



## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report 3 December 2012

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- A freight train derailment resulted in a chemical spill November 30 in Paulsboro, New Jersey, sending dozens of people to area hospitals. – *CBS News* (See item [8](#))
- In the month since Hurricane Sandy, hundreds of millions of gallons of raw and partially-raw sewage from Bay Park and other treatment plants have flowed into waterways in New York and New Jersey, exposing flaws in the region’s wastewater infrastructure that could take several years and billions of dollars to fix, the *New York Times* reported November 29. – *New York Times* (See item [17](#))
- The man who faced federal charges of placing mercury in food and other locations at the Albany Medical Center pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court in Albany, New York, the *Mid-Hudson News Network* reported November 30. – *Mid-Hudson News Network* (See item [22](#))
- The names and addresses of approximately 1,500 patients who received emergency medical services from California’s El Centro Fire Department were stolen, the city announced November 29. – *El Centro Imperial Valley Press* (See item [33](#))

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## Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

1. *November 29, Orange County Register* – (California) **Edison: Onofre generator tampering possible.** A backup, emergency generator at the San Onofre nuclear plant might have been tampered with, plant operator Southern California Edison reported to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) the week of November 26. The diesel generator in the Unit 3 reactor was found to have coolant in its oil system late in October, and the problem was reported to the NRC October 30. Both of San Onofre’s reactor units remain offline, Edison said, so the problem presented no danger to plant workers or the public. November 29 Edison released a statement saying it had reported to the NRC November 27 that “an internal investigation found evidence of potential tampering as the cause of this abnormal condition.” An Edison spokeswoman said November 28, “the evidence is not conclusive that it’s tampering,” and added, “but of course we are doing a very thorough investigation, so that has not been ruled out.” Source: <http://www.ocregister.com/news/edison-379204-plant-san.html>

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## Critical Manufacturing Sector

2. *November 30, U.S. Department of Transportation* – (National) **NHTSA recall notice - Mitsubishi Fuso FE and FG series fuel pipes.** Mitsubishi Fuso Truck of America (MFTA) announced November 30 the recall of 13,644 model year 2005-2007 FE83D, FE84D, FE85D, and FG84D trucks manufactured from May 27, 2004 through May 14, 2007. The fuel pipes may crack due to an improper manufacturing process. Additionally, the fuel pipe flare nuts may have been insufficiently tightened. Cracked fuel pipes or loose fuel pipe flare nuts may leak fuel. A fuel leak in the presence of an ignition source may result in a vehicle fire. MFTA will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the fuel pipes and tighten or replace them as needed. Source: [http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rel\\_ID=12V545000&summary=true&prod\\_id=202368&PrintVersion=YES](http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rel_ID=12V545000&summary=true&prod_id=202368&PrintVersion=YES)

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## Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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## Banking and Finance Sector

3. *November 30, The Register* – (International) **Crooks inject malicious Java applet into FOREX trading website.** FOREX trading Web site Trading Forex was contaminated with a malicious Java applet that is designed to install malware on the systems of visiting surfers, The Register reported November 30. The Web site remained contaminated as of mid-day November 29 according to Websense, the Web security firm that detected the attack. The backdoor planted on Trading Forex is written in Visual Basic.Net and requires the Microsoft's .NET framework to be successfully installed and running on a victim's computer. "It's important to note that there was no exploit involved in this attack but rather a social engineering trick that requires the victim's involvement - if successful it will allow a backdoor Trojan to run on the victim's machine," a senior security researcher at Websense stated. A senior security research manager added: "This injection could deposit malware to the users of this site, possibly opening them up to data stealing. We're also seeing typosquatting being used here, perhaps ready for a future attack."  
Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/11/30/forex\\_trading\\_website\\_hack/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/11/30/forex_trading_website_hack/)
4. *November 30, Washington Post* – (Virginia) **Fairfax County police find ATM skimmers at hospitals.** Fairfax County, Virginia police are investigating skimmers that were found attached to two automated teller machines at Fairfax hospitals, the Washington Post reported November 30. Authorities said the devices may have been in place for weeks. They are urging people who may have used the machines to check their financial statements. The devices were found November 27 at an ATM near the lobby gift shop of the Inova Fairfax Hospital Cardiac Care Center and November 28 at an ATM next to the cafeteria at Inova Fair Oaks Hospital. Police said that in one case, a hospital employee found the skimmer when she tried to insert her ATM card and the device fell off the machine. Police said a hospital security guard found the other skimmer. The ATM at the cardiac-care facility was also targeted by a skimmer device in August and September, authorities said.  
Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/crime-scene/post/fairfax-county-police-find-atm-skimmers-at-hospitals/2012/11/30/8fd4739a-3aec-11e2-a263-f0ebffed2f15\\_blog.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/crime-scene/post/fairfax-county-police-find-atm-skimmers-at-hospitals/2012/11/30/8fd4739a-3aec-11e2-a263-f0ebffed2f15_blog.html)
5. *November 30, Help Net Security* – (International) **Aggressive worm infection leads to banking Trojan infection.** Sophos warned that an aggressive variant of the VBNA-X "autorun" worm is finding its way onto users' computers, preparing them for further malicious downloads, Help Net Security reported November 30. "W32/VBNA-X is a worm, but also exhibits characteristics typically found in a Trojan. Its most obvious method of spreading appears to be through the use of autorun.inf files dropped on removable media and writable network shares," a Sophos researcher shared. Still, there

are many who have already disable the Autorun/Autoplay option, but still get infected, as the worm hides legitimate folders and file extensions, and creates copies of itself named Porn.exe, Sexy.exe, Passwords.exe, and Secret.exe and uses standard Windows 7 icons for them. The worm is capable of adding registry keys to make itself run every time the infected machine boots up, and some variants can also disable Windows Update. The new variant contacts a C&C server to receive instructions and downloads additional malicious payloads. In the instances investigated by Sophos, that payload was a Zeus trojan variant - but that can change in the future.

