



# Homeland Security

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- Authorities in western Oklahoma responded to a prison riot at the North Fork Correctional Facility that resulted in more than 20 injuries. – *CNN* (See item [40](#))
- Researchers at a German university have published a paper detailing a security exploit that could affect more than 3 billion RFID smart card widely used for secure facility access, and transit passes. – *Ars Technica* (See item [44](#))

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## Energy Sector

**Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: LOW, Cyber: LOW**

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) - <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *October 12, WBNS 10 Columbus* – (Ohio) **I-270 reopens, some ramps remain closed.** The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) announced I-270 was reopened at about 4 p.m. October 11 with some ramps remaining closed. A tractor-trailer that was carrying fuel crashed October 10 on the ramp from I-270 north to state Route 161 east, killing the driver. According to the Ohio Department of Transportation, 141,530 vehicles travel the stretch between I-270 and S.R. 161. The morning commute was slow for thousands of drivers. Westerville City Schools was heavily impacted by the road closure. The school district canceled afternoon kindergarten and preschool for

Alcott, Cherrington, Hawthorne, Point View, McVay, and Robert Frost elementary schools. Hazardous materials crews sprayed foam over the spill to suppress the highly-flammable fuel vapors, the Columbus Fire Battalion chief said.

Source: <http://www.10tv.com/content/stories/2011/10/11/columbus-interstate-270-fatal-crash-closure.html>

2. *October 11, Rexburg Standard Journal* – (Idaho) **Fixing a tanker train derailment.** The unloading of two railroad tank cars full of propane at the scene of an Eastern Idaho Railroad train derailment in Rexburg, Idaho, began October 11. The propane is being transferred with a tanker truck to empty railroad tank cars, a process Madison Fire Department officials said would continue overnight into October 12. The accident occurred October 7 on the Eastern Idaho Railroad just south of Second North. Fire department officials said the accident happened when four tanker cars being moved north on a siding derailed. They said some of the cars tipped against two other tank cars that were stationary on the main line, blocking it. On October 10, the area fire chief said the department became aware of the derailment October 8, but neither police nor fire officials were notified of the incident at the time it happened. On October 11, the assistant general manager for Eastern Idaho Railroad said a broken rail led to the derailment. Initially the fire department believed that all the tank cars but one were empty, but later communication with the railroad revealed there were two full tank cars full of propane.  
Source: [http://www.rexburgstandardjournal.com/news/fixing-a-tanker-train-derailment/article\\_e285efd2-f462-11e0-a555-001cc4c03286.html](http://www.rexburgstandardjournal.com/news/fixing-a-tanker-train-derailment/article_e285efd2-f462-11e0-a555-001cc4c03286.html)
3. *October 11, KSBW 8 Salinas* – (California) **3M gallons of oil that sank off Central Coast investigated.** A mission was launched the week of October 10 to prevent 3 million gallons of crude oil, contained on an oil tanker that sunk 7 decades ago, from leaking into California's Central Coast ocean waters. The SS Montebello has sat mostly intact 900 feet below the surface and adjacent to the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary for 70 years. Its oil is remarkably still on board, although experts fear a spill could still happen. Japan's submarine sunk the SS Montebello December 23, 1941. Divers are now trying to find out how much oil remains in the hold of the 440-foot ship. Divers, along with a remotely-operated underwater vehicle, will begin assessment October 12 and take samples, a process that is expected to take as many as 12 days. The vehicle will drill and later seal a 1-inch diameter hole into some of the tanks to take samples that will be analyzed by scientists. While it is possible the oil leaked out over the past decades, officials said it is likely crude remains in the hull. By this point, the oil is so old that it likely has the consistency of peanut butter, said a U.S. Coast Guard spokesman. The effort will cost \$2.3 million, money that will come out of a fund that oil companies pay into for such measures. Officials worry a potential spill from the Montebello could eclipse the massive Santa Barbara oil platform blowout that coated miles of coastline in 1969, washing ashore the bodies of dolphins and seals.  
Source: <http://www.ksbw.com/r/29453073/detail.html>
4. *October 11, Fort Worth Star-Telegram* – (Oklahoma) **Houston-based firm pleads guilty over Oklahoma acid spill in 2007.** Integrated Production Services (IPS), a Houston-based oil field services contractor, pleaded guilty October 11 in federal court

