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- The Coast Guard was investigating a fire on an oil rig around 20 miles south of Grand Isle, Louisiana, in the Gulf of Mexico November 16. Eleven people were medevaced to local hospitals and two people were reported missing by the Coast Guard. – *Business Insider* (See item [1](#))
- A pilot received medical treatment after an Air Force F-22 Raptor fighter jet crashed on a Florida highway near Tyndall Air Force Base November 15. – *Associated Press* (See item [9](#))
- Authorities said eight county courthouses around the State of Washington received bomb threats, forcing evacuations and police searches November 15. – *Associated Press* (See item [34](#))
- Researchers from malware.lu have created proof-of-concept malware that allows attackers to gain access to and remotely control users' USB smart card readers, devices used for user identification and authentication. – *Help Net Security* (See item [42](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *November 16, Business Insider* – (Louisiana; International) **Gulf of Mexico oil rig evacuated after fire.** The Coast Guard was investigating a fire on an oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico, the Associated Press reported November 16. KHOU 2 Houston reported that the rig was no longer on fire. It is around 20 miles south of Grand Isle, Louisiana. A Coast Guard press conference said that they have not had any confirmation of deaths, but 11 people were medevaced to local hospitals, and 2 people were still missing. Twenty-eight gallons of product could have been released from the pipe, the Coast Guard believed. The rig is owned by Black Elk Energy, a relatively new, Houston-based company. Twenty-eight people were thought to have been onboard at the time of the mishap. A spokesperson for Black Elk told KHOU 2 Houston that preliminary reports suggested workers were doing maintenance on the platform and cut into a pipe that contained oil. This appears to have caused a fire or explosion. Associated Press reported that it is not a deepwater site like the Macondo well that blew in 2010 and caused the worst oil spill in U.S. history. Black Elk have also said the rig was not an oil producing platform at present. Black Elk said there was an oil sheen on the water but this appears to be due to the oil in the pipe cut by the workers.
Source: <http://www.businessinsider.com/gulf-of-mexico-oil-rig-fire-2012-11>
2. *November 15, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Texas) **US Labor Department's OSHA cites Vann Energy Services in Nixon, Texas, for violations after 2 workers injured in fire.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) cited Vann Energy Services LLC in Nixon with 13 safety and health violations – including two willful and three repeat – for exposing workers to flash fires and other hazards. OSHA's Austin Area Office opened an inspection after two workers were injured by a fire that occurred in an oil and gas field tank. Proposed penalties total \$246,000. Inspectors found that the employer had failed to ensure that the air inside the tank was tested for flammable or toxic materials before providing employees with electrical equipment that is capable of causing a potentially flammable environment to ignite. The repeat violations include failing to provide eye and face protection, communicate chemical hazard information to workers, and protect flexible electric cords from damage. A repeat violation exists when an employer previously has been cited for the same or a similar violation of a standard, regulation, rule or order at any other facility in federal enforcement states within the last 5 years. OSHA cited the company for similar violations in August 2011.
Source:
http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=23268

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Chemical Industry Sector

3. *November 16, Associated Press* – (California) **Chemical Waste Management's toxic landfill near Kettleman City cited for spills.** A Kettleman City, California hazardous waste dump was issued 72 violations from the State alleging small spills went unreported during the past 4 years, the Associated Press reported November 16. State officials said the spills were relatively small, posed no health threats to the public, and were contained on the property, but the company's operating permit requires it to notify the California Department of Toxic Substances Control each time such spills occur. The State said the 72 spills occurred between 2008 and 2012 in loading and sampling areas. In 2011, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State toxics department levied \$1 million in fines against the firm for having improperly calibrated lab equipment that thwarted efforts to accurately analyze chemical concentrations in waste. The EPA found the same problem with equipment in 2006 and said officials failed to fix it. In May 2011 the State levied \$46,000 in fines against the company for failing to report two spills. A spokesman from the State toxics department said he expects the newest violations to possibly result in larger fines. The company could face up to a \$25,000 fine for each violation.
Source: http://www.thereporter.com/news/ci_22009242/chemical-waste-managements-toxic-landfill-near-kettleman-city

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

4. *November 15, Bloomberg News* – (Nebraska) **Fort Calhoun nuclear plant to start up in first quarter.** The Omaha Public Power District will delay restart of the 482-megawatt Fort Calhoun reactor near Fort Calhoun, Nebraska, until the first quarter after “discovering areas that need additional work,” said a utility spokesman, Bloomberg News reported November 15. Omaha Public initially aimed to start the unit in September, then pushed the date back to December to improve backup diesel generator reliability and work on containment “internal structure issues,” according to a September 13 presentation to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). Crews will now focus on more containment maintenance, the spokesman said. Fort Calhoun, closed for repairs since Missouri River flooding extended a refueling shutdown last year, will be inspected by the NRC before receiving approval to resume operation. The utility received a confirmatory action letter November 13 detailing maintenance that must be completed and reviewed at Fort Calhoun before startup. This includes improving flood barriers, emergency diesel generator systems, and equipment designs such as the containment structure, the letter said.
Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-11-15/fort-calhoun-nuclear-plant-to-start-up-in-first-quarter.html>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

5. *November 15, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **American Honda recalls portable generators due to fire and burn hazards.** The U.S.

Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with American Honda Motor Co. Inc., November 15 announced a voluntary recall of about 150,600 portable generators. The generator's fuel hose can leak, posing fire and burn hazards. Honda is aware of four incidents of fuel leaks. The generators were sold at Honda Power Equipment dealers, Camping World, Gander Mountain, Grainger, Hertz Rental, John Deere, National Pump & Compressor, Northern Tool, Scheels Sporting, Sportsman's Warehouse, Sunbelt Rentals, True Value, United Rentals, White Cap, and Wholesale Sports store nationwide and online from October 2011 through September 2012. Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled generators and contact the nearest Honda Power Equipment dealer to schedule a free inspection and repair. Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/prerel/prhtml13/13042.html>

6. *November 15, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Texas) **U.S. Department of Labor's OSHA cites Williams & Davis Boilers in Hutchins, Texas, with repeat, willful and serious violations during follow-up inspection.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) November 15 cited Williams & Davis Boilers Inc. with nine safety violations - including one willful, four repeat, and four serious - for continuing to expose workers to fall and other hazards at the company's facility in Hutchins, Texas. Proposed penalties totaled \$131,670. The willful violation involved operating a 10-ton overhead crane without bridge brakes and failing to ensure that the crane had sufficient clearance to prevent the bridge from striking the building. The repeat violations included failing to protect workers from fall hazards while jacketing boilers 4-10 feet above the floor, ensure that workers are trained to safely operate powered industrial trucks, ensure that workroom floors are kept clean and dry, and keep pendent controls on overhead cranes clean so that the function labels are legible. The serious violations included failing to ensure that personal protective equipment is designed and constructed for the work performed, implement confined space entry procedures for workers who perform welding duties inside de-aerators and boilers, establish energy control procedures for machinery with more than one energy source, and ensure that powered industrial trucks are taken out of service when in need of repair.

Source:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=23262

7. *November 15, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission; Health Canada* – (International) **Kawasaki Motors recalls lawn mower engines due to fire hazard.** The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and Health Canada, in cooperation with Kawasaki Motors Corp. USA, November 15 announced a voluntary recall of about 210,000 lawn mower engines. The fuel filter can leak, posing a fire hazard. Kawasaki Motors received 110 reports of fuel leaks. The recall includes Kawasaki FH, FR, FS, and FX series engines used in a variety of riding and wide area, walk-behind lawnmowers. Recalled engines are 13 to 36 horsepower, air-cooled, v-twin engines. The lawnmowers were sold at authorized Kawasaki small engine dealers and lawn and garden equipment retailers nationwide between October 2011 and August 2012. Customers should immediately stop using mowers with the recalled engines (and fuel filters, covered in another recall) and contact Kawasaki or a Kawasaki dealer for a

free repair.

Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml13/13040.html>

8. *November 15, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **Kawasaki Motors recalls fuel filters for lawn mower and utility vehicle engines due to fire hazard.** The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with Kawasaki Motors Corp. USA, November 15 announced a voluntary recall of about 55,000 fuel filters and about 1,200 tune-up kits. The fuel filter can leak, posing a fire hazard. Kawasaki received 110 reports of fuel leaks in lawn mowers, including two reports of leaks from replacement filters. The filters and kits were sold at Kawasaki dealers nationwide between August 2011 and August 2012. Consumers should immediately stop using products with the recalled fuel filters and contact Kawasaki or a Kawasaki dealer for a free repair.

Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml13/13041.html>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

9. *November 15, Associated Press* – (Florida) **F-22 crashes on highway near Tyndall.** An Air Force F-22 Raptor fighter jet crashed near a Florida Panhandle highway November 15, but the pilot was able to eject safely and there were no injuries on the ground, the military said. The single-seat stealth fighter, part of a program that has been plagued with problems, went down November 15 near Tyndall Air Force Base. The pilot received medical treatment and a section of Highway 98 that runs through the base was closed as rescuers responded. The crash was on Tyndall land and no one on the ground was hurt, said an Air Force spokeswoman for the base where F-22 pilots train. The cause of the crash was not clear, but the Air Force has been trying to address problems with the \$190 million aircraft for several years.

