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- Officials are investigating the motive behind a fatal shooting that occurred at the Inland Regional Center in San Bernardino December 2 after a married couple opened fire, killing 14 people and injuring 21 others. – *New York Times* (See item **20**)

- Minneapolis-based Target Corp. agreed December 2 to pay banks, credit unions, and MasterCard Inc. card issuers $39.4 million to settle class-action claims for additional costs associated with a 2013 data breach. – *Reuters* (See item **22**)

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Energy Sector

1. *December 3, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Hawaii) **EPA requires oil spill containment improvements at Aloha Petroleum bulk fuel facilities.** Aloha Petroleum Ltd. reached an agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency December 2 resolving Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act violations after authorities determined that the company failed to install proper vapor controls at its closed Hilo East bulk fuel storage terminal in Hawaii, and failed to have appropriate secondary spill containment for oil storage tanks. The company must install the proper vapor controls before reopening its facility, install spill containment at its fuel storage facilities statewide, and pay a penalty of $650,000.
Source:
http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/81c64eac1260d96685257f0f006bb0fd

2. *December 1, Reuters* – (California) **Utility steps up efforts to plug massive California methane leak.** Southern California Gas Co. announced December 1 that it will plug an underground leak of natural gas that has been discharging into the air in Aliso Canyon near Los Angeles since mid-October, which is believed to be due to a broken injection-well pipe. The project is estimated to take at least 3 months, and will address the estimated release of the methane gas at the rate of 50,000 kilograms per hour.
Source: http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/12/02/us-california-methane-idUSKBN0TL06120151202

Chemical Industry Sector

3. *December 2, Albany Times Union* – (New York) **False air pollution reports net General Electric $2.25 million federal fine.** New York State and Federal officials reported December 2 that General Electric Co. will pay $2.25 million to settle charges alleging that its Momentive Performance Materials plant in Waterford violated its air pollution permits by using a computer system to override the incinerator's automatic waste feed cut-off system, allowing the company to falsify pollution control records for nearly 1,900 times from September 2006 – February 2007.
Source: http://blog.timesunion.com/business/false-air-pollution-reports-net-general-electric-2-25-million-federal-fine/71097/

Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

Critical Manufacturing Sector

4. *December 2, Flint Journal* – (Michigan) **Two people suffer minor injuries in explosion at Corunna factory.** Corunna Caledonia Fire Department officials reported December 2 that the Machine Tool and Gear automotive supply facility in Shiawassee County was evacuated after nearly 35 gallons of nitric acid spilled from a 55-gallon steel barrel that exploded due to chemical reaction that injured 2 employees. Hazmat

and fire crews contained the spill and officials were waiting for the all-clear to begin production.
Source:
http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2015/12/two_people_suffer_minor_injuri.html

Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

Financial Services Sector

5. *December 2, Westfield Patch* – (New Jersey) **Union County man arrested in $6 million mortgage fraud scheme.** An Elizabeth man pleaded guilty in Federal court December 2 for orchestrating a $6 million mortgage fraud scheme across northern New Jersey from March 2011 to November 2012 that ultimately defrauded the U.S. Federal Housing Administration of more than $2 million. The man reportedly was able to obtain mortgages with fraudulently produced loan documents, bank account certifications, and appraisal reports, in addition to recruiting straw buyers.
Source: http://patch.com/new-jersey/westfield/union-county-man-arrested-6-million-mortgage-fraud-scheme-0

Transportation Systems Sector

6. *December 3, Greensboro News & Record* – (North Carolina) **Police: Alcohol, speed not factors in pedestrian death on I-40.** Westbound lanes of Interstate 40 in Greensboro were closed for approximately 3 hours December 2 after a pedestrian was struck and killed while walking on the outside through lane of the interstate.
Source: http://www.greensboro.com/news/pedestrian-dies-in-i--accident-highway-reopens-update/article_a488eae1-b991-5035-b9ee-3e56e4266dcf.html

7. *December 2, Kalispell Daily Inter Lake* – (Montana) **Montana 83 reopened after propane leak.** A portion of Montana 83 near Bear Lake was closed for over 7 hours December 2 following a 2-vehicle accident involving a semi-truck carrying propane, which caused an unknown amount of propane to leak. One person was injured and fire crews monitored air quality to ensure residents were not in danger.
Source: http://www.dailyinterlake.com/news/local_montana/montana-reopened-after-propane-leak/article_43288e2e-995c-11e5-b91e-b3bee160bf57.html