in Muskogee, Oklahoma, to violating the Clean Water Act by negligently spilling 400 to 700 gallons of hydrochloric acid — used in ‘fracking’ of wells — into a creek in eastern Oklahoma in 2007. IPS agreed to pay a \$140,000 fine and make a \$22,000 payment to the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation for ecological studies and remediation of Boggy Creek in Atoka County, according to federal officials. IPS will also serve 2 years’ probation, perform an environmental compliance program at a cost of \$38,000, and train employees in hazardous-waste handling and spill-response procedures. IPS was working at a natural gas well site May 24, 2007, when a tank leaked corrosive hydrochloric acid onto the bermed surface of the well site, which was already flooded after heavy rainfall. Rather than properly removing the acid-polluted rainwater, an IPS supervisor drove a company truck through the earthen berm, discharging the rainwater and the acid into Dry Creek, a tributary of Boggy Creek, the statement said.

Source: <http://www.star-telegram.com/2011/10/11/3437423/houston-based-firm-pleads-guilty.html>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

5. *October 12, Palm Beach Post* – (Florida) **Attorney: West Palm teen focus of FBI investigation of bomb-making chemicals.** A West Palm Beach, Florida teen has become the focus of an FBI investigation into hazardous materials that were found and removed from a home in the Ibis Golf and Country Club community, the Palm Beach Post reported October 12. Since October 6, investigators searched for extra strength hydrogen peroxide, hydrochloric acid, and acetone in the 18-year-old’s home after a pool company employee alleged he made suspicious purchases, the teen’s attorney said. A West Palm Beach City spokesman said authorities found chemicals that were taken to another location and detonated. On October 7, Ibis public safety employees sent a memo stating the FBI was focusing on possible bomb-making chemicals ordered and possessed by an 18-year-old at the residence, WPTV 5 West Palm Beach reported. It said the FBI removed several samples of chemicals, PVC piping, and electrical tape. Source: <http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/crime/attorney-west-palm-teen-focus-of-fbi-investigation-1907109.html>
6. *October 11, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Massachusetts; International) **Massachusetts and Japanese companies Settle with EPA for pesticide violations.** According to a settlement filed the week of October 3, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) alleged Sciessent LLC, formerly known as Agion Technologies Inc. of Wakefield, Massachusetts, violated the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), between 2006 and 2009 by making illegal claims about these products and by importing them without filing the required reports with the EPA. The company supplies silver-ion antimicrobial ingredients to many customers who then incorporate the substances into various products to protect them against deterioration. Sciessent agreed to pay a \$180,000 penalty over 2 years based

partly on the company's financial ability to pay. Sinanen Zeomic Co., Ltd., a Japanese company that produces and supplies pesticides to Sciessent, agreed to pay a \$40,000 penalty after EPA alleged it failed to properly register its Nagoya facility under federal law as a pesticide-producing establishment. Agion was a Delaware corporation that dissolved early in 2011. Sciessent, also a Delaware corporation, is believed to be the corporate successor to Agion and is located at Agion's former headquarters in Wakefield. Sinanen supplies Sciessent with many FIFRA-registered pesticides, including silver-ion antimicrobial agents. In response to EPA's compliance concerns and, after a February 2009 inspection, the Sinanen facility was registered as a pesticide-producing establishment. Also, Sciessent made changes to its Web-based product claims.

