain still redirected visitors to zonehmirrors.net, which means Pepsi may not be aware of this incident.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Turkish-Hackers-Leak-Details-of-50-000-Users-from-Pepsi-Hungary-298933.shtml>
22. *October 12, Food Safety News* – (International) **Bagged salad recalled by Fresh Express in Canada.** California-based Fresh Express brand Hearts of Romaine bagged salad was recalled in Canada for possible Salmonella contamination, Food Safety News reported October 12. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) warned the salads should not be consumed. The recalled product, Fresh Express brand Hearts of Romaine salad, Product of U.S.A., is sold in 510 gram (18 ounce) packages, bearing UPC 0 71279 26201 7, production code S270A24, and Best Before Date OCT 11. The bagged salads were distributed in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario. However, the product may have reached other provinces and territories. The CFIA is working with the Canadian importers to remove the affected product from the marketplace.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/10/bagged-salad-recalled-by-fresh-express-in-canada/>
23. *October 11, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Velvet Ice Cream voluntarily recalls some ice cream containing peanut products.** Velvet Ice Cream, based in Utica, Ohio, announced a voluntary recall October 11 of some of its peanut butter flavored ice cream. The peanut products were sourced from Sunland, Inc. and may be contaminated with Salmonella. The recalled products were sold at convenience stores, small, independent retailers, and ice cream parlors in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia. The following flavors were recalled: Velvet Supreme Peanut Butter Cup, Velvet Peanut Butter Cup, and Velvet Buckeye Classic.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm323486.htm>
24. *October 11, Food Safety News* – (New York) **New York company recalls herring due to listeria risk.** A Brooklyn, New York food maker is recalling its herring product because the fish may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. Four Seasons Dairy Inc. issued a voluntary recall of its Fillet Atlantic Recipe in Oil October 10 after *Listeria* was discovered in a sample of the product taken by the New York Department of Agriculture and Markets. Sale of the product has since been suspended, according to the recall announcement. The product was sold at retail locations around New York City in a 1 pound/500 gram clear plastic tub with a white plastic lid. The expiration

date of 12/11/12 can be found on the label on the bottom of the package. Consumers who purchased the recalled fish are urged to discard it or return it to its place of purchase.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/10/new-york-company-recalls-herring-due-to-listeria-risk/>

25. *October 11, Food Safety News* – (National; International) **Final update on mango outbreak: 143 ill.** At least 143 people across 16 States fell ill with Salmonella from Mexican-grown mangoes beginning in July, according to final numbers from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Of those ill, at least 33 were hospitalized. Some 127 people in 15 states were stricken with Salmonella Braenderup, while another 16 in 3 states were sickened by Salmonella Worthington. Both outbreaks are presumed to be connected to mangoes grown by Agricola Daniella, which ships from Sinaloa, Mexico. October 11 marked the first announcement by the CDC on the Worthington outbreak, as well as its link to the Braenderup illnesses. September 12, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration placed Agricola Daniella on import alert, meaning that the company's products would be barred from entry to the United States until laboratory testing shows they are no longer contaminated. The company has multiple plantations and one packing house in Sinaloa.
- Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/10/final-update-on-mango-outbreak-includes-127-illnesses/>

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Water Sector

26. *October 12, Associated Press* – (Maine) **Jay police investigate theft of copper valued at \$5,000.** Jay police investigated the theft of about \$5,000 in used and new copper from the North Jay Water District building in Jay, Maine. A police spokesman told the Lewiston Sun Journal October 11 that the burglary is believed to have occurred October 8 or 9. The copper was reported missing October 10. New rolled copper and an assortment of fittings and some used copper were among the items taken.
- Source: <http://www.pressherald.com/news/maine-Jay-police-investigate-copper-theft-.html>
27. *October 12, Connecticut Post* – (Connecticut) **Large sewage spill fouls Stamford Harbor.** Fire and health department officials attempted to figure out how to deal with a large sewage spill on the East Branch of Stamford Harbor in Stamford Connecticut, the Connecticut Post reported October 12. The spill appeared too large to contain and when the tide turns, the floating, stinking mounds of effluent would be swept into the Sound. The spill was called in October 12, said the fire captain. At that time the mess was spread throughout the upper part of the East Branch of the Harbor around Czescik Marina and the nearby city wastewater treatment plant. The south wind then pushed much of the effluent with some dead fish over to the city marina's east shore. The deputy fire chief said the State Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

and the U.S. Coast Guard had been notified of the spill. Fire units were dispatched to the city's waste treatment plant to determine if that was where the spill came from.

