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- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency reported November 20 that an additional 75,000 Volkswagen AG luxury cars and sport-utility vehicles were found outfitted with technology designed to cheat emissions standards. – *Reuters* (See item [4](#))
- Tesla Motors Inc., recalled November 20 for all 90,000 of its Model S vehicles and all its variant models after receiving a report that the vehicle’s front seat belt was not properly connected and would pose a safety risk in a crash. – *Bloomberg News* (See item [6](#))
- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved November 19 Massachusetts-based AquaBounty Technologies to farm genetically engineered Atlantic salmon for human consumption. – *Reuters* (See item [16](#))
- Connecticut-based Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide Inc., reported November 22 that its payment systems were compromised at 54 of its hotel restaurants, gift shops, and other retail areas after malware was found in its systems that allowed attackers access to debit and credit card information. – *Associated Press* (See item [26](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *November 23, Detroit Free Press; Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Thousands without power after snow hits metro Detroit.** Utility crews worked November 22 to restore power to the remaining 10,000 customers that lost service following a storm that moved across metro Detroit November 21 and knocked out electricity to more than 40,000 customers.
Source: <http://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/detroit/2015/11/22/40000-without-power-snowstorm-metro-detroit/76212438/>
2. *November 21, Associated Press* – (Washington) **60,000 still without power 5 days after Washington storm.** Avista crews worked to restore power to approximately 61,000 customers that remained without service November 21 in the Spokane area following a November 17 storm that knocked out electricity to more than 100,000 customers and damaged an estimated 700 miles of overhead power lines.
Source: http://www.oregonlive.com/pacific-northwest-news/index.ssf/2015/11/60000_still_without_power_5_da.html

Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

Critical Manufacturing Sector

3. *November 23, Associated Press* – (International) **Ford announces major recall.** Ford Motor Company issued a recall November 23 for approximately 411,000 vehicles in the U.S. including model year 2010 – 2011 Ford Fusion vehicles and model year 2008 – 2011 Mercury Milan sedans built in Mexico, after a report found that a valve on the gas canister can get stuck, causing repeated air pressure changes in the gas tank that can ultimately crack the tank and cause fuel leaks.
Source: <http://www.usnews.com/news/business/articles/2015/11/23/ford-recalls-450k-midsize-cars-for-possible-fuel-leak>
4. *November 21, Reuters* – (National) **VW adds 75,000 vehicles to emissions cheat scandal.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency reported November 20 that an additional 75,000 Volkswagen AG luxury cars and sport-utility vehicles, dating back to 2009, were found outfitted with technology designed to cheat emissions standards. The admission is a continuation of a wide-reaching investigation that has affected 482,000 Volkswagen vehicles.
Source: <http://triblive.com/business/headlines/9483044-74/emissions-vehicles-diesel>
5. *November 20, Associated Press* – (National) **Hyundai recalls nearly 305K cars for brake light problem.** Hyundai Motor Company announced a recall November 20 for

approximately 305,000 model year 2011 – 2012 Sonata vehicles after the company found that the stopper pad, located between the brake pedal and plunger that turns on the brake lights, can deteriorate, which can lead to instances where the brake lights may turn on when the driver is not applying the brakes.

Source: <http://www.cnbc.com/2015/11/20/hyundai-recalls-nearly-305k-cars-for-brake-light-problem.html>

6. *November 20, Bloomberg News* – (International) **Tesla recalls all 90,000 Model S cars to check seat belts.** Tesla Motors Inc., announced a recall November 20 for all 90,000 of its Model S vehicles and all its variant models after receiving a report that the vehicle's front seat belt was not properly connected to the outboard lap pretensioner and would pose a safety risk in a crash. The company found no other issues after an inspection of 3,000 vehicles and its assembly process.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2015-11-20/tesla-to-recall-90-000-model-s-cars-to-check-front-seat-belts>

Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

Financial Services Sector

See item [26](#)

Transportation Systems Sector

7. *November 23, Securityweek* – (National) **United Airlines patches serious flaw after 6 months.** United Airlines patched a vulnerability in its MileagePlus mobile app after a researcher determined that an attacker could gain access to MileagePlus accounts and user information through an insecure direct object references (IDOR) vulnerability discovered when the researcher changed one of the parameters in mpNumber, which is likely the MileagePlus number.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/united-airlines-patches-serious-flaw-after-6-months>

8. *November 22, Yavapai County Daily Courier* – (Arizona) **Accident closes Highway 169 Saturday night near Dewey-Humboldt.** Highway 169 near Dewey-Humboldt was shut down for 2 hours November 22 following a multi-vehicle crash that left 7 people injured.