Food and Agriculture Sector

8. *December 2, Associated Press; KCPQ 13 Tacoma* – (National) **CDC: Nearly 200 sickened in summer Salmonella outbreak linked to Kapowsin Meats.** The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) revealed December 2 that Graham, Washington-based Kapowsin Meats Inc. was the cause of an August 2015 Salmonella outbreak that sickened 192 people in 5 States following an investigation that revealed that 500,000 pounds of contaminated meat products were produced at Kapowsin Meats

Inc. The CDC reported that the outbreak appears to be over.
Source: http://q13fox.com/2015/12/02/cdc-nearly-200-sickened-in-summer-salmonella-outbreak-linked-to-kapowsin-meats/

9. *December 2, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **JEM Raw Chocolate LLC voluntarily recalls nut butter spread products due to possible health risk.** Bend, Oregon-based JEM Raw Chocolate, LLC (JEM Raw) announced a nationwide voluntary recall December 2 for its full line of nut butter spreads after Oregon State and Federal health officials linked the consumption of nut spreads, like those of JEM Raw to 11 cases of Salmonella illnesses in multiple States. Products were distributed by mail order and in retail stores.
Source: http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm475341.htm

10. *December 1, Bloomberg News* – (National) **Starbucks pulls turkey sandwiches from west coast stores after E. coli scare.** Officials from Starbucks Corp. reported the week of November 23 that its holiday turkey panini sandwiches would be pulled from 1,347 of its stores in 3 States after it was discovered that the products may be contaminated by E. coli bacteria due to a celery-and-onion blend in the product produced by California-based Taylor Farms Pacific Inc. Consumption of the product sickened 19 people in 7 States since November 2015.
Source: http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2015-12-01/starbucks-pulls-sandwich-from-u-s-west-stores-on-e-coli-scare

Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

11. *December 2, KWQC 6 Davenport* – (Illinois) **Erie, IL under drinking water alert.** A drinking water alert was issued December 2 until further notice for residents in Erie, Illinois, after officials found high levels of nitrates in the water. Residents were urged to drink bottled water while authorities continued to monitor nitrate levels.
Source: http://kwqc.com/2015/12/02/erie-il-under-drinking-water-alert/

12. *December 2, WGHP 8 High Point* – (North Carolina) **Pilot Mountain boil water advisory in effect until at least Friday after water main break.** Pilot Mountain residents were placed under a boil water advisory December 1 through at least December 4 after 2 water mains broke within the city, cutting off water for approximately 1,300 residents. Officials reported that the breaks were caused by an equipment failure at the city's water treatment plant.
Source: http://myfox8.com/2015/12/01/pilot-mountain-boil-water-advisory-in-effect-until-at-least-friday-after-water-main-break/

Healthcare and Public Health Sector

13. *December 3, Santa Maria Times; County of Santa Barbara* – (California) **Data breach compromises medical records.** The Santa Barbara County Public Health Department announced December 2 that it notified 260 patients of a data breach where patients' personal health information was accessed by a staff member without proper authorization. The health department does not believe that any of the information was

misused and will retrain staff on its policies.
Source: http://santamariatimes.com/news/local/data-breach-compromises-medical-records/article_1e606b6b-56b1-567e-b455-159fda7169a6.html

14. *December 2, Port Huron Times Herald* – (Michigan) **Port Huron doctor charged with Medicaid fraud.** A spokesperson for the Detroit office of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Investigation reported that a Port Huron doctor was arrested and arraigned December 1 on Medicaid and health care fraud charges that allegedly took place at the Neurology Clinic of Michigan, where the doctor previously worked.
Source: http://www.thetimesherald.com/story/news/2015/12/02/port-huron-doctor-charged-criminal-enterprise-fraud/76664108/

15. *December 2, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* – (Pennsylvania) **VA Pittsburgh confirms tuberculosis case, notifies 400 veterans.** The Veterans Affairs Pittsburgh Healthcare System in Pennsylvania sent notifications and offered free testing to 400 people the week of November 30 following a confirmed case of tuberculosis at the facility. Officials reported that the patient was being treated for the disease.
Source: http://www.post-gazette.com/news/health/2015/12/02/VA-Pittsburgh-confirms-tuberculosis-case-alerts-400-veterans/stories/201512020190