Source: <http://www.ctpost.com/news/article/Large-sewage-spill-fouls-Stamford-Harbor-3942604.php>

28. *October 11, WBOC 16 Salisbury* – (Virginia) **Water service partially restored on Chincoteague Island.** Officials on Chincoteague Island, Virginia said water service has been restored to some parts of the island. A water main break on Willow Street left the entire island without water October 11. Officials said public works crews began work on the problem and water service was expected to be restored to the rest of the island soon. However, because of the outage, the island's elementary and high schools dismissed students early.
Source: <http://www.wboc.com/story/19793676/water-main-break-on-chincoteague>
29. *October 11, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (New Jersey) **EPA changes cleanup plan for polluted ground water at superfund site in South Portlan, New Jersey responds to input from public.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has finalized its plan to address contaminated ground water at the Cornell-Dubilier Electronics Superfund site in South Plainfield, New Jersey to prevent its use as a source of drinking water, a press release October 11 stated. In response to public input, the EPA is changing its proposed plan by deferring action on a portion of the ground water that may be adversely affecting the Bound Brook until further information is collected. The ground water affected by the site became contaminated with volatile organic compounds and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) from past industrial activities. The EPA said it now will monitor the ground water, and restrict its use. The EPA accepted and considered public input before finalizing the plan.
Source:
<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/79c090e81f0578738525781f0043619b/da99f7061d69fe1a85257a9400660ec8!OpenDocument>
30. *October 11, New Bern Sun Journal* – (North Carolina) **Camp Lejeune water treatment plant to remain offline.** The Hadnot Point Water Treatment Plant near the U.S. Marine Camp Lejeune in North Carolina remained offline following the discovery of 12 pounds of mercury inside pipes within the facility, base officials said October 10. Camp Lejeune contracted Shamrock Environmental Corporation to oversee the cleanup and investigation after the base initially found 8 pounds of elemental mercury in a pipe during routine maintenance. Shamrock found an extra 4 pounds of mercury after draining both treated-water reservoirs, then continued their investigation by using cameras in non-accessible areas to determine if mercury had settled within the plant's piping and reservoir system, said a base press release. The scan concluded October 9 and revealed the majority of the elemental mercury was captured where it was initially found. A Camp Lejeune spokesman said that because the mercury could not dissolve in water "any impact on human health from this mercury is exceptionally remote." The base is currently in the process of hiring another outside contractor to jet-clean all of the plant's piping, remove, and replace the media in the filter beds and clean out the two water reservoirs. It is likely the plant will remain offline longer than the 2 weeks initially projected, officials said.

Source: <http://www.newbernsj.com/news/local/camp-lejeune-water-treatment-plant-to-remain-offline-1.27690>

31. *October 11, Abilene Reporter-News* – (Texas) **Boil water notice for north-central Breckenridge.** The city of Breckenridge, Texas issued a 48-hour boil water notice October 11 due to an overnight water main break. Service crews were sent out to isolate the broken valve, but the city lost all the water in overhead and ground storage tanks before crew located the break, a Breckenridge city official said. “We told (residents) that the boil water notice will be in effect for a minimum of 48 hours” a Breckenridge city manager said. The city notified the hospital, prison, schools, and restaurants in the north-central area of town to use bottled water until the notice ends. Residents should bring water to a boil for 2 minutes and then cool before drinking it. Crews continued to work against the clock to get samples of the water in to city officials by to test the water for possible bacteria.
Source: <http://www.reporternews.com/news/2012/oct/11/boil-water-notice-northcentral-breckenridge/>
32. *October 11, WNCT 9 Greenville* – (North Carolina) **Boil water advisory issued for some New Bern residents.** There was a boil water advisory for folks along several streets in New Bern, North Carolina, WNCT 9 Greenville reported October 11. It followed a water main break. Residents along Midyette Avenue, Powell Street, Pinecrest Avenue, Richard Court, Christian Court, Karen Street, Taylor Street, Delsea Court, and the Pinecrest Mobile Home Park were urged to boil water or use bottled water for human consumption because of the break. City crews were already working to repair the water main break. They would also have to perform tests to make sure the water was safe to drink afterwards.
Source: <http://www2.wnct.com/news/2012/oct/11/boil-water-advisory-issued-some-new-bern-residents-ar-2684715/>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