Source: <http://www.environmental-expert.com/news/massachusetts-and-japanese-companies-settle-with-epa-for-pesticide-violations-260876>

7. *October 11, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Rhode Island) **Pharmaceutical chemical manufacturer in Coventry, RI faces fines for violating hazardous waste laws.** In a complaint stemming from a September 2009 inspection, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) alleges Rhodes Technologies of Coventry, Rhode Island, violated the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act by failing to obtain required tank integrity assessments or provide secondary containment for seven of its hazardous waste tanks; failing to label pipes and other equipment associated with the tanks as being in hazardous waste service; and failing to perform required compliance inspections. These violations created a serious potential risk to human health and the environment in the event any of the tanks accidentally released hazardous wastes. Rhodes also failed: to properly determine whether certain wastes were hazardous, to have a complete emergency response plan, and to segregate incompatible hazardous wastes. The complaint proposes a total penalty of \$251,439. Rhodes' manufactures chemicals for the pharmaceutical industry. These manufacturing operations generate large amounts of hazardous wastes such as isopropyl alcohol and heptane, which are both highly flammable.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opadmpress.nsf/0/25a474263d98c6d5852579260062b7a3?OpenDocument>

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

8. *October 12, Reuters* – (New York) **Constellation's Ginna reactor shut due to turbine snag.** Constellation Energy Nuclear Group's 498-megawatt R.E. Ginna nuclear power plant in Ontario, New York, shut late October 11 from full power due to a turbine auto-stop valve closure, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) said in a report. 'The reactor tripped due to a RPS actuation signal from a turbine trip, which was caused by a turbine auto-stop signal,' the company told the NRC. The company was investigating the cause of the auto-stop signal and the plant would remain in hot

standby mode until the cause of the trip is determined, the report said.

Source: <http://af.reuters.com/article/energyOilNews/idAFL3E7LC2GC20111012>

9. *October 11, Associated Press* – (New York) **National lab in NY halts some work after leak.** A sealed device used to check whether radiation detectors are working properly at Brookhaven National Laboratory in Upton, New York, leaked a small amount of radioactivity in September, lab authorities said October 10. There was no threat to public health or the environment, but the lab halted some operations while it investigates. The radioactivity was later found on two employees, in a parking lot and private vehicle, and in one of the facility's buildings, the lab said. Two employees were checking radiation detectors when a 'sealed source' device containing a small amount of cesium-137 stored inside a lead container tipped over in the employees' pickup truck as they made their rounds, the assistant director said. The workers contacted supervisors, who expanded their investigation and found low levels of radiation on the men, in the parking lot where they left the truck, and in a building where they worked. A small amount — 3.4 millirems — was also found on a worker's hands; the assistant director said the acceptable limit for radiation on a hand is 50,000 millirems. Officials are checking with colleagues throughout the Energy Department to determine whether other sealed devices have had problems.

Source: [http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5hchkrBgaLkFFdg-GMBP\\_28LRLXmA?docId=9139e84275354d559d4f04ed9d45b7a1](http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5hchkrBgaLkFFdg-GMBP_28LRLXmA?docId=9139e84275354d559d4f04ed9d45b7a1)

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

10. *October 11, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Ohio) **U.S. Department of Labor's OSHA cites Sifco Forge Group in Cleveland for 13 safety violations, proposes more than \$84,000 in fines.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) cited aircraft component manufacturer Sifco Forge Group in Cleveland for 1 repeat and 12 serious safety violations. Proposed fines total \$84,370. The repeat violation was cited for failing to complete, document, and certify annual inspections of energy control procedures. The serious violations involve failing: to properly guard machinery, to provide training on lockout/tagout procedures to prevent equipment from being unexpectedly energized, to develop and maintain a written fire safety program, to develop and enforce the use of die-setting procedures for mechanical power presses, and to examine powered industrial trucks prior to each shift.

