



## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report 5 November 2012

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- Widespread gas shortages stirred fears among residents and disrupted some rescue and emergency services in New York and New Jersey November 1. – *New York Times* (See item [3](#))
- Nine more cases of fungal meningitis were reported from an outbreak tied to steroid medications shipped by a Massachusetts company, bringing the national total to 377 cases, U.S. health officials said November 1. – *Reuters* (See item [27](#))
- Hurricane Sandy will likely cost telephone and cable service providers hundreds of millions of dollars, with companies such as Verizon Communications and Cablevision Systems Corp. hit hardest, according to analysts. – *Reuters* (See item [31](#))
- The final repair bill for the Army Corps of Engineers' Omaha District totaled \$360 million. Levee rehabilitation work came to \$160 million and repairs to damages at the six mainstem dam projects totaled \$200 million. – *Glasgow Courier* (See item [57](#))

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## Energy Sector

1. *November 2, Associated Press* – (New York) **Over 1.3M customers still without power in NYS.** The Long Island Power Authority (LIPA) said it expects to restore the majority of customers who lost power in New York by the weekend of November 10. There were more than 436,000 LIPA customers still without service as of November 2. LIPA said it was focusing on restoring power along main roads, traffic signals, and schools. In Manhattan, 226,000 buildings, homes, and business remained without power. Consolidated Edison said they should have service restored by November 3. It will take another week — in some cases 2 weeks — to restore power to the outer boroughs and northern suburbs, including Westchester, where over 140,000 remain without power. More than 1.3 million remained without power in New York State. Source: <http://online.wsj.com/article/AP0f9a7cba2124433e9c5d9d72ec2b1c5c.html>
2. *November 2, New Jersey Herald* – (New Jersey) **Some power coming back.** Jersey Central Power&Light (JCP&L), the largest electric provider in Sussex County, reported on its outage map November 2 that about 28,000 of its 57,766 customers in the county were without power. These customers were told to expect that their power would be restored by November 7, unless they are among the hardest hit areas, which could then take until the week of November 12, a JCP&L spokesman said November 1. He said a significant number of customers in other parts of the State would not receive service until homes, roads and other infrastructure can be rebuilt. He said 450 utility poles were damaged, and more than 12,000 trees were cut and removed by crews in JCP&L territory. November 1, two New Jersey municipalities — Andover Township and Andover Borough — were listed as having 100 percent of customers out, according to JCP&L's online outage map. November 2, Andover Township was listed at 89 percent and Andover Borough at 75 percent. Source: <http://www.njherald.com/story/19982162/40000-without-power-in-county>
3. *November 1, New York Times* – (New Jersey; New York) **Gasoline runs short, adding woes to storm recovery.** Widespread gas shortages stirred fears among residents and disrupted some rescue and emergency services November 1 as the New York region struggled to return to a semblance of normalcy after being ravaged by Hurricane Sandy, the New York Times reported November 1. Four days after the hurricane, the effort to secure enough gas for the region moved to the forefront of recovery work. The problems affected even New York City, where the Taxi Commission warned that the suddenly indispensable fleet of yellow cabs would thin significantly November 2 because of the fuel shortage. According to figures from the American Automobile Association, of the gas stations it monitors, roughly 60 percent of stations in New Jersey and 70 percent on Long Island were closed. At stations that were open, nerves frayed. Fights broke out November 1 at the block-long Hess station on 10th Avenue in Midtown Manhattan, forcing the Police Department to send three officers to keep the peace, a police official said. The police had to close two lanes of the broad thoroughfare to accommodate a line of customers stretching eight blocks, to 37th Street. The ports and refineries that supply much of the region's gas were shut down in

advance of the storm and were damaged by it. That disrupted deliveries to gas stations that had power to pump the fuel. However, the bigger problem was that many stations and storage facilities remained without power. Politicians were scrambling November 1 to increase the supply of fuel — the Port of New York and New Jersey opened just enough to allow boats carrying gas to move, and the governor of New Jersey waived restrictions that make it harder for stations to buy gas from out-of-State suppliers. He said that the U.S. President sent 250,000 gallons of gas and 500,000 gallons of diesel fuel to the State through the Department of Defense, and he pledged to send more if needed.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2012/11/02/nyregion/gasoline-shortages-disrupting-recovery-from-hurricane.html?ref=us&r=1&&pagewanted=all>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

Nothing to report

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

4. *November 2, Reuters* – (California) **Cost of San Onofre nuclear outage in California reaches \$317 million: Edison.** The cost for the prolonged outage at the damaged San Onofre nuclear power plant in San Diego County, California, has topped \$317 million for the year, the plant's primary owner, utility Southern California Edison (SCE) said November 1. Inspection and repairs of giant steam generators inside the two-unit nuclear plant - which has been offline since January - have cost the utility \$96 million, officials of SCE's parent, Edison International, said during an earnings call. Power to replace lost output from the 2,150-megawatt plant has cost an additional \$221 million, SCE officials said. In an attempt to recoup some costs related to San Onofre, SCE in September submitted a \$45 million invoice to Japan's Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd, which manufactured the steam generators. SCE has a 20-year warranty with Mitsubishi for the steam generators. The company also submitted an initial claim to Nuclear Electric Insurance Ltd, an industry-sponsored fund, for loss recovery under its outage insurance. Still, officials said there was no guarantee the utility would recover money from either the warranty or the insurance company.

Source: <http://news.yahoo.com/cost-san-onofre-nuclear-outage-california-reaches-317-015918125--sector.html>

5. *November 2, Associated Press* – (Illinois) **NRC raises concerns about Dresden flood plan.** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) said it has questions about Exelon Generation's plan for handling a big flood at the Dresden Nuclear Station in Morris, Illinois, the Associated Press reported November 2. The commission that recent inspections raised concerns about whether the current plans are adequate in the event of a catastrophic flood like the one that swamped the Fukushima Daiichi plant in Japan in

2011. Among the questions is how the company would reach the plant to refuel a diesel pump that would circulate water to cool the reactor. The company has 30 days to respond. A NRC spokeswoman said the plan needs to address the worst possible flood, no matter how improbable. She said concerns with Dresden's plan do not represent an immediate safety risk.

Source: <http://newsok.com/nrc-raises-concerns-about-dresden-flood-plan/article/feed/457020>

6. *November 1, Platts* – (National) **US NRC staff recommends ordering vent filters at 31 nuclear units.** Staff of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will recommend that commissioners impose a requirement that 31 nuclear reactors similar in design to those that experienced core melting at Japan's Fukushima Daiichi be retrofitted with containment vent filters that could cost \$16 million each to install, officials said November 1. NRC staff is preparing a paper for the five-member commission by the end of November, the associate director of the agency's Japan lessons learned directorate said during a public meeting at agency headquarters. There is no timetable for the commission to take action on the measure. Commissioners told the staff to include the issue of filtered vents in the agency's immediate response to the Fukushima accident, instead of waiting to decide that issue until later. Agency staff believe the filters provide a "substantial safety enhancement" that provides additional defenses for the containment structures in some General Electric (GE)-designed boiling water reactors. Those GE Mark I and Mark II containment designs, because they have generally smaller containment volumes than other GE-designed units and pressurized water reactors, are more vulnerable to excessive pressure during a severe accident, the associate director said.