33. *October 12, Associated Press* – (National) **Meningitis outbreak growing, 14 people dead.** Federal health officials have tracked down 12,000 of the roughly 14,000 people who may have received contaminated steroid shots in the nation’s growing meningitis outbreak, warning October 11 that patients will need to keep watch for symptoms of the deadly infection for months. Of the 170 people sickened in the outbreak, all but one had a rare fungal form of meningitis after receiving suspect steroid shots for back pain, the Centers for Disease Control said. The other case is an ankle infection discovered in Michigan; steroid shots also can be given to treat aching knees, shoulders or other joints. Fungus has been found in at least 50 vials of an injectable steroid medication made at a specialty compounding pharmacy in Massachusetts, investigators said. Health authorities have not yet said how they think the medication was contaminated, but they have ruled out other suspects — other products used in administering the shots

— and the focus continues to be on that pharmacy, the New England Compounding Center. Compounding pharmacies traditionally supply products that are not commercially available, unlike the steroid at issue in the outbreak. And a Massachusetts Department of Public Health doctor said it appears the company violated state law governing those pharmacies, which are not supposed to do large-scale production like a drug manufacturer. Instead, they are supposed to produce medication for patient-specific prescriptions, she said. Idaho became the 11th State to report at least one illness. The others are Florida, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, and Virginia.

Source:

<http://www.delawareonline.com/viewart/20121012/HEALTH/310120067/Meningitis-outbreak-growing-14-people-dead?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|Home>

34. *October 12, WDRB 41 Louisville* – (Indiana) **Jeffersonville authorities investigate explosive device.** A man apparently poured gas in a medical building in Jeffersonville, Indiana October 11. An employee at the Radiotherapy Clinics of Kentuckiana called police as he was locking up for the evening. “When he went to lock the doors he observed a strong smell of gasoline,” a Jeffersonville police detective said. He went to the waiting room area and saw a white male who appeared to be unconscious with a can of gasoline in his lap and a lighter in his hand, said the detective. The SWAT team was contacted and police said the man awoke and walked around inside the building before exiting. He was detained and taken to a hospital for treatment and evaluation. As SWAT Team members and fire officials searched the building, they encountered a potential HAZMAT situation. Police said officials made contact made with the State Emergency Operations Center. The concern was whether there was active radiation inside the building; however, a physicist and engineer determined that there was no active radiation source inside. Some streets surrounding the hospital area were temporarily closed. Police said this is still an ongoing investigation, but they do expect to file charges against the man.

Source: <http://www.wdrb.com/story/19800373/jeffersonville-authorities-investigate-suspicious-device>

35. *October 11, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Ohio; National) **US Labor Department’s OSHA cites nursing home care facility in Mt. Gilead, Ohio, for failing to protect workers from exposure to biological hazards.** The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has cited Columbus, Ohio-headquartered Atrium Centers LLC, which operates the Woodside Village Care Center in Mt. Gilead, with four health violations for exposing workers to biological hazards at the nursing care facility, the U.S. Department of Labor reported October 11. The violations were based on an OSHA inspection and proposed penalties total \$89,000. One repeat violation involves failing to include in the facility’s exposure control plan a list of tasks and procedures in which occupational exposure to biological hazards may occur. A second repeat violation involves failing to document annual evaluations of the exposure control plan and to implement safer needle devices as part of that evaluation. One serious violation is for failing to maintain an injury log for the recording of percutaneous injuries from contaminated sharps as required by OSHA’s blood-borne pathogens standard. Atrium Centers operates 43 skilled nursing and rehabilitation

facilities in Ohio, Kentucky, Michigan, and Wisconsin.

