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- A complaint in U.S. District Court November 20 alleges that a portfolio manager at an unregistered investment advisor made \$276 million by trading on insider information from a neurology professor conducting a clinical trial of an Alzheimer's drug. – *Forbes* (See item [10](#))
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- State and federal officials issued a new alarm in the ongoing outbreak of disease caused by tainted steroids from a Massachusetts drug compounder. The Tennessee Health Department will begin a new round of contact calls to 1,009 patients who could be affected. – *Nashville Tennessean* (See item [28](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *November 20, Associated Press* – (Utah) **2 workers hurt in natural gas explosion near Price.** An explosion November 20 at a natural gas facility in Price, Utah, injured two workers and set off a fire that damaged several buildings. The blast occurred when a gas line ruptured at the Dry Canyon natural gas operations center, the Carbon County Sheriff's Office said. Emergency crews were called and the fire was contained said a spokesman for the Bill Barrett Corp., which operates the station. The two injured men, both Bill Barrett Corp. employees, suffered burn injuries, the sheriff's office said. One of the men was airlifted to the University of Utah Burn Center in Salt Lake City. The other also was being treated at the university hospital. A hospital spokeswoman said one of the men was listed in fair condition November 20. All gas wells going to the station were shut down, but the cause of the incident was not yet clear.

Source: http://www.heraldextra.com/news/state-and-regional/utah/of-hurt-in-natural-gas-blast-in-fair-condition/article_63398e4a-daa7-5f5b-a4ae-0dac62b4b96b.html

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Chemical Industry Sector

2. *November 20, KXAS 5 Dallas-Fort Worth* – (Texas) **Hazmat crews tackle contaminated runoff from chemical blaze.** Investigators from all levels of government continue to investigate a massive chemical fire that erupted in Garland, Texas, November 16. Hazardous materials experts returned to the area near the Nexeo Solutions Plant. Crews have been cleaning up and trying to contain the mess for days. HAZMAT teams tackled contaminated soil and water runoff in a nearby creek November 20. City officials said workers found small amounts of methanol and motor oil but not enough to pose a public threat. Crews dammed off the creek to contain the runoff. City officials said that southbound Shiloh Road would be closed until at least November 21, when they hope crews would be finished the cleanup.

Source: <http://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/Hazmat-Crews-Tackle-Contaminated-Runoff-From-Chemical-Blaze-180245531.html>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

3. *November 20, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Texas) **U.S. Department of Labor’s OSHA cites ProMaxima Manufacturing in Houston for exposing workers to amputations, other hazards.** The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) November 20 cited ProMaxima Manufacturing Ltd. in Houston with nine serious safety violations for inadequately guarded machinery among other hazards. Proposed penalties totaled \$47,700. OSHA’s Houston South Area Office opened an inspection in response to a referral from the Labor Department’s Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs about workers seen using inadequately guarded saws and grinders. ProMaxima manufactures fitness equipment for various federal agencies. The violations include failing to properly guard machinery such as saws and grinders, provide lockout/tagout procedures for machines’ energy sources, properly store gas cylinders, keep electrical equipment free and clear of obstacles, and train and certify forklift operators.

Source:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=23295

4. *November 20, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Connecticut) **New Haven, Conn., manufacturer cited by US Labor Department’s OSHA for safety violations after 4 workers hospitalized following fire.** Uretek Archer LLC, a urethane coating and laminate fabric manufacturer in New Haven, Connecticut, was cited by the U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) November 20 for alleged serious and repeat violations of workplace safety standards after four workers were hospitalized in August due to a machine fire at the company’s Lenox Street facility. The fire triggered an inspection by OSHA’s Bridgeport Area Office, which assessed \$74,000 in proposed penalties. The fire occurred when a flammable solvent used to clean machines ignited. OSHA found that the employer had not taken adequate precautions to eliminate potential ignition sources. Several violations related to the incident involve an inoperable fire alarm system, no assurance that fire precaution procedures were in place, improperly grounded machinery, a lack of hazard inspections, a lack of personal protective equipment for workers, and failing to provide and record adequate fire extinguisher training. Additionally, there were no lockout/tagout procedures in place while workers were cleaning machinery in the facility. Two repeat violations involved failing to develop, document, and use methods of controlling potentially hazardous energy when workers perform maintenance on equipment, as well as conduct annual inspections of energy control procedures.

