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- The latest storm system to drench northern California — the third to hit the area in less than a week — moved across the region the weekend of December 1, toppling trees and knocking out electrical service to tens of thousands of people. – *Associated Press* (See item [1](#))
- Federal authorities were hunting November 29 for more than 100 rifles stolen from a boxcar parked in an Atlanta train yard, the *Associated Press* reported November 30. The weapons include assault rifles that a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives spokesman described as “AK-style.” – *Associated Press* (See item [12](#))
- At least 42 people in 20 States have fallen ill with Salmonella in the outbreak linked to peanut butter made by Sunland Inc. in Portales, New Mexico, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The outbreak is believed to have ended, *Food Safety News* reported November 30. – *Food Safety News* (See item [22](#))
- A town in northwest Louisiana was evacuated November 30, and State Police were starting a criminal investigation of a company after finding about 6 million pounds of explosive material used in howitzers they said was stored illegally. – *Associated Press* (See item [29](#))

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## Energy Sector

1. *December 3, Associated Press* – (California) **Third storm in a week drenches NorCal, flood warning issued in Solano.** Across northern California December 2, a powerful storm drenched the area with yet another round of pounding rain and strong winds. The latest storm system — the third to hit the area in less than a week — moved across the region the weekend of December 1 and 2 dropping as much as an inch of rain per hour in some areas, toppling trees and knocking out electrical service to tens of thousands of people, officials said. In Solano County, the National Weather Service issued a small stream flood advisory that remained in effect through December 3. The National Weather Service warned that several rivers were in danger of topping their banks. Flood warnings were in effect for the Napa and Russian rivers, two rivers north of San Francisco with a history of flooding, as well as the Truckee River, near Lake Tahoe. In bracing for the storm, city officials handed out more than 8,000 sandbags and about 150 tons of sand. Around 94,000 people from Santa Cruz to Eureka, including about 21,000 people in the San Francisco Bay area, were without electricity December 2, said a Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) spokesman. About 2,000 PG&E crews were working to try to restore power. Wind gusts, recorded as high as 60 miles per hour in parts of the Bay area, were blamed for knocking over a big rig truck as it drove over the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge December 2. Tow crews had to wait for the winds to subside later in the morning before they could remove the truck, officials said. Train service on the Bay Area Rapid Transit was disrupted for about an hour December 2 because of an electrical outage blamed on the weather.

Source: [http://www.thereporter.com/ci\\_22113711/third-storm-week-drenches-norcal-flood-warning-issued](http://www.thereporter.com/ci_22113711/third-storm-week-drenches-norcal-flood-warning-issued)

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## Chemical Industry Sector

2. *December 1, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Officials fine Texas Brine \$100,000 over sinkhole.** Louisiana officials fined Houston-based Texas Brine Co. \$100,000 over the company’s failure to follow State orders on a giant Assumption Parish sinkhole, the State Conservation Commissioner announced December 1. He said that the company has not complied with provisions of a November 12 order he made meant to speed work at the 8-acre sinkhole, which began to develop when a Texas Brine salt cavern failed in August. Residents of 150 Bayou Corne-area homes were forced to evacuate in August because natural gas was leaking into the underground water supply. Officials said there is a small chance of an explosion. Crude oil is also leaking around the edge of the collapsed salt dome. The fine comes days after the company shut down one of its vent wells because it detected poisonous hydrogen sulfide gas.

Source:

<http://www.theadvertiser.com/article/20121201/NEWS01/121201026/Officials-fine-Texas-Brine-100-000-over-sinkhole-?odyssey=tab|topnews|text>

3. *November 30, Northbrook Patch* – (Illinois) **Cicero man dies after fall into Wheeling chemical tank.** Fire crews recovered the dead body from the bottom of a chemical storage tank at the Sunnyside Corporation in Wheeling, Illinois, November 29. A man was cleaning the tank near an opening at the top before falling into the chemical “slime” at the bottom of the structure, the fire chief said. The fire chief was unsure whether the man fell accidentally or was overcome by fumes emitted by the chemical contents of the tank. The man was part of a two-person cleaning crew contracted by Sunnyside. He was found lying face down in methylene chloride, the Daily Herald reported. The liquid chemical is used in industrial operations such as paint stripping, pharmaceutical manufacturing, metal cleaning, and adhesives manufacturing. According to the fire chief, the man at the bottom of the tank could not be rescued. An oxygen meter used to measure conditions in the tank determined the bottom of the structure contained only 12 percent oxygen and the fire chief said the man could not have survived prolonged exposure to those conditions. The investigation of the death was turned over to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Source: <http://northbrook.patch.com/articles/wheeling-fire-department-recovers-dead-man-from-chemical-tank>

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

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

4. *December 2, Chicago Sun-Times* – (Illinois) **‘Stringer Bell Bandit’ in custody.** The ‘Stringer Bell Bandit’ — who allegedly robbed or tried robbing at least 10 Chicago banks since October — is in custody, according to the FBI’s Bandit Tracker Web site, the Chicago Sun-Times reported December 2. Among the banks allegedly robbed by the bandit was a Citibank branch November 26. He allegedly passed a note to the teller demanding cash and then ran on foot. The bandit allegedly struck the same bank November 13, according to the FBI. That same day, he also attempted a bank robbery at a Chase branch, but for some reason he fled without grabbing any cash, authorities claimed. According to the FBI, the man is also suspected of robbing a Bank of America branch October 1; a Citibank branch October 17; a PNC Bank branch October 23; a Fifth Third Bank branch November 2; a Citibank branch November 8; and a Harris Bank branch November 16.