Source:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=23124

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Government Facilities Sector

36. *October 12, Associated Press* – (Idaho) **Rexburg ramps up cyber security after hacker test.** City officials in Rexburg, Idaho, are taking steps to bolster the protection of their computer network after a local college professor showed just how easy it could be to hack into the system, the Associated Press reported October 12. The professor needed fewer than 8 hours to hack his way into the network. Once inside, he said he could essentially gain access to whatever he wanted. He said he had the potential to delete or edit files, download malicious programs, and to identify password security codes. The city has nearly 200 individual computer work stations supported by 19 servers. However, over time, additions and modifications weakened security. October 11, the Rexburg Standard Journal reported that a city committee is recommending a plan to modernize its computer systems and tighten security.
Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2012/10/12/4905564/rexburg-ramps-up-cyber-security.html>
37. *October 12, KIVI 6 Nampa* – (Idaho) **Police looking for information on parking garage fire on Boise State campus.** The fire and police departments in Boise, Idaho, were investigating the cause of a fire in two parked cars on the top level of the Lincoln Parking garage on the Boise State University Campus October 11. No one was hurt and damage was confined to the two vehicles involved. Boise firefighters were called by a passerby who noticed dark smoke coming from the top level of the garage. When firefighters arrived, they quickly extinguished the fire. Both cars were heavily damaged. The parking area is used by residents of on-campus housing and both vehicles involved belong to university students.
Source: <http://www.kivitv.com/news/local/173911971.html>
38. *October 11, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **Boy brings gun to North Dakota school, shoots self.** Residents of the southeastern North Dakota community of Fairmount were rattled after a high school boy brought a gun to class and shot himself. The school's principal said the boy survived what officials believe was a suicide attempt October 11. He said the boy did not threaten anyone else. The freshman boy was taken to a hospital. The principal said the boy was coherent. The principal said the K-12 school has approximately 110 students. The school was put into lockdown for about an hour after the incident, then students were allowed to leave with their parents.
Source: http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/boy-brings-gun-to-north-dakota-school-shoots-self/article_3e4777b0-13b5-11e2-975e-0019bb2963f4.html
39. *October 11, Chicago Sun-Times Media Wire* – (Illinois) **Bomb threat closes Aurora University building.** Police in Aurora, Illinois, were investigating a bomb threat that

was called into an Aurora University building October 11. Police said the building was evacuated and numerous officers and specialized canine units responded. According to an Aurora police spokesman, no explosives were found. All classes held in the university's Institute for Collaboration (ICE) October 11 were cancelled, and the building was closed to students and staff. An Aurora University student was in the ICE building when a uniformed officer entered his classroom and told students to evacuate. He said many students were upset at how the situation was handled. Emails and text messages were sent out to students about 30 minutes after the threat was called in, but only the ICE building was evacuated. Nearby buildings remained open for the day. Source: <http://www.myfoxchicago.com/story/19796268/bomb-threat-closes-aurora-university-building>

40. *October 11, WBOY 12 Clarksburg* – (West Virginia) **Marion County Commission to increase courthouse security.** A recent incident caused the Marion County Commission in West Virginia to be concerned about the security of the courthouse, WBOY 12 Clarksburg reported October 11. In August, a man stormed into the courthouse in Fairmont with plastic guns and pretended to shoot people. Following the incident, the commission turned its attention to security. It said additional security cameras will be installed. It also provided the Marion County Sheriff's Department with additional funding that will go toward hiring two additional deputies. There are currently three deputies inside the courthouse who monitor the premises and work with the three judges. There are currently 11 ways to access the Marion County Courthouse. Commissioners said it also plans to lock all but three doors. This means the additional eight will be used for emergency exits only. The commission said it wants to protect all 192 employees who work inside the courthouse as well as citizens who enter. All deputies inside the courthouse will now operate on the same radio channel. If there is a problem, the other four can be called for backup immediately.

