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- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced November 3 that Hyundai Motor Group will pay $100 million in penalties for overstating the fuel economy estimates of several Hyundai and Kia models. – *CNNMoney* (See item **3**)
- The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission filed charges November 3 against two Canadian citizens for allegedly conducting a $17 million international microcap fraud scheme involving a start-up company in Tennessee. – *U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* (See item **5**)
- A November 2 fire at a berry farm near Hillsboro, Oregon, caused an estimated $1 million in damages. – *KATU 2 Portland* (See item **11**)
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Energy Sector

1. *November 4, Bangor Daily News* – (Maine) **85,000 remain without power as storm cleanup continues.** Crews continued work to restore power November 4 to 85,000 customers in Maine that lost service November 2 due to a severe winter storm.
   Source: https://bangordailynews.com/slideshow/more-than-140000-remain-without-power-as-storm-cleanup-continues/

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Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

2. *November 4, Los Angeles Times* – (International) **Ford recalls 200,000 vehicles, including F-150, Flex, Crown Victoria.** Ford announced five recalls for around 200,000 total vehicles in North America, with the largest recall covering 135,000 model year 2014 Flex and F-150 vehicles due to an airbag seat sensor issue. The other recalls affect 39,000 model year 2005-2011 Ford Crown Victoria, Lincoln Town Car, and Mercury Grand Marquis vehicles; 28,000 model year 2014 Ford Transit Connect; and smaller amounts of Transit Connect and F-150 vehicles.
   Source: http://www.latimes.com/business/autos/la-fi-hy-ford-f150-flex-recall-20141104-story.html

3. *November 3, CNNMoney* – (International) **Hyundai and Kia to pay record EPA fine.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced November 3 that Hyundai Motor Group will pay $100 million in penalties for overstating the fuel economy estimates of several Hyundai and Kia models. The fuel mileage underestimation also caused greenhouse gas emissions to be understated over the life of the vehicles, and the company agreed to forfeit over $200 million worth of greenhouse gas emission credits and spend around $50 million to prevent future violations.
   Source: http://money.cnn.com/2014/11/03/autos/hyundai-kia-epa-fine/

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Financial Services Sector

4. *November 3, Securityweek* – (International) **New version of Backoff PoS malware appears: Fortinet.** Researchers with Fortinet recently reported finding a new version of the Backoff point-of-sale (PoS) malware with the version name ROM that includes changes designed to make the malware more difficult to detect and analyze.
   Source: http://www.securityweek.com/new-version-backoff-pos-malware-appears-fortinet

5. *November 3, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (International) **SEC charges two Canadian citizens with penny stock fraud involving Tennessee coal mining company.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission filed charges November 3 against two Canadian citizens for allegedly conducting an international microcap fraud scheme involving a start-up company in Tennessee, Americas Energy, which lured in investors with fraudulent claims and raised over $17 million in proceeds.
   Source: http://www.sec.gov/News/PressRelease/Detail/PressRelease/1370543353565

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Transportation Systems Sector

6. *November 4, Columbus Telegram* – (Nebraska) **Multiple vehicles involved in Highway 81 accident.** Eight people were injured and taken to nearby hospitals after a crash caused a chain reaction that involved a total of five vehicles on U.S. Highway 81 south near Columbus, Nebraska, and shut down a stretch of the highway for about 3 hours as authorities responded.
   Source: http://columbustelegram.com/banner-press/news/multiple-vehicles-involved-in-highway-accident/article_c3c69c59-3832-54a3-99e8-c8b015f62627.html