Source:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=23298

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Banking and Finance Sector

5. *November 21, ATM Marketplace* – (International) **EAST releases ATM fraud update; U.S. still attracts most fraud.** The European ATM Security Team (EAST) published its third European Fraud Update for 2012, ATM Marketplace reported November 21. It reveals that the U.S. still ranks first for skimming fraud, and also finds that fraudsters are shifting their attention from markets where EMV is used to those where it is not — meaning that the U.S. is likely to retain its dubious distinction for some time. The update is based on crime reports from representatives of 18 countries in the single euro payments area (SEPA), as well as representatives of three non-SEPA countries. All but four countries reported continued skimming attacks at ATMs. In addition to ATMs, skimming was reported at unattended payment terminals at petrol stations, and at parking ticket machines, railway ticket machines, and point of sale (POS) terminals. Fraud losses continue to migrate away from EMV liability shift areas. The U.S. remains the top location for such losses, followed by Mexico, the Dominican Republic, and Brazil. Card issuers are continuing to take measures to block the use of payment cards outside of designated EMV liability shift areas. Eight countries now report the use of some form of geo-blocking. Fifteen countries reported cash-trapping incidents, but such attacks seem to be stabilizing or falling in most countries. Eight countries reported ram raids and ATM burglary — in many cases these were unsuccessful, but still caused significant collateral damage.
Source: <http://www.atmmarketplace.com/article/204097/EAST-releases-ATM-fraud-update-US-still-attracts-most-fraud>
6. *November 21, The H* – (International) **Professional trojan targets SEPA transactions.** Cyber-criminals are targeting the European SEPA payments network, according to a report from security specialist McAfee, The H reported November 21. Within the E.U., SEPA transactions are uncomplicated because they make no distinction between domestic and cross-border transactions. In this case, that also benefits the online crooks who usually transfer money from the victim's account to foreign bank accounts. The report says the malware involved is part of "Operation High Roller" where criminals extracted large sums from business accounts. The malware acts in a remarkably similar manner to how ZeuS and others work: after infection it inserts itself into the system's browser and waits for a user to access their bank's Web site. Once there, the pest adds its own JavaScript code, called Web Injects, to perform the fraudulent withdrawals. The malware takes its instructions from a command and control server which is, McAfee says, located in Moscow. The software is hard-coded to withdraw amounts ranging between 1,000 Euros to 100,000 Euros depending on the balance of the account.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Professional-trojan-targets-SEPA-transactions-1754446.html>
7. *November 20, CNNMoney* – (New York) **New York sues Credit Suisse in latest mortgage lawsuit.** The New York Attorney General filed a lawsuit November 20 against Credit Suisse, alleging that the bank repeatedly defrauded investors in sales of mortgage-backed-securities. The attorney general alleges that in 2006 and 2007, Credit Suisse sponsored mortgage-backed-securities worth \$93.8 billion that, as of August,

had suffered \$11.2 billion in losses. The lawsuit seeks damages to recoup these losses, as well as additional relief, meaning Credit Suisse could be on the hook for a massive penalty compared with most financial crisis-related cases. New York's suit claims Credit Suisse deceived investors by leading them to believe that the loans in its mortgage-backed-securities "had been carefully evaluated and would be continuously monitored." The attorney general alleges, the bank "systematically failed to adequately evaluate the loans, ignored defects that its limited review did uncover, and kept its investors in the dark about the inadequacy of its review procedures and defects in the loans." Credit Suisse said it planned to fight the lawsuit in court.

Source: <http://money.cnn.com/2012/11/20/investing/credit-suisse-new-york/>

8. *November 20, KTVK 3 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **FBI seeks public's help to identify 'Thou Shalt Not Steal Bandit'**. The FBI's Bank Robbery Task Force is asking for the public's help in identifying the "Thou Shalt Not Steal Bandit," KTVK 3 Phoenix reported November 20. The FBI said the suspect is responsible for 7 bank robberies in Arizona's Phoenix metropolitan area over the past 3 years. In the first two robberies, the suspect forced entry into the businesses adjacent to the banks prior to opening and then cut holes in the adjoining drywall to enter the banks, according to investigators. During the third robbery, the suspect entered the bank through a hole he cut in the exterior wall, and in the fourth robbery he accessed the bank through a hole he cut in the roof. Investigators said the suspect waits in the bank until employees arrive for work then confronts them with a black, semi-automatic handgun or a silver revolver and forces them to access the money. He restrains the employees with blindfolds and flex ties before fleeing with the money. During a July 3 robbery, the suspect accessed the Chase Bank through a hole in the roof and left a phone taped to a device resembling sticks of dynamite inside the bank. The suspect threatened to blow up the bank if the employees did not place money in a nearby desert wash area. Investigators believe the suspect is conducting prior surveillance and detailed planning before each of the robberies. He may have previous military experience and familiarity with bank security systems.

Source: <http://www.azfamily.com/news/FBI-seeks-publics-help-to-identify-Thou-Shalt-Not-Steal-Bandit-180232091.html>

9. *November 20, New York Times* – (National) **DocX founder pleads guilty in foreclosure fraud**. The founder and former president of DocX, once one of the nation's largest foreclosure-processing companies, pleaded guilty November 20 to fraud in one of the few criminal cases to have arisen out of the housing crisis. The executive entered a guilty plea in federal court in Florida and a plea agreement in State court in Missouri related to DocX's preparation of improper documents used to evict troubled borrowers from their homes. She admitted to directing DocX employees, beginning in 2005, to sign other peoples' names on crucial mortgage documents. Many of the documents, like assignments of mortgages and affidavits claiming that a borrower's i.o.u. had been lost, were used by banks and their representatives to foreclose on homeowners. DocX also filed falsely notarized documents with county clerks across the country. She admitted in her plea to participating in the falsification of more than a million documents.

Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2012/11/21/business/docx-founder-pleads-guilty-in-foreclosure-fraud.html?_r=0

10. *November 20, Forbes* – (National) **‘Most lucrative insider trading scheme ever’:
Trader charged with illicit \$276 million score.** A complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Manhattan November 20 alleges that a portfolio manager at an unregistered investment advisor made a \$276 million score by trading on insider information from a neurology professor conducting a clinical trial of an Alzheimer’s drug. The complaint says the manager, while working at CR Intrinsic Investors, received material nonpublic information from a professor at the University of Michigan’s Medical School, who was in charge of a committee overseeing the trial of a drug being developed by Elan Pharmaceuticals and Wyeth in 2008. The professor — also named as a defendant along with the manager and CR Intrinsic — allegedly gave the manager information about the clinical trial and at some point around July 17, 2008 provided the full results of the study before its July 29 release. That led to the manager causing CR Intrinsic and affiliated portfolios of an unnamed investment advisor to sell long positions in Elan and Wyeth worth more than \$700 million and take substantial short positions. All told, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission claims the manager and the affiliated funds sold more than \$960 million worth of the two stocks’ in just over a week, reaping a \$276 million windfall. In a separate criminal complaint, prosecutors allege that the manager recommended the owner of the unnamed hedge fund sell its Wyeth and Elan holdings, and that the hedge fund owner then instructed a trader to begin selling its position. The relationship between the professor and the manager was facilitated by an expert network firm, an industry that has been at the heart of a number of insider trading cases in recent years. The manager is also facing criminal charges for conspiracy to commit securities fraud.