Source: [http://www.net-security.org/malware\\_news.php?id=2340&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=2340&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+HelpNetSecurity+(Help+Net+Security)&utm_content=Google+Reader)

6. *November 29, Reuters* – (National) **Two charged with insider trading over 2009 IBM deal.** Two former stock brokers at a Connecticut financial services company were charged with criminal insider trading November 29 over a 2009 acquisition by computer giant IBM Corp. U.S. authorities said the two men and three unnamed colleagues made more than \$1 million in illicit gains by trading in shares of SPSS Inc before IBM agreed to buy the Chicago-based software company for \$1.2 billion in 2009. Prosecutors said the scheme got its start with a tip from an associate at the New York law firm that represented IBM in the transaction. One man is a lawyer living in Denver, while the other lives in Baltimore. At the time of the alleged insider trading, both were employed at Euro Pacific Capital Inc, a Westport, Connecticut-based firm, according to the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. Both were arrested by the FBI November 29 and charged with three criminal counts of securities fraud and one criminal count of conspiracy.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/11/29/ibm-insidertrading-idUSL1E8MTAIG20121129>

7. *November 29, Reuters* – (International) **Swedish stock futures market problem caused by mega-order glitch.** An hours-long halt of trade in Swedish OMXS30 stock index futures and options was caused by a technical bug which made it seem like a order worth trillions of dollars was made when it had not been, a bourse spokesman said November 29. The market for trade in index futures and options was halted November 28 for about 4 hours. All other markets functioned as normal and the futures market was back to business November 29. The futures and options market halt came after an order was entered in the system which was wrongly treated as a negative quantity. The system does not normally handle negative values and incorrectly interpreted it as being an order for about 4 billion contracts on the December futures contract on the OMXS30 index, which was worth about 107,000 crowns per contract, said a Nasdaq OMX spokesman. That gave a theoretical order value of about 428 trillion crowns (\$64.1 trillion)

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/11/29/markets-sweden-bug-idUSL5E8MTB4I20121129>

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## **Transportation Sector**

8. *November 30, CBS News* – (New Jersey) **Freight train derails, spills chemicals in Paulsboro, NJ.** A freight train derailment resulted in a chemical spill November 30 in Paulsboro, New Jersey sending dozens of people to area hospitals. Officials said a Conrail freight train derailed over Mantua Creek, leaking a chemical called vinyl chloride. Three cars overturned into the creek and one was compromised. HAZMAT crews responded and limited evacuations were ordered. An environmental company responded by CSX to place booms in the creek and the Gloucester County HAZMAT Team and a HAZMAT Team from PRC Refinery were doing metering and monitoring. A Paulsboro public information officer said that all of the vinyl chloride in the compromised car was dissipated and Conrail put together a plan of attack that includes crews working on the ground and via barge with a crane. Officials said it appeared the cars derailed when the bridge they were traveling over buckled. This is not the first time the bridge has failed. In 2009, it collapsed and had to be rebuilt. The County Office of Emergency Management issued a shelter in place activation and school children were sheltered in place in Paulsboro; East Greenwich; and West Deptford. Shelter for displaced residents was set up at a high school. Rescue units were dispatched to the scene after numerous people complained of respiratory problems. A total of 66 people, including some children, sought treatment at a hospital in Woodbury. Vinyl chloride is used in the making of plastics, according to a professor of environmental engineering at Drexel University. He said that in the short term, the danger is the chemical gets into the air and causes irritation to people. “Irritation to both the respiratory tract and eye irritation, (and) perhaps some short-term breathing problems,” he told KYW 1060 AM Philadelphia. In the long term, he said vinyl chloride is known to cause cancer. The National Transportation Safety Board had taken over the investigation.  
Source: <http://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2012/11/30/freight-train-derails-spills-chemicals...>
9. *November 30, Associated Press* – (New York) **2 injured in wrong-way crash on western NY highway.** Authorities said two people were hospitalized after one of them drove the wrong way on a suburban Rochester highway and collided with another vehicle, shutting down the northbound lanes for 5 hours. State police told local media outlets that the collision occurred November 30 in the northbound lanes of Interstate 590 at the I-390 interchange in the town of Brighton, just south of Rochester. Troopers said they received a 9-1-1 call reporting a car driving south in I-590’s northbound lanes and were pursuing the car when it slammed into the other vehicle.  
Source: <http://www.timesunion.com/news/article/2-injured-in-wrong-way-crash-on-western-NY-highway-4080040.php>
10. *November 30, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Big-rig crashes close 210 Freeway connector in Pasadena.** Multiple accidents November 30 involving at least three big rigs left the connector road of the westbound 210 Freeway closed at the 134 Freeway split in Pasadena, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) said. The accidents, which the

CHP does not believe to be weather-related, left the freeway covered in diesel fuel. At least two of the big rigs jackknifed, CHP officials said.

Source: <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2012/11/210-freeway-pasadena-crashes.html>

11. *November 29, Associated Press* – (National) **Drought threatens to close Mississippi to barges.** If water levels fall too low, the nation’s main inland waterway, the Mississippi River, could become impassable to barges just as the harvest heads to market, the Associated Press reported November 29. Shipping companies are scrambling to find alternative ways to move tons of corn, wheat and other crops to the Gulf Coast for shipment overseas. The Mississippi River is approaching the point where it may become too shallow for barges that carry food, fuel, and other commodities. If the river is closed for a lengthy period, experts say, economic losses could climb into the billions of dollars. The focus of greatest concern is a 180-mile stretch of the river between the confluences of the Missouri River near St. Louis and the Ohio River at Cairo, Illinois. That is where lack of rain has squeezed the channel from its normal width of 1,000 feet or more to just a few hundred feet. The river depth is 15 to 20 feet less than normal, now about 13 feet deep in many places. If it dips to around 9 feet, rock pinnacles at two locations make it difficult, if not impossible, for barges to pass. Hydrologists for the National Weather Service predict the Mississippi will reach the 9-foot mark by December 9. The week of November 19, the Army Corps of Engineers began reducing the outflow from an upper Missouri River dam in South Dakota, where a group of experts said November 30 that the worst U.S. drought in decades had intensified. A two-month shutdown — the length of time that some observers fear given current conditions — would have an estimated impact of \$7 billion, according to the river industry trade group American Waterways Operators. Source: <http://www.vcstar.com/news/2012/nov/29/drought-threatens-to-close-mississippi-to-barges/>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