Source: <http://www.militarytimes.com/news/2012/11/ap-f22-crash-highway-tyndall-111512/>

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Banking and Finance Sector

10. *November 16, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (National) **SEC charges J.P. Morgan and Credit Suisse with misleading investors in RMBS offerings.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) November 16 charged J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and Credit Suisse Securities (USA) with misleading investors in offerings of residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS). The firms agreed to settlements in which they will pay more than \$400 million combined, and the SEC plans to distribute the money to harmed investors. The SEC alleges that J.P. Morgan misstated information about the delinquency status of mortgage loans that provided collateral for an RMBS offering in which it was the underwriter. J.P. Morgan was also charged for Bear Stearns' failure to disclose its practice of obtaining and keeping cash settlements from mortgage loan originators on problem loans that Bear Stearns had sold

into RMBS trusts. According to the SEC's order against Credit Suisse, the firm similarly failed to accurately disclose its practice of retaining cash for itself from the settlement of claims against mortgage loan originators for problems with loans that Credit Suisse had sold into RMBS trusts and no longer owned. Credit Suisse also made misstatements in SEC filings about when it would repurchase mortgage loans from trusts if borrowers missed the first payment due.

Source: <http://www.sec.gov/news/press/2012/2012-233.htm>

11. *November 16, Help Net Security* – (International) **German police warns about Android banking Trojans.** Following a string of complaints about fraudulent cash withdrawals, Germany's Berlin Police Department issued a warning for all Android users, telling them to carefully review any security update that is delivered to their smartphones, Help Net Security reported November 16. Users who opted to receive mTAN (mobile transaction authentication numbers) as an additional way to assure the security of their online banking transactions are especially targeted, since the fake security updates carry Zeus-in-the-Mobile (Zitmo). The malware in question is harmless if the criminals have not managed to infect the users' computer with the Zeus banking Trojan beforehand. The Windows-based Trojan is capable of injecting an additional form during the users' banking session, asking them to share their phone number and model. Armed with this information, the criminals send Zitmo masquerading as a security update to them. If the users install the "update", the criminals have access to the mTANs and are ready to perform illegal transactions.
Source: [http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2324&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+HelpNetSecurity+\(Help+Net+Security\)&utm_content=Google+Reader](http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2324&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+HelpNetSecurity+(Help+Net+Security)&utm_content=Google+Reader)
12. *November 16, Brevard Times* – (Florida; Georgia; South Carolina) **Check cashing scheme targeted Publix in SC, FL, GA.** The Florida Department of Law Enforcement Orlando Regional Operations Center charged nine individuals who were involved in an organized counterfeit check cashing scheme that resulted in losses of approximately \$650,000 to Publix Supermarkets. The group targeted Publix Supermarkets in Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina. Authorities estimate the group cashed over 1,000 counterfeit checks. According to agents, and with the assistance of investigators with Publix, the 8-month investigation alleges that the suspected individuals worked together to manufacture and then distribute counterfeit payroll checks. Six of the individuals were in custody, while three remained at large. Officials asked for the public's assistance in locating the three fugitives.
Source: <http://news.brevardtimes.com/2012/11/check-cashing-scheme-targeted-publix-in.html>
13. *November 16, U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (Pennsylvania) **Philadelphia man convicted of securities fraud & insider trading scheme.** A Philadelphia man was convicted November 16 of one count of securities fraud and one count of perjury in a case of insider trading that netted him approximately \$292,000. Between July 14, 2008 and July 22, 2008, the man purchased shares of a publicly traded company based on non-public information he received from a fellow member of Alcoholics

Anonymous immediately following a meeting the two had attended together. An executive with Philadelphia Consolidated Holding Corporation (PHLY) told the man that the company was in discussions with a potential acquirer. In the week following the executive's disclosure, the man purchased 10,250 shares of PHLY stock for less than \$39 per share. The day after he made his final purchase of PHLY stock, the company announced that it would be acquired by Tokio Marine in a cash deal by which shareholders would receive \$61.50 per share of PHLY stock. Just days following the public announcement of the merger, he sold 4,750 shares of PHLY stock for \$58.50 per share. After the merger's consummation, the man netted personal profits of approximately \$292,000 from his unlawful PHLY trades.

Source: <http://www.loansafe.org/philadelphia-man-convicted-of-securities-fraud-insider-trading-scheme>