Source:

[http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=NEWS\\_RELEASES&p\\_id=20838](http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=20838)

11. *October 11, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **Nidec Motor Corporation recalls pool pump motors due to electrical shock hazard.** The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with Nidec Motor Corporation, October 11 announced a voluntary recall of about 2,000 Ecotech EZ Variable Speed pool pump motors. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. The pump cover is not properly grounded posing an electrical

shock hazard. The pumps were sold at pool motor distributors, pool dealers, and pump manufacturers nationwide from September 2010 through August 2011. Customers should stop using the recalled pool pumps immediately and call Nidec Motor Corporation to arrange a free repair.

Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml12/12008.html>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

12. *October 12, Chicago Sun-Times* – (Illinois) **State says it was misled by banker, moves to strip his securities license.** The Illinois Secretary of State's Office has moved to strip a politically connected banker of his securities license, accusing him of improperly recommending that \$12.8 million in prepaid college tuition funds be steered to a now-failed Chicago lender. The financial services adviser 'breached his fiduciary duty' to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) for urging that it invest in ShoreBank Corp. despite warning signs the bank was in dire fiscal straits, according to a complaint from the state's securities department. The adviser, who until his September firing had been the Chicago-based managing director of Grigsby & Associates, also allegedly failed to divulge to the commission or its board an ongoing, undisclosed role in soliciting investors on behalf of ShoreBank. The complaint said that in August 2008, ShoreBank executives told the adviser the firm 'missed its financial performance projections', and he failed to advise ISAC of the significance of this setback by but rather stated it was 'no big deal' and that the bank could 'weather any storm.'" The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation closed the lender in August 2010, which caused the ISAC's College Illinois! program to lose its entire investment. Two months earlier, the College Illinois! program was running a \$338 million deficit. The complaint alleged the adviser was attempting to line up commitments from other investors to put their money in ShoreBank. Those investments were 'contingent upon the ISAC investment' being secured, the complaint said.

Source: <http://www.suntimes.com/news/politics/8159044-418/state-says-it-was-misled-by-banker-moves-to-strip-his-securities-license.html>

13. *October 12, Oakland Tribune* – (California) **Occupy San Francisco protesters block Wells Fargo headquarters.** Members of Occupy San Francisco were marching and demonstrating outside banks in the city's financial district October 12. Protesters blocked entrances at Wells Fargo Corporate Headquarters on Montgomery Street, according to KTVU 2 Oakland. Police started to remove some protesters in handcuffs. Cable car service in the area was stalled. In addition, traffic was clogged in San Francisco's financial district as about 200 Occupy San Francisco protesters took their message to the streets. The 'Occupy Wall Street' movement spread to San Francisco

the week of October 3, and to Oakland, San Jose, and other Bay Area cities the week of October 10.

Source: [http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci\\_19095538](http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_19095538)