Source: <http://www.forbes.com/sites/steveschaefer/2012/11/20/matthew-martoma-charged-with-most-lucrative-insider-trading-scheme-ever-after-276-million-windfall/>

11. *November 20, Bloomberg News* – (National) **The housing scam that’s targeting vets and seniors.** The housing market is bouncing back, and so are deceptive marketing practices. That has prompted the U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) and the U.S. Federal Trade Commission to launch investigations into six mortgage lenders and brokers that allegedly target veterans and senior citizens with misleading advertising, Bloomberg News reported November 20. The regulators also sent warning letters to a dozen more companies, urging them to review their marketing materials and be sure they are not breaking federal law. The lenders appeared to be trying to dupe consumers into thinking loans were government-backed, according to the CFPB. Some of the ads sent to the elderly included a return address line that read “Government Loan Department,” used a logo that resembled the seal of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and displayed a Web URL bearing the initials of the Federal Housing Administration, the CFPB said. Veterans received ads that appeared to come from the U.S. Department of Veteran’s Affairs (VA) and offered rates under a special “economic stimulus plan” said to be expiring soon, according to the CFPB. The ads began with the phrase, “The VA is offering you,” and used logos similar to the VA’s. The ads also promised a “fixed” rate for a 30-year loan even though the fine print indicated that the rates were adjustable, according to the CFPB.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/articles/2012-11-20/holly-petraeuss-crackdown-on-alleged-mortgage-swindlers>

12. *November 20, Albany Herald* – (Georgia) **Family members, minister indicted in farm loan scheme.** An indictment issued by a federal grand jury in Macon, Georgia, names a family and a minister in what prosecutors contend is a conspiracy to defraud the U.S. Farm Credit Administration of more than \$10 million. The four men were each named in an indictment handed down November 15 and were due in court November 20. The four men were allegedly connected to the former chief lending officer at Southwest Georgia Farm Credit (SWGFC) in Bainbridge, who previously pleaded guilty to fraud. According to the indictment, one of the men, who owned Backwoods Outdoors in Leesburg, borrowed roughly \$5 million from SWGFC to purchase real estate in southwest Georgia and north Florida. His father also borrowed roughly \$5 million from SWGFC and allegedly acted as a “straw borrower”. The minister is alleged in the indictment to have borrowed nearly \$817,000 from SWGFC, also on behalf of the son. The indictment also charges that he borrowed \$195,000 from the program to purchase a home for himself. The son’s uncle is accused in the indictment of borrowing \$1.7 million from the SWGFC on behalf of his nephew. In exchange for rubber-stamping the loans, the former chief lending officer and family members reportedly received thousands of dollars in kickbacks from the borrowing family, the indictment contends. The son and the minister were also indicted on charges of concealing assets in a bankruptcy, and of making false statements, respectively.

Source: <http://www.albanyherald.com/news/2012/nov/20/heards-minister-indicted-farm-loan-scheme/>

13. *November 19, Reuters* – (International) **Shadow banking hits \$67 trillion globally: task force.** The shadow banking system - blamed for aggravating the financial crisis - grew to a new high of \$67 trillion globally in 2011, a top regulatory group said, calling for tighter control of the sector. A report by the Financial Stability Board (FSB) November 18 appeared to confirm fears among policymakers that the so-called shadow banking system of non-bank intermediaries continues to harbor risks to the financial system. The FSB, a task force from the world’s top 20 economies, also called for greater control of shadow banking, a corner of the financial universe made up of entities such as money market funds that has so far escaped the web of rules that is tightening around traditional banks. The European Commission is expected to propose E.U.-wide rules for shadow banking in 2013. The United States is already rolling out a framework of new rules for the \$2.5 trillion money market industry. The FSB said shadow banking around the world more than doubled to \$62 trillion in the 5 years to 2007, and had grown to \$67 trillion in 2011 - more than the total economic output of all the countries in the study. America had the largest shadow banking system, said the FSB, with assets of \$23 trillion in 2011, followed by the Euro area with \$22 trillion, and the United Kingdom at \$9 trillion. The U.S. share of the global shadow banking system has declined in recent years, the FSB said, while the shares of the United Kingdom and the euro area have increased.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/business/sns-rt-us-shadow-banking-regulationbre8ai0sl-20121119,0,7490614.story>