12. *November 29, Dallas Morning News* – (Texas) **Feds arrest men for stealing mail in Fort Worth after catching them in the act of mailbox ‘fishing’.** November 28, U.S. postal inspectors arrested two men in Fort Worth, Texas, after catching them fishing mailboxes: dropping a weighted object covered in something sticky that is attached to a piece of string into a mailbox to pull out pieces of mail. Two postal inspectors learned November 27 that the men were planning to steal mail by using the fishing method, and they began surveillance on the defendants’ vehicle using a mobile tracking device, according to federal court records. The tracking device showed that the vehicle was approaching the Riverside Station Post Office, a favored location of mail thieves in the past who have used the fishing technique, records showed. The inspectors watched the vehicle stop at all three collection boxes while the driver removed mail using a “fishing device.” Authorities stopped the vehicle, arrested the men, and found a “vertical blind

with duct tape attached and covered in a sticky, glue-like substance.” The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported about the problem earlier in November, noting that Fort Worth and Tarrant County had the most cases of mail being stolen from post office collection boxes in the nation. The report said the city’s mailboxes were targeted 40 times in one year. Fishing for mail also has occurred in New York recently. In another incident there, thieves used metal plates wrapped in duct tape and covered in a sticky substance. Source: <http://crimeblog.dallasnews.com/2012/11/feds-arrest-men-for-stealing-mail-in-fort-worth-after-catching-them-in-the-act-of-mailbox-fishing.html/>

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

13. *November 30, Food Safety News* – (International) **Canada’s meat inspectors told to ignore messy carcasses not bound for Japan.** Canada’s CTV News went public with a 4-year-old memorandum from the troubled XL Foods beef plant that told meat inspectors to turn a blind eye to fecal and intestinal contamination on carcasses—except for the beef headed for Japan, Food Safety News reported November 30. The memo issued to inspectors by a meat hygiene supervisor at the Brooks, Alberta beef plant said Japan is “our number 1 priority.” Issued September 12, 2008, the memo instructed meat inspectors stationed at the carcass inspection post to “ensure than non Japan carcasses are not inspected for spinal cord/duramater, OCD (other carcass defects) and minor ingesta (ignore them).” CTV obtained the memo from the union representing meat inspectors at the beef plant, now managed by the Greeley, CO-based JBS, USA. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) said the same stringent food safety standards were imposed on meat for both domestic consumption and for export. CFIA said required inspection tasks are accomplished at different stations. “The memo referenced simply emphasized this division of labor,” CFIA said in a statement issued November 29 in reaction of the CTV report. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/11/meat-inspectors-told-to-ignore-messy-carcasses-not-bound-for-japan/>
14. *November 29, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Texas) **US Department of Labor’s OSHA cites BCW Food Products in Dallas with serious violations for exposing workers to amputations, other hazards.** The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) cited BCW Food Products Inc. in Dallas for 12 serious safety violations and one serious health violation for exposing workers to possible amputations and other hazards November 29. Proposed penalties total \$53,900. OSHA’s Dallas Area Office began its investigation June 4 at the company’s facility following a report that an employee had become trapped in a blending mixer while performing maintenance work. “This company failed to adequately protect its employees from possible amputations and other safety hazards,” said OSHA’s area director in Dallas. Source: [http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=NEWS\\_RELEASES&p\\_id=23322](http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=23322)

## **Water Sector**

15. *November 30, Arizona Republic; KPNX 12 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **Water restored to 2 southwest Valley cities; official says boil advisory to be issued.** Two Arizona cities had no running water November 29 for a couple of hours after an unexpected water outage at Liberty Utilities, authorities said. Litchfield Park’s city manager said the significant outage affected the Litchfield Park area and Goodyear. Liberty Utilities said it restored water to customers that evening, though water pressure was lower than normal. The city manager said Liberty Utilities told him that they will likely issue a boil advisory as a precautionary measure as early as November 30, and that they are sending water samples to the lab for analysis. The areas affected, he said, included Litchfield Park, the north end of Goodyear, south of Glendale Road, and County Islands, including Wigwam Creek. The director of operations, western division, said crews would work through the night to return water service to full pressure after customers lost water. “It was an electrical equipment failure,” he said of the malfunction at the utility’s reservoir that stopped the water from pumping. The water company brought in electricians, and they managed to fix the electrical equipment, and then turned the pumps back on. They were also able to pump water directly into the system.  
Source: <http://www.azcentral.com/2012/review/community/swvalley/articles/20121129west-valley-some-cities-without-water-utility-outage-abrk.html>
16. *November 30, Dunkirk Observer* – (New York) **Boil, toil and trouble continues in Fredonia.** December 2 was the earliest the village of Fredonia, New York water customers would be able to use water without boiling it. The mayor said the problem with clogged filter beds was coming under control, but the health department requires two full days of low turbidity and microbe-free tests after an incident. He said the boil order is a precaution. Carriage House was linked with a water supply from Dunkirk November 29, so he said they are “back to normal operations.” While Carriage House was able to be restored, he said he knows the situation was difficult for other businesses. In addition to boiling, residents were urged to conserve water as much as possible.  
Source: <http://www.observertoday.com/page/content.detail/id/578736/Boil--toil-and-trouble-continues-in-Fredonia.html?nav=5047>
17. *November 29, New York Times* – (New Jersey; New York) **Sewage flows after Hurricane Sandy exposing flaws in system.** In the month since Hurricane Sandy, hundreds of millions of gallons of raw and partially-raw sewage from Bay Park and other treatment plants have flowed into waterways in New York and New Jersey, exposing flaws in the region’s wastewater infrastructure that could take several years and billions of dollars to fix, the New York Times reported November 29. In New York alone, the governor estimated that about \$1.1 billion will be needed to repair treatment plants. Motors and electrical equipment would have to be raised above newly established flood levels, and circuitry must be made waterproof. Dams and levees may