Source:

<http://www.platts.com/RSSFeedDetailedNews/RSSFeed/ElectricPower/7214147>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

7. *November 1, Detroit Free Press* – (Michigan) **Ford Rouge complex workers reporting to work Friday after power outage.** Officials were still investigating the cause of a power failure that left the sprawling Ford Rouge complex in Dearborn, Michigan, dark for about 5 hours November 1. Dearborn firefighters were called to the complex on a report of multiple fires in a continuous caster building on the property of steelmaker Severstal, according to the Dearborn Fire Battalion chief. "They were pouring molten steel into a ladle, and it overflowed when the power went out," he said. Firefighters put water on the molten steel to cool it. Police and fire officials said there were no fires. About 1,800 workers from Ford's assembly, stamping, frame, and engine plants were sent home early because of the outage.

Source: <http://www.freep.com/article/20121101/NEWS02/121101067/ford-rouge-power-plant-fire>

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## Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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## Banking and Finance Sector

8. *November 2, Mlive.com* – (Michigan) **Grand Rapids businessman to plead in \$12 million mortgage fraud, federal records show.** Court records showed the owner of the Grand Rapids, Michigan real-estate title agency Prime Title Services agreed to plead guilty in a \$12 million mortgage scheme, MLive.com reported November 2. He will plead guilty in U.S. District Court to conspiracy to commit wire fraud, according to the plea agreement. The man owned the real estate title company when he conspired with another person to defraud banks and title companies between 2002 and 2006, authorities said. He allegedly concealed from mortgage lenders and title companies prior liens and mortgages on properties that were owned and sold by the co-conspirator and one of his companies. He also failed to timely record new mortgages on properties owned by the co-conspirator and his company at Register of Deeds offices, the plea agreement said.  
Source: [http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2012/11/grand\\_rapids\\_businessman\\_to\\_pl.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2012/11/grand_rapids_businessman_to_pl.html)
9. *November 2, City News Service* – (California) **Woman faces 30 years in \$20 million mortgage fraud.** A Washington woman pleaded guilty in federal court to spearheading a \$20-million mortgage fraud scheme on about 30 properties in California's Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties, City News Service reported November 2. The woman, who resides in Glenoma, Washington, pleaded guilty to one count of mail fraud, according to an assistant U.S. Attorney. The woman and several others conspired to fraudulently obtain loans by purchasing homes in the names of various straw buyers, according to prosecutors. She offered to pay the sellers substantially more than the asking price as long as they agreed to give her the difference, prosecutors said. The loan applications in the name of straw buyers she recruited inflated employment records, income, and assets. Bank statements and other documents were forged to back up the bogus information. She received more than \$20 million in loans for about 30 properties in the three counties. The straw buyers defaulted on the loans, leading to foreclosure and losses of more than \$11 million to the lenders, prosecutors said.  
Source: <http://lagunaniguel-danapoint.patch.com/articles/woman-faces-30-years-in-20-million-mortgage-fraud>
10. *November 1, WCMH 4 Columbus* – (Ohio) **Police arrest armed bank robbery suspect.** An armed man that allegedly robbed a Cambridge, Ohio bank November 1 was in custody, and a bomb squad was called in to detonate what the suspect claimed was an explosive device. Cambridge police said the suspect walked into a U.S. Bank and handed the clerk a note demanding money. The suspect left with the cash, and was confronted by a Cambridge Police officer. The suspect said he had an explosive device,

and the officer saw that he was armed with a handgun. The officer took the suspect into custody with the help of a retired Columbus Police officer who happened to be nearby. The suspect had two handguns on him at the time of the arrest, according to police. The item the suspect claimed to be an explosive device was secured and given to the bomb squad to be detonated. The contents of the device were collected, and they were being analyzed by the Ohio State Fire Marshal's Office.

Source: <http://www2.nbc4i.com/news/2012/nov/01/police-arrest-armed-bank-robbery-suspect-ar-1225719/>

11. *November 1, WBBM 2 Chicago* – (Arizona; Florida) **FTC sues robocallers over \$30 million scam.** The U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) sued five robocall companies headquartered in Arizona and Florida for scamming individuals out of an estimated \$30 million in two years, WBBM 2 Chicago reported November 1. According to the FTC, the companies would place automated calls to consumers offering “cardholder services,” with an opportunity to reduce the interest rates on their credit cards. The firms Green Savers, Treasure Your Success, Ambrosia Web Design, A+ Financial Center, and Key One Solutions allegedly misled consumers into believing their credit card rates would be reduced. In calls from those companies, telemarketers allegedly charged the victims up-front fees ranging from a few hundred dollars to nearly \$3,000, claiming the consumer would see greater savings on their credit card bills through lower rates. In some cases, the companies allegedly did not disclose the up-front fee at all. However, consumers saw no savings on their bills, and often found it difficult – if not impossible – to get a refund of the fee they paid.  
Source: <http://chicago.cbslocal.com/2012/11/01/ftc-sues-robocallers-over-30-million-scam/>
12. *November 1, Associated Press* – (Rhode Island) **Ex-Red Sox star accused of fraud in Rhode Island.** Rhode Island's economic development agency sued a former Red Sox pitcher and some of its former officials November 1, saying they misled the State into approving a loan guarantee to the pitcher's failed video game company. The collapse of the company, 38 Studios, is likely to leave the State on the hook for \$100 million. Among other things, the lawsuit said executives at 38 Studios — as well as the former executive director of the agency and others — knew the company would run out of money by 2012, but concealed that knowledge from the agency board.  
Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2012/11/02/us/ex-red-sox-star-accused-of-fraud-in-rhode-island.html>
13. *October 30, Associated Press* – (California) **LA County man arrested in \$49M investment scam.** Federal prosecutors arrested a Los Angeles County man on charges he ran a \$49 million fraudulent investment scheme, the Associated Press reported October 30. A U.S. attorney spokesman said the man, the CEO and co-owner of Technology for Telecommunication and Multimedia, Inc., was arrested without incident at his home on 12 counts of wire fraud and other crimes. He is accused of bilking investors with false promises that his day-trading would bring them substantial profits, that their money was safe, and could be returned on request. However, prosecutors said he used investor funds to pay for his family's expenses and gambling,

in addition to making bad trades. He also allegedly provided the FBI with fraudulent documentation.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/news/crime/article/LA-County-man-arrested-in-49M-investment-scam-3994740.php>

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## **Transportation Sector**

14. *November 2, Associated Press* – (Alabama) **School bus overturns in Franklin County.** Authorities said more than a dozen children were injured when a school bus overturned in Franklin County, Alabama. A State trooper told WAFF 48 Huntsville that the accident happened shortly after November 1 on Highway 73. Authorities said a vehicle collided with the Vina High School bus, causing the bus to turn over on its side. The trooper said that about 29 children were on the bus at the time of the wreck. Authorities said at least four patients were transferred to hospitals by medical helicopters. Authorities said most of the children sustained injuries that were not considered life-threatening.