Source:

<http://dcourier.com/main.asp?SectionID=1&SubSectionID=1086&ArticleID=152255>

9. *November 22, Associated Press* – (South Dakota) **2-vehicle crash west of Mina leaves 3 people dead.** U.S. Highway 12 west of Mina, South Dakota, was closed for over 2 hours November 21 following an accident involving 2 vehicles that left 3 people dead.

Source: <http://www.kdlt.com/news/local-news/three-killed-in-car-crash-near-mina-sd/36595558>

10. *November 22, WWBT 12 Richmond* – (Virginia) **All lanes reopen on I-85N after Dinwiddie crash.** Interstate 85 in Dinwiddie was shut down for several hours November 22 following an accident involving a semi-truck that crashed into a parked fire truck before hitting a guard rail and overturning, leaving the semi-truck driver, a firefighter, and a deputy injured.
Source: <http://www.nbc12.com/story/30579204/update-all-lanes-closed-i-85n-after-dinwiddie-crash-cleanup-underway>
11. *November 21, Portland Tribune* – (Oregon) **Silverton man dies in Highway 213 crash at Molalla.** Highway 213 near Molalla was closed for more than 3 hours November 19 – November 20 while officials investigated the scene of a single-vehicle accident that killed the driver after he was ejected from his vehicle.
Source: <http://portlandtribune.com/pt/9-news/282358-158848-silverton-man-dies-in-highway-213-crash-at-molalla>
12. *November 20, KSTU 13 Salt Lake City* – (Utah) **2 dead, 1 injured after head-on collision on SR-6 near Helper.** The eastbound lanes of State Route 6 near Helper were blocked for several hours November 20 while officials investigated the scene of a fatal crash involving 2 vehicles that left 2 people dead and 1 person injured.
Source: <http://fox13now.com/2015/11/20/2-dead-1-injured-after-head-on-collision-on-sr-6-near-helper/>
13. *November 20, KCNC 4 Denver* – (Colorado) **Heavy snow, accidents close I-70, traction laws in effect.** Heavy snowfall led to the closure of several stretches of Interstate 70 in Colorado and Highway 285 near Morrison for several hours November 20.
Source: <http://denver.cbslocal.com/2015/11/20/heavy-snow-accidents-i-70-traction-laws/>

Food and Agriculture Sector

14. *November 21, White Plains Daily Voice* – (National) **Chipotle E. coli outbreak spreads to New York.** The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported November 20 that 3 more States including California, New York, and Ohio were affected by an E. coli outbreak that has sickened 45 people and has been linked to food consumption from Chipotle Mexican Grill restaurants. Officials are still investigating the source of the outbreak.
Source: <http://whiteplains.dailyvoice.com/news/chipotle-e-coli-outbreak-spreads-to-new-york/605825/>
15. *November 20, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (Iowa) **Casey's Bakery Inc. issues allergy alert on undeclared peanuts in Snickers 8x8 cake.** Sioux Center, Iowa-based Casey's Bakery Inc., issued a voluntary recall November 18 for its 23-ounce frozen Snickers 8x8 cakes after a label inspection revealed that the tag did not properly claim peanuts as an ingredient. Products were distributed to retail stores in Orange City, Hartley, Hawarden, and Sioux Center.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm473872.htm>