Source: <http://www.suntimes.com/news/16771485-418/stringer-bell-bandit-in-custody.html>

5. *December 1, Associated Press* – (California) **‘Tiger Bandit’ linked to 6 Calif. bank robberies.** The FBI said a suspected robber dubbed the Tiger Bandit may be connected to six southern California bank heists in eight days, the most recent taking place at a U.S. Bank branch in Lomita November 30. A FBI spokeswoman said the suspect got his name because he was caught in surveillance photos wearing a Detroit Tigers baseball cap. He is also linked to bank robberies in Santa Monica, Huntington Beach, Marina del Rey, Long Beach, and Cerritos since November 23. The suspect demands cash in various denominations. Investigators believe there is a possibility that the Tiger Bandit may actually be two men working together who dress similarly.

Source: [http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci\\_22106014/tiger-bandit-linked-6-calif-bank-robberies](http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_22106014/tiger-bandit-linked-6-calif-bank-robberies)

6. *December 1, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **Guilty pleas entered in ND mortgage fraud case.** Two people charged in the case of a defunct Arizona mortgage lender accused of swindling Bismarck, North Dakota-based BNC National Bank out of about \$27 million pleaded guilty, the Associated Press reported December 1. The former director of accounting with American Mortgage Specialists Inc. (AMS) and an independent auditor were among four people charged in federal court. Two AMS executives pleaded guilty earlier to conspiracy to commit bank fraud and wire fraud. Authorities said AMS defrauded the bank by providing it with false financial statements and other information about the status of loans the bank had financed.

Source: [http://www.wahpetondailynews.com/article\\_8019725a-3bca-11e2-b5bb-001a4bcf887a.html](http://www.wahpetondailynews.com/article_8019725a-3bca-11e2-b5bb-001a4bcf887a.html)

7. *November 30, Kansas City Business Journal* – (Missouri) **Grand jury indicts Liberty woman in \$5M mortgage fraud.** A Liberty, Missouri woman was indicted by a federal grand jury November 28 for her role in a \$5 million mortgage fraud scheme. According to the indictment, she helped people buy homes with no money down by filling out false and fraudulent applications. She allegedly pocketed \$400,000 from loan proceeds and fees in the scheme. She was charged with five counts of bank fraud, two counts of wire fraud, and one count of money laundering. She was also charged with obstruction of justice for allegedly destroying documents sought in the investigation. Additionally, she was charged with theft of government property. The indictments claim she received almost \$79,000 in Social Security disability payments to which she was not entitled.

Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/kansascity/news/2012/11/30/grand-jury-indicts-liberty-woman-in.html>

8. *November 30, Rockford Register-Star* – (Illinois) **Rock River Valley’s Alpine Bank hit with security breach.** Alpine Bank, the largest financial institution in Rock River Valley, Illinois, notified some customers that hackers gained access to Social Security and bank account numbers in September, the Rockford Register-Star reported November 30. The Alpine Bank president and CEO said that September 1 someone “gained access to customer information in a database which was located on a Web server managed by a third party that Alpine Bank contracted with for Web hosting services.” The information on the server was encrypted, but a forensic expert notified the bank that personal information was at risk despite the encryption. The president and CEO said so far the bank was not aware of any attempts to misuse the personal information stored in the database. Still, the bank notified affected customers to warn them to take extra steps to monitor their identity, credit, and financial accounts. Alpine Bank is offering those customers one year of credit monitoring at no cost.

Source: <http://www.rrstar.com/blogs/alexgary/x1156349536/Alpine-Bank-hit-with-security-breach>

9. *November 30, Associated Press* – (Connecticut) **Conn. investment industry executive pays \$1.4M to settle federal insider trading charges.** A Westport, Connecticut investment industry executive paid \$1.4 million to settle insider trading charges, federal regulators said November 30. The executive, who founded investment advisory firm Compass Group Management, gained access to nonpublic information at an Internet site where bidding companies could learn more about the financial condition of Patriot Capital Funding Group before its sale, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) said. For access to the data, Compass Group had to agree to keep information confidential, which prohibited employees from buying Patriot Capital stock. The executive still purchased shares soon after Compass Group gained access to the confidential information and bought even more stock after he learned that Compass Group’s bid was what he described as “waaaaay off” compared with bids from other companies, regulators said. Patriot Capital’s share price more than doubled after a merger was publicly announced, and the executive realized more than \$676,000 in

illegal profits, the SEC said.

Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/conn-investment-industry-executive-pays-14m-to-settle-federal-insider-trading-charges/2012/11/30/7a02ff9c-3b13-11e2-9258-ac7c78d5c680\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/conn-investment-industry-executive-pays-14m-to-settle-federal-insider-trading-charges/2012/11/30/7a02ff9c-3b13-11e2-9258-ac7c78d5c680_story.html)

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## **Transportation Sector**