have to be built at some treatment plants to keep the rising waters at bay, experts explained. In New Jersey, workers at the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission plant, evacuated as floodwaters surged in and wastewater gushed out. The Middlesex County Utility Authority plant in Sayreville, New Jersey, let about 75 million gallons of raw sewage a day flow into Raritan Bay for nearly a week before power was restored, said a spokesman for the New Jersey Environmental Protection Department. Operations at both plants have not yet been fully restored

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2012/11/30/nyregion/sewage-flows-after-hurricane-sandy-exposing-flaws-in-system.html?ref=nyregion&r=0>

18. *November 29, Muscatine Journal* – (Iowa) **Columbus Council gets update on projects — water treatment plant and levee work to start Monday.** Initial work on water treatment plant relocation and levee upgrade projects in Columbus Junction, Iowa, should begin December 3. According to a schedule provided to the city council during its regular meeting November 28, the work will include well rehabilitation and drilling. City officials said the scheduled work should also help move the levee improvement work forward. “The levee people were waiting for some of this schedule,” the mayor said, adding he was hopeful the contractor would still be able to complete some work the fall of 2013. Most of the remaining work on the nearly \$4 million projects was scheduled to be done in 2013.  
Source: [http://muscatinejournal.com/news/local/columbus-council-gets-update-on-projects---water/article\\_68509b40-3a7a-11e2-990d-001a4bcf887a.html](http://muscatinejournal.com/news/local/columbus-council-gets-update-on-projects---water/article_68509b40-3a7a-11e2-990d-001a4bcf887a.html)
19. *November 29, WBEZ 91.5 FM Chicago* – (National) **Low water in Lake Michigan could cause problems for the shipping industry.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reported Lake Michigan was 28 inches below the long term average – and still falling, WBEZ 91.5 FM Chicago reported November 29. For each inch the lake decreases, cargo ships are forced to lighten their loads. The tonnage left behind ranges between 50 and 300 tons per inch, depending on the type of freight. The Executive Director of the Illinois Port District said lake levels are always fluctuating, but even normal fluctuations affect shipping costs. Most shipping in and out of Chicago’s ports is for commodities like grains, many of which are directly linked to the cost of food. Precipitation in the Michigan-Huron region in November was nearly 70 percent below the monthly average, and the Corps projects Lake Michigan could fall to record lows in the coming months. The two lakes hit their record low in 1964, and peaked again in 1986. Even following 2012’s summer, the lake has not gone below 1964 levels. However, the Corps projected that by December 30, the water will go down another three inches.  
Source: <http://www.wbez.org/news/low-water-lake-michigan-could-cause-problems-shipping-industry-104121>
20. *November 29, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (West Virginia) **EPA settles Clean Water Act case for wetlands violations in West Virginia.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced November 29 that it entered into a Clean Water Act (CWA) administrative consent agreement and final order (CAFO) with PDC Mountaineer, LLC (PDCM) to resolve violations involving construction activities at Marcellus Shale gas extraction facilities in northern West Virginia. The

settlement required PDCM to pay a penalty of \$177,500. Also, the company is restoring and/or completing mitigation projects at four sites pursuant to three separate CWA administrative orders incorporated into the CAFO. EPA conducted two site inspections on December 11, 2011, and March 28, 2012 at the D'Annunzio Well Pad and the Hudkins Well Pad in Harrison County, West Virginia. Section 404 of the Clean Water Act requires persons wishing to discharge fill material into wetlands or streams to obtain a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. In this case, the company failed to apply for or receive a Section 404 permit. In addition, information subsequently provided by the company revealed more violations along the course of two pipelines which will ultimately transport gas extracted by PDCM. Unpermitted activities included the filling, relocating and placement of culverts in streams and the filling of wetlands. The violations at the four sites resulted in adverse impacts to nearly an acre of emergent and forested wetlands.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/d0cf6618525a9efb85257359003fb69d/62320d2e04ff711185257ac50057bd5c!OpenDocument>

21. *November 29, Gulf Coast News Today* – (Alabama) **School's out in Daphne.** Students in Daphne, Alabama were scheduled to return to classes December 3. When the Belforest Water System was compromised November 28, school officials closed Daphne Elementary East and Daphne Middle School. "Both schools were closed Thursday and will remain closed until further notice," said the Baldwin County School communications director. "The water has to be tested and cleared by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management before Daphne East and Daphne Middle School can be reopened. "All parents have been notified via the school system's rapid notification system." The Baldwin County Sewer System was installing a sewer line at a new house when instead of tapping into the sewer line, they cut into the fresh water line. Work crews worked November 28 to repair the break. Whenever a water line is breached, the system must issue a boil water notice. Normally, it takes a couple of days to get test results back after the system has been repaired and flushed.