16. *November 19, Reuters* – (National) **U.S. clears genetically modified salmon for human consumption.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved November 19 Massachusetts-based AquaBounty Technologies to farm genetically engineered Atlantic salmon for human consumption, and stated that the product will not require special labeling due to its nutritional equivalence to conventional farm-raised Atlantic salmon. The salmon will be raised in hatcheries in Canada and Panama.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/11/20/us-aquabounty-technologies-fda-idUSKCN0T826T20151120#jIDCgkDAsMdrJXj7.97>

Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

17. *November 20, Ventura County Star* – (California) **2 plead guilty in case involving explosion near Santa Paula.** Two officials pleaded guilty November 20 for their roles following a November 2014 chemical explosion at the Santa Clara Waste Water Co., plant outside of Santa Paula, reportedly caused by a volatile mixture of domestic waste and chemical sodium chlorite that led to the rear of a vacuum truck exploding. Several other employees face charges in the incident.
Source: <http://www.vcstar.com/news/local/santa-paula/2-plead-guilty-in-case-involving-explosion-near-santa-paula-24fe4e98-7308-6f18-e053-0100007fdf10-352446401.html>
18. *November 20, Hickory Daily Record* – (North Carolina) **Wastewater spills total more than 20,000 gallons in Newton.** The city of Newton in North Carolina experienced 3 wastewater spills totaling over 20,000 gallons November 19 during heavy rains, including 2 spills that reached Hildebran Creek and a third spill that reached McLin Creek. City officials are reviewing the spills and reported that there were no negative effects to the environment.
Source: http://www.hickoryrecord.com/news/wastewater-spills-total-more-than-gallons-in-newton/article_134bcf64-9005-11e5-8631-ff8b3492a42b.html

Healthcare and Public Health Sector

19. *November 20, WAFB 9 Baton Rouge* – (Louisiana) **Owner and CFO of healthcare company convicted in fraud scheme.** State officials announced November 20 that two individuals were convicted after pleading guilty to their roles in a healthcare fraud scheme where the pair defrauded the Louisiana Medicaid program out of more than \$23 million through their company, Extraordinary Care Network, Inc., by submitting false medical claims, including one-on-one care, fabricated progress notes, and forged signatures of unwitting company employees from 2006 to 2013.
Source: <http://www.wafb.com/story/30571889/owner-and-cfo-of-healthcare-company-convicted-in-fraud-scheme>

Government Facilities Sector

20. *November 23, NBC News; Reuters* – (International) **U.S. Army Apache helicopter**

crashes in South Korea killing two: officials. U.S. Army officials announced that two pilots were killed when an AH-64 Apache Helicopter crashed in South Korea November 23. Authorities are investigating the cause of the crash.

Source: <http://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/u-s-army-apache-helicopter-crashes-south-korea-killing-two-n468071>

Emergency Services Sector

Nothing to report

Information Technology Sector

21. *November 23, The Register* – (International) **Data breach at biz that manages Cisco, F5, Microsoft certifications.** The certification management provider, Pearson VUE reported that its Credential Manager (PCM) system was breached, allowing attackers to access Cisco certification users' information including their names, mailing address, email address, and phone numbers. Pearson reportedly believes Social Security numbers were not disclosed and other PCM systems were not compromised.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2015/11/23/pearson_vue_data_breach_pcm/

22. *November 20, Securityweek* – (International) **Nmap 7 brings faster scans, other improvements.** Network Mapper (Nmap) released its Nmap Security Scanner 7.0.0 addressing significant improvements including the Nmap Scripting Engine (NSE) that allows users to construct script designed to automate networking tasks, an improved Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6) support, faster and improved Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) and Transport Layer Security (TLS)-related scans, and an updated version of its Ncat utility.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/nmap-7-brings-faster-scans-other-improvements>

For additional stories, see items [7](#) and [26](#)

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

Communications Sector

Nothing to report

Commercial Facilities Sector

23. *November 23, WJW 8 Cleveland* – (Ohio) **Dozens displaced after apartment building fire in Chardon.** A fire in a Chardon apartment complex affected over 20 apartments and displaced more than 30 residents November 23 after the fire began in a common