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Transportation Sector

14. *November 21, Associated Press* – (National) **1 dead, 9 injured in Arizona charter bus crash.** A pickup truck going the wrong way on a rural Arizona interstate struck a charter bus head-on November 20, killing one person and injuring nine others, authorities said. The pickup truck burst into flames, and the driver was declared dead at the scene on Interstate 10 in Casa Grande, about 50 miles south of Phoenix. The fiery crash closed the westbound lanes of the freeway near Interstate 8 for hours, backing up traffic for miles until one lane was reopened November 20. Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) officials said the cause of the crash remained under investigation and “nothing has been ruled out at this point.” Nine of the 15 passengers on the bus were injured, but none of the injuries was considered life-threatening, DPS said. Two passengers were flown to Casa Grande Regional Medical Hospital, and the other seven were taken to the same facility by ground ambulance. The charter bus was owned by TBC Connexion and was travelling from Mexico to Phoenix.
Source: <http://www.timesunion.com/news/us/article/1-dead-9-injured-in-Arizona-charter-bus-crash-4054738.php9600&continue=http://www.google.com/reader/&followup=http://www.google.com/reader/>
15. *November 21, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Police evacuate Greyhound bus in Va. after threats.** Virginia State Police were investigating a man accused of making threats on a Greyhound bus traveling from Richmond to New York City November 21. Police said a passenger called 9-1-1 about a man on the bus making threatening comments. State Police responded and evacuated the bus along Interstate 95 in northern Virginia. Officers closed the HOV lanes for more than 2 hours, creating a traffic backup for miles. Police said the man initially refused to leave the bus. But later, he was taken into custody without any further incident. Investigators searched the bus for any suspicious packages, but nothing was found. The bus was cleared, and police said charges are pending against the suspect.
Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/news/crime/article/Police-evacuate-Greyhound-bus-in-Va-after-threats-4056539.php>
16. *November 20, Associated Press* – (South Carolina) **I-20 closed near Florence for possible explosives.** Authorities said Interstate 20 was closed in Darlington County, South Carolina, for several hours after deputies found half a dozen containers of a flammable liquid in the car of an Army deserter during a traffic stop. Deputies said they first found drugs in the car during the stop November 20 on I-20 westbound about 5 miles west of Interstate 95, but a further search found a liquid that can be used in explosives in the truck. Authorities shut down the interstate in both directions so a bomb squad could get rid of what the deputies discovered. Eastbound lanes were reopened after about 3 hours. Deputies said the driver was wanted for leaving Fort Eustis near Newport News, Virginia, without permission.

Source: <http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2012/11/20/3181678/i-20-closed-near-florence-for.html>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

17. *November 20, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **Mailboxes damaged, mail stolen in Larimer County.** Authorities said someone pried the backs off cluster mailboxes in Larimer County, Colorado, and stole mail. The Larimer County Sheriff’s Department said the damage and thefts occurred the weekend of November 17 on a street near Horsetooth Reservoir west of Fort Collins and in Rist Canyon northwest of the city. Cluster boxes hold multiple mailboxes that require keys for residents and mail carriers to open. Postal inspectors and deputies were investigating.

Source: <http://www.noco5.com/story/20152658/mailboxes-damaged-mail-stolen-in-larimer-county>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

18. *November 21, Food Safety News* – (Florida) **Salmon recalled for Listeria risk.** A Florida-based company recalled its sockeye salmon because the fish has the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. Michael Gourmet Delicacies of Miami issued a voluntary recall of four varieties of vacuum packed Alaskan sockeye salmon November 19 after testing by the Florida Department of Agriculture revealed *Listeria* in a sample of the product. The salmon subject to this recall was distributed at all Whole Foods Market locations in Florida, according to the recall announcement. The following products were recalled: 4 oz., 8 oz., and 16 oz. packages of Michaels Gourmet Delicacies’ Wild Alaskan Sockeye Salmon Vacuum Packed and 4 oz. packages of Trimmings in Plastic Container Wild Alaskan Sockeye Salmon.

Source: [http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/11/salmon-recalled-for-listeria-risk/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+foodsafetynews/mRcs+\(Food+Safety+News\)](http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/11/salmon-recalled-for-listeria-risk/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+foodsafetynews/mRcs+(Food+Safety+News))

19. *November 20, U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Service* – (National) **Stanley’s Market Brands, LLC, is recalling approximately 16,100 pounds of kielbasa products.** Stanley’s Market Brands, LLC, of Toledo, Ohio, recalled approximately 16,100 pounds of kielbasa products because they may contain foreign materials—less than 5mm-sized pieces of plastic, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced November 20. The products subject to recall include: 10-lb. bulk cases, each containing 15 links of “STANLEY’S MARKET FRESH KIELBASA,” 41-oz white freezer paper wrapped packages, each containing 4 links of “STANLEY’S MARKET FRESH KIELBASA,” 21-oz. white freezer paper wrapped packages of “STANLEY’S MARKET FRESH

KIELBASA,” 6.6 lb. vacuum sealed packages of “STANLEY’S MARKET SMOKED FRESH KIELBASA,” and Bulk packages of “STANLEY’S MARKET FRESH KIELBASA.” The products were produced in the months of October and November in 2012. They were repackaged into consumer-size packages and may not bear the identifying product information.

Source: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Fsis_Recalls/RNR_075_2012/index.asp

20. *November 19, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Whole Alternatives, LLC recalls Harris Teeter Dried Apricots and Dried Golden Raisins due to undeclared sulphur dioxide.** Whole Alternatives, LLC (“Whole Alternatives”) of Louisville, Kentucky, initiated a voluntary recall November 19 of Harris Teeter brand six ounce packages of dried apricots and Harris Teeter brand eight ounce packages of dried golden raisins because the products contain undeclared sulphur dioxide. The recalled dried apricots and dried golden raisins were distributed in Harris Teeter stores. The apricots are packaged in 6 ounce, clear plastic bags and raisins in 8 ounce, clear plastic bags and all lot numbers and code dates are affected. The recall was initiated after Whole Alternatives discovered the product was distributed in packages which did not declare sulphur dioxide as an ingredient on the label.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm329019.htm>