Source: <http://www.wboy.com/story/19798354/marion-county-commission-to-increase-courthouse-security>

41. *October 11, Kingsport Times-News* – (Tennessee) **Gas line ruptured outside of Johnson Elementary; school evacuated, traffic diverted.** Construction crews reportedly hit a gas line outside of Johnson Elementary School in Kingsport, Tennessee, forcing an evacuation of the school, Kingsport Times-News reported October 11. Kingsport police diverted traffic from around the school. Motorists in the area were advised to use caution. An hour later, the gas line valve was shut off by crews repairing the rupture. Students from the elementary school were moved to Oakwood Forest Christian Church.

Source: <http://www.timesnews.net/article/9052817/update-gas-line-ruptured-outside-of-johnson-elementary-school-evacuated-traffic-diverted>

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Emergency Services Sector

42. *October 12, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Former undersheriff to be sentenced in embezzlement.** A former undersheriff in Walla Walla County, Washington, pleaded guilty and was sentenced for stealing thousands of dollars of inmate bail money. The Walla Walla Union-Bulletin reported the undersheriff pleaded guilty October 11 in federal court in Spokane to one count of theft from a federally funded local agency. She was given 10 months of confinement — 6 in a federal facility followed by 4 in a halfway house. She was also ordered to pay more than \$80,000 in restitution. That included more than \$67,000 she stole over 5 years at the sheriff’s office, and money paid by the county to the State auditor’s office as part of the investigation.
Source: <http://www.seattlepi.com/news/article/Former-undersheriff-sentenced-in-embezzlement-3941366.php>
43. *October 12, Associated Press* – (Mississippi) **Inmate indicted for role in Adams County prison riot.** A federal grand jury indicted an inmate who authorities identified as an alleged instigator of the May 20 prison riot at the Adams County Correctional Center in Natchez, Mississippi, that left a guard dead, the Associated Press reported October 12. The Natchez Democrat reported that the man was charged with instigating and conspiring to cause the riot. Court records said prisoners were angry about their treatment the day the riot erupted. In September, an FBI agent stated in an affidavit that the inmate was one of a number of inmates who stacked food carts to reach correctional officers on the roof of one of the prison’s buildings during the riot. A prison guard was assaulted on the roof and later died from his injuries. At least 20 people were injured. Authorities said the inmate had a prison staff radio during the riot, assaulted a hostage, and contributed to the destruction at the facility. Another inmate pleaded guilty in August to charges related to the riot and is scheduled to be sentenced November 19.
Source:
<http://www.hattiesburgamerican.com/viewart/20121012/NEWS11/121012003/Inmate-indicted-role-Adams-County-prison-riot-?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|FRONTPAGE>
44. *October 11, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Powder at LAPD headquarters deemed harmless.** A white powder found in an envelope at the Los Angeles Police Department headquarters, which forced the evacuation of the first floor of the building, turned out to be harmless, officials said. The remainder of the 10-story building in downtown Los Angeles was put on lockdown after the envelope containing the suspicious white powder was discovered October 11. The facility was cordoned-off while a hazardous materials crew combed the building. Police said the envelope was found in the department’s records and identification bureau. A note reading “You all deserve to die” was found inside the envelope, officials said.
Source: <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2012/10/powder-at-lapd-headquarters-deemed-harmelss.html>

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Information Technology Sector