10. *December 3, Associated Press* – (Florida) **2 dead in bus crash into overpass at Miami airport.** Authorities said two passengers are dead and others were critically injured after a too-tall charter bus smashed into the overpass at Miami International Airport, the Associated Press reported December 3. One of the signs attached to the top of the concrete barrier reads: “High Vehicle STOP Turn Left.” The other, placed to the left of the driveway and several feet in front of the barrier, said all vehicles higher than the 8-foot-6 threshold must turn left. Authorities said the large bus carrying 32 members of a church group hit the overpass after the driver got lost December 2, killing two male passengers and leaving three other passengers critically injured. An airport spokesman said the bus was too tall for the entrance to the arrivals area and that buses are supposed to go through the departures area because of its higher clearance. Police said that one man died at the scene. A second man died later at a hospital.  
Source: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/huff-wires/20121203/us-travel-miami-airport-bus-crash/?utm\\_hp\\_ref=homepage&ir=homepage](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/huff-wires/20121203/us-travel-miami-airport-bus-crash/?utm_hp_ref=homepage&ir=homepage)
  
11. *December 3, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **Residents near NJ derailment site can go outdoors.** Officials lifted a sheltering-in-place order December 3 in Paulsboro, New Jersey, where unsafe levels of a chemical earlier in the day led to the order and calling off school for the day. Residents were ordered to stay inside and schools were closed December 3 after unsafe levels of a chemical were found in the air near where a train derailed the week of November 26. Officials said the shelter-in-place order came when the level of vinyl chloride spiked December 3. A U.S. Coast Guard captain said the agencies involved in cleaning up the cars were unsure why the chemical level rose. She said officials in towns near industrial Paulsboro, just across the Delaware River from Philadelphia International Airport, were put on notice in case the chemical level rises in their communities, too. Work on the cleanup was also halted because of the chemical levels, which were above 1 part per million in the air. Seven cars on a freight train derailed November 30 as the train passed over a bridge that buckled in 2009. One car carrying vinyl chloride, a gas used to make plastic, ruptured. Dozens of nearby residents were sickened—though none had life-threatening conditions. More than 100 residents were evacuated. The National Transportation Safety Board said that signal problems were reported at the bridge the day before the derailment.  
Source: [http://www.nctimes.com/news/national/backpage/nj-train-cleanup-goes-on-about-out-of-homes/article\\_eb9fd0b9-7380-56f2-bae8-1b5f9d50dae9.html](http://www.nctimes.com/news/national/backpage/nj-train-cleanup-goes-on-about-out-of-homes/article_eb9fd0b9-7380-56f2-bae8-1b5f9d50dae9.html)

12. *November 30, Associated Press* – (Georgia) **Atlanta train car robbery: Over 100 rifles stolen.** Federal authorities were hunting November 29 for more than 100 rifles stolen from a boxcar parked in an Atlanta train yard, the Associated Press reported November 30. The weapons were taken from a CSX rail yard on the city’s northwest side in mid-November, said a spokesman for the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). The weapons include assault rifles that the ATF spokesman described as “AK-style.” The boxcar was parked at the CSX Tilford Yard, about 4 miles northwest of downtown Atlanta. A spokesman for rail line CSX Corp. said the Jacksonville, Florida-based company was cooperating with law enforcement to recover the weapons and investigate the theft. The rifles were stolen on or around November 12, authorities said. The Tilford Yard is one of the company’s major rail yards in Georgia, according to the company’s website.  
Source: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/11/30/atlanta-train-car-robbery-rifles\\_n\\_2217171.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/11/30/atlanta-train-car-robbery-rifles_n_2217171.html)

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

13. *November 30, Cerritos-Artesia Patch* – (California) **Chemical leak at Cerritos UPS facility forces shutdown, deliveries delayed.** Chemical containers holding toxic material broke November 30 at a UPS processing center in Cerritos, California, forcing the closure of the facility and leaving at least one person overcome by the fumes. The chemical leak forced the closure of the facility, resulting in the delay of some deliveries, according to a UPS employee. The containers holding nitric acid were part of a shipment of six, but it was unclear where they were going, according to officials. The fire Hazardous Materials team was called to neutralize the chemical. The Cerritos hub is one of the largest UPS facilities in the nation.  
Source: <http://cerritos.patch.com/articles/chemical-containers-break-at-cerritos-ups-shuts-it-down>

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

14. *December 3, Food Safety News* – (Illinois) **After Salmonella investigation, Illinois McDonald’s reopens.** A Bloomington, Illinois McDonald’s restaurant that voluntarily closed down while being investigated as a possible link to a 12-person Salmonella outbreak has been cleared to reopen, the McLean County Health Department (MCHD) announced December 2. According to MCHD, the restaurant closed November 22 and then the owners chose to keep the establishment closed while MCHD investigated the cause of the Salmonella Stanley. After employees were cleared by lab results, the restaurant was approved to reopen December 2 with condensed hours. Local health officials have not yet determined the source of the cluster of illnesses, which included 12 individuals who ate a variety of different restaurants in central Illinois from October

18 to November 11. The county and the Illinois Department of Public Health are still investigating.