21. *November 19, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Whole Foods Market recalls cookies due to undeclared nut allergens.** Whole Foods Market recalled November 19 two bulk cookie items because they contain almonds and pecans, two undeclared allergens. The products were sold loose as Cookies-by-the-Pound, a self-service section in the Bakery area of the store. The two products are: Wedding Cookies (contain pecans) and Almondine Wedding Cookies (contain almonds). Wedding Cookies and Almondine Wedding Cookies were distributed in Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee between October 22 and November 15. One illness has been confirmed in Georgia. The recall was initiated after it was discovered that the point-of-sale signs on the almond- and pecan-containing products were missing this allergen information.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm329021.htm>

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Water Sector

22. *November 20, Tulsa World* – (Oklahoma) **Oklahoma DEQ fines Broken Arrow over two sewage spills.** The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) fined Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, for failing to report two sewage spills near the same neighborhood this year. The first spill was discovered March 1 after a resident complained to the DEQ, according to a report from the agency provided November 20 to the Broken Arrow City Council. A DEQ inspector found that the creek had been chemically disinfected but that “raw sewage and solids” remained, the report says. The sewage was removed after the inspector contacted the city, it adds. The agency fined the city \$2,500 and given it a deadline to replace 600 feet of the neighborhood’s sewer line as part of a deal to avoid a larger fine. The city will also have to submit revised

procedures for reporting spills. A city spokeswoman said the spills were caused by tree roots that had grown into the line and blocked the flow. No overflows have occurred since the roots were removed, she said. A follow-up inspection March 7 found that cleaning was still needed, but all sewage had been removed by the next inspection on March 13, the report said. The DEQ reported receiving a complaint about the second spill on April 19. That spill came from the same sewer line as the first, a city official told a DEQ inspector. The second spill had been stopped by an April 23 inspection, but the DEQ's report said additional cleanup was still needed.

Source:

http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?subjectid=318&articleid=20121121_12_A9_BROKEN637111

23. *November 20, Kitsap Sun* – (Washington) **Sewage discharge volumes from storm reported.** More than 2 million gallons of sewage mixed with storm water were discharged into Port Washington Narrows and Sinclair Inlet in Washington during the deluge November 19, according estimates reported to the Kitsap Public Health District. Most of that volume was stormwater, which exceeded the capacity of the sewer system, said a spokesperson for the health district. Four separate discharges spilled into Port Washington Narrows and one spilled into Sinclair Inlet, according to a report November 20 from Bremerton city officials to the health district. In addition, a little more than 4 million gallons of partially treated sewage was discharged from the West Bremerton Wastewater Treatment Plant into Sinclair Inlet. That sewage received primary treatment and disinfection to kill most pathogens. West Sound Utility District's plant near Port Orchard also released 187,000 gallons of sewage that had undergone primary treatment and disinfection. The health district extended its "no contact" advisory for Dyes Inlet, Port Washington Narrows, and Sinclair Inlet to November 29. People are advised to stay out of the water and avoid taking shellfish from those areas.

Source: <http://www.kitsapsun.com/news/2012/nov/20/sewage-discharge-volumes-from-storm-reported/>

24. *November 20, Rockdale Citizen* – (Georgia) **Major sewage spill caused by vandalism.** More than 60,000 gallons of raw sewage spilled from a manhole over a two-day period the week of November 12 due to vandalism of Rockdale, Georgia's sewer system, according to Rockdale Water Resources (RWR). The RWR Deputy Director said it appeared that large rocks or boulders had been thrown into the manhole where the spill occurred or in a manhole upstream from the Scott Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant and then made their way down the sewer line. RWR was notified of the spill November 16 by a customer who called and said it appeared that sewage was overflowing from the manhole near a house. The deputy director said the spill flowed into a private pond on a nearby property. The department was notified of the spill and the sewer line problem was cleared the same day, stated Water Resources. The spill, which totaled 63,000 gallons, was classified as a major spill by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD). The deputy director said EPD had been notified that the spill was caused by vandalism, which could mean that only 12 months of monitoring of the spill site would be required.

Source: <http://www.rockdalecitizen.com/news/2012/nov/20/major-sewage-spill-caused-by-vandalism/>

25. *November 20, KHON 2 Honolulu* – (Hawaii) **Waianae water main break forces school closures.** The Board of Water Supply is responding to a 16-inch water main break reported near the Waianae Fire Station in Waianae, Hawaii. The incident was reported November 20 on Farrington Highway. The following schools and public places were affected: Kamaile Academy (school closed), Waianae Intermediate School (school closed), Kamehameha Puu Kahea Preschool (school closed), Waianae Harbor, Waianae Library, Waianae Regional Park, and Waianae Satellite City Hall. Initially, 400 customers were affected. A water bypass system was successfully installed and restored water service, at low pressures, to the majority of the affected customers. Approximately 50 customers remained without water. Repair work forced the closure of both mauka lanes on Farrington Highway between Ala Hema Street and Kaulawaha Road.
Source: <http://www.khon2.com/news/local/story/Waianae-water-main-break-forces-school-closures/SYelVHMr00-K4iqTndi91w.csp>
26. *November 19, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Missouri) **Final decision on Missouri’s list of impaired waters.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7 made a final decision on Missouri’s list of impaired waters in a press release November 19. EPA restored eight water bodies to Missouri’s list and removed one water body due to an EPA-approved pollution reduction plan. The decision brings the total number of impaired waters in the State to 258. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources submitted its impaired waters list to EPA for review and approval as required by the Clean Water Act. The act requires EPA to review the State’s list of impaired waters to determine if the State reasonably considered available water quality-related data, and identifies waters to be listed. A water body is placed on the impaired waters list when monitoring finds that pollutant levels prevent the lake, river, or stream from attaining its beneficial uses. A water body can be removed from the list if it meets its beneficial uses or if a pollution reduction plan for the water body is approved by EPA. The waters that are removed may remain impaired until the pollution reduction plan is implemented.
Source:
<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/d0cf6618525a9efb85257359003fb69d/0a4284837968c38185257abb00618722!OpenDocument>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

27. *November 21, Associated Press* – (South Carolina) **SC company paying \$1 M for false Medicare claims.** A South Carolina hospice company will pay the federal government nearly \$1.3 million for filing false claims to Medicare. The Justice Department said the agreement November 20, settles a lawsuit that accuses Harmony Hospice Care of filing claims for hospice care under Medicare for patients who did not qualify. The owner must pay \$200,000 of the settlement himself. Harmony Hospice Care has locations in Columbia, Greenville, Hartsville, and Union.