Source: <http://www.wdef.com/news/state/story/School-bus-overturns-in-Franklin-County/97Vle76c5EW9JACSopCSnQ.csp>

15. *November 2, Heavy Duty Trucking Magazine* – (National) **\$12 million DOT emergency relief funds released for Hurricane Sandy damage.** The U.S. Transportation Secretary announced he was making \$12 million in quick release emergency relief funds immediately available to New Jersey and Connecticut to help begin repairing the damage caused by Hurricane Sandy, while assessments continued throughout the Northeast to determine the full extent of the damage, Heavy Duty Trucking Magazine reported November 2. The announcement followed the U.S. President's call for federal agencies to act quickly and bring all available resources to bear as quickly as possible. It also builds on the disaster assistance efforts the Presidential administration approved the week of October 29, including major disaster declarations, which make federal assistance — like these emergency relief funds — available to supplement State and local response and recovery efforts. The funds — \$10 million for New Jersey and \$2 million for Connecticut — mark another installment of federal-aid highway funds going toward repairing damage from Hurricane Sandy. The week of October 29, the Department of Transportation approved \$17 million in quick release emergency relief funds — \$10 million for New York; \$3 million for Rhode Island; and \$4 million for North Carolina. New Jersey will use the funding to help maintain essential traffic flow and repair sections of highway necessary to prevent further damage; Connecticut will use it for general emergency repairs to federal aid highways.

Source: [http://www.truckinginfo.com/news/news-detail.asp?news\\_id=78454](http://www.truckinginfo.com/news/news-detail.asp?news_id=78454)

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## Postal and Shipping Sector

16. *November 1, Suisun City Patch* – (California) **Fairfield Police Department warns of mail thefts.** California's Fairfield Police Department investigated a series of mail thefts that have occurred in the Laurel Creek area over the past several weeks, the Suisun City Patch reported November 1. Two people have been seen checking mailboxes and taking mail. The Woodlake Park Neighborhood Watch Group assisted the Fairfield Police by providing home videos of the mail thieves.  
Source: <http://suisuncity.patch.com/articles/fairfied-police-department-warns-of-mail-thefts>
  
17. *November 1, WGCL 46 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **Police warn homeowners to protect outgoing mail.** Bremen, Georgia police officials said they believe multiple people may be involved in an identity theft ring that steals mail out of homeowners' mailboxes, changes checks meant to be used for paying bills, and cashes them at nearby stores, CBS Atlanta reported November 1. A lieutenant with the Bremen Police Department showed CBS Atlanta News surveillance video of a man believed to have illegally cashed a Bremen man's check. That victim said he mailed out several checks to pay bills and realized something was wrong when he checked his bank account a few days later. The amounts on the checks had been changed to be hundreds of dollars more than what was originally written. Surveillance video from the Walmart in Bremen shows a man walking into the store and turning one of those checks into a \$200 Walmart gift card. Police believe this may be happening to others, especially in small towns along Interstate 20. They encourage people to pay bills online, or drop mail containing checks to a secure post office mail drop box.  
Source: <http://www.cbsatlanta.com/story/19977475/police-warn-homeowners-to-protect-outgoing-mail>

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## Agriculture and Food Sector

18. *November 1, Food Safety News* – (National) **Spinach recalled for possible E. coli.** Wegmans stores recalled two sizes of pre-packaged spinach and mixed greens produced by State Garden due to possible contamination of E. coli, Food Safety News reported November 1. The recalled products are Wegmans Food You Feel Good About Organic Spinach & Spring Mix 5-ounce and 11-ounce packages sold between October 14 and November 1.  
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/11/spinach-recalled-for-possible-e-coli/>
  
19. *November 1, U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Service* – (National) **Virginia firm recalls chicken breast nugget products due to misbranding and undeclared allergen.** Perdue Foods, LLC, a Bridgewater, Virginia establishment, recalled November 1 approximately 1,440-pounds of chicken breast nugget products because of misbranding and an undeclared allergen, milk. The products subject to recall are bundled packages containing three 12-ounce tray packs of

“Perdue Original Chicken Breast Nuggets” with a sell by date of December 16, 2012. The products were distributed to retail stores in 10 States. The problem was discovered by the company and occurred as a result of an ingredient reformulation and a labeling error.

Source:

[http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News\\_&\\_Events/Recall\\_071\\_2012\\_Release/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_071_2012_Release/index.asp)

20. *November 1, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National; International) **Bolthouse Farms voluntarily recalls limited quantity of 16-ounce Carrot Chips.** Bolthouse Farms voluntarily recalled a limited quantity of its 16-ounce Carrot Chips November 1 following a routine sampling event which detected the possibility of Salmonella, announced the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Approximately 5,600 cases of the 16-ounce bags were shipped to retail customers in the United States and Canada. The recalled product has best-if-used-by dates of November 12 and 13, 2012, and the UPC 7146417209.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm326576.htm>

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## **Water Sector**

21. *November 2, Newark Star Ledger* – (New Jersey) **Officials: Avoid contact with water, fish from northern N.J. waterways.** State officials warned people November 1 to avoid contact with water or fish from several waterways in northern New Jersey after billions of gallons of raw sewage were released from treatment plants that flooded and lost power during Hurricane Sandy. The advisory is in effect for the Hudson, Raritan, Passaic, and Hackensack rivers, Newark and Raritan bays, and the Kill van Kull and Arthur Kill. The Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission plant alone has been releasing an estimated 400 million-500 million gallons of untreated wastewater a day into Newark Bay since it lost power October 29. The Middlesex County Utilities Authority treatment plant on the Raritan River in Sayreville has been releasing 300 million gallons a day since it shut down. Other shuttered plants include the North Hudson Sewerage Authority near the Hudson River in Hoboken and the Bayshore Regional Sewerage Authority in Union Beach on Raritan Bay. Untreated wastewater contains high levels of harmful bacteria, including the e-coli virus, which can cause diarrhea, kidney failure, and even death. Treatment plants are equipped with back-up generators in the event of power outages. However, shutdowns also occur, along with permanent damage, when a plant’s electric pumps and other equipment are inundated by extreme flooding while in operation. For that reason, plants often shut down in advance of a flood to minimize damage and the chance of electrical fires or explosions.

Source:

[http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2012/11/officials\\_avoid\\_contact\\_with\\_w.html](http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2012/11/officials_avoid_contact_with_w.html)