7. *November 3, KSWB 69 San Diego* – (California) **Mexican jumping beans prompt bomb scare.** Authorities in Carlsbad evacuated homes and blocked off a street for 3 hours November 1 to investigate after a U.S. postal worker reported a suspicious package while delivering mail. San Diego Sheriff's Bomb and Arson Unit responded to the scene and later determined the package was safe and contained Mexican jumping beans.
   Source: http://www.click2houston.com/mexican-jumping-beans-prompt-bomb-

scare/29501378

8. *November 3, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* – (Pennsylvania) **Wreck closes Route 28 in Harrison.** Southbound lanes of Pennsylvania Route 28 in Harrison was closed for nearly 3 hours while crews worked to clear the scene November 3 after a semi-truck carrying nearly 35,000 pounds of scrap metal overturned onto the roadway. Police stated that several equipment violations were found during an inspection of the truck. Source: http://triblive.com/neighborhoods/yourallekiskivalley/yourallekiskivalleymore/7082402-74/truck-southbound-cesnalas

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Food and Agriculture Sector

9. *November 4, WNBC 4 New York City* – (New York) **Famous NY cannoli bakery destroyed in fire.** Authorities are investigating after the industrial Westchester bakery for Artuso's Pastry Shop in the Bronx area of New York City was destroyed November 3 by a fire that was likely fueled by cooking oil inside the building. Three firefighters were injured when the blaze spread to the roof and caused a partial building collapse. Source: http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/Artuso-Pastry-Shop-Mount-Vernon-Fire-NY-Fire-281307111.html

10. *November 4, Lebanon Valley News* – (Vermont) **Farm fire kills 23 animals.** A fire and series of explosions at Royalton Farms in Vermont caused more than $240,000 in damage to a barn, genetics laboratory, and garage that were engulfed by the blaze. Eight cattle and 15 hogs perished in the fire and the cause is under investigation. Source: http://www.vnews.com/news/14193010-95/farm-fire-kills-23-animals

11. *November 3, KATU 2 Portland* – (Oregon) **Berry farm fire causes close to $1 million in damage.** A November 2 fire at a berry farm near Hillsboro, Oregon, caused an estimated $1 million in damages to a structure, berry packing machines, tractors, vehicles, and irrigation equipment. The cause of the fire is under investigation. Source: http://www.katu.com/news/local/Berry-farm-fire-1-million-281365371.html

12. *November 2, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **New Jersey firm issues allergy alert on undeclared fish, wheat and egg in Garden Rotini Salad.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced November 2 that Taylor Farms New Jersey, Inc., issued a recall for 1,510 units of WAWA Garden Rotini Salad due to undeclared fish, wheat, and egg. The product was sold in 8-ounce plastic containers and distributed exclusively to WAWA stores in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.
Source: http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm421579.htm

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

13. *November 3, Augusta Chronicle* – (Georgia) **Grease led to sewage overflow, according to utilities department.** Augusta Utilities Department employees determined that grease in sewage lines was the cause of a November 3 sewage spill that caused more than 12,000 gallons of sewage to overflow onto a road and into a tributary to Rae's Creek.
    Source: http://chronicle.augusta.com/latest-news/2014-11-03/grease-led-sewage-overflow-according-utilities-department

14. *October 31, WALA 10* – (Alabama) **Electrical problems cause Baldwin County sewage spill.** Baldwin County health officials urged residents to use caution after an estimated 500 gallons of sewage was discharged into Mobile Bay through a storm drain due to an electrical failure at a lift station.
    Source: http://fox10tv.com/2014/10/31/electrical-problems-cause-baldwin-county-sewage-spill/

15. *October 31, Honolulu Star-Advertiser* – (Hawaii) **DOH advisory: stay out of water at Kahaluu Lagoon.** Health officials October 31 advised the public to stay out of Kahaluu Lagoon and the channel leading to Kaneohe Bay in Hawaii after test results revealed unusually high levels of enterococcus and clostridium bacteria in the water
    Source:
    http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/breaking/20141031_DOH_advisory_stay_out_of_water_at_Kahaluu_Lagoon.html?id=281151622

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

16. *November 3, Miami Herald* – (Florida) **ID theft reported at Jessie Trice health center.** Jessie Trice Community Health Center in Miami-Dade notified 7,888 patients November 3 of a potential data breach after learning in July that an identity theft operation targeted patients' personal information including Social Security numbers. The nonprofit group implemented new procedures and protocols while they continue to investigate the breach.
    Source: http://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/community/miami-dade/article3544907.html