Government Facilities Sector

16. *December 3, Nashville Tennessean* – (Tennessee) **Two pilots killed in Ft. Campbell helicopter crash.** A U.S. Army official from Fort Campbell confirmed that two pilots were killed December 2 when an AH-64D Apache helicopter crashed during a training exercise in Montgomery County, Tennessee. Authorities are investigating the cause of the crash.
Source: http://www.tennessean.com/story/news/2015/12/02/montgomery-co-officials-searching-reported-helicopter-down/76699254/

17. *December 3, Clifton Journal* – (New Jersey) **Police: Plot by Clifton 5th graders no prank, but device found was non-explosive.** Officials reported that 5 fifth grade students from School 11 in New Jersey were detained December 2 following the discovery of a plot to set off an explosive device at Clifton High School. Authorities received a call from school officials who found written plans to bring an explosive device to the high school, and police discovered a device, which was not explosive, following a search of the building.
Source: http://www.northjersey.com/news/police-plot-by-clifton-5th-graders-no-prank-but-device-found-was-non-explosive-1.1466084

18. *December 2, GovernmentExecutive.com* – (Washington, D.C.) **Watchdog vindicates whistleblowers who warned Navy Yard was not secure.** The U.S. Office of Special Counsel released a declassified and redacted report from the U.S. Navy inspector general December 1 detailing how 2 former U.S. Navy program managers warned of weaknesses at the Washington Navy Yard facility in Washington, D.C., which were not acted upon, prior to a deadly shooting in September 2013. Officials responded that

security measures were improved as a result of the report.
Source: http://www.govexec.com/oversight/2015/12/watchdog-vindicates-whistleblowers-who-warned-navy-yard-was-not-secure/124137/

Emergency Services Sector

Nothing to report

Information Technology Sector

19. *December 2, IDG News Service* – (International) **Cisco patches permission hijacking issue in WebEx Meetings app for Android.** Cisco released patches for an authentication flaw found in its WebEx Meetings application, affecting all older versions of the application before version 8.5.1 that allowed attackers to trick users to download a rogue application to their Android devices, which enabled hackers to infiltrate its permissions settings and gain access to the device. Cisco advised customers to download newer versions of its application starting with version 8.5.1.
Source: http://www.computerworld.com/article/3011397/security/cisco-patches-permission-hijacking-issue-in-webex-meetings-app-for-android.html#tk.rss_security

Internet Alert Dashboard

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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

20. *December 3, New York Times* – (California) **F.B.I treats San Bernardino attack as possible terrorism case.** Officials continue to investigate the motive behind a fatal shooting that occurred at the Inland Regional Center in San Bernardino December 2 after a married couple armed with 2 assault rifles, 2 semiautomatic handguns, and tactical gear opened fire and killed 14 people and injured 21 others before fleeing the scene. Police chased the suspects in a van and engaged in open fire once the suspects began shooting, resulting in the deaths of both suspects.
Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2015/12/04/us/san-bernardino-shooting.html

21. *December 2, WLS 7 Chicago* – (Illinois) **Pilsen restaurant destroyed by extra-alarm fire.** The Nuevo Leon restaurant in Chicago sustained extensive damage December 2 following a 2-alarm fire that prompted 39 fire companies and 100 firefighters to remain on site for over 3 hours containing the incident. The cause of the fire is under investigation and no injuries were reported.

Source: http://abc7chicago.com/news/pilsen-restaurant-destroyed-by-extra-alarm-fire/1106373/

22. *December 2, Reuters* – (National) **Target in $39.4 million settlement with banks over data breach.** Minneapolis-based Target Corp. agreed December 2 to pay banks, credit unions, and MasterCard Inc. card issuers $39.4 million to settle class-action claims by lenders seeking to hold the company liable for costs to reimburse fraudulent charges and to issue new credit and debit cards following a 2013 data breach that compromised 40 million credit cards and lost the information of 70 million people. Source: http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/12/03/us-target-breach-settlement-idUSKBN0TL20Y20151203

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