Source: [http://www.gulfcoastnewstoday.com/area\\_news/article\\_b050dad2-3a51-11e2-9ce1-0019bb2963f4.html](http://www.gulfcoastnewstoday.com/area_news/article_b050dad2-3a51-11e2-9ce1-0019bb2963f4.html)

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

22. *November 30, Mid-Hudson News Network* – (New York) **Ulster man pleads guilty to using mercury as chemical weapon in hospital.** The man who faced federal charges that he placed mercury in food and other locations at Albany Medical Center pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court in Albany, New York, to the three-count indictment against him, the Mid-Hudson News Network reported November 30. He had been a licensed pharmacist for 36 years and knew of the dangers of the chemical, authorities said. He admitted that after he wrote to the hospital expressing his concern about having to pay for medical care, he spread 1 to 2 pounds of the toxic chemical that can

kill human nerve cells and cause serious bodily injuries in a basement area, outside the post-operative care unit, the triage window in the emergency room, in the tracks to the door of the center elevator in one building, and in food in the hospital cafeteria. As part of his plea agreement, he will have to pay Albany Med over \$200,000 in restitution, pay restitution to the US government for expenses incurred relating to the seizure, storage, handling, transportation, and destruction of property seized in connection with the investigation of the mercury contamination.

Source: [http://www.midhudsonnews.com/News/2012/November/30/Kimber\\_sen-30Nov12.html](http://www.midhudsonnews.com/News/2012/November/30/Kimber_sen-30Nov12.html)

23. *November 30, WTVT 13 Tampa Bay* – (Florida) **Two accused of stealing patient information from hospital.** Forty-five hospital patients had their personal information stolen, and two people were arrested and accused of filing phony IRS returns to collect more than a million dollars. Federal agents said the two filed returns using patient IDs from Florida Hospital Tampa, formerly known as University Community Hospital and where one of the defendants used to work. All of the affected patients have been notified.

Source: <http://www.myfoxtampabay.com/story/20224892/2012/11/30/two-accused-of-stealing-patient-information-from-hospital>

24. *November 30, Wichita Eagle* – (Kansas) **CDC link will let Kansas network track health threats in real time.** The Kansas Health Information Network (KHIN) became the first health information exchange directly connected to the Center for Disease Control's (CDC) BioSense program, which tracks public health problems in real time, the Wichita Eagle reported November 30. The electronic program tracks public health threats, outbreaks, and epidemics with unidentifiable patient information provided by hospitals and health care providers in the network. "As soon as a diagnosis is made, the information is sent to KHIN and shared with the CDC within moments after the diagnosis is made by a physician," said a KHIN executive director. BioSense was launched in 2003 as part of the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002, according to the CDC. More than 200 providers throughout the State share data through KHIN, and 12 hospitals are actively sharing data.

Source: <http://www.kansas.com/2012/11/30/2585783/cdc-link-will-let-kansas-network.html>

25. *November 30, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Man charged with donning scrubs, stealing drugs.** A Washington man was charged with donning scrubs and a hospital identification badge to steal drugs from a "crash cart" at a Missoula hospital. Prosecutors said the man left a treatment room in the emergency department November 29, took the scrubs and an ID badge, and was stuffing items from a crash cart into his pockets when an employee saw him. The employee knew the man was not her co-worker, led him to an area with more people and whispered to someone to call security. The man fled. He was arrested outside a nearby church. Investigators said he took three syringes, a vial of epinephrine, and two diazepam cartridges.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/news/crime/article/Man-charged-with-donning-scrubs-stealing-drugs-4080390.php>

26. *November 29, New York Times* – (National) **Medicare is faulted in electronic medical records.** The conversion to electronic medical records is “vulnerable” to fraud and abuse because of the failure of Medicare officials to develop appropriate safeguards, according to a sharply critical report to be issued November 29 by federal investigators. The report said Medicare has failed to put in place adequate safeguards to ensure that information being provided by hospitals and doctors about their electronic records systems is accurate. Medicare “faces obstacles” in overseeing the electronic records incentive program “that leave the program vulnerable to paying incentives to professionals and hospitals that do not fully meet the meaningful use requirements,” the investigators concluded. The report was prepared by the Office of Inspector General for the Department of Health and Human Services, which oversees Medicare.  
Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2012/11/29/business/medicare-is-faulted-in-electronic-medical-records-conversion.html?pagewanted=1&r=0&hp&pagewanted=all>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

27. *November 30, WXYZ 7 Detroit* – (Michigan) **Norovirus outbreak closes two elementary schools in Flint.** Officials said two Flint, Michigan elementary schools were closed after more than 80 children were sickened in a suspected norovirus outbreak. Grand Blanc Community Schools said McGrath and Anderson elementary schools were closed November 30 because of what was described as the stomach flu. WJRT 12 Flint reported a cleaning crew will sanitize the schools. Norovirus is part of a family of viruses that are spread person-to-person and cause flu-like symptoms including nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and stomach cramping.  
Source: [http://www.wxyz.com/dpp/news/state/Copy\\_of\\_MISudents-SickenedMichigan\\_15507623](http://www.wxyz.com/dpp/news/state/Copy_of_MISudents-SickenedMichigan_15507623)
28. *November 30, Associated Press* – (International) **Macedonian man allegedly throws petrol bomb at US embassy after watching thriller.** A man has been arrested on suspicion of throwing a petrol bomb at the U.S. embassy in Macedonia—apparently under the influence of alcohol and a TV thriller. Police said the incendiary device exploded harmlessly a good 50 feet from the embassy compound’s gate, just before midnight November 29 in the capital, Skopje. The assailant managed to escape on foot. A local man was arrested later after his car hit another vehicle not far from the compound. The other motorist told emergency services the suspect told her that he had “set the Americans on fire.” Police said the suspect had a high blood alcohol count. He allegedly told officers that the attack was influenced by an American thriller that he had previously watched on TV.  
Source: <http://www.calgaryherald.com/news/Macedonian+allegedly+throws+petrol+bomb+embassy+after/7633406/story.html>