14. *November 15, Reuters* – (National) **SEC finds problems in review of credit: raters.** Some credit-rating agencies failed to disclose ratings method changes or were lax in following policies on timely downgrades of securities, according to a report issued by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) November 15. The SEC summarized the results of its annual examination of raters, a requirement under the 2010 Dodd-Frank Act that called for greater scrutiny of ratings agencies following the 2007-2009 financial crisis. The largest ratings firms, Moody's Corp and Standard & Poor's, were criticized for helping to exacerbate the crisis by giving rosy ratings to subprime mortgage securities that quickly turned toxic. The SEC report did not name which firms had violations, but did distinguish between larger versus smaller credit-raters. The SEC's exams were conducted on site at all nine raters registered with the SEC. The SEC found that each of the larger raters and two smaller firms failed to follow their own methodologies and policies for determining ratings.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/11/15/us-credit-raters-sec-idUSBRE8AE19420121115>
15. *November 15, Wall Street Journal* – (National) **SEC receives 3,000 tips in the past year.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) said November 15 it received more than 3,000 tips through its whistleblower program in the past fiscal year. The SEC said the tips — 3,001 in all — came from all 50 States, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, and from 49 countries. It announced the findings in a report required by the Dodd-Frank Act on the activity of the SEC's whistleblower office, which opened its doors in August 2011. "In just its first year, the whistleblower program already has proven to be a valuable tool in helping us ferret out financial fraud," said the SEC chairman in a statement. "When insiders provide us with high-quality road maps of fraudulent wrongdoing, it reduces the length of time we spend investigating and saves the agency substantial resources." Under the program created by the Dodd-Frank Act, whistleblowers can receive a 10 to 30 percent reward if they provide original information that leads to a successful enforcement case netting a penalty of \$1 million or more.
Source: <http://blogs.wsj.com/corruption-currents/2012/11/15/sec-receives-3000-tips-in-the-past-year/>

16. *November 15, Investment News* – (Texas) **Big wheel in hubcap business charged with real estate investment fraud.** An Austin, Texas hubcap salesman turned real estate investment expert is scheduled to appear in court the week of November 19 for a plea agreement on charges of fraud and money laundering in an alleged \$16 million real estate Ponzi scheme, Investment News reported November 15. The man, who sold his hubcap business, Wheel Master Inc., in 1997, got into real estate lending in 2001, working briefly for a company, Capital Funding, that put together loan packages for real estate developers. He launched his own business shortly thereafter, representing himself as an “experienced real estate bridge lender,” according to the documents. The scheme purported to be making short-term bridge loans to developers who would repay the loan from proceeds of a sale of the property or from long-term financing. The U.S. attorney for the Western District of Texas alleges that between 2005 and 2009, the man was operating a Ponzi scheme, paying off earlier investors with money from newer ones.

Source: <http://www.investmentnews.com/article/20121115/FREE/121119950>

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Transportation Sector

17. *November 16, WMBF 13 Myrtle Beach* – (South Carolina) **SC 31 near Socastee reopens after tanker fire.** Horry County Fire Rescue officials reopened all lanes of traffic on SC-31 between SC 544 and US 501 after a tanker fire November 15 in South Carolina. By November 16, all lanes were reopened, according to a battalion chief of Horry County Fire Rescue. The fire likely started in the wheel well or the braking system, but they were not exactly sure what caused the blaze. The truck driver reported seeing sparks and then pulled over to find the vehicle on fire.

Source: <http://www.wmbfnews.com/story/20113960/sc-31-shut-down-due-to-tanker-fire>

18. *November 16, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Authorities: 7 hurt when bus heading to football tournament in Tennessee crashes in Michigan.** Five children were among seven people with minor injuries November 16 after a bus with 30 passengers heading to a youth football tournament in Tennessee crashed into a jackknifed semi hauling an empty tanker truck on a southeast Michigan freeway, authorities said. The truck driver apparently swerved to avoid a deer on southbound Interstate 75 in Berlin Township, about 30 miles southwest of Detroit, lost control and crashed, the Monroe County sheriff's department said. The drivers of the truck and the bus that crashed, along with five bus passengers, were taken to hospitals with what were described as minor injuries, the department said. The southbound freeway was closed for about 2 hours as authorities responded, leaving traffic backed up for miles in the area about 25 miles northeast of Toledo, Ohio. The crash was under investigation.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/9bf592be79c64171977e6c7f78ac5b28/MI--Interstate-Crash-Michigan>

19. *November 15, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **Five Southampton students taken to hospital after school bus crash.** Five students from Southampton Middle School suffered minor injuries after their school bus collided with a minivan at Routes 22 and 543 November 15 in Maryland. The bus, which had 30 students on board, was eastbound on Route 22 when it was cut off by a minivan turning left onto Route 543 from Route 22, according to a Harford County Sheriff's Office lieutenant. Five students were taken by ambulance to a medical center in Bel Air. Three had neck injuries, one had a bloody nose, and one had a possible concussion.
Source: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/harford/belair/ph-ag-school-bus-accident-1116-20121115,0,3370620.story>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

20. *November 15, Associated Press* – (National) **FedEx, UPS are targets of federal criminal investigation of shipments for online pharmacies.** FedEx and UPS have disclosed they are targets of a federal criminal investigation related to their dealings with online pharmacies, which are at the center of an international crackdown on prescription drug abuse, the Associated Press reported November 15. The shipping companies made the disclosures in regulatory filings over the last several weeks. The investigation of the country's two largest shippers stems from a blitz against online pharmacies that was launched in 2005. A federal jury convicted three men of operating illegal pharmacies that used FedEx Corp. and UPS Inc. to deliver drugs without proper prescriptions. Seven others have been convicted in San Francisco in 2012. Both companies said they were served with grand jury subpoenas between 2007 and 2009. FedEx spokesman confirmed that the company is under investigation for allegedly aiding and abetting online pharmacies that illegally ship prescription drugs.
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2012/11/15/fedex-ups-are-targets-federal-criminal-investigation-shipments-for-online/>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