45. *October 12, The H* – (International) **Firefox 16 re-released fixing multiple vulnerabilities.** The latest version of Firefox, version 16, returned to Mozilla’s servers with the release of Firefox 16.0.1 after the discovery of vulnerabilities caused the organization to remove the just-released update for the Web browser from circulation. Mozilla described the problem as that of a malicious Web site being able to potentially determine the URLs and parameters used and suggested downgrading to Firefox 15.0.1, despite the numerous critical bugs fixed in Firefox 16. October 10, a security researcher posted a proof-of-concept, which demonstrated that Firefox 16 was insecure with its location variables, allowing an attacker to open a window pointing at part of another site, wait for that site to redirect the window to a “logged in” page, and then retrieve the new location and data. Accessing the location information should normally be prevented by the browser’s “Same Origin” policy. Mozilla’s advisory said a similar but separate critical flaw was found in Firefox 16, Firefox ESR 10.0.8, SeaMonkey 2.13, Thunderbird 16, and Thunderbird ESR 10.0.8 and earlier, which not only disclosed the location object, but, in Firefox 15 and earlier, had the potential for arbitrary code execution. Firefox 16.0.1 closes both holes. These were not the only holes fixed in 16.0.1; another security advisory said developers also identified two of the top crashing bugs in the browser engine and that these bugs showed signs of having corrupted memory. Mozilla concluded that it could be possible to exploit these holes to execute code.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Firefox-16-re-released-fixing-multiple-vulnerabilities-1728382.html>
46. *October 11, Computerworld* – (International) **New security threat at work: Bring-your-own-network.** Even as IT pros wrestle with the bring-your-own-device (BYOD) trend, corporate security is being further complicated by another emerging trend: bring your own network (BYON). BYON is a byproduct of increasingly common technology that allows users to create their own mobile networks, usually through mobile wireless hotspots. Security professionals say BYON requires a new approach to security because some internal networks may now be as insecure as consumer devices. An attorney with the law firm Much Shelist said BYON represents a more dangerous threat to data security than employees who bring their own smartphones or tablets into the office. “The network thing blows this up completely, because it takes the data out of the network the company protects,” he said.
Source:
http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9232302/New_security_threat_at_work_Bring_your_own_network
47. *October 11, Softpedia* – (International) **‘I will use a bomb to destroy an airplane,’ computer virus says on victim’s behalf.** Japanese police arrested three people, accusing them of making online death threats. Later, however, investigators determined that a piece of malware may have actually posted the threats on their behalf. One of the suspects was detained after posting a message on a government site threatening to commit mass murder in a shopping area. An airline company was threatened via email that its planes would be bombed, a similar message was sent to the kindergarten

attended by the children of the royal family, and a discussion board post mentioned blowing up a famous shrine. Authorities are investigating the connection between the malware and the threats, but security researchers reveal that the trojan in question, Backdoor.Rabasheeta, is capable of performing such tasks.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/I-Will-Use-a-Bomb-to-Destroy-an-Airplane-Computer-Virus-Says-on-Victim-s-Behalf-298664.shtml>

48. *October 10, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Google, Yahoo DNS diverted after breach at .ie domain registrar.** The Irish version of Google and Yahoo went offline October 9 when perpetrators changed the sites’ Domain Name Server (DNS) records. An “unauthorized access” “security incident” resulted in the DNS nameserver records for two “high profile .ie domains” to be changed, the IE Domain Registry (IEDR) stated. IEDR identified the two domains as Google.ie and Yaoo.ie in a separate statement, and identified the affected registrar as MarkMonitor. IEDR worked with MarkMonitor to correct the problem, but it is not clear how the unauthorized access happened. One possibility is that MarkMonitor’s log-in details for the IEDR registrar’s console was socially engineered, according to the statement.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/google-yahoo-dns-diverted-after-breach-ie-domain-registrar>

49. *October 9, Business Insurance* – (International) **Average insurance cost per data breach rises to \$3.7M: Study.** The average insurance cost per computer data breach incident increased from \$2.4 million in 2010 to \$3.7 million in 2011, according to a new NetDiligence study. Based on claims submitted in 2011 for incidents between 2009 and 2011, the average number of records exposed decreased 18 percent to 1.4 million, according to the study. A typical breach ranged from \$25,000 to \$200,000 in insurance costs. Legal damages stemming from data breaches represented the bulk of insurance costs, at an average of \$582,000 for legal defense costs and an average of \$2.1 million in settlements costs, compared with \$500,000 and \$1 million, respectively, in 2010.