29. *November 29, Associated Press* – (New Mexico) **Fake audit plea deal near.** The former controller of the New Mexico Finance Authority was expected to plead guilty November 30 to charges of forgery and securities fraud for faking the agency’s financial audit that was distributed to bond investors earlier this year, a State official confirmed to the Associated Press. Under an agreement reached with prosecutors, the ex-controller was to plea to two counts of forgery and one count of securities fraud, said a spokesman for the state Regulation and Licensing Department, which includes securities regulators. The ex-controller faces up to 6 years in prison for the felonies, but a judge will determine his sentence. The fake audit scandal has prompted a management shake-up of the authority and calls by legislators for stronger oversight. The authority operates independently from any State agency and functions like a bank for government infrastructure.  
Source: <http://www.abqjournal.com/main/2012/11/29/abqnewsseeker/updated-plea-deal-near-in-fake-audit-case.html>
30. *November 29, WSET 13 Lynchburg* – (Virginia) **Bomb scare at school forces evacuation in Lynchburg.** There was a heavy police presence and people were forced to evacuate in Lynchburg, Virginia, November 29 because of a bomb threat that turned out to be the real thing. A boy was in police custody facing several charges. The Lynchburg Police Department, the Lynchburg Fire Department’s HAZMAT team, the Virginia Department of Emergency Management and the State Police bomb squad responded to the scene at the Rivermont School. The State Police bomb squad robot is wiped clean after setting off the device that set off a chain of events that day. Lynchburg Police captain said the student brought a chemical bomb to the school. He said the Rivermont School administrators learned the boy had it and an administrator brought it outside away from the other 56 and 20 staff members. Police and Public works shut down the road at both ends. Police said the bomb was about one foot high, but it was not small enough to take a chance. “It definitely could have hurt people had anybody been in the immediate area. It’s not something we believe that would have been able to destroy the building,” said Lynchburg Police captain. Meanwhile, the student, who police said set this all into motion, was questioned by detectives. Rivermont School is run by Centra and offers an alternative educational setting for students with severe emotional and behavioral disabilities, according to Centra’s website. Officials said the students in school November 29 were taken by bus to a safe location where they were picked up by parents or guardians.  
Source: <http://www.wset.com/story/20221244/bomb-scare-at-school-forces-evacuation-in-lynchburg>
31. *November 29, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Trenton man convicted for calling in bomb threat to school using Middle Eastern accent.** A federal jury has convicted a man on explosives charges for faking a Middle Eastern accent when he called in a bomb threat to a suburban Detroit high school and placed at least two explosives in the area. The jury in Ann Arbor found the ex-convict of Trenton guilty November 28 of making and possessing explosives. A Detroit U.S. attorney spokeswoman said the crimes happened in April 2011. She said the man disguised his voice “in a Middle Eastern accent” and “telephoned a bomb threat to Trenton High School.” His call warned that four bombs would explode inside the school within an hour. The U.S.

attorney spokeswoman said a teacher found an explosive in a parking lot. The next day, she said the man exploded another device outside a store.

Source: <http://www.clickondetroit.com/news/Trenton-man-convicted-for-calling-in-bomb-threat-to-school-using-Middle-Eastern-accent/-/1719418/17594808/-/153t49qz/-/index.html>

32. *November 29, Associated Press* – (Connecticut) **WCSU: Student info may have been exposed.** Western Connecticut State University notified students, their families, and others that their personal information may have been exposed to unauthorized access by a computer system vulnerability that has since been corrected, the Associated Press reported November 29. Officials at the Danbury school said they found no evidence records were inappropriately accessed. The vulnerability existed from April 2009 to September 2012 and potentially exposed information, including social security numbers, of about 235,000 people whose records were collected by the university over 13 years. The affected group includes students, their families, those who had other associations with the university, and high school students whose SAT scores were purchased in lists. The university said it implemented new layers of protection and is offering up to 2 years of free ID theft protection to those potentially affected.
- Source: <http://www.myfoxny.com/story/20217395/wcsu-student-info-may-have-been-exposed>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

33. *November 29, El Centro Imperial Valley Press* – (California) **1,500 emergency patient records stolen.** The names and addresses of approximately 1,500 patients who received emergency medical services from California’s El Centro Fire Department were stolen, the city announced November 29. The city’s announcement comes a day after El Centro Regional Medical Center revealed that it was defrauded out of hundreds of thousands of X-ray files that were stolen for their silver. “It wasn’t a breach here, it was a breach at a contractor,” the city manager said, adding the information in question was stolen from ADPI-Intermedix, a billing contractor responsible for collecting emergency medical services fees. The theft included ambulance data from the fire departments of Corona, Los Angeles, and Berkeley, according to an ADPI press release. The company learned about the security breach October 1. The press release notes some of the information stolen was disclosed to a theft ring suspected of filing fraudulent federal tax returns with the Internal Revenue Service. Authorities identified the employee who admitted to the crime. Though a company investigation revealed that in certain instances the disclosure of personal information included social security numbers, names, and dates of birth, no medical information was accessed or disclosed. In the next few days affected patients will start receiving letters of notifications. The city manager noted that the information stolen from El Centro patients are from 2006 to 2012, but have “a lower likelihood that anyone is going to be able to use it, because we don’t provide date of birth or Social Security numbers — some cities do.”