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Government Facilities Sector

17. *November 4, Fort Wayne Journal Gazette* – (Indiana) **3 felony charges for former auditor.** Indiana police arrested and charged a former auditor for Whitley County November 3 for allegedly misusing county funds for personal purchases totaling $106,413 by creating a fake business account and utilizing the county's credit cards.
    Source: http://www.journalgazette.net/article/20141104/LOCAL/311049956

18. *November 3, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **Student accused of planning shooting at Carver Center is charged as an adult.** Baltimore County police arrested and charged a teenage student November 3 for plotting an attack at the George Washington Carver Center for the Arts and Technology in Towson. Police found crude and homemade explosive devices as well as a gun at the teenager's home after he confessed to an officer about his plan.
Source: http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/baltimore-county/towson/bs-md-co-school-shooting-plans-20141103-story.html

19. *November 3, WFSB 3 Hartford* – (Connecticut) **Batcheller Elementary School in Winchester closed due to no power.** Officials are working to restore service after Batcheller Elementary School in Winchester, Connecticut, was closed November 3 when the building lost power.
Source: http://www.wfsb.com/story/27190972/batcheller-elementary-school-in-winchester-closed-due-to-no-power

20. *November 3, NJ.com* – (New Jersey) **Brookdale Community College buildings reopen after odor causes evacuations.** At least 9 Brookdale Community College campus buildings in Middletown were evacuated for approximately 3 hours November 3 following reports a foul odor in the college's library. Household cleaning and piano refurbishing chemicals were found to be the source of the odor and classes resumed once officials cleared the scene.
Source:
http://www.nj.com/monmouth/index.ssf/2014/11/brookdale_buildings_reopen_after_odor_causes_evacuations.html

21. *November 3, KIRO 7 Seattle* – (Washington) **1 hurt in explosion in parking lot of Redmond school; classes canceled.** Classes were cancelled at Emily Dickinson Elementary School and Explorer Community School in Redmond November 3 after a chemical bottle bomb exploded in the parking lot of the elementary school, injuring a school bus driver. Authorities reported to the scene to check for any other devices.
Source: http://www.kirotv.com/news/news/bomb-unit-responding-redmond-school-after-bottle-e/nhyXM/

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Emergency Services Sector

22. *November 3, WCBS 2 New York City* – (New York) **NYC's computerized 911 dispatch system goes down; operators manually process calls.** Authorities are investigating the cause of a 9-1-1 system outage after New York City's Computer Aided Dispatch system went down for approximately 2 hours November 3. Emergency calls were not disrupted and dispatchers took notes by hand.
Source: http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2014/11/03/nycs-911-system-for-ambulance-

calls-briefly-goes-down/

23. *November 3, Arizona Republic* – (Arizona) **Strong bleach odor evacuates Scottsdale dispatch center.** A reported strong bleach odor prompted the 2 hour evacuation of the Scottsdale police emergency dispatch center in Arizona November 3 after several employees complained of burning eyes and other symptoms. A HAZMAT crew cleared the scene after checking the building.
Source: http://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/scottsdale/2014/11/03/scottsdale-dispatch-center-evacuated-abrk/18409753/

24. *November 3, WTXL 27 Tallahassee* – (Florida) **Homeless man impersonates police officer, arrested on theft charges.** The Tallahassee Police Department arrested a homeless man October 31 in Cascades Park after he tried to sell a gun while impersonating a police officer. The suspect stole a vehicle belonging to another officer visiting Tallahassee and attempted to sell the gun he found inside the car.
Source: http://www.wtxl.com/news/homeless-man-impersonates-police-officer-arrested-on-theft-charges/article_3b9e0d7e-6383-11e4-a265-0017a43b2370.html

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Information Technology Sector

25. *November 4, IDG News Service* – (International) **BlackEnergy cyberespionage group targets Linux systems and Cisco routers.** Researchers with Kaspersky Lab reported that the cyberespionage group that uses the BlackEnergy malware has developed several modules for the malware that can be downloaded to infected systems to add the ability to perform port scanning, disk wiping, digital certificate theft, and other actions. The malware has compromised routers, Linux systems, and Windows systems and the group behind it targets organizations in the energy, manufacturing, banking, and education sectors as well as government agencies.
Source: http://www.networkworld.com/article/2843153/blackenergy-cyberespionage-group-targets-linux-systems-and-cisco-routers.html