- area laundry room that officials believe began from a boiler issue. No injuries were reported.
Source: <http://fox8.com/2015/11/23/fire-breaks-out-at-apartment-building-in-chardon/>
24. *November 23, KTVB 7 Boise* – (Idaho) **Water main break forces evacuation of Village Cinema.** Officials reported that the Village Cinema in Meridian was evacuated and closed November 22 following a water main break that occurred in an upstairs bathroom and leaked to the theater. Crews worked to repair the damage after officials were concerned water leaked through the electrical system.
Source: <http://www.ktvb.com/story/news/local/2015/11/22/water-main-break-forces-evacuation-of-village-cinema/76234468/>
 25. *November 23, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **16 wounded after shootout at New Orleans park.** New Orleans Police reported November 22 that up to 500 people were evacuated and 16 people were injured while attending a block party and a music video shoot in Bunny Friend Playground after two groups opened fire on each other. Officials believe the incident was gang-related, but further investigation remains ongoing.
Source: <http://talkingpointsmemo.com/news/bunny-friend-park-new-orleans-shooting>
 26. *November 22, Associated Press* – (National) **Starwood warns of data breach at 54 of its hotels.** Connecticut-based Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide Inc., reported November 22 that its payment systems were compromised at 54 of its hotel restaurants, gift shops, and other retail areas after malware was found in its systems that allowed attackers access to debit and credit card information including names, card numbers, security codes, and expiration dates of customers. The malware infected computer systems as early as November 2014 and has been removed.
Source: <http://wwlp.com/2015/11/22/starwood-warns-of-data-breach-at-54-of-its-hotels/>
 27. *November 22, WPIX 11 New York City* – (New Jersey) **Edgewater movie theater evacuated after false alarm of gunshot sound.** Edgewater police reported November 22 that the Edgewater Multiplex was evacuated and closed November 21 after a moviegoer jumped over a chair, causing a loud bang that sounded similar to a gunshot. Canine police crews found nothing suspicious at the theater.
Source: <http://pix11.com/2015/11/21/edgewater-movie-theater-evacuated-after-bomb-threat-called-in/>
 28. *November 22, KGO 7 San Francisco* – (California) **Two-alarm apartment fire near UC Berkeley leaves dozens displaced.** Officials reported that the Chandler Building located in Berkeley was closed until further notice following a November 22 fire that damaged the building and displaced at least 30 people. No injuries were reported and the incident was contained.
Source: <http://abc7news.com/news/2-alarm-apartment-fire-near-uc-berkeley-leaves-dozens-displaced/1095800/>
 29. *November 20, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (New Jersey) **Atlanta**

businessman charged in nursing home investment scheme. The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission announced November 20 that an Atlanta businessman had his assets frozen and was charged with antifraud provisions in connection to a \$190 million fraud scheme in which he collected dozens of municipal bonds and private placement offerings and falsely promised investors to use the funds for nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and other retirement communities, but used the investors' funds for personal expenses and other non-related businesses.

Source: <http://www.sec.gov/news/pressrelease/2015-264.html>

Dams Sector

30. *November 20, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers* – (Florida) **Corps breaks ground on reservoir for Everglades project.** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers alongside other Federal and State officials broke ground November 20 on a \$197 million restoration project for the reservoir component of the C-44 Reservoir and Stormwater Treatment Area in Jacksonville involving the construction of a 3,400-acre reservoir that will store an additional 16.5 billion gallons of water from the C-44 Basin.

Source:

<http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Media/NewsReleases/tabid/6071/Article/630643/corps-breaks-ground-on-reservoir-for-everglades-project.aspx>

31. *November 20, Rochester Post-Bulletin* – (Minnesota; Wisconsin) **Work to begin in spring on locks and dams.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced November 20 that Lock and Dam 5 on the Mississippi River south of Minneiska will undergo repairs in the spring of 2016 to add 200 feet of riprap and its repair dike road on the Wisconsin side. Similar work will be done on the Alma, Wisconsin Lock and Dam, which will also include work on the access road to the embankment.

Source: http://www.postbulletin.com/news/local/work-to-begin-in-spring-on-locks-and-dams/article_efab5e49-43ed-5dd0-84e0-9d6f4d7afdb8.html



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