Source: <http://www.ivpressonline.com/news/ivp-1500-emergency-patient-records-stolen-20121129,0,7944900.story>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

34. *November 30, Help Net Security* – (International) **Shylock’s new trick for evading malware researchers.** The Shylock financial malware platform continues to evolve in order to bypass new defensive technologies put in place by financial institutions and enterprises. While analyzing a recent Shylock dropper Trusteer noticed a new trick it uses to evade detection. Namely, it can identify and avoid remote desktop environments – a setup commonly used by researchers when analyzing malware. The latest Shylock dropper detects a remote desktop environment by feeding invalid data into a certain routine and then observing the error code returned. It uses this return code to differentiate between normal desktops and other “lab” environments. In particular, when executed from a remote desktop session the return code will be different and Shylock will not install. It is possible to use this method to identify other known or proprietary virtual/sandbox environments as well.  
Source: [http://www.net-security.org/malware\\_news.php?id=2339&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=2339&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+HelpNetSecurity+(Help+Net+Security)&utm_content=Google+Reader)
35. *November 30, The H* – (International) **Email hacks router.** A whole range of Arcor, Asus, and TP-Link routers are vulnerable to being reconfigured remotely without authorization. A security researcher demonstrates that just displaying an email within the router’s own network can have far-reaching consequences: when opened, his specially crafted test email reconfigures the wireless router so that it redirects the user’s internet data traffic. The attack uses the Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF) technique. The researcher embedded images whose source URL (src=) points to the router’s default IP address (often 192.168.1.1) in his HTML test email. The URL contains parameters that instruct the router’s Web interface to modify the Domain Name System (DNS) server configuration. As the URL also contains the admin password for the Web interface, the attack will only be successful if the user has left the default password unchanged. The security researcher says that attacks are successful on devices such as Arcor’s EasyBox A 600. When displaying the email, the email client will attempt to retrieve the embedded picture from this URL. The router, however, will interpret the parameters as an instruction from the user to configure a different DNS server. Once the changes have been made, any DNS queries will be handled by the configured DNS server, which is controlled by the attacker. From then on, the sender of the email can freely direct the user to arbitrary Web servers.  
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Email-hacks-router-1759874.html>
36. *November 29, Threatpost* – (International) **Malicious browser add-on guides victims to phishing sites.** Phishers are using a typosquatted domain name designed to mimic the URL of a popular e-commerce destination in order to lure their victims to a

malicious Web site that prompts its visitors to download a malicious add-on that will guide users to phishing sites, even when they type legitimate URLs into their browser's address bar. According to a report written by a Symantec researcher, the campaign's primary motive is financial. The potential success of the attack is reliant on the consent of its victims. The malicious site can only prompt users to install the add-on. While not very advanced, the attack utilizes some interesting tactics. First, when users navigate to the malicious site, it determines their browser before prompting them to install the malicious add-on that will work with that browser. If a user allows the installation, the add-on goes into the Windows System32 directory and alters the hosts file. When a user enters a URL into their browser's address bar, the browser checks the local Domain Name System (DNS) information, located in the hosts file, before sending the DNS query. The hosts file is modified by the add-on so that the domain names of recognizable brands are assigned new IP addresses associated with phishing sites. In this way, when a user attempts to navigate to a benign Web site, they end up at the malicious phishing site associated with it. Symantec reports that the initial infection site that prompts users to download the malicious add-on is currently inactive.

Source: [http://threatpost.com/en\\_us/blogs/malicious-browser-add-guides-victims-phishing-sites-112912](http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/malicious-browser-add-guides-victims-phishing-sites-112912)

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### Internet Alert Dashboard

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## Communications Sector

Nothing to report

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

37. *November 30, WMSN 47 Madison* – (Michigan) **Fire destroys DeWitt Twp. home center warehouse.** Fire destroyed most of the warehouse of a home furnishing store in Clinton County, Michigan, November 29. About 60 firefighters from at least 4 different fire departments helped battle the fire, including Bath Township and East Lansing Fire Departments. It took over an hour to contain the fire. “The whole warehouse is completely destroyed,” the DeWitt Township fire chief said. The fire chief said he believes the fire started outside of the building. A nearby apartment building sustained

light water damage.

Source: <http://www.fox47news.com/news/topstories/181522921.html>

38. *November 30, KITV 4 Honolulu* – (Hawaii) **Fire officials: Waipahu blaze case of arson.** Fire officials said a fire that displaced three people at a Waipahu, Hawaii apartment complex appeared to be intentionally set. The fire began on the top floor of a two-story building on Aniani Place November 28. The fire started in the back bedroom of the corner unit with clothing and a mattress, according to investigators. Fire officials said only three units were occupied at the time while the other five were boarded up for renovations. The three adults who lived inside were able to escape safely. One woman was treated and released for smoke inhalation, according to fire officials. Damage was estimated at \$280,000.  
Source: <http://www.kitv.com/news/hawaii/Fire-officials-Waipahu-blaze-case-of-arson-/8905354/17593362/-/800ontz/-/index.html>
39. *November 30, Boston Herald* – (Massachusetts) **‘Total shock’ as fire ravages Brewster church.** A fire tore through a Cape Cod, Massachusetts church November 30, burning through the roof and all but destroying the building. The three-alarm fire caused what firefighters called “heavy fire damage” after the fire broke out. The pastor said the church was a total loss. The Brewster deputy fire chief said the fire came in as an automatic alarm, and firefighters remained on scene to investigate the cause. Firefighters said the fire appeared to have started in the church’s sanctuary, and by the time they arrived, 25 percent of the building was already engulfed.  
Source:  
<http://www.bostonherald.com/news/regional/view.bg?articleid=1061178451&srvc=rss>
40. *November 30, Portland Tribune* – (Oregon) **Drug-fueled explosion damages SW apartments.** A man was injured by an explosion that occurred when he was cooking hashish in his West Hills apartment in Portland, Oregon, November 29. The victim suffered extensive burns on the upper half of his body. He was transported by ambulance to the a local hospital, where he was listed in stable condition. No one else was injured in the explosion, which damaged several apartments in the complex. According to the Washington County Sheriff’s Office, the victim was cooking hashish at the time of the explosion. Deputies believe he was using highly volatile and dangerous chemicals in the process. At some point the chemicals became unstable and produced a violent explosion. The explosion caused extensive damage to the apartment which tore the back wall and windows completely out. Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue, Portland Fire and Rescue, and the Washington County Sheriff’s Office responded to reports of the explosion.  
Source: <http://portlandtribune.com/pt/9-news/124104-drug-fueled-explosion-damages-sw-apartments>
41. *November 29, KOVR 13 Sacramento* – (California) **13 families displaced after Carmichael apartment fire.** Thirteen families were displaced after a fire swept though an apartment complex in Carmichael, California, KOVR 13 Sacramento reported November 29. Firefighters had to break windows to help evacuate several residents. Many of the apartments have water and smoke damage. Sixteen units in all were

affected by the flames, three of them were vacant. The Red Cross was assisting the 31 people displaced with a night's lodging, food, and comfort kits. Investigators said the fire started from a resident cooking in one of the units.