Source: <http://www.independentmail.com/news/2012/nov/21/sc-company-paying-1-m-false-medicare-claims/>

28. *November 21, Nashville Tennessean* – (Tennessee; National) **Meningitis outbreak: Officials warn of new fungal infections.** State and federal officials are issuing a new alarm in the ongoing outbreak of disease caused by tainted steroids from a Massachusetts drug compounder - and the warning applies to those who may have thought they had dodged serious illness, health officials said November 20. The Tennessee Health Department will begin a new round of contact calls to 1,009 patients November 26 who received injections in Tennessee from three tainted lots of methylprednisolone acetate from the New England Compounding Center. Patients who were already contacted once will be contacted again and warned to be on the lookout for signs of an infection, said a doctor from Vanderbilt University, who participated in a briefing on the new alert November 21. Steroids from the Massachusetts compounding pharmacy have been linked to 490 illnesses and 34 deaths nationwide. In Tennessee, 82 people have been sickened and 13 have died.
Source: <http://www.wbir.com/news/article/242346/2/Meningitis-outbreak-Officials-warn-of-new-fungal-infections>
29. *November 20, Bradenton Herald* – (Florida) **Four arrested for operating illegal pain clinic in north Fort Myers.** Four people were charged with operating an unlicensed pain management clinic in north Fort Myers, Florida, according to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the Bradenton Herald reported November 20. The charges resulted from a search warrant served July 24 at Luxor Industries Physicians Group, a news release stated.
Source: <http://www.bradenton.com/2012/11/20/4286937/four-arrested-for-operating-illegal.html>

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Government Facilities Sector

30. *November 21, Associated Press; Military Times* – (International) **Suicide blast hits near U.S. base in Kabul.** Two Taliban suicide bombers struck near a U.S. base in Kabul November 21, killing two Afghan guards in the heart of a neighborhood filled with foreign forces and embassies. The attack came despite increased security ahead of a Muslim holy day that last year saw one the capital's deadliest attacks. The bombers apparently meant to target the American base but were spotted by security guards as they approached on foot. The guards fired on the assailants, killing them, but not before one of the vests exploded, said the deputy provincial police chief. Two Afghan security guards were killed and five civilians were wounded in the morning explosion, he said. The blast reverberated around Kabul's Wazir Akbar Khan neighborhood. An alarm started going off at the nearby U.S. Embassy, warning staff to take cover. The Taliban claimed responsibility for the bombing in an email to reporters.
Source: <http://www.militarytimes.com/news/2012/11/ap-suicide-blast-hits-near-us-base-in-afghanistan-112112/>

31. *November 21, Softpedia* – (Washington) **Hackers steal almost half a million dollars from City of Gold Bar bank accounts.** Over the past year, cybercriminals have managed to steal \$450,000 from the bank accounts of Gold Bar, Washington, Softpedia reported November 21. According to The Everett Herald, the city recovered more than half of the amount and they are currently working with the financial institution to recover the rest of it. Authorities, including the Clackamas County Sheriff’s Office, the FBI, and the Internal Revenue Service, are investigating the incident. The data breach came to light in November 2011, when someone tried to pass fake checks. At the time, the city opened other accounts, but it was clear that their security systems were inefficient because the hackers quickly managed to gain access to the new accounts as well. A suspect of the criminal organization was arrested on unrelated charges.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Hackers-Steal-Almost-Half-a-Million-Dollars-from-City-of-Gold-Bar-Bank-Accounts-308539.shtml>
32. *November 20, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **3-alarm fire at NASA’s Michoud facility in NO.** A warehouse fire at NASA’s Michoud Assembly Facility in eastern New Orleans drew three alarms, but no injuries were reported and the facility did not appear to be in danger. A New Orleans Fire Department captain said a film crew was building a sound stage on the facility’s property when insulation apparently caught fire November 20. The Fire Department Captain said the fire was contained inside the building. Still, he said November 20 that it would be awhile before the fire was considered under control because there was no electricity, making it difficult for firefighters to see through heavy smoke and visibly confirm the fire was out. Michoud was chosen last year to build components for a new mega-rocket designed to transport astronauts to deep space.
Source: <http://www2.wnct.com/news/2012/nov/20/3-alarm-fire-at-nasas-michoud-facility-in-no-ar-2798555/>

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Emergency Services Sector

33. *November 19, KYW 3 Philadelphia* – (Pennsylvania) **Philadelphia Police Department joins Pinterest.** The Philadelphia Police Department (PPD) is utilizing social media to catch criminals, by joining Pinterest, KYW 3 Philadelphia reported November 19. The department’s boards are full of mugshots, divided up by division. Police made the announcement they had joined the social media bigwig over Twitter, posting “PhillyPolice is now on #Pinterest. We have a board for your section of the city,” with a link. In addition to mugshots, the PPD’s Pinterest page also features boards for “Cops in the Community,” “Safety and Prevention,” and “Inside the PPD.”
Source: http://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2012/11/19/philadelphia-police-department-joins-pinterest/?hpt=us_bn7