21. *November 15, Food Safety News* – (New York) **NY E. Coli spinach outbreak hits 20.** At least 20 people have now been counted ill in the E. coli outbreak linked to packaged Wegmans Spinach & Spring Mix sold at stores in New York, Food and Safety News reported November 15. Six of those victims were hospitalized, but all have since been discharged. Patients ranged in age from 6 to 66 years old. Wegmans issued a voluntary recall of their Wegmans Food You Feel Good About Organic Spinach & Spring Mix November 1.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/11/ny-e-coli-spinach-outbreak-hits-20/>

22. *November 15, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (New Jersey) **Atlantic shellfish beds reopened until Nov. 30.** The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Commissioner signed an order November 15 reopening shellfish beds in Atlantic coastal waters from Little Egg Inlet south to Cape May Point. The beds were closed since October 29 as a result of the approach of Hurricane Sandy. The DEP also extended the Delaware Bay oyster harvest season until November 30, or until the annual quota is reached, to help oystermen recover losses resulting from closures of beds in the bay. Those beds were reopened as of November 12. The DEP is also allowing commercial oyster harvesting on Saturdays, which will help the shellfisheries industry compensate for lost time and revenues that resulted in the closure of beds due to the storm. Beds in the Raritan Bay-Sandy Hook area remain closed until further notice due to discharges of partially treated and untreated wastewater resulting from storm damage to treatment plants and pump stations. Shellfish beds in Barnegat Bay also remain closed due to elevated levels of bacteria.
Source: <http://www.capemaycountyherald.com/article/government/trenton/88145-atlantic+shellfish+beds+reopened+until+nov.+30>
23. *November 14, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Turkana Food Inc. recalls “Turkana Valley” brand dried apricots due to the presence of undeclared sulfites.** Turkana Food Inc. of Kenilworth, New Jersey, recalled its 250g (8.82-ounce) and 500g (17.63-ounce) containers of Turkish “Turkana Valley” dried apricots because they contained undeclared sulfites as preservatives. The recalled apricots are a product of Turkey and were distributed to retail stores in the Northeast. The products come in a plastic package with an orange and black colored label and an expiration date of February 2013. The recall was initiated after routine product sampling.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm328221.htm>
24. *November 14, Kroger* – (National) **Kroger recall of Boulder Peanut Butter Cup Ice Cream, 16-fo.** Kroger announced November 14 a recall of its Boulder Peanut Butter Ice Cream 16-fluid ounce because the product may contain Salmonella. The recalled products were sold in King Soopers and City Market stores.
Source: http://www.kroger.com/help/Pages/recall_alerts.aspx
25. *November 14, KNTV 13 Las Vegas* – (Nevada) **Police shoot man inside grocery store bathroom.** Police shot a man inside a grocery store bathroom in Henderson, Nevada, November 14. Police said they received a 9-1-1 call from an employee at the Albertson's near Boulder Highway and Lake Mead, who reported seeing a man with a gun in the store's bathroom. Another employee told police that the man possibly had an infant with him. Police evacuated the store and SWAT tried to get the man to surrender. According to officials, the man came out of the bathroom and pointed a gun at them. He refused to put down the gun when ordered and the police officers were forced to fire; the man was transported to Sunrise Hospital in critical condition. The weapon was determined to be a pellet gun that was modified to look like a real semi-automatic handgun. There was no child in the bathroom but an infant-sized doll was found on a changing table along with the man's belongings.
Source: <http://www.ktnv.com/news/local/179392361.html>

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Water Sector

26. *November 16, WZZM 13 Grand Rapids* – (Michigan) **Muskegon Heights water main break forces boil water order.** A water main break in Muskegon Heights, Michigan, shut off water for much of the area, WZZM 13 Grand Rapids reported November 16. However, Muskegon County Dispatch reported that the break was isolated and crews were in the process of restoring water service. The City of Muskegon Heights issued a boil water order which will remain in effect until results from sampling verify the water is safe to drink. Another notice will be issued when the boil water advisory has been lifted.
Source: <http://www.wzzm13.com/news/regional/232057/5/Muskegon-Heights-water-main-break-forces-boil-water-order>