Source: [http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/12/after-salmonella-investigation-illinois-mcdonalds-reopens/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed:+foodsafetynews/mRcs+\(Food+Safety+News\)](http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/12/after-salmonella-investigation-illinois-mcdonalds-reopens/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+foodsafetynews/mRcs+(Food+Safety+News))

15. *December 2, Food Safety News* – (International) **California walnuts recalled for Salmonella.** The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and Compass Food Sales warned the public not to consume Compass brand in-shell California Walnuts because the product may be contaminated with Salmonella, Food Safety News reported December 2. The importer, Compass Food Sales, Aurora, Ontario, voluntarily recalled the affected product from the marketplace out of caution.  
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/12/california-walnuts-recalled-for-salmonella/>
16. *December 2, Food Safety News* – (National; International) **Hazelnuts recalled for Salmonella in Canada.** The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and Loblaws Companies Ltd. warned the public not to consume certain in-shell filberts (hazelnuts) because the product may be contaminated with Salmonella, Food Safety News reported December 2. The agency noted that the retailer, Loblaws Companies Ltd., Brampton, Ontario, voluntarily recalled the affected product from the marketplace. The affected filberts, product of USA, were sold in 454 gram bags bearing UPC 7 75636 10004 1 as well as in bulk bins, according to CFIA. This product was distributed nationally in Loblaws banners: Real Canadian Super Store, Fortinos, Freshmart, Loblaws, No Frills, Valu-Mart, Your Independent Grocer, Zehrs, Dominion, Red & White, Save Easy, Cash and Carry, Real Canadian Wholesale Club, AXEP, Group Distribution, Intermarché, Maxi & Cie, Maxi, Presto, Club Entrepôt, Provigo, Extra Foods, Shop Easy, Super Valu, Westfair.  
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/12/hazelnuts-recalled-for-salmonella-in-canada/>
17. *December 1, Food Safety News* – (National; International) **Trader Joe's frozen chicken and rice recalled for Listeria.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) alerted the public of a recall being conducted by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), Food Safety News reported December 1. Aliya's Foods Limited is recalling approximately 4,865 pounds of frozen butter chicken and rice products that were imported from Canada that may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. The products were sold in the United States as 12.5 oz boxes of "Trader Joe's Butter Chicken with Basmati Rice" with product code "2012-10-31" and lot code "30512." The product being recalled is considered ready-to-eat (RTE) and subject to pathogen testing since FSIS has zero-tolerance for pathogens in RTE foods at time of production, even if that food requires heating for proper serving. While 19 cartons of product are on hold at the distribution center, 240 cartons have been distributed to Trader Joe's retail stores. Trader Joe's has contacted these stores directly and instructed them to pull the recalled product off the shelf.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/12/trader-joes-frozen-chicken-and-rice-recalled-for-listeria/>

18. *December 1, KPIX 5 San Francisco* – (California) **Sacramento food manufacturer recalls soy products due to “filth”**. A Sacramento, California food company recalled its soy products after government inspectors found unsanitary conditions at its processing facility. The California Department of Public Health said November 30 the Wa Heng Dou Fu & Soy Sauce Corp. voluntarily recalled all of its products, including soy sauce, soy milk, and tofu. The Sacramento firm sent a recall notice November 29 asking its customers to return or discard all its products manufactured before November 28 due to “potential contamination with filth.” Public health officials said they inspected the facility November 29 and determined it was clean enough to resume operations. There have been no reported illnesses associated with the recalled products. Source: <http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2012/12/01/sacramento-food-manufacturer-recalls-soy-products-due-to-filth/>
19. *December 1, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **Ammonia leak forces 200 employees from Annapolis Junction building**. About 200 people were forced out of an Annapolis Junction, Maryland food production facility after it was determined that ammonia was leaking from a refrigeration unit, Howard County emergency officials said. Firefighters from Howard and Anne Arundel counties, as well as Fort Meade, were called to the Taylor Farms Foodservice building December 1, where they were able to stop the leak, according to a Howard County fire spokesman. Three employees of the company were evaluated by paramedics but refused further treatment. Source: [http://articles.baltimoresun.com/2012-12-01/news/bs-md-aa-hazmat-annapolis-junction-20121201\\_1\\_ammonia-leak-forces-annapolis-junction-refrigeration-unit](http://articles.baltimoresun.com/2012-12-01/news/bs-md-aa-hazmat-annapolis-junction-20121201_1_ammonia-leak-forces-annapolis-junction-refrigeration-unit)
20. *December 1, Associated Press; KETV 7 Omaha* – (Nebraska) **Firefighters battle Omaha rendering factory fire**. Firefighters said spontaneous combustion sparked a two-alarm fire at a south Omaha, Nebraska factory. KETV 7 Omaha reported that the fire at the Dar Pro rendering plant in south Omaha started November 30. It took firefighters nearly two hours to get the fire under control. Three workers inside the plant discovered the fire inside a processing bin. Firefighters said the fire was caused by the spontaneous combustion of meat and bone meal stored inside the plant. The meat and bone meal is processed on site for use in pet food. Source: <http://www.kgwn.tv/story/20235576/firefighters-battle-omaha-rendering-factory-fire>
21. *November 30, Food Safety News* – (National) **Veggie burgers and falafels recalled for possible Listeria**. Veggie Patch veggie burgers and falafels were recalled due to possible contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes*, Food Safety News reported November 30. The recalled products include 9 ounce containers of Veggie Patch Ultimate Meatless Burger with a sell-by date of January 12, 2013, and 9 ounce containers of Veggie Patch Falafel Chickpea Balls with a sell-by date of January 15, 2013. The affected products went on sale November 21 in Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/11/veggie-burgers-and-falafels-recalled-for-possible-listeria/>