26. *November 4, Help Net Security* – (International) **227,747 new malware samples created daily.** PandaLabs reported that around 20 million new strains of malware were created during the third quarter (Q3) of 2014, with trojans the most common type of malware at 78.08 percent, among other findings.
Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2905

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Internet Alert Dashboard

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Communications Sector

27. *November 4, Northland's NewsCenter* – (Minnesota) **CenturyLink outage due to fiber cut, technicians working to restore service.** Thousands of CenturyLink customers across northern Minnesota remained without phone or Internet service November 4 after a fiber optic cable was damaged by a utility company working in the area November 3.
Source: http://www.northlandsnewscenter.com/news/iron-range/CenturyLink-outage-due-to-fiber-cut-technicians-working-to-restore-service-281395401.html

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Commercial Facilities Sector

28. *November 4, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Rhode Island) **OSHA finds that overloading led to Providence, Rhode Island, circus fall.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) cited Feld Entertainment Inc., doing business as Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, for one serious safety violation and fined the company $7,000 in connection to an equipment malfunction that injured 9 workers during a May 4 circus show in Providence. OSHA's investigation into the incident revealed that a carabiner used to support performers during a hanging act was loaded improperly and failed, causing 8 individuals to fall 15 feet onto a ninth employee.
Source:
https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=26943

29. *November 4, Charlotte Observer* – (North Carolina) **Carbon monoxide forces Charlotte hotel evacuation.** The Sleep Inn in Charlotte was evacuated November 3 after workers that were fumigating the hotel used improper equipment and caused elevated carbon monoxide levels inside the building. Firefighters activated a sprinkler system as a precaution due to high temperatures inside one room, which caused water damage in several rooms.
Source: http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2014/11/04/5289437/carbon-monoxide-level-forces-charlotte.html

30. *November 4, Associated Press* – (New Hampshire) **Police: 2 pawn shop owners charged with receiving stolen property in retail crime ring bust.** Police arrested two Family Pawn owners and the owner of Nashua Pawn in New Hampshire after an investigation uncovered more than $60,000 worth of stolen merchandise from local retailers. Four other individuals were also charged in the alleged scheme which occurred between March and October.
Source:
http://www.dailyjournal.net/view/story/4521146b4e844c2894c68b1bbca26cdc/NH--Pawn-Shops-Arrests/

31. *November 4, WIS 10 Columbia* – (South Carolina) **Overturned propane truck causes road closure and evacuation.** Four businesses in Richland County were ordered to evacuate while crews cleared the scene after propane leaked from a 2,600-gallon tanker truck that overturned after it collided with another vehicle on Pineview Drive. Roadways in the area were closed for several hours while crews contained the spill.
Source: http://www.wistv.com/story/27266427/overturned-propane-truck-causes-road-closure-possible-evacuation

32. *November 3, WBAL 11 Baltimore* – (Maryland) **6-alarm warehouse fire spreads to neighboring buildings.** A November 2 fire that started inside a vacant Baltimore warehouse grew to 6-alarms as it spread to at least 8 other structures including a church due to high winds that spread embers across one square mile of the city. The cause of the fire is under investigation.
Source: http://www.wbaltv.com/news/6alarm-warehouse-fire-spreads-to-neighboring-buildings/29492384

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Dams Sector

33. *October 31, WAMC 90.3 FM Albany* – (New York) **Gilboa Dam re-hab complete.** A $138 million reconstruction project to rehabilitate the 87-year old Gilboa Dam in Schoharie County was completed October 31, which included improvements strengthening the dam using 234 million pounds of concrete and 500 concrete slabs to form a new spillway. The project was completed 2 years ahead of schedule.
Source: http://wamc.org/post/gilboa-dam-re-hab-complete

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