27. *November 15, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Texas) **Hilcorp Energy Company fined for violating the Clean Water Act.** The Hilcorp Energy Company of Houston was fined \$26,100 for spill prevention, control, and countermeasure violations under the Clean Water Act, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced November 15. A March 28 inspection of the South Pass Block 24 offshore oil production facility in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, found the company failed to address secondary containment for spilled gasoline and collection of oil discharges. The spill prevention and countermeasure plan did not provide a spare pump or method of activation for surface and underground valves at the facility, and the company had not developed or implemented a response plan to address a major oil discharge.
Source:
<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/d0cf6618525a9efb85257359003fb69d/54e975706d206fab85257ab70069e41e!OpenDocument>

28. *November 15, KOMO 4 Seattle* – (Washington) **State investigating how Olympia sewage spill went undetected.** Washington investigators are trying to figure out how a massive sewage spill in Olympia went undetected for 2 months, KOMO 4 reported November 15. The spill sent more than a million gallons of raw sewage into Puget Sound. Only storm water should come out of a pipe that extends from underground, to Budd Inlet, but the week of November 12 the city realized the pipe was contaminated with sewage. The Public Works director said a crew failed to replace a barrier or plug after doing some maintenance in the sewer pipes. "So this was really a breakdown in our work processes," the director said. He added that he already made changes by creating more detailed work orders, adding information to maps, and follow up inspections. The city reported its spill to the Washington Department of Ecology, and the State is investigating, although they said it is unlikely the city will be fined for its actions.
Source: <http://www.komonews.com/news/local/State-investigating-how-Olympia-sewage-spill-went-undetected-179579181.html>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

29. *November 15, WJAR 10 Providence* – (Rhode Island) **Laptop stolen from Landmark Medical Center.** A laptop computer with a spreadsheet containing certain patient information was stolen from Landmark Medical Center in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, WJAR 10 Providence reported November 15. The hospital sent out a letter to affected patients that said the computer was set up in a conference room within the hospital and was used by authorized employees only. It also said the information was being used as part of a study to decrease wait time in the hospital's emergency department. A statement from the hospital said in part, "We have reviewed and amended protocols to ensure that this will not occur again. We have proactively reached out to all affected patients."

Source: <http://www2.turnto10.com/lifestyles/2012/nov/15/laptop-stolen-landmark-medical-center-ar-1242205/>

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Government Facilities Sector

30. *November 16, WCPO 9 Cincinnati* – (Ohio) **Police: Nothing criminal found in 'suspicious package'.** Police evacuated several buildings in Cincinnati's West End, including District 1 and two high schools, after a FedEx driver reported a suspicious package November 15. The package was reportedly located on a street near police headquarters. Police promptly evacuated surrounding buildings and shut down several streets. The police chief said the incident began when a driver of a FedEx truck was slated to deliver a package to an unknown address. The driver became concerned and took the package to District 1 where he notified officials. As a precaution, District 1 was evacuated and Taft High School and the virtual high school across the street were put on lockdown. Students at high schools were held on lockdown until their regular dismissal times, according to the Cincinnati Public Schools Public Affairs director. Approximately 900 students exited the premises. Buildings near the perimeter of the incident, including CET and Music Hall, were also advised to evacuate. After nearly four hours of investigation, the fire department found "nothing criminal" inside the package.

Source: http://www.kypost.com/dpps/news/local_news/District-1-school-evacuated-while-police-investigate-report-of-a-suspicious-package_8013907

31. *November 16, Associated Press* – (Oregon) **Oregon student pleads guilty to hacking school district system.** A psychiatric evaluation has been ordered for a 16-year-old North Eugene High School student who pleaded guilty of hacking into his Eugene, Oregon school district's computer system and then posting the confidential information of hundreds of students on a Web page. The Eugene Register-Guard reported that the student pleaded guilty November 15 to a felony computer crime for June hacking event. A second computer crime count against the student was dismissed under a plea deal, which required the student to show school officials and Eugene police "what he did and how he did it." Soon after posting the data June 9, the boy sent taunting

messages to Eugene schools superintendent, to the district's then-technology director, and to its network security specialist, directing them to the Web page of an unsuspecting student.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2012/11/16/oregon-student-pleads-guilty-to-hacking-school-district-system/?test=latestnews>

32. *November 15, Reuters* – (New York) **Man indicted in plot to bomb New York Federal Reserve.** A Bangladeshi man was indicted on charges of attempting to blow up the New York Federal Reserve Bank in October with what he believed was a 1,000-pound bomb, court papers made public November 15 show. The grand jury indictment charges him with one count of attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction and one count of attempting to provide material support to a U.S.-designated foreign terrorist organization, al-Qa'ida. He faces life in prison if convicted. The man was arrested October 17 after pulling up to the Federal Reserve and attempting to detonate what he believed to be a van packed with explosives. The explosives had been provided to him by an undercover agent as part of a sting operation, and were never in working condition, federal authorities said.