22. *November 30, Food Safety News* – (National) **Final case count on peanut butter Salmonella outbreak hits 42.** At least 42 people in 20 States have fallen ill with Salmonella in the outbreak linked to peanut butter made by Sunland Inc. in Portales, New Mexico, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The outbreak is believed to have ended, Food Safety News reported November 30. One new case was reported in North Carolina since the previous update November 8. The outbreak was first reported in September after a number of patients fell ill with Salmonella that was traced back to Trader Joe's Valencia Peanut Butter, manufactured by Sunland. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration suspended the registration of Sunland November 26 to prevent it from selling its products anywhere in the U.S. until proving they are produced safely. It was the first time the agency has used that authority since being granted with the passing of the federal Food Safety Modernization Act in January 2011.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/11/final-case-count-on-peanut-butter-salmonella-outbreak-hits-42/>

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## **Water Sector**

23. *December 3, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **Chesapeake fined \$600,000 in W.Va. waterfall case.** A federal judge fined Chesapeake Appalachia \$600,000 fine for destroying a Wetzel County, West Virginia waterfall while drilling a well. The U.S. district judge also ordered the company to spend two years on supervised release during the December 3 sentencing in Wheeling. In October, the company pleaded guilty to three violations of the federal Clean Water Act. It was accused of illegally discharging 60 tons of crushed stone and gravel into Blake Fork at least three times in December 2008, then spreading that material to build a road. Inspectors found the problem in 2010. Under the plea agreement, separate violations for impoundments in Marshall and Wetzel counties would be addressed with civil penalties instead of criminal charges.

Source: <http://www.newstimes.com/news/crime/article/Chesapeake-fined-600-000-in-W-Va-waterfall-case-4085921.php>

24. *December 2, Kitsap Sun* – (Washington) **Dyes Inlet closed to shellfish harvesting.** Shellfish beds along the Port Washington Narrows and in Dyes Inlet in Washington were closed to harvesting for the next week after 167,000 gallons of treated sewage spilled into the water from the city of Bremerton's East Bremerton sewage treatment plant, the Kitsap Sun reported December 2. The sewage spilling into the water underwent a full disinfection process, but there is a concern that some viruses might not have been killed, which is why the advisory was issued by the Kitsap Public Health District, said the senior environmental health specialist with Kitsap Public Health. Anytime a spill exceeds 100,000 gallons a health advisory is issued, he said.

The public was advised not to harvest shellfish along Kitsap's shorelines following heavy rains because of the increased risk of illness from waterborne pathogens. The spill happened from November 30 through December 1. Heavy rainfall caused the plant to overflow and incoming tides pushed the spill into Dyes Inlet. The city's treatment plant acted as planned, with its backup plant kicking in to handle the excess flow. Dyes Inlet should reopen to harvesting after the morning of December 7.

Source: <http://www.kitsapsun.com/news/2012/dec/02/dyles-inlet-closed-shellfish-harvesting/>

25. *November 30, Honolulu Star-Advertiser* – (Hawaii) **Kapalama Canal is off-limits due to leaking sewage line.** The Hawaii Department of Health warned the public to stay out of Kapalama Canal following the discovery of sewage leaking into the canal, the Honolulu Star Advertiser reported November 30. Responding to a complaint, the department's Clean Water Branch, along with personnel from city Environmental Services and Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) officials found a broken sewer line, belonging to HPHA in an underground drainage tunnel that was discharging into a storm drain along Kokea Street, health officials said November 30. The drain empties into Kapalama Canal. HPHA hired a private contractor to repair the line. The discharge was "stabilized" and warning signs were posted, according to the health department. Source: <http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/breaking/181649471.html>
26. *November 30, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Massachusetts) **Settlement repays cleanup costs for Whitman cistern site in Whitman, Mass.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reached a settlement with two related companies for reimbursement of EPA's past costs for the remediation of contamination at the Whitman Cistern Site, located in Whitman, Massachusetts, according to an EPA press release November 30. The settlement, recently lodged in U.S. District Court, requires Brown Shoe Co. Inc. and Brown Group Retail, Inc. to pay \$450,000. The site is an undeveloped 20-acre lot and the former buildings at the site were demolished about 1973. The site is adjacent to an eastern tributary of the Shumatuscant River, also known as Beech Hill Brook. Regal Shoe Co. manufactured shoes at the Site from about 1903 to 1954, when the company merged into Brown Shoe Co. Shoe manufacturing continued at the Site for several more years under different ownership. The liability of the later owners eventually passed to Brown Group Retail, Inc. through a series of mergers. Between December 2005 and June 2006, EPA conducted a removal action to address hazardous substances, including polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, lead, and mercury, which posed threats to human health and the environment. Specifically, EPA removed about 2,800 tons of contaminated soils, demolished and removed three interconnected settling tanks or "cisterns," and removed about 10,000 gallons of contaminated sludge contained within the cisterns. Source: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/d0cf6618525a9efb85257359003fb69d/d755dba119973b2d85257ac6005c962d!OpenDocument>

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27. *December 1, Charlottesville Daily Progress* – (Virginia) **Device containing patient information missing from UVa Medical Center.** Charlottesville Daily Progress reported that the University of Virginia Medical Center has lost an on-call pharmacist's unencrypted handheld device containing sensitive medical records that could affect the records of 1,846 patients and potential patients, officials said November 30. The medical center learned October 5 that the device, used by its Continuum Home Infusion Service, was missing. The device likely contained information from potential patients referred to the service between August 2007 and September 2012, as well as patients treated in September. That information might include patients' names, addresses, diagnoses, Social Security numbers, medications, and health insurance identification numbers, according to a news release. No credit card or bank account information appears to have been affected, according to officials. Handheld devices commonly are used in the industry, particularly by on-call workers, but the information should be encrypted, a hospital spokesman said. "The error was that it was unencrypted," he said. All handheld devices the service uses now are encrypted, and the medical center has re-educated its staff on the importance of such measures. Officials do not think the device was stolen, but they filed a police report just in case.  
Source: [http://www.dailyprogress.com/news/article\\_30d429f6-3bd9-11e2-9d39-001a4bcf6878.html](http://www.dailyprogress.com/news/article_30d429f6-3bd9-11e2-9d39-001a4bcf6878.html)