Source: <http://www.businessinsurance.com/article/20121009/NEWS07/121009907>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

50. *October 12, WPTV 5 Palm Beach* – (Florida) **Boynton Beach standoff ends, three hostages freed.** An standoff October 12 ended in Boynton Beach, Florida, after an armed man wearing a ski mask who barricaded himself in an apartment gave up. Boynton Beach Police arrested the suspect, who will likely be charged with home invasion, robbery with a firearm, and false imprisonment. Police said they received a call from a woman whispering on a phone. She was in a closet of her apartment at Banyan Lake. She said she was being robbed. A SWAT team was called in to help negotiate. “They threw a phone into the unit and were able to communicate with the suspect via text message for about 15 minutes and then he stopped talking. Our SWAT team was able to throw flash bang gas into the apartment,” said a Boynton Beach police spokeswoman. It is believed three people were being held hostage at gunpoint. They were able to get out safely. The spokeswoman said they think the suspect climbed through the attic, maybe over the firewall or somehow got into another unit. Numerous apartments were evacuated during the incident.

Source:

http://www.wptv.com/dpp/news/region_s_palm_beach_county/boynton_beach/boynton-beach-standoff-ends-three-hostages-freed

51. *October 12, IDG News Service* – (Arizona; California; International) **Former LulzSec member guilty in Sony Pictures hack.** An Arizona man admitted his involvement in a May 2011 computer attack against the Web site of Sony Pictures Entertainment that was carried out by the now-defunct LulzSec hacker group. The suspect who used the online aliases of “neuron,” “royal,” and “wildicv” pleaded guilty October 11 in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California to one count of conspiracy to intentionally cause damage without authorization to a protected computer. He also admitted to launching an SQL injection attack against sonypictures.com that allowed him to extract confidential and personal data. The information was later published online by LulzSec members. “As a result of defendant’s conduct, Sony Pictures suffered losses of approximately \$605,663.67 during the 1-year period beginning on approximately May 27, 2011, including to hire computer forensic firms, to staff call centers, and to provide credit monitoring services for individuals whose personal identifying information was compromised,” the plea agreement said. The convict surrendered to the FBI in Phoenix August 28 after being indicted on one count of conspiracy and one count of unauthorized impairment of data, programs, systems, and information on a computer system used in interstate and foreign commerce and communication.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9232327/Former_LulzSec_member_guilty_in_Sony_Pictures_hack?source=rss_security&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+computerworld/s/feed/topic/17+\(Computerworld+Security+News\)&utm_content=Google+R](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9232327/Former_LulzSec_member_guilty_in_Sony_Pictures_hack?source=rss_security&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+computerworld/s/feed/topic/17+(Computerworld+Security+News)&utm_content=Google+R)

52. *October 12, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin* – (California) **Heavy rains collapse Fontana warehouse roof.** The roof of a motorcycle warehouse facility in Fontana, California, collapsed amid heavy rains October 11 and caused an estimated \$200,000 in damage. San Bernardino County firefighters came to Parts Unlimited after they received a call about a fire alarm. They discovered that clogged roof drains caused more than a foot of water to accumulate on the roof of the building. The roof fell 20 feet into the ceiling of the warehouse office. When the water fell into the office itself, the impact pushed file cabinets and other office supplies into the parking lot, fire officials said.
Source: http://www.dailybulletin.com/breakingnews/ci_21758079/heavy-rains-collapse-fontana-warehouse-roof
53. *October 11, KOAA 5 Pueblo* – (Colorado) **Police: Meth lab, guns found inside hotel room.** Two escaped prisoners from Michigan were captured in Colorado. Local authorities said October 11 that the fugitives were armed and had a meth lab in their hotel room. The suspects were taken into custody by SWAT members in Canon City along with their girlfriends. They were hiding out at the Budget Host Royal Gorge hotel on Highway 50 when the U.S. Marshals and a SWAT team moved in. The fugitives had been on the run since September 29. Canon City police said officers searched the suspect's hotel room and discovered an active meth lab. Police said three people who were in the hotel were evacuated and the building was closed to the public.
Source: <http://www.koaa.com/news/police-meth-lab-guns-found-inside-hotel-room/>
54. *October 11, WBNG 12 Binghamton* – (New York) **Suspicious package forces evacuation of Ithaca bank.** A suspicious package forced the evacuation of a bank and nearby buildings in the Commons area of Ithaca, New York. Ithaca police received a call October 11 of a package left outside the Bank of America Building on the Commons. The bank, nearby buildings, and the Commons were evacuated, as Ithaca police and fire crews responded. The package was later deemed by the New York State Police Bomb Squad to be nonthreatening, stated a release from the City of Ithaca. The package was then taken in as evidence and the area was opened to pedestrians more than 3 hours later, city officials said.
Source: <http://www.wbng.com/news/local/Suspicious-Package-Forces-Evacuation-of-Ithaca-Bank-173814301.html>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