Source: <http://sacramento.cbslocal.com/2012/11/29/13-families-displaced-after-carmichael-apartment-fire/>

42. *November 29, KCAL 9 Los Angeles* – (California) **Murder suspect arrested after nearly 10-hour standoff with police in Upland.** The suspect accused of stabbing an El Monte man to death in October was arrested November 29 after a nearly 10-hour standoff with police at an apartment in Upland, California. The suspect barricaded himself at the complex after sheriff's deputies tried to serve him an arrest warrant in connection to the killing. "When they served the arrest warrant, the suspect barricaded himself into the apartment building. That's when SWAT team, K-9, crisis negotiators, as well as our homicide detectives came out," said a spokeswoman from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. The situation forced residents from 30 apartments to be evacuated. The suspect was finally taken into custody after tear gas was fired into the apartment.

Source: <http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2012/11/29/murder-suspect-arrested-after-nearly-10-hour-standoff-with-police-in-upland/>

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

43. *November 29, Associated Press* – (National) **Suspect in string of ecoterrorism fires surrenders.** The U.S. attorney's office in Portland, Oregon, reported that a Canadian citizen accused of conspiracy and arson turned herself in to the FBI at the Canadian border in Blaine, Washington, November 29 after spending years in hiding in Canada. The fugitive was identified as a former wildlife researcher that was part of a cell of the Earth Liberation Front (ELF) and Animal Liberation Front known as The Family, based in Eugene, Oregon. The former wildlife researcher was arrested after spending a decade as an international fugitive from the largest ecoterrorism investigation in U.S. history. She was sought on conspiracy and arson indictments dating to 2006 alleging she helped set fires at the Vail ski resort in Colorado and at federal wild horse corrals in eastern Oregon and northern California, and that she tried to set fire to a lumber mill office in Medford, Oregon. The former wildlife researcher is not specifically charged with terrorism, but the indictment alleges she and the other members of The Family tried to influence businesses and the government and tried to retaliate against the U.S. Forest Service. Authorities said the ELF cell was responsible for 20 arsons around the western U.S. from 1996 to 2001 that caused \$40 million in damage. The two remaining fugitives are believed to be in Syria and Europe.

Source: <http://www.boston.com/business/news/2012/11/29/suspect-string-ecoterrorism-fires-surrenders/qMkHiyGRAMlyGEh5y47PYM/story.html>

44. *November 28, Associated Press* – (National) **Tiny beetle, giant threat in Northern Nevada.** Nevada foresters are on the watch for a potential invasion of an insect that has decimated millions of acres of forest across the West and in Canada, with continued

evidence showing the mountain pine bark beetle is on the march into Nevada and the Sierra, the Associated Press reported November 28. More than 11,000 trees across 16,300 acres of Nevada are infested with the beetle, with Elko and White Pine counties in eastern Nevada particularly hard hit, according to a 2011 report by the Nevada Division of Forestry and the U.S. Forest Service. The beetle is found in western Nevada and in California as well. Pockets of beetle-infested trees — particularly lodgepole pines — have been located in parts of the Carson Range and in the south Lake Tahoe area. According to a report released early this month by the University of Colorado, Boulder, nearly 3,000 square miles of forest are impacted by the current infestation in the southern Rockies, an area stretching from southern Wyoming, through Colorado and into northern New Mexico. The bugs attack and secrete perfume-like pheromones that attract hordes of more aggressive beetles that can overwhelm trees relatively quickly. Dead or dying, the victimized trees then pose the additional danger of fueling catastrophic wildfires.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/news/science/article/Tiny-beetle-giant-threat-in-Northern-Nevada-4074928.php>

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## **Dams Sector**

45. *November 30, Tulsa Daily World* – (National) **Arkansas River cargo system closing for three weeks of repairs.** Shipping on the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System would be halted for 3 weeks for emergency repairs to a lock and dam in Arkansas, shutting down a vital economic engine in northeast Oklahoma, the Tulsa World reported November 30. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers informed officials the week of November 26 that they plan to close the Montgomery Point Lock & Dam near Tichner, Arkansas, December 1. “The industries much prefer a scheduled outage so it gives them time to work around the problem, but we just didn’t have that option this time,” said the chief of operations for the technical support branch of the Corps’ Little Rock District. Factory managers and shipping companies at the Tulsa Port of Catoosa were left scrambling to find a way to move shipments and get equipment while the waterway is down, said the director of the port. “Managers hate it because what they are having to do is reroute shipments that would normally have to go out by water,” he said. “It takes time to make those arrangements and costs more money.” He said shipments of crude oil out of the port are canceled this week. Engineers discovered the lock and dam problems after hearing disturbing noises early this year, he said. The dam will be drained for the repairs, which will cost about \$1.5 million, he said. The waterway carries about 1 million tons of cargo up to ports as far inland as Catoosa, Georgia. Montgomery Point is the last lock and dam on the water system before the Mississippi River.

Source:

[http://www.tulsaworld.com/business/article.aspx?subjectid=54&articleid=20121130\\_54\\_E1\\_Shippi997171](http://www.tulsaworld.com/business/article.aspx?subjectid=54&articleid=20121130_54_E1_Shippi997171)

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