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

28. *December 3, Hudson Valley Times Herald-Record* – (New York) **State audit faults Fallsburg for lack of disaster plan for data security.** The New York State Comptroller's Office recently found that the Town of Fallsburg needs to do a better job in securing computer data and assets. The comptroller evaluated computer security issues from January 1, 2011 through May 15. The comptroller recommended that the town assign user rights to its computers based on job descriptions. It also recommended moving its server to a secure area and formulating a plan that protects computer data during a disaster, including a secondary power source for the server. The supervisor wrote in the response letter that the comptroller has already assigned user rights based on job descriptions. He said that while the town will investigate back up systems, the server is backed up by a battery pack and tape. The supervisor wrote that it would be "cost prohibited" to move the server. The town could potentially build a locked cage around it.  
Source:  
<http://www.recordonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20121203/NEWS/121209935>
29. *December 3, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **La. town evacuates; police relocate explosives.** A town in northwest Louisiana was evacuated, November 30, and State police were starting a criminal investigation of a company after finding about 6 million pounds of explosive material used in howitzers they said was stored illegally. Boxes and small barrels of the M6 artillery propellant were found both outdoors and crammed into unauthorized buildings leased by Explo Systems Inc. at Camp Minden, the former Louisiana Army Ammunitions Plant, a State Police superintendent said December 2.

Police were evacuating the town of Doyline. About half the town's 800 residents left November 30. The company's "careless and reckless disregard made it unsafe for their own employees, for schoolchildren in Doyline, for the town of Doyline," a State Police official said. The company is located on a portion of the former ammunition plant's 15,000 acres that is leased for commercial use. Other sections are used for National Guard training. Company officials could not be reached December 2.

Source: <http://www.wsvn.com/news/articles/national/21009223761427/la-town-evacuates-police-relocate-explosives/>

30. *December 3, Reuters* – (Georgia) **Carbon monoxide leak at Atlanta school sickens nearly 50 people.** Nearly 50 students and teachers were hospitalized in Atlanta December 3 after becoming ill due to a carbon monoxide leak at an elementary school, officials said. The 43 students and six teachers from Finch Elementary School were all "conscious and alert" when they were taken to the hospitals, Atlanta Fire Department spokeswoman said. Officials determined a faulty furnace at the 3-year-old school to be the source of the leak, spokeswoman said. Carbon monoxide levels inside the school were "the highest we've ever seen," she said. The school didn't have carbon monoxide detectors, and none are required by Georgia law, spokeswoman said. Fire officials initially received a call that five people were unconscious at the school as a result of the leak. But first responders determined that although students and teachers were ill, many suffered from headaches and nausea, they did not lose consciousness, spokeswoman said. The students and teachers affected by the carbon monoxide were undergoing examinations at two hospitals, she said. Atlanta Fire Department spokeswoman said those not sickened at the school, which has about 500 students, were evacuated to a nearby middle school. Authorities hoped to reopen the elementary school December 4. Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/business/sns-rt-us-usa-georgia-school-carbonmonoxidebre8b212n-20121203,0,3932929.story>
31. *November 30, CNN* – (Arizona) **Man held after Social Security office blast.** Authorities arrested a man during a traffic stop November 30 in connection with an explosion at the Social Security office in Casa Grande, Arizona, a law enforcement official said. The man was held under federal authority and faced possible State and federal charges, said an official with knowledge of the investigation. "He was heading eastbound on the main road out of the Casa Grande area," the official said. The explosion occurred early November 30 outside a door, causing a small fire and minimal damage, said Casa Grande fire marshal. No injuries were reported, an FBI spokeswoman said. The building was evacuated, but the surrounding buildings were not, according to the fire marshal. FBI bomb technicians, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and HAZMAT experts were participating in the investigation. Source: <http://www.koco.com/news/national/Man-held-after-Social-Security-office-blast/-/9844074/17614950/-/sepe5q/-/index.html>

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## Emergency Services Sector

32. *November 30, Associated Press* – (Georgia; National) **Personal information of about 900 former Ga. ambulance patients stolen by billing contractor.** Authorities said personal information belonging to about 900 former ambulance patients was stolen and copied by a former contract worker. Officials said November 30 that authorities investigated a breach of personal records belonging to patients who were transported by Grady Health System ambulances in Georgia. A Grady Health System spokeswoman said the contractor worked for Advanced Data Processing Inc., a company that handles the hospital's billing system. An internal investigation by Advanced Data Processing revealed an employee stole personal information of thousands of ambulance service patients nationwide between January and October. The spokeswoman said the employee was identified and terminated. Officials are contacting people whose information may have been compromised. The contracting company is offering former patients a year of free credit monitoring.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/4c2eab6b019c4beb837a6615114a9c07/GA--Grady-Records-Breach>

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## Information Technology Sector