Source: <http://www.wina.com/Man-indicted-in-plot-to-bomb-New-York-Federal-Rese/11458736?newsId=177914>

33. *November 15, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **2nd Ohio man pleads guilty in Pitt threats.** A second Ohio man has pleaded guilty to sending anonymous YouTube threats in which he claimed to have hacked into the University of Pittsburgh's computer system on the heels of a series of unrelated bomb threats. Authorities said he pleaded guilty November 15 to a charge of conspiracy to commit Internet extortion. The first man pleaded guilty in October. The FBI said the men claimed to be members of the hacking group Anonymous who had obtained confidential information on students and faculty. The threats were considered extortion because they demanded that the school apologize for not safeguarding students whose personal information had supposedly been stolen. That turned out to be a hoax.

Source: <http://www.abc27.com/story/20112475/2nd-ohio-man-pleads-guilty-in-pitt-threats>

34. *November 15, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Several Washington State courthouses receive bomb threats.** Authorities said eight county courthouses around the State of Washington received bomb threats, forcing evacuations and police searches. KOMO 4 Seattle reported that authorities do not know if the November 15 threats were coordinated. No devices were found at any of the courthouses. Threats were made to Thurston, Chelan, Douglas, Benton, Adams, Clark, Pacific, and Columbia counties. The Douglas County sheriff told the Wenatchee World that the Douglas County Commissioner's Office received a phone call warning them of a bomb in the courthouse. Authorities evacuated the courthouse and searched area, but did not find a bomb. Similar sounding calls were made to the other counties.

Source:

http://seattletimes.com/html/localnews/2019692704_apwacourthousethreats.html

35. *November 15, Brevard Florida Today* – (Florida) **Federal agents arrest a man over U.S. President threats on Facebook.** A Melbourne, Florida man is being held in federal custody on accusations he made threats on his Facebook page to kill the U.S. President, Brevard Florida Today reported November 15. Court documents said he made similar threats when U.S. Secret Service agents and Brevard County investigators questioned him just two days after the U.S. President was re-elected. The case started November 1, when a "concerned citizen" called the U.S. Secret Service in Atlanta. According to one agent's affidavit, the man had threatened to "hunt down" and kill the U.S. President if he was re-elected and "watch the life disappear from his eyes" in a post on the social media Web site. He made further threats to the U.S. President in the interview with investigators, calling him a terrorist and threatening to beat him up, according to court documents.
Source: <http://www.wtsp.com/news/article/282821/19/Federal-agents-arrest-Christopher-Castillo-over-Obama-threats-on-Facebook>
36. *November 15, Bellingham Herald* – (Washington) **Bomb threat closes Thurston courthouse.** A bomb threat that was phoned to a Thurston County, Washington employee November 15 closed down the county courthouse complex, including the county offices. The Sheriff's Office deployed explosives-sniffing dogs around the perimeter of the complex and Washington State Patrol bomb squad was called to the scene. A trooper said the bomb squad and K-9s cleared the scene about four hours later and that no devices were found.
Source: <http://www.bellinghamherald.com/2012/11/15/2768882/bomb-threat-closes-thurston-courthouse.html>
37. *November 15, Nextgov* – (National) **Report: Fifty-eight percent of Energy computers went months without bug fixes.** An internal audit found nearly 60 percent of Energy Department desktop computers were missing critical software patches. Officials risk disrupting agency business by applying patches because fixes likely would require pausing widely used programs, said the chief executive officer of EnergySec, a federally funded public-private partnership. The inspector general audit, which was released the week of November 12, covered unclassified systems at administrative offices department-wide. The assessment revealed that many desktops and servers were running without security patches. About 58 percent of the Energy desktops tested used operating systems or software without fixes for weaknesses that had been discovered, in some cases, up to six months earlier. Also, 41 network servers were running operating systems no longer supported by their developers. The probe was conducted between February and November and examined facilities overseen by the undersecretary for nuclear security, undersecretary of energy, and undersecretary for science. In a November 5 response to a draft report, the Energy chief information officer agreed to follow up on the uncovered problems.
Source: <http://www.nextgov.com/cybersecurity/2012/11/report-fifty-eight-percent-energy-computers-went-months-without-bug-fixes/59559/>