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Information Technology Sector

34. *November 21, The H* – (International) **HTTP Strict Transport Security becomes Internet Standard.** The Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) published RFC 6797, formally declaring the HTTP Strict Transport Security (HSTS) security mechanism for HTTPS as an Internet Standard. HSTS is designed to allow HTTP servers to ensure that any services offered can only be accessed via secure connections that are encrypted using mechanisms such as Transport Layer Security (TLS). From a client perspective, HSTS forces applications (User Agents) to only use encrypted connections when communicating with Web sites. The primary aim of HSTS is to counteract the attacks on SSL-encrypted Web sites that were described by a security researcher in 2009. The attacks take advantage of the fact that users do not generally use https:// to access a page but rather tend to visit the unencrypted URL and then trust that they will be redirected to the HTTPS version in due course. The attacks prevent this redirection without triggering alerts.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/HTTP-Strict-Transport-Security-becomes-Internet-Standard-1754549.html>
35. *November 21, Softpedia* – (International) **Mozilla addresses 6 critical vulnerabilities with the release of Firefox 17.** A number of six critical-, nine high-, and one moderate-impact vulnerabilities were fixed by Mozilla with the release of Firefox 17. The critical flaws, which can be leveraged by an attacker to run arbitrary code and install malicious software without any user interaction, refer to use-after-free, buffer overflow, and memory corruption issues identified with the aid of Address Sanitizer. Other critical security holes include a CSS and HTML injection issue through Style Inspector, miscellaneous memory safety hazards, a buffer overflow when rendering GIF images, and a crash when combining SVG text on path with CSS. The high-impact vulnerabilities addressed in Firefox 17 were caused by the improper security filtering for cross-origin wrappers, installer DLL hijacking, the fact that the evalInSandbox location context was incorrectly applied, and a memory corruption issue in str_unescape.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Mozilla-Addresses-6-Critical-Vulnerabilities-with-the-Release-of-Firefox-17-308628.shtml>
36. *November 21, Softpedia* – (Softpedia) **Password-stealing malware Passteal distributed via file sharing sites.** Experts warn that Passteal, the piece of malware that steals sensitive information stored in Web browsers by relying on password recovery tools, is being distributed through file sharing Web sites. Trend Micro researchers identified Passteal versions disguised as e-books, key generators, and even bundled with installer applications. While older variants relied on PasswordFox to gain access to sensitive browser data, a new version (TSPY_PASSTEAL.B) has been found to use WebBrowserPassView instead. This enables the attackers to steal information from Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, and Safari.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Password-Stealing-Malware-Passteal-Distributed-Via-File-Sharing-Sites-308650.shtml>

37. *November 21, The H* – (International) **Rootkit infects Linux web servers.** A previously unknown rootkit is infecting Linux Web servers and injecting malicious code into Web pages served by infected servers. The rootkit was discovered by a user of security mailing list Full Disclosure, who posted his observations, including the suspicious kernel module, to the mailing list. The malware adds an iframe to every Web page served by the infected system via the nginx proxy – including error pages. Anyone who visits a Web page on the server is then attacked by a specially crafted web page which is loaded in an iframe. Once an exploitable hole is identified, it is used to install malware on the visitor’s system. The Web server is ultimately being used to redirect users to another Web server which can then infect their system, such as poorly maintained Windows systems, with malware. Kaspersky Lab analysed the malware and dubbed it Rootkit.Linux.Snakso.a. The rootkit is designed to target 64-bit systems and has been compiled for kernel version 2.6.32-5, used in Debian Squeeze. After booting, it determines the memory address of a number of kernel functions, which it then hooks into. The rootkit obtains deployment instructions from a command and control server. According to Kaspersky, the rootkit may still be under development, as it has been compiled with debug information in situ.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Rootkit-infects-Linux-web-servers-1753969.html>
38. *November 20, Wired.com* – (National) **Hacker found guilty of breaching AT&T site to obtain iPad customer data.** A hacker charged with federal crimes for obtaining the personal data of more than 100,000 iPad owners from AT&T’s Web site was found guilty November 20. The man was found guilty in federal court in New Jersey of one count of identity fraud and one count of conspiracy to access a computer without authorization. The hacker and another man were charged in 2011 after the two discovered a hole in AT&T’s Web site in 2010 that allowed anyone to obtain the email address and ICC-ID of iPad users. The ICC-ID is a unique identifier that is used to authenticate the SIM card in a customer’s iPad to AT&T’s network. The two men discovered that the site would leak email addresses to anyone who provided it with a ICC-ID. So the two wrote a script to mimic the behavior of numerous iPads contacting the Web site in order to harvest the email addresses of iPad users. According to authorities, they obtained the ICC-ID and e-mail address for about 120,000 iPad users. The two contacted the Gawker Web site to report the hole and provided the Web site with harvested data as proof of the vulnerability. Gawker reported at the time that the vulnerability was discovered by a group calling itself Goatse Security. AT&T maintained that the two did not contact it directly about the vulnerability and learned about the problem only from a “business customer.”
Source: <http://www.wired.com/threatlevel/2012/11/att-hacker-found-guilty/>

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Communications Sector

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Commercial Facilities Sector

39. *November 21, WANE 15 Fort Wayne* – (Indiana) **Fire forces dozens to evacuate apartment complex.** Dozens of residents of the Riverview Terrace Apartments in Fort Wayne, Indiana, were forced to evacuate an apartment complex November 21 after a fire in the basement sent heavy smoke through three floors of the building. Fire officials told the media that narrow streets and vehicles blocking access points made it difficult to get fire trucks close to the building. Eventually, crews were able to get entry to the building and found fire in a basement storage room. Smoke from the fire filled all three floors of the building, mainly in the hallways. Officials said dozens of residents were forced outside. A department report following the fire said 50 residents evacuated. Paramedics took five individuals to the hospital for smoke inhalation. They were reported to be in fair condition. The building sustained minor fire damage, but some areas did have heavy smoke and water damage.