22. *November 2, Hartford Courant* – (National) **Toll Brothers pays \$741,000 to settle national EPA lawsuit.** The developer seeking to build luxury homes on Cedar Mountain, Connecticut, agreed in June to pay a \$741,000 penalty to resolve more than 600 alleged violations of the federal Clean Water Act nationwide, the Hartford Courant reported November 2. Toll Brothers, one of the nation’s largest homebuilders, allegedly failed over a period of years to control runoff from its construction sites, polluting nearby streams and rivers, according to a June 20 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) press release. “The majority of the alleged violations involve Toll Brothers’ repeated failures to comply with permit requirements at its construction sites, including requirements to install and maintain adequate storm water pollution controls,” the release read. The settlement covers 370 sites in 23 States, including 13 in Connecticut, according to the EPA website.  
Source: <http://www.courant.com/community/newington/hc-newington-toll-brothers-fine-20121031,0,4642638,full.story>
23. *November 1, Sarasota Herald Tribune* – (Florida) **Water main break disrupts Gulf Gate businesses on Superior Avenue.** A precautionary boil water advisory is in effect after a water main break affecting 66 businesses was repaired on Gateway Avenue and the west side of Superior Avenue between Gulf Gate Drive and Mall Drive, the Sarasota Herald Tribune reported November 1. Sarasota County, Florida, notified customers about the boil water advisory. Although the county had no reason to believe the drinking water was contaminated, Florida law requires drinking water providers to issue precautionary boil water advisories to customers affected by pressure losses in water mains. Over the next few days, the county will collect a series of samples and analyze them to assure the drinking water was not contaminated by potentially harmful bacteria during the service interruption. Customers would be notified when the boil water advisory was canceled.  
Source: <http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20121101/ARTICLE/121109976/-1/news?Title=Water-main-break-disrupts-Gulf-Gate-businesses&tc=ar>
24. *November 1, KGO 7 San Francisco* – (California) **88,000 gallons of raw sewage spills in San Anselmo.** A San Francisco North Bay sewer system appears to be failing, KGO 7 San Francisco reported November 1. About 88,000 of raw sewage overflowed in San Anselmo, California, and sanitation engineers said that could be just the beginning. Engineers at the Ross Valley Sanitary District said the system was falling apart faster than they can fix it. They said they were pulling rags and diapers out of a recently clogged line and they believe there may be many more that go undetected. Sanitary engineers said the entire system is made of 50-year-old clay pipe that was crumbling and leaking sewage into the ground water. It could cost about \$300 million to rebuild the system, but over the summer the Ross Valley Sanitary District Board voted down a rate increase and a \$70 million bond proposal. The maximum State fine for this recent spill alone could reach \$800,000.  
Source: [http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/local/north\\_bay&id=8870884](http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/local/north_bay&id=8870884)
25. *November 1, Kitsap Sun* – (Washington) **Sewage spills close waters near Bremerton, Kingston.** Sewage spills November 1 in both Bremerton and Kingston, Washington,

caused local health officials to issue separate health advisories for the two areas. A five-day, no-contact advisory was issued by Kitsap Public Health District for the waters of Port Washington Narrows in Bremerton following an 11,800-gallon sewage overflow at the end of High Avenue. The overflow of sewage mixed with stormwater lasted only 2 minutes, when the sewer system could not handle the flows, said Bremerton's wastewater manager. The no-contact advisory was issued by the health district for an area between Point Herron in Manette and the Tracyton waterfront. Warning signs were posted at public access points in that area. As a result of the advisory, people were urged to stay out of the water and to not harvest shellfish until November 6. The Kingston spill resulted from the failure of a pressure device on a 2-inch sewer line, according to a spokesman for Kitsap County Public Works. Between 5,000 and 10,000 gallons of sewage flowed out for about an hour before a pumper truck began taking up the sewage. The pipe was repaired November 1. A no-contact advisory was issued by the Kitsap Public Health District, and warning signs were posted at Kingston Marina, Arness County Park, and along Taree Drive, said a spokesman for the health district.

Source: <http://www.kitsapsun.com/news/2012/nov/01/sewage-spill-reported-in-port-washington-narrows/>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

26. *November 1, Portsmouth Seacoast Online* – (New Hampshire) **Exeter Hospital must release medical records in hep c investigation.** The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services will be allowed to have broad access into Exeter Hospital's medical records system while it continues to conduct its investigation into the hepatitis C outbreak at Exeter Hospital, a judge ruled November 1. Exeter Hospital was seeking a protective order against providing the records, arguing such access violated State and federal laws but a Merrimack Superior Court judge denied that request. In his 12-page ruling, he said the State has proven the need to access the records and has also proven it can do so in a professional manner that will not violate the law.

Source: <http://www.seacoastonline.com/articles/20121101-NEWS-121109955>

27. *November 1, Reuters* – (National) **Nine more cases of meningitis reported in outbreak.** Nine more cases of deadly fungal meningitis were reported from an outbreak tied to steroid medications shipped by a Massachusetts company, bringing the national total to 377 cases, U.S. health officials said November 1. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said Virginia revised down the number of deaths from three to two, reducing the national fatality total to 28. The CDC gave no reason for the revision. In addition to the 377 cases of meningitis, the CDC said there also were 9 reported cases of infections after a potentially contaminated steroid was injected into a joint such as a knee, hip, shoulder, or elbow, bringing the total number of infections nationwide to 386. The steroid was supplied by New England Compounding Center of Massachusetts, which faces multiple investigations. Health authorities said its facility near Boston failed to make medications in sterile conditions.

Source: <http://news.yahoo.com/nine-more-cases-meningitis-reported-outbreak-233744039.html>

28. *November 1, Birmingham News* – (Alabama) **Former Talladega County hospice executive sentenced to prison in \$466,500 bank fraud case.** The former chief financial officer of Talladega County, Alabama-based American Homecare Hospice was sentenced November 1 to 33 months in federal prison and ordered to repay \$466,500 he was charged with embezzling from company bank accounts. He was charged March 28 with one count of bank fraud in connection with the money he took from the hospice company's bank accounts held at Alabama Trust after an investigation by the FBI. According to court documents, between January 2007 and December 2011 he was the CFO for American Homecare Hospice. He would either approve direct deposits to his personal account that greatly exceeded his approved salary, or would use the signature of the company's owner, to embezzle \$466,500 from the company's bank accounts, prosecutors said. Another man was sentenced for 33 months and 5 years probation for bank fraud and embezzling funds from American Homecare Hospice in Sylacauga.

Source: [http://blog.al.com/spotnews/2012/11/former\\_talladega\\_county\\_hospic.html](http://blog.al.com/spotnews/2012/11/former_talladega_county_hospic.html)

29. *October 31, CNN* – (Massachusetts) **Concerns over drug shortages with Mass. company recall.** Ameridose, a sister company to the Massachusetts compounding pharmacy linked to a multi-State meningitis outbreak, October 31 announced a voluntary recall of any products remaining in circulation. Ameridose said the move was voluntary "and represents an expansion of our cooperation with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Pharmacy." Federal officials said the recall may contribute to a shortage of products. "The FDA has identified some Ameridose products that currently appear on the critical shortage list," the agency said in a statement. "These products were in shortage before the Ameridose recall, but supplies may be further affected as a result. ... The FDA is working with alternative manufacturers to maintain supplies of these life-saving drugs."

Source: <http://thechart.blogs.cnn.com/2012/10/31/concerns-over-drug-shortages-with-mass-company-recall/>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

30. *November 2, WXIX 19 Cincinnati* – (Ohio) **School closed after 200 students report illness.** Crews were working to disinfect an elementary school in Clermont County, Ohio, after nearly 200 students were reported to be sick. The Clermont County Health Commissioner told the media that so many students called out sick at Batavia Elementary November 2 that the school decided to shut down. The commissioner said the children were reporting nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. School officials said they knew something was wrong when 160 students and teachers never made it to school November 1. Once the kids were gone, the school began the work of getting rid of the germs they left behind. While the classrooms were home to fall parties October 31,

schools officials do not believe food poisoning is a possibility. Health and school officials continued to investigate the illness reports. School officials are hopeful that with the November 2 cancellation and previously planned teacher workdays November 5 and 6, students will return in good health once the doors reopen. Officials said they believe the illness was contained to the elementary school and do not anticipate any school closures or event cancellations at the high school or middle school. The Family Sports event planned for the elementary school November 1 was rescheduled to November 5.