33. *December 3, Softpedia* – (International) **Dockster Mac malware planted on website dedicated to Dalai Lama.** Researchers from security firm F-Secure have identified a new Mac malware planted on a Web site dedicated to Dalai Lama. The malicious element, Dockster, uses a Java-based exploit which leverages the same vulnerability as Flashback. Once it finds itself on a computer, Dockster drops a backdoor identified as Backdoor:OSX/Dockster.A, which allows the attacker to download arbitrary files and log keystrokes. According to experts, the latest versions of Mac OS X are not affected by this malware. Furthermore, internauts who have disabled their Java browser plugins should also be safe. Mac users are not the only ones who should refrain from visiting the Web site. Researchers reveal that it also hosts a Windows payload identified as Trojan.Agent.AXMO. The site is not the official Dalai Lama Web site, but it has been around since 2009/2010.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Dockster-Mac-Malware-Planted-on-Website-Dedicated-to-Dalai-Lama-311499.shtml>

34. *December 3, Softpedia* – (International) **Sophos releases technical paper on BlackHole exploit kit.** A Sophos Labs researcher released a technical paper that details the notorious BlackHole exploit kit. The paper details the evolution of BlackHole, its source code, the control panel, encryption, and its origins. According to the researcher, there is evidence to support the theory that the exploit kit was developed in Russia. The default time zone of the installation is hardcoded to Europe/Moscow, the user interface language default is set to Russian, and the date format is set to Little Endian, which is different than the one utilized in the U.S. or China. Furthermore, the English user

interface text is less correct than the one in the Russian interface.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Sophos-Releases-Technical-Paper-on-BlackHole-Exploit-Kit-311408.shtml>

35. *December 3, The H* – (International) **Season's gr3371ng5 - hacker releases exploits for MySQL and SSH.** The hacker who goes by the name KingCope released several exploits December 2, some of which date back to 2011. The exploits mostly target the now-Oracle-owned MySQL open source database, but the SSH servers by SSH Communications Security and FreeSSHd/FreeFTPd are also at acute risk. The MySQL exploits do, however, require a legitimate database connection to execute injected code. Exploits such as “mysqljackpot” then, for example, misuse the connection’s “file privilege” to provide the attacker with shell access at system privilege level. The hacker also describes a hole that allows attackers to trigger a database crash and another hole that enables them to find valid user names. Apparently, both holes can be exploited to bypass the password check and log in with an arbitrary password. With SSH’s Tectia server, the exploit description says that attackers can modify a legitimate user’s password by calling `input_userauth_passwd_changereq()` before logging in. In case of the FreeSSHd/FreeFTPd server, all that appears to be required is to ignore a refusal message by the server and declare the session to be open at the right time. All the exploit has to do is add an extra call to the existing `ssh_session2()` function of the regular openssh client.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Season-s-gr3371ng5-hacker-releases-exploits-for-MySQL-and-SSH-1761125.html>

36. *December 1, eWeek.com* – (International) **Microsoft can retain control of Zeus botnet under federal court order.** A federal court granted Microsoft permission to keep two major Zeus banking fraud botnets down for the next two years to allow more time to clean up trojan-infected computers. Microsoft won the court order November 28 to allow the company and its financial-services partners to continue to administer command-and-control servers for two Zeus botnets that had been shut down by the company’s legal and technical campaign in March. The motion for a default judgment, which was granted by the U.S. District Court in the Eastern District of New York, gives Microsoft and the National Automated Clearing House Association (NACHA) an injunction that allows the companies to keep the two Zeus botnets and their associated domains disabled for another 24 months. The original takedown, codenamed Operation b71, seized command-and-control servers in Pennsylvania and Illinois and disrupted the online-fraud networks. “This additional time will allow Microsoft to continue to work with Internet service providers and Computer Emergency Response Teams (CERTs) to clean those computers that are still infected with the malware,” the senior attorney for Microsoft’s Digital Crimes Unit said in an email interview.

Source: [http://www.eweek.com/security/microsoft-can-retain-control-of-zeus-botnet-under-federal-court-order/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed:+RSS/eweeksecurity+\(eWEEK+Security\)&utm\\_content=Google+Reader](http://www.eweek.com/security/microsoft-can-retain-control-of-zeus-botnet-under-federal-court-order/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+RSS/eweeksecurity+(eWEEK+Security)&utm_content=Google+Reader)

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

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### Communications Sector

37. *December 1, Port Townsend & Jefferson County Leader* – (Washington) **Cell, Internet, phone service disruption caused when communication cable nicked by dump truck.** A dump truck disrupted cell phone, landline phone, and Internet connections in Port Townsend, Washington, and other parts of East Jefferson County December 1. It also knocked out access to local law enforcement and emergency services, bank ATMs, and credit card machines. According to a CenturyLink crew chief in Jefferson County, more than 144 fiberoptic splices must be made before communications are running again. Representatives said that repairs should be completed by December 1.

Source:

<http://www.ptleader.com/main.asp?SectionID=36&SubSectionID=55&ArticleID=32606>

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### Commercial Facilities Sector

38. *December 2, WFAA 9 Houston* – (Texas) **Fire forces evacuation at downtown Dallas hotel.** A smoky fire forced the evacuation of hundreds of guests at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown Dallas, December 1. Dallas Fire-Rescue said the first units to arrive reported heavy smoke coming from the 22-story building. Firefighters quickly identified and extinguished the source of the smoke in the south stairwell on the third floor. Hotel management said all 387 guests at the hotel were safely evacuated; seven of them were treated by paramedics for smoke inhalation. One person was hospitalized for an unspecified burn injury. Damage to the building was estimated at \$25,000.