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Emergency Services Sector

38. *November 15, Buffalo News* – (New York) **Car smashes into east Pembroke firehouse.** The east Pembroke, New York firehouse was extensively damaged November 15 when a driver blacked out at the wheel of her car and crashed into the West Main Road building. The woman was taken to a nearby medical center for non-life-threatening injuries. State police blamed the blackout on a medical condition. The car, police added, became airborne after hitting a curb, then smashed into the front of the fire station. Officials said the fire station would be closed several weeks for repairs, with apparatus moved temporarily to a nearby automotive shop.
Source: <http://www.buffalonews.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20121115/CITYANDREGION/121119493/1010>
39. *November 15, Kingman Daily Miner* – (Arizona) **Fake Marine, police officer pleads guilty to fraud.** A Kingman, Arizona man who posed as a Marine and a police officer pleaded guilty November 14 to charges that he tried to defraud two local car dealers. He was first arrested in March after he questioned several people at the Mohave County Fairgrounds about a non-existent 9-1-1 call while posing as a Department of Public Safety officer. One of the people he questioned was an off-duty Kingman police officer, who was suspicious of the teen despite his uniform, badge, and car outfitted with emergency lights. The man was pulled over shortly after the fairgrounds incident after the off-duty officer alerted his colleagues. Officers searching his car and residence found two handguns, a bullet-proof vest, a fake military identification card, a grenade launcher with the serial number ground off, a fake order from the Department of Defense, a police radio/scanner, a book of DPS revised criminal code statutes and a binder with fake citations written by him. Several items of clothing identifying him as a Marine were also found in his bedroom.
Source: <http://www.kingmandailyminer.com/main.asp?SectionID=1&SubSectionID=1&ArticleID=53659>
40. *November 15, KLTV 7 Tyler* – (Texas) **Ala. man indicted for reporting fake emergency through Xbox.** An Alabama man has been indicted by a federal grand jury for allegedly calling 9-1-1 for a false incident. He was indicted November 15 for making an interstate threat. He allegedly made threats to a man in The Colony, Texas who is referred to as "TB" in the indictment. Investigators said the man threatened to "swat" unless "TB" paid him for a pair of fraudulent Xbox Gamertags. The term "swatting" refers to calling 9-1-1 to dispatch large groups of law enforcement, including Special Weapons and Tactics teams to non-emergencies. Prosecutors believe he used his Xbox gamertag "NuBlom" to make the calls. The man reportedly disguised his Caller ID to make it appear that he was placing a call from inside "TB's" residence in The Colony, Texas. The entire police force of The Colony, including a Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team responded to "TB's" residence after the caller claimed that two intruders had entered the residence.
Source: <http://www.kltv.com/story/20113239/ala-man-indicted-for-reporting-fake-emergency-through-xbox>

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Information Technology Sector

41. *November 16, Threatpost* – (International) **VMware security update fixes DoS, other vulnerabilities.** Virtualization software maker VMware shipped a security update for its vSphere API November 15 that resolved a denial of service (DoS) vulnerability in ESX and ESXi, as well as adding a number of open source security updates to the ESX Service Console. The patch affects the following releases: VMware ESXi 4.1 without patch ESXi410-201211401-SG and VMware ESX 4.1 without patches ESX410-201211401-SG, ESX410-201211402-SG, ESX410-201211405-SG, and ESX410-201211407-SG. The advisory addresses an issue in VMware's vSphere API that, if unpatched, could give unauthenticated users the ability to send maliciously crafted API requests and disable the host daemon. A successful exploit would hinder management activities but would not affect virtual machines running on the host.
Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/vmware-security-update-fixes-dos-other-vulnerabilities-111612
42. *November 16, Help Net Security* – (International) **PoC malware for remote hijacking of USB smart readers.** Researchers from malware.lu have created proof-of-concept malware that allows attackers to gain access to and remotely control users' USB smart card readers. Smart cards (chip cards) are used for various purposes, among which are also user identification and authentication. Spanish and Belgian citizens already have an eID card that is used for identification, authentication, and for digital signing. Banks issue smart cards to customers who have opted for 2-factor authentication when accessing their online banking service, and many companies give them out to employees in order for them to be able to authenticate themselves when accessing the corporate network from a remote location. The malware works by installing on the victims' computer a special driver that shares the USB reader over TCP/IP, and another driver on the attacker's computer is able to translate that signal and make it look like the device is physically attached to his computer, Computerworld reports. The malware also has a keylogger component, making it possible for attackers to harvest any of the PINs or passwords that are used with the cards if the reader does not have its own keypad. Another current limitation of the malware is that the driver is not digitally signed and some OS will not accept unsigned software.
Source: [http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2325&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+HelpNetSecurity+\(Help+Net+Security\)&utm_content=Google+Reader](http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2325&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+HelpNetSecurity+(Help+Net+Security)&utm_content=Google+Reader)

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43. *November 15, WWL 4 New Orleans* – (Louisiana) **Corps: Levees not to blame for Isaac flooding.** November 16, the Army Corps of Engineers told St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana residents that its current levee protection system was not to blame for Isaac's flooding 3 months ago. A colonel with the Army Corps of Engineers fielded the public's questions at the public meeting. He said a recently released study shows that the current levee protection system did not contribute to flooding during Isaac. St. John the Baptist Parish officials said about 6,000 people had to be rescued during Isaac and 5,000 homes were impacted by the storm. The Army Corps of Engineers said a levee alignment project was being studied to help protect areas like St. John the Baptist Parish.

Source: <http://www.wwltv.com/news/local/Army-Corps-Says-Levee-System-Isnt-To-Blame-For-Hurricane-Isaac-Flooding-179604811.html>

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