Source: <http://clermontcounty.fox19.com/news/news/100348-school-closed-after-200-students-report-illness>

31. *November 1, Reuters* – (New York) **Sandy caused ‘major damage’ to U.N. headquarters: Official.** The United Nations (U.N.) headquarters suffered severe damage when Hurricane Sandy caused heavy flooding at the world body’s Manhattan complex along the East River, the U.N. security chief said November 1. Sandy made landfall in New York City October 29. The storm surge from the East River also affected the United Nations, which remained shut from October 29-October 31. “Tuesday morning it became evident that we had suffered pretty major damage in the United Nations,” the U.N. under-secretary-general for safety and security told reporters. “The storm surge, which was higher than anyone predicted, came over the FDR Drive, came into the service drive at the 3B (basement) level of the United Nations, rose above our loading dock levels of the 3B and then started plummeting down into the lower levels of the United Nations,” he said. He said this caused problems with the U.N. complex’s chilled-air plant, electrical operations, and communications. “We are not back to full operations,” he said. “We clearly have some damage to our communications systems.” The U.N. secretary-general’s chief of staff said U.N. peacekeeping, humanitarian, and other operations worldwide were not affected by the impact Sandy had on United Nations headquarters in New York City. U.N. officials told reporters that they expected U.N. Web sites to be operational November 1, and that some were already functional. Many U.N. Web sites have been out of operation since October 29.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/sns-rt-us-storm-sandy-unbre8a01k7-20121101,0,3559583.story>

32. *November 1, Nextgov* – (National) **DHS contractor allegedly fixed an airplane with paper clips.** A former executive at an airplane repair company with government contracts pleaded guilty to “recklessly endangering the safety of aircraft,” the Justice Department announced November 1. The executive with WECO Aerospace Systems Inc., concealed facts about repairs from customers and did not ensure that repairs were done according to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations, said a U.S. Attorney spokesman of the Eastern District of California. WECO’s clients included DHS and the City of Los Angeles. “This conduct recklessly endangered the safety of aircraft that used the parts repaired by WECO,” the spokesman said. Airplane repair stations are required to use component maintenance manuals (CMMs) — guides developed by aircraft manufacturers and approved by FAA — to direct technicians through sanctioned repair procedures. The executive “conspired with others to conceal

facts,” did not adhere to the proper CMMs specified by the manufacturers, and falsely told customers that the repairs were completed according to federal regulations. He and several others were indicted in September 2011 on charges of fraudulent repairs. In one instance, WECO employees allegedly used paper clips instead of certified parts to fix an aircraft component and then told the customer that the repair was properly completed. Two others pleaded guilty in the case and charges remain against four more co-defendants. Though the actual sentencing will be done at a later date, the executive faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, and 3 years of supervised release.

Source: <http://www.nextgov.com/defense/2012/11/dhs-contractor-allegedly-fixed-airplane-paper-clips/59201/>

33. *November 1, Meriden Record-Journal* – (Connecticut) **Still no school for Sheehan students due to roof damage and asbestos tile issue.** Sheehan High School in Wallingford, Connecticut, was scheduled to remain closed November 1 after suffering storm damage earlier the week of October 29, and students are not expected to return until November 7. Classes at the school were canceled October 31 and November 1 after winds ripped off a large section of the school’s roof and let water into the building. In a letter to parents November 1, the school’s superintendent said roof repairs were nearly complete and the building was in the process of being dried, but the leaks caused damage to asbestos floor tiles on the second floor. After the abatement, visual and analytical testing will be performed. Students would not be allowed in the building during the abatement.

Source: [http://www.myrecordjournal.com/wallingford/article\\_5b21fee8-244d-11e2-b069-001a4bcf887a.html](http://www.myrecordjournal.com/wallingford/article_5b21fee8-244d-11e2-b069-001a4bcf887a.html)

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

34. *November 2, Associated Press* – (New York) **Inmates evacuated from Manhattan prison expected to stay upstate for weeks.** New York corrections officials said it will be weeks before the 153 women inmates evacuated from a medium-security prison in lower Manhattan are returned to the building. Inmates at Bayview prison were moved October 29 to the Bedford Hills and Taconic prisons in Westchester County and the Beacon prison in Dutchess County because of superstorm Sandy. A corrections spokesman said it is unclear how long inmates will remain at the upstate prisons, though it will definitely be a few weeks.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/4a04b0c93bf643f2a67ddc08cc84f4e2/NY--Superstorm-Evacuated-Prison>

35. *November 1, Philadelphia Inquirer* – (Pennsylvania) **Four inmates escape from Philly rehab jail.** Four Philadelphia prison inmates used a 10-minute outage October 28 at the

Community Education Center's Hoffman Hall in north Philadelphia to sneak out an unlocked door and escape. Police are now seeking the four, and urge anyone who sees them to call their local police station or 9-1-1. The four were "low-custody" inmates at the hall, the city's only subcontracted jail, a prison spokeswoman said.

Source: [http://articles.philly.com/2012-11-01/news/34858759\\_1\\_prisons-spokeswoman-inmates-shawn-hawes](http://articles.philly.com/2012-11-01/news/34858759_1_prisons-spokeswoman-inmates-shawn-hawes)

36. *November 1, CNN* – (Virginia; Montana) **Virginia pipe bomb suspect arrested after police chase in Montana.** A man suspected in three pipe bomb attacks in Virginia was arrested in Montana November 1, after a police chase, law enforcement officials said. He allegedly threw several pipe bombs at law enforcement officers during the pursuit. According to a press release issued by the Stafford County Virginia Sheriff's Office, officers disabled his car and he was captured as he tried to run away on foot armed with a handgun. It appeared that no shots were fired. The charges against the man include two counts of attempted capital murder of a law enforcement officer, arson, and use of a weapon or device for an act of terror. According to Virginia law enforcement officials, he targeted two Stafford County law enforcement officers and a former girlfriend in three pipe bomb attacks October 30. No one was injured in the incidents. Officials said that he was upset by pending legal action against him.

Source: <http://www.wlky.com/news/national/Virginia-pipe-bomb-suspect-arrested-after-police-chase-in-Montana/-/9366074/17231550/-/d484i1z/-/index.html>

37. *November 1, Government Computer News* – (Florida) **Jacksonville upgrades emergency services.** The Jacksonville, Florida Fire and Rescue Department in conjunction with the Information Technologies Division worked together to update the Emergency Preparedness Division Web site to develop the JaxReady mobile application, a hybrid with a built-in Sencha Touch 2 wrapped in PhoneGap for iOS and Android, Government Computer News reported November 1. The upgrade in services not only assists citizens, it saves Jacksonville's first responders time and reduces call volume during emergencies. The Web site and mobile application help to divert many of these calls. In addition, the immediate information available on the Web site gives citizens answers that will more effectively direct and guide them. This in turn gives the Emergency Preparedness Division more time and resources to focus on actual emergencies.