Source: <http://www.wane.com/dpp/news/local/fire-forces-dozens-to-evacuate-apartment-complex>

40. *November 21, Associated Press* – (California) **Three dead in murder-suicide at California senior center.** Three people died November 20 in what appeared to be a double murder-suicide at a senior citizens' high-rise in Torrance, California, police said. A man in his 80s apparently shot two women before turning the gun on himself in the lobby of the Golden West Tower apartments, a police spokesman said. One of the women was an employee of the apartment complex, but victim identities were withheld until the next of kin was notified. Police were still investigating the man's motive, but residents and staff from the senior center told reporters that the man had been behaving erratically, and many of them were seeking to have him kicked out of the complex. A handgun was recovered at the scene. Police were trying to obtain surveillance camera recordings of the shooting, the spokesman said. According to the city of Torrance's Web site, Golden West Towers is a 180-unit, privately owned and operated facility. The low- and moderate-income housing is for seniors who can live independently. The incident was the latest in a string of murder-suicides at senior centers in southern California in recent years.

Source: <http://www.ajc.com/ap/ap/california/3-killed-in-double-murder-suicide-at-senior-center/nTBx7/>

41. *November 21, Minnesota Public Radio News* – (Minnesota) **Confirmed norovirus outbreak in Mankato.** The Minnesota Department of Health confirmed that an outbreak of norovirus occurred at the Verizon Wireless Center in Mankato, Minnesota the week of November 12. A Minnesota Department of Health spokesperson said it is

likely that more than 50 people attending a Chamber of Commerce event November 13 and a veterans' event November 14 were sickened in the outbreak. Norovirus is spread through stool and can be transmitted through food or on surfaces. The agency was still investigating the cause of the outbreak. He said the facility has made some changes to avoid further possible transmission of the virus. November and December is typically when most norovirus cases in Minnesota occur.

Source: <http://minnesota.publicradio.org/display/web/2012/11/20/health/sickness-outbreak-in-mankato-may-be-a-virus/>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

Nothing to report

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Dams Sector

42. *Unknown Publish Date, WGMD 92.7 FM Rehoboth Beach* – (Virginia) **Jetty and seawall to be built in Tangier Island.** The Virginia governor and officials from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced November 20 that federal funding has been made available for the construction of a jetty and seawall to protect the harbor in Tangier Island in the Chesapeake Bay from erosion. Construction on the 430-foot-long seawall and 50-foot spur jetty would not be completed until 2017. The project is slated to cost \$4.2 million; the federal government will pay \$3.2 million and the State will pick up the rest. The governor said most of the residents on Tangier Island are commercial fishermen bringing in millions of dollars for the seafood industry every year.

Source: <http://wp.wgmd.com/?p=74447>

43. *November 21, Dredging News Online* – (Virginia) **U.S.: Norfolk District awards Sandbridge beach replenishment contract.** The Norfolk District of the US Army Corps of Engineers awarded the contract for the Sandbridge Beach replenishment project in Virginia to Weeks Marine, of Camden New Jersey. The company was the low bidder with a bid of over \$15 million, all inclusive, to place 2 million cubic yards of sand along the five-mile beach from Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge to the Dam Neck Naval Facility. Virginia Beach Public Works Department expects beach placement to begin in December. The project is to be completed by May 15, 2013. After an extensive mobilization effort, which could begin by late November, officials expect beach replenishment to begin at the northern limits of the Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge and progress northerly to the city limits at the Dam Neck Naval Facility. The contract will be administered by the Norfolk District, in partnership with the city of Norfolk.

Source: <http://www.sandandgravel.com/news/article.asp?v1=16576>

44. *November 21, Idaho Mountain Express* – (Idaho) **Drawdown at Magic complete.** The Big Wood Canal Co. released some 20,000 acre feet of water from Magic Reservoir in south Blaine County, Idaho, but was still unable to retain inflow coming into the reservoir because the company was still waiting for repairs to be made at the Magic Dam hydroelectric plant. The company board chair said November 20 that the reservoir level was at about 35,000 acre feet, low enough for repairs on a hydraulic oil line to be made by electric-generation plant owner Magic Reservoir Hydroelectric, a subsidiary of the J.R. Simplot Co. However, he said the canal company was becoming frustrated that repairs have not started and because the company has to maintain the current water level and cannot yet start refilling the reservoir for the 2013 irrigation season. The canal company, which holds water rights for irrigation from reserves held in the reservoir, has lost more than \$1 million so far from the drawdown. He said it continues to lose close to \$100,000 a week by not being allowed to begin refilling. The company will only be able to recoup the money if there is sufficient snowfall this winter in the Big Wood River drainage to the north. The canal company was forced into the release of water by an order from a Blaine County 5th District judge October 23. The judge's order followed a lawsuit filed by Magic Reservoir Hydroelectric against the canal company in which it was seeking to have the reservoir lowered so that dry repairs could be made on the leaking hydraulic oil line. According to documents filed in the court case, Magic Reservoir Hydroelectric was facing fines from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency of up to \$32,500 per day if the repairs were not made.
Source: <http://www.mtexpress.com/index2.php?ID=2005144922#.UKz2dq7kGok>

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