55. *October 12, Twin Falls Times-News* – (Idaho) **Thompson Creek Fire spreads to 650 acres.** Fire crews first responded to the Thompson Creek Fire in Idaho October 10, a Minidoka district ranger for the U.S. Forest Service said. With plenty of dry fuels, the fire quickly spread from 50 to 650 acres. October 11, fire crews were still working to protect structures from the flames and keep the fire away from moving down into Rock Creek Canyon, he said. Officials closed Rock Creek Road at the Third Fork Crossing and 500 Road until the fire's activity dies down. The Thompson Creek Fire was not threatening Magic Mountain Resort, but the fire was close to the ski area. As of October 11, fire officials estimated the fire was about a mile and half away from Magic

Mountain, said the resort owner.

Source: http://magicvalley.com/news/local/thompson-creek-fire-spreads-to-acres/article_e909a5da-8295-54ff-9ed2-d5442fab7ce.html

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Dams Sector

56. *October 11, HyrdoWorld* – (Michigan) **Michigan announces plan to bolster state’s dam safety.** Michigan’s Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced a new Dam Management Grant Program to address the State’s failing dam infrastructure, HyrdoWorld reported October 11. The grant would provide \$2.35 million in the 2013 fiscal year to fund dam removal and maintenance, as per a 2011 address by the Michigan governor. “This program begins to address a growing issue for our state as more than 90 percent of Michigan’s dams will reach or exceed their design life by 2020,” said the DNR director. “Many dams are abandoned, no longer serve any useful purpose, degrade our aquatic resource, and pose safety hazards to downstream residents.” The program would provide funds and technical assistance to local and State units of government, non-profit groups, and individuals to manage dam removals, repairs, and maintenance projects. DNR said it would focus on projects that reduce the State’s long-term infrastructure costs, while also addressing those that pose an imminent hazard to the public. The agency says that nearly 75 percent of the more than 2,600 dams listed in the State’s inventory were privately owned and in poor condition. A 2009 report by the American Society for Civil Engineers gave Michigan’s dams a “D” grade on its Dam Infrastructure Rating report.

Source: <http://www.hydroworld.com/articles/2012/10/michigan-announces-plan-to-bolster-states-dam-safety.html>

57. *October 11, Arizona Republic; KPNX 12 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **Concrete poured to repair Central Arizona Project canal.** Central Arizona Project (CAP) crew members started pouring concrete into a canal this week after a breach September near Bouse, Arizona, officials said October 11. The concrete is poured at night when it is cooler, and the repairs should be done by October 15, said a CAP spokesman. Officials would let the concrete dry for 3 days and then add about 2.5 feet of water. The water level should continue to rise, and it should take about 2 weeks for the canal to reach normal capacity. The canal panels failed September 30 at the site near Parker, letting 160 million gallons of water flood the area after a storm. The water spilled into the nearby wash and flooded Arizona 72. The highway was reopened, and flood-warning signs were posted. CAP officials stopped pumping water from the Colorado River after the breach, but made water deliveries from Lake Pleasant to customers. CAP employees continued to investigate the cause of the breach and estimated it may take another month to get results.

Source:

<http://www.azcentral.com/arizonarepublic/local/articles/2012/10/11/20121011concrete-poured-repair-cap-canal.html>

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