Source: <http://gcn.com/articles/2012/11/01/jacksonville-upgrades-emergency-services.aspx>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

38. *November 2, The H* – (International) **Apple releases iOS 6 and Safari security updates.** Apple released updates for iOS 6, which include security fixes. The iOS 6.0.1 update includes security fixes for the kernel, passcode locking, and WebKit. The

WebKit issues were also fixed in an update of the Safari Web browser for Mac OS X. The kernel flaw allowed maliciously crafted applications to bypass the Address Space Layout Randomization (ASLR) system and discover kernel addresses. The passcode lock problem allowed anyone with physical access to a device to gain access to the new Passbook application's passes which could have included tickets, boarding passes, or vouchers. The two WebKit holes both opened up the possibility of a malicious Web site either terminating the application or running arbitrary code; one involved the checking of JavaScript arrays and the other was a use-after-free issue with SVG images.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Apple-releases-iOS-6-and-Safari-security-updates-1742206.html>

39. *November 2, IDG News Service* – (International) **Firefox to force secure connections for selected domains.** Mozilla introduced a pre-loaded list of domains for Firefox that only can be connected to securely in order to help protect the privacy and security of users. To force secure connections between the browser and a server, Mozilla uses HTTP Strict Transport Security (HSTS), a mechanism used by servers to indicate that the connecting browser must use a secure connection, according to a Mozilla developer. When the browser connects to an HSTS server for the first time though, the browser does not know if it should use a secure connection because it never received a HSTS header from that host. “Consequently, an active network attacker could prevent the browser from ever connecting securely (and even worse, the user may never realize something is amiss),” the developer said, adding that setting up the connection that way still leaves it vulnerable to attacks. As a workaround for that problem, Mozilla added a list to Firefox with domains that the browser should only connect to securely by default.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9233200/Firefox\\_to\\_force\\_secure\\_connections\\_for\\_selected\\_domains](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9233200/Firefox_to_force_secure_connections_for_selected_domains)

40. *November 2, The H* – (International) **Speculation over Facebook access via Google index.** According to a report on HackerNews, until recently, a special Google search query returned numerous Facebook links permitting access to other users' accounts. The links contain a token which automatically logs into someone else's Facebook account. The search results are also reported to have contained links providing access to other users' email addresses. The links appear to have come from notification emails sent out by Facebook in response to events. The emails contain a direct link to the relevant event on Facebook. To make it easier for users to log in, Facebook includes the user's email address in the link URL. This is then entered into the relevant field on the login page automatically and users need only enter their password — and even this can be omitted if they are already logged in. In some cases, Facebook also uses links containing tokens which log users in without requiring a password. This is not a security problem in itself, since Facebook sends these emails directly to the account owner. The problem arises when these links fall into the wrong hands. It is currently unclear how they were indexed by Google. A Facebook employee hypothesized that the notification emails may have been made publicly available for reasons such as the use of a throwaway email site, access to which does not require a password. He also stated

that Facebook has deactivated token-based logins in response to the issue. Google also appears to have taken action, with the links in question having largely vanished from its search results.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Speculation-over-Facebook-access-via-Google-index-1742538.html>

41. *November 1, Network World* – (International) **Security research labels over 290,000 Google Play Android apps as ‘high-risk’**. One-quarter of more than 400,000 Android applications examined in the Google Play store pose security risks to mobile-device users, according to new research. Security vendor Bit9 categorized these Android apps as “questionable” or “suspicious” because they could gain access to personal information to collect GPS data, phone calls or phone numbers, and much more after the user granted “permission” to the app. “You have to say ‘yes’ to the application or it won’t run,” pointed out Bit9’s CTO. Games, entertainment, and wallpaper apps especially seem to want to grab data, even though their functions would seem to have little direct use for it. Bit9 notes this does not mean these apps are malware per se, but they could do damage if compromised because the user has granted so much permission.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9233139/Security\\_research\\_labels\\_over\\_290\\_000\\_Google\\_Play\\_Android\\_apps\\_as\\_high\\_risk](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9233139/Security_research_labels_over_290_000_Google_Play_Android_apps_as_high_risk)

42. *November 1, Softpedia* – (International) **Phishers steal email account credentials with shady ‘Windows Update’ site**. A group of cybercriminals is attempting to gather Yahoo!, Gmail, Windows Live, AOL, and any other email account credentials. According to GFI Labs experts, the thieves set up a phishing page on a Web site called microsofts(dot)us. When users visit this site, most likely after clicking on links received via spam, they are presented with a message that reads: “Your computer is out of date and risk is very high. To update your windows installation records you are required to choose your email address below.” After victims provide their email addresses and associated passwords, they are presented with a page that contains instructions on how to update Windows. The instructions are not malicious, but at this point, the user’s credentials are stored in a database controlled by the cybercriminals. The site is currently flagged as being malicious by browsers and security solutions providers, and the Web page in question was removed. However, users are still advised to be cautious since the phishers can easily relocate the page.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Phishers-Steal-Email-Account-Credentials-with-Shady-Windows-Update-Site-303710.shtml>

43. *November 1, V3.co.uk* – (International) **Cyber criminals look to exploit interest in Windows 8**. Two cyber threats targeting early adopters of Microsoft’s recently launched Windows 8 operating system were recently discovered. Trend Micro detected the TROJ\_FAKEAV.EHM malware and a phishing email scam targeting Windows 8 customers October 31. The malware is reportedly hosted and spread via a number of malicious sites. It infects machines by displaying a fake scanning result window that aims to dupe its victims into purchasing a bogus antivirus program for Windows 8. The

phishing email looks to fool users into handing over sensitive data, such as their email address and password, by masquerading as a fake, free Windows 8 download offer.

Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2221625/cyber-criminals-look-to-exploit-interest-in-windows-8>

44. *October 30, IDG News Service* – (International) **Lack of abuse detection allows cloud instances to be used like botnets.** Some cloud providers fail to detect and block malicious traffic originating from their networks, which provides cybercriminals with an opportunity to launch attacks in a botnet-like fashion, according to a report from security consultancy firm, Stratsec. Researchers from the company reached this conclusion after performing a series of experiments on the infrastructure of five “common,” but unnamed, cloud providers. The experiments involved sending different types of malicious traffic from remotely controlled cloud instances (virtual machines) to a number of test servers running common services such as HTTP, FTP, and SMTP. Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9233077/Lack\\_of\\_abuse\\_detection\\_allows\\_cloud\\_instances\\_to\\_be\\_used\\_like\\_botnets](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9233077/Lack_of_abuse_detection_allows_cloud_instances_to_be_used_like_botnets)

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

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

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## Communications Sector

45. *November 2, Atlanta Journal-Constitution* – (Georgia) **Police: CNN bomb threat was extortion attempt.** Police continued to investigate a bomb threat and extortion plot called in November 2 to the CNN Center in Atlanta. Police received a call from a person claiming to have planted a chemical bomb somewhere on the campus of the Atlanta landmark, the Atlanta Police captain told reporters. “He threatened to detonate that bomb, and demanded \$15,000 and I believe an airline ticket out of town,” he said. Police closed down roads surrounding the CNN Center and an adjacent hotel while teams went floor-by-floor searching for any suspicious items that might be an explosive. Neither building was evacuated. After an hour and a half police completed the search without finding anything and reopened the roads. “He called the Zone 1 precinct” in west Atlanta, the captain said — the CNN Center is in Atlanta Police Zone 5 downtown. “He also called CNN security and made the same threat.” “He made a comment that he was wanted by the federal government for some sort of RICO violation,” he said. Police are still trying to determine the motive for the call.

Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/news/local/bomb-threat-closes-downtown-streets/nSttR/>

46. *November 1, Torrington Register Citizen* – (Connecticut) **Some customers find CPTV knocked out by Sandy.** Hurricane Sandy left some TV viewers without access to Connecticut Public Television (CPTV), the Torrington Register Citizen reported November 1. Over-the-air (antenna) viewers of WEDW 49 Stamford or WEDY 65 New Haven found only darkness on those digital channel slots since the storm blew through the area earlier the week of October 29. A CPTV spokeswoman said the station signals were victims of power outages at the transmitters. “As soon as they restore power, those channels will come back on,” she said November 1.

Source:

<http://www.registercitizen.com/articles/2012/11/01/news/doc5092b3f9c7da7663834636.txt>

47. *November 1, Reuters* – (National) **Sandy seen costing telco, cable hundreds of millions of dollars.** Hurricane Sandy will likely cost telephone and cable service providers hundreds of millions of dollars, with companies such as Verizon Communications and Cablevision Systems Corp. hit hardest, according to analysts, Reuters reported November 1. The storm could end up costing cable and telephone network operators \$550 million to \$600 million in clean-up and repair costs, according to a Barclays analyst. Along with Cablevision and Verizon, Time Warner Cable, and the wireless operations of AT&T Inc. and Sprint Nextel were included in the analyst’s estimate.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/11/01/us-storm-sandy-telecoms-idUSBRE8A01QU20121101>

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## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

48. *November 2, WCNC 22 Charlotte* – (North Carolina) **Molotov cocktails found at east Charlotte hotel.** Police investigated after Molotov cocktails were found inside an east Charlotte, North Carolina hotel November 2. Police were called to the Econo Lodge Inn & Suites where they found three flammable Molotov cocktails. No one was inside the hotel room when officers arrived, and a HAZMAT crew was called to dismantle the explosives. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Fire Department Battalion chief noted it is not illegal to make a Molotov cocktail, just to use them. Just two buildings away, officers moved to the nearby Golden Green hotel and evacuated the building due to smoke. It was unlikely that the two incidents were related. Investigators were on scene to determine what caused the smoke. No arrests have been made in either incident.

Source: <http://www.wcnc.com/news/local/Explosives-found-at-east-Charlotte-hotel-176927191.html>

49. *November 2, Eureka Times Standard* – (California) **Early morning fire damages three Samoa businesses; more than 15 agencies helped battle the blaze.** Fire crews

and business owners were left November 1 to assess the damage of a fire that ravaged sections of the Fairhaven Business Park in Samoa, California. The fire chief said Humboldt Bay Fire crews spotted the red glow of the blaze burning across the bay while responding to a structure fire in Eureka. Samoa Peninsula Volunteer Fire crews were already on scene when Humboldt Bay firefighters arrived. The fire destroyed a small outbuilding and damaged three businesses — Fox Farm Soil Plant, Myrtle town Lumber, and Humboldt Bay Packers — housed in the 70,000-square-foot main building of the business park. Fire crews evaluated and cleaned up the damage November 1. Source: [http://www.times-standard.com/localnews/ci\\_21912204/early-morning-fire-damages-three-samoa-businesses-more](http://www.times-standard.com/localnews/ci_21912204/early-morning-fire-damages-three-samoa-businesses-more)

50. *November 1, KTNA 88.9 FM Talkeetna* – (Alaska) **Downtown Talkeetna fire destroys 1 building, damages 2 others.** A fire broke out in downtown Talkeetna, Alaska, November 1. The fire burned one small structure to the ground and caused extensive damage to two other buildings. Talkeetna Fire responded to a fire that had consumed the My Little Dumpling food trailer and was quickly spreading to the adjacent structures, including Denali Dry Goods and the Denali Zipline Tours building. According to the Talkeetna Fire Chief, the three structures were ablaze when they responded, at which point units from as far as Willow and Central Mat Su were called in to assist in fighting the blaze and prevent it from spreading to other structures in downtown Talkeetna. Initial fire response took about two hours to knock the fire down, once the hot spots were eliminated. The food trailer was a total loss, and considerable damage was caused to the Zipline building. The fire chief said the efforts to contain the fire and prevent its spread was a priority, due to the close proximity of buildings in downtown Talkeetna, which are primarily wood. Source: <http://www.alaskapublic.org/2012/11/01/downtown-talkeetna-fire-destroys-1-building-damages-2-others/>

51. *November 1, Pasadena Sun* – (California) **Pasadena police seek clues in deadly explosion, fire.** Two men were killed and another suffered serious burns during a fire that erupted November 1 at a home in Pasadena, California, where as many as 20 men rented rooms. Firefighters responded to a call about an apparent explosion and found heavy smoke and flames coming from the front of the two-story residence, a Pasadena Fire Department spokeswoman said. Firefighters took about 20 minutes to extinguish the blaze, found 2 men dead inside, and transported a third to the local burn center. Pasadena police cordoned off the building and declared the area a crime scene after 16 residents who had escaped the flames were evacuated to a local medical center. The surviving burn victim was in “serious but stable” condition November 1, said a burn center spokeswoman. Property records showed the owner of the home owns several properties in Pasadena in Los Angeles. The owner sued the city in 2010 after officials ordered her to shut down a boarding home, according to court documents. City officials had charged the owner with code enforcement violations after the home caught fire on May 29, 2009, resulting in the death of one tenant. Those charges were dropped after she agreed to comply with city regulations. Source: [http://articles.pasadenasun.com/2012-11-01/news/34861513\\_1\\_pasadena-police-lisa-derderian-north-fair-oaks-avenue](http://articles.pasadenasun.com/2012-11-01/news/34861513_1_pasadena-police-lisa-derderian-north-fair-oaks-avenue)

52. *November 1, Eureka Times Standard* – (California) **Plaza Halloween: Officer injured during arrest; assault rifle taken from reveler.** The Arcata Police Department (APD) along with officers from the Eureka Police Department, Fortuna Police Department, Ferndale Police Department, Rio Dell Police Department, HSU Police Department, and California Highway Patrol patrolled the Arcata, California's Arcata Plaza on Halloween due to past incidents of unruly behavior, the Eureka Times-Standard reported November 1. Halloween saw a couple thousand people in the downtown area once again. While officers were successful in keeping the Plaza from being vandalized, some people in the crowd turned violent. While arresting a female subject who had been involved in a physical fight, officers became surrounded. Several objects were thrown at the officers from the crowd. An APD sergeant was struck in the face with a bottle. He sustained a large laceration to his upper lip and had to be transported to a local hospital. The crowd continued to be unruly and several more arrests were made throughout the night. During the event officers located a male subject with an AR-15 assault rifle slung around his neck. The firearm had an unusable unloaded magazine in the weapon. He also had a loaded operable 10 round magazine in his pocket. The weapon was taken for public safety reasons. During the event there were nine public intoxication arrests, and numerous medical aid calls which consisted of a broken nose, broken jaw, severed ear, and other alcohol related issues. There were approximately 101 calls for service during the night.