Source: <http://www.kvue.com/news/state/181743201.html>

39. *December 2, KOTV 6 Tulsa* – (Oklahoma) **Two killed, one injured in shooting outside OKC event center.** Police investigated a shooting that left two people dead and one injured in northwest Oklahoma City December 2. Officers responded to the shooting outside the Pulse Event Center. According to police, a music release party was being hosted at the center when a fight broke out inside. It spilled into the parking lot where the fight resumed and shots were fired. Two victims died at the scene and one was taken to the hospital where they are listed in stable condition.

Source: <http://www.newson6.com/story/20238629/two-killed-one-injured-in-shooting-outside-okc-event-center>

40. *December 1, Wichita Eagle* – (Kansas) **Fire causes \$500,000 damage to warehouse on South Washington.** A two-alarm fire caused \$500,000 in damage December 1 and destroyed a warehouse near downtown Wichita. Kansas, fire officials said. The warehouse contained auto and truck parts, including tires, and was expected to smolder over the December 1-2 weekend, the battalion chief said. Crews remained at the scene. At one point 16 to 18 fire trucks were on the scene before the fire was brought under control, he said. Two of the walls eventually collapsed. Investigators were not been able to get inside the building December 1 to determine the cause. Heavy machinery will need to be brought in to tear the rest of the structure down and move the debris, he said.

Source: <http://www.kansas.com/2012/12/01/2586953/firefighters-fight-blaze-at-warehouse.html>

41. *December 1, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* – (Wisconsin) **Bodies moved after \$250,000 funeral home fire.** Three families will have to hold funeral services for their loved ones elsewhere after a fire November 30 swept through the Schramka-Borgwardt Funeral Home in West Allis, Wisconsin, causing a quarter-million dollars in damage. Three bodies in a refrigeration unit were unharmed by the fire and immediately moved to a sister funeral home while families were notified and other arrangements could be made, a funeral home spokeswoman said December 1. The West Allis assistant fire chief said the fire may have started around the stack of the crematorium that runs from the first floor to the second floor and through the roof. When firefighters arrived, flames were visible from multiple windows on the second floor, he said. Firefighting units from South Milwaukee, Brookfield, Greenfield, Franklin, and Greendale assisted at the scene and provided backup coverage for the city.

Source: <http://www.jsonline.com/news/milwaukee/fire-causes-250000-damage-at-funeral-home-ni7s8as-181673741.html>

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

42. *December 1, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **Fern Lake fire doubles in size overnight to more than 3,500 acres.** The Fern Lake fire, burning in Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado since October 9, more than doubled in size November 30, forcing the evacuation of 583 homes December 1. The 3,584-acre fire, sparked by an illegal campfire in the park, exploded when it was pushed by strong winds, with gusts up to 75 mph. A fire spokeswoman said teams made good progress fighting the fire December 1, but high winds were expected again December 2, especially late in the day. A Type I incident-management team would assume control of the fire December 2. As the fire raced through Moraine Park November 30, it covered 3 miles in 35 minutes, she said. Before November 30, the fire had been listed as 1,515 acres in steep, rough terrain. Containment had been up to 40 percent. She said she could not estimate the level of containment December 1. An evacuation center was set up at Estes Park High School.

The Salvation Army and Red Cross were providing meals for the evacuees. Helicopter and tanker assistance for the wildfire was grounded because of high winds and poor visibility, according to a Rocky Mountain National Park spokeswoman. Support to fight the fire increased from 61 firefighters to 200. The arrival of two heavy air tankers from southern California was delayed at least one day because of poor visibility in the area, the Rocky Mountain National Park spokeswoman said. The evacuation of Moraine Park Campground was ordered December 1, the fire spokeswoman said. The Larimer County Sheriff's Office ordered evacuations for Colorado 66 and all adjacent streets, and Marys Lake Road up to Moraine Avenue to Marys Lake on the west side. The east side of Rocky Mountain National Park remained closed.

Source: [http://www.denverpost.com/recommended/ci\\_22105770](http://www.denverpost.com/recommended/ci_22105770)

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## **Dams Sector**

43. *December 3, Dredging Today* – (New Jersey) **USA: Congressman announces start of Monmouth Beach replenishment.** A U.S. Congressman announced that the Army Corps of Engineers beach replenishment project in Monmouth Beach, New Jersey, is now underway, *Dredging Today* reported December 3. The \$8.5 million allocated for this project was awarded as a result of a request by the Congressman in order to protect the area from the devastating effects of storms like Hurricane Sandy. A Sea Bright portion of the project is also planned. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will place sand north of where the most recent local re-nourishment work was completed. The Corps started the work north of the Monmouth Beach and Tennis Club and will then move north towards Sea Bright. The Congressman requested the funding before Hurricane Sandy, and it was approved in 2011 as part of fiscal year 2012's appropriations legislation. Following Sandy's devastating impact on New Jersey, the Congressman requested that the Federal Emergency Management Agency allocate emergency funding to the Corps so they may address immediate needs of impacted homeowners and businesses, as well as repair breached dunes and damaged beaches to protect New Jersey's coastal areas from future flooding.

Source: <http://www.dredgingtoday.com/2012/12/03/usa-congressman-announces-start-of-monmouth-beach-replenishment/>

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