Source: [http://www.times-standard.com/breakingnews/ci\\_21907560/plaza-halloween-officer-injured-during-arrest-assault-rifle](http://www.times-standard.com/breakingnews/ci_21907560/plaza-halloween-officer-injured-during-arrest-assault-rifle)

53. *November 1, WCBS 2 New York; Associated Press* – (New York) **Limited police escorts available for residents, hotel guests evacuated near Midtown dangling crane.** New York City officials made progress November 1 in assessing the partially collapsed crane that has dangled high above West 57th Street since October 29. The city said inspections were completed. Officials were next going over plans to secure it. The call came in October 29 at the One57 Building, a luxury condo tower under construction. The top of the crane, about 75 stories up, could be seen dangling precariously down off of the luxury building. The New York City mayor said at the time all buildings on the north and south sides of 57th Street between Sixth and Seventh avenues, and all exposed buildings on 56th Street between Sixth and Seventh avenues, were evacuated. The city Department of Emergency Management announced November 1 that residents and hotel guests who were forced to evacuate due to the crane collapse may be escorted into the buildings by the NYPD to retrieve "absolute necessities," such as medication. The NYPD was conducting limited escorts into the vacated buildings.

Source: <http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2012/11/01/limited-police-escorts-available-for-residents-hotel-guests-evacuated-by-midtown-dangling-crane/>

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## National Monuments and Icons Sector

54. *November 2, KABC 790 AM Los Angeles* – (New York) **Statue of Liberty closes indefinitely after superstorm Sandy.** The Statue of Liberty shut down October 29 as a result of superstorm Sandy, a day after its grand reopening. “Due to conditions created by Hurricane Sandy, Statue of Liberty National Monument will be closed until further notice,” the alert on the National Park Service Web site read. The Statue of Liberty Facebook pages stated, “The Statue of Liberty National Monument, encompassing both Liberty and Ellis Islands, will be CLOSED through Saturday, November 3rd. Please refer to our FB page and our Twitter feed @StatueLibrtyNPS for information regarding plans for Sunday. Our maintenance crews have a huge challenge in pumping water and clearing debris from the islands, but the conditions at the screening facilities in Battery Park, NY, and Liberty State Park, NJ, will also affect operations.”  
Source: <http://www.kabc.com/rssItem.asp?feedid=118&itemid=29933799>

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## Dams Sector

55. *November 2, Jackson Hole Daily* – (Wyoming) **Army repairs eroding levee.** A 3-year project began this the week of October 29 to shore up Snake River levees. Crews from Westwood Curtis Construction tore out vegetation and replaced rocks on the 4-mile John Dodge Levee, starting near the Gros Ventre River confluence and working toward the Highway 22 bridge over the Snake. “Because of the freezing and thawing, rocks that were 400 pounds are reduced to the size of gravel,” said a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers project manager for the Jackson levee system. The work was capped at \$250,000 a year. Work for 2012 should finish before November 22. Work will resume in the spring of 2013 to repair high-priority levees, primarily ones that block water from reaching residential areas, the Corps project manager said. He believes some of the rock placed on the levee 50 years ago was not up to demands. The “armor” rocks, which are supposed to protect the levee, have not held up over the decades. The Army wants to repair the levee during the autumn to avoid high water in the spring. Meanwhile, Yellow Iron Excavation was hauling rocks to build up the Corps’ stockpile, which was depleted during the summer of 2012 when crews were trying to ward off floodwaters. Flood managers used 22,000 tons of rock during the 2011 flood season to repair levees. Yellow Iron was hauling in 12,500 tons of rock, some of which is being used for the levee repairs said.  
Source: [http://www.jhnewsandguide.com/article.php?art\\_id=9205](http://www.jhnewsandguide.com/article.php?art_id=9205)

56. *November 1, National Public Radio* – (New Jersey) **In flooded New Jersey, no oversight for levees.** Residents of Moonachie and Little Ferry, New Jersey, began to clear the damage after their communities were inundated by floodwaters, National Public Radio reported November 1. The flooding occurred when a system of levees and berms was unable to control the storm surge pushed ashore by superstorm Sandy. A geologist of the University of California, Davis, was not surprised. “There really are only two kinds of levees,” he said, “those that have failed, and those that will fail.”

Perhaps somewhat more surprising is that there is no State agency in New Jersey that regulates or maintains levees. One of the reasons for that lack of oversight was that the levee system evolved in an ad hoc fashion over a period of centuries. “The county that I live in, Gloucester County, there’s been a levee system in place, I think, from the King George era,” a State senator said, referring to the British king during the American Revolution. He said his county relied on this ancient system of levees along the Delaware River to prevent flooding. “If it breached in this area of the state of New Jersey, it would have cut off [Interstate] 295 and the New Jersey Turnpike.” Those two highways are crucial to commerce in the Northeast. “We’ve been putting our county resources to work, and State resources to work,” the State senator said. “But we won’t get any federal money unless the thing basically collapses.” A report in 2010 found that none of the levees in Gloucester County met standards set by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that would qualify them for federal assistance.

Source: [http://www.wnyc.org/npr\\_articles/2012/nov/01/in-flooded-new-jersey-no-oversight-for-levees/](http://www.wnyc.org/npr_articles/2012/nov/01/in-flooded-new-jersey-no-oversight-for-levees/)

57. *November 1, Glasgow Courier* – (National) **\$56M awarded for dam repairs.** The Army Corps of Engineers awarded the final round of contracts for repairs throughout the Missouri River basin following the flood of 2011, the Glasgow Courier reported November 1. The final repair bill for the Corps’ Omaha District totaled \$360 million. Levee rehabilitation work came to \$160 million and repairs to damages at the six mainstem dam projects totaled \$200 million. The work on 15 levee systems is expected to be complete by the spring of 2013. Completion of work on the dams will take a year or more. According to a release from the Omaha District, examples of repair work include spillway repairs, under seepage control systems, repairs to Corps-owned levees that were scoured during the flood, relief wells, retaining walls, toe drains, and other erosion repairs. Six projects totaling more than \$56 million were awarded for construction at the Fort Peck Dam and power plant. The Fort Peck Project manager said several of the contracts were multi-year repairs scheduled for completion in 2015.
- Source: <http://www.glasgowcourier.com/cms/news/story-654901.html>

58. *November 1, Stow Sentry* – (Ohio) **ODNR says dam in The Meadows subdivision must be repaired.** A breach in the detention flood control dam at The Meadows subdivision must be repaired or temporarily physically altered so that it does not hold water by December 15, according to a mandate from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), the Stow Sentry reported November 1. About two dozen people — the owner of the dam and his attorney, officials from the city of Stow, village of Silver Lake, ODNR, Summit County Soil, Water Conservation District, and various elected officials — met at the dam October 22 to discuss what should be done “so that it does not create a hazard over the wintertime,” Stow’s service director said during a City Council meeting October 25. “If water gets impounded and the dam gives way/ collapses, somebody near it, on it, downstream of it would be injured so we should continue to monitor that situation because the owner indicated on Monday that he certainly doesn’t have bottomless pockets, and at some point he may just walk away from this,” he said. The cost to repair the dam is not known at this time, he said. The dam is north of Silver Lake Country Club on Graham Road, near the Stow border. An

inspector from the ODNR completed a routine evaluation of the dam May 10 and found “poor conditions” and a “collapsing spillway” that controls the release of water, according to an ODNR spokeswoman at that time. The purpose of the dam, which sits between Inverness Lane and Wimbledon Circle, is to collect rainwater so that it does not spill onto the golf course.

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