14. *October 11, U.S. Department of Treasury* – (International) **Treasury sanctions five individuals tied to Iranian plot to assassinate the Saudi Arabian ambassador to the United States.** The U.S. Department of the Treasury October 11 announced the designation of five individuals, including four senior Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps-Qods Force (IRGC-QF) officers connected to a plot to assassinate the Saudi Arabian ambassador to the United States, while he was in the United States and to carry out follow-on attacks against other countries' interests inside the United States and in another country. As part of the action, Treasury also designated the individual responsible for arranging the assassination plot on behalf of the IRGC-QF. 'The financial transactions at the heart of this plot lay bare the risk that banks and other institutions face in doing business with Iran,' the Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence said. As a result of the designations, U.S. persons are prohibited from engaging in transactions with these individuals, and any assets they may hold in the United States are frozen.  
Source: <http://www.treasury.gov/press-center/press-releases/Pages/tg1320.aspx>
15. *October 11, KPHO 5 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **FBI searches for 'Can You Hear Me Now' bandit.** The FBI is looking for the so-called 'Can You Hear Me Now' bandit who is accused in 14 bank robberies in Arizona, the latest in Chandler October 7, according to authorities. FBI agents said almost every time he holds up a bank, he is on a cell phone. In the most recent incident, employees at U.S. Bank in Chandler recognized the suspect and activated the alarm, according to the FBI. The suspect left before officers arrived.  
Source: <http://www.kpho.com/story/15668280/fbi-search-for-can-you-hear-me-now-bandit>
16. *October 11, Legal Newsline* – (New Jersey) **NJ mortgage broker admits fraud, U.S. attorney announces.** A former mortgage broker admitted he participated in a scheme that defrauded lenders and generated millions of dollars in fraudulent mortgage loans, the U.S. attorney for the District of New Jersey announced the week of October 3. The broker pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud. The man and an accomplice were arrested October 21, 2010, and charged with conspiring to defraud mortgage lenders of more than \$7 million in more than 50 New Jersey residential real estate purchases. Another co-conspirator and former mortgage broker pleaded guilty July 28 to participating in the same conspiracy. According to the announcement, the former broker admitted he conspired to defraud mortgage lenders from January 2007 to December 2009. One co-conspirator, with the help of two attorneys, arranged to purchase properties owned by financial institutions — commonly referred to as real estate owned (REO) properties. The former broker recruited other individuals to purchase those same properties at or around the same time. The real estate fraud ring falsified financial documents, HUD-1 settlement statements, and residential loan applications. They also caused borrowers to apply and obtain loans on properties they did not own, and failed to record deeds with the county clerk.

Source: <http://www.legalnewsline.com/news/234078-nj-mortgage-broker-admits-fraud-u.s.-attorney-announces>

17. *October 11, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **SEC charges Elk Grove Village-based InfrAegis in \$20M fraud.** Federal securities regulators charged an Elk Grove Village, Illinois business that purportedly made homeland security products, as well as its chief executive, with defrauding investors in a \$20 million stock offering. The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) October 11 filed suit against the chief executive and InfrAegis Inc. in federal court in Chicago. It alleges the executive conducted a fraudulent and unregistered securities offering that from January 2005 through June 2010 raised \$20 million from at least 395 investors in 29 states, and Washington, D.C. ‘[The executive] and InfrAegis fraudulently raised those funds from investors by falsely portraying InfrAegis as a successful company that had high-level connections in the homeland security market, and lucrative contracts for the sale of InfrAegis’ products,’ the lawsuit said. ‘In reality, InfrAegis was at all times a startup company that never sold any of the products.’ The company claimed the City of Chicago agreed to install one of InfrAegis’ products — a kiosk that purportedly can detect the presence of nuclear or biological weapons — throughout the city and that the agreement would result in profit of well over \$80 million. It also claimed that InfrAegis had a contract with the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority to install thousands of InfrAegis’ kiosks throughout the Metro train system in Washington, D.C., and that the contract was worth \$20 billion over 20 years. The SEC said the executive and his company violated securities laws, and is seeking, among other things, a permanent injunction, civil penalties, and the disgorgement of ill-gotten gains.

Source: [http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2011-10-11/business/chi-sec-charges-elk-grove-villagebased-infraaegis-in-20m-fraud-20111011\\_1\\_homeland-security-federal-securities-regulators-exchange-commission](http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2011-10-11/business/chi-sec-charges-elk-grove-villagebased-infraaegis-in-20m-fraud-20111011_1_homeland-security-federal-securities-regulators-exchange-commission)

18. *October 10, Reuters* – (California; International) **FINRA panel finds for Aurum against SocGen.** An arbitration panel October 7 found Societe General SA (SocGen) liable for \$153 million in damages and interest stemming from a dispute with a fund manager over how to value a derivative instrument that matured during the 2008 financial crisis. The ruling ranks as one of the largest ever awarded by a Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) arbitration panel, securities lawyers said. SocGen and three units, which include Cowen Group Inc, will end up paying net damages of around \$61 million, because of earlier payments made to the fund manager, Aurum STS Aggressive Trading LLC in Woodside, California, according to the FINRA award. Aurum accused the French bank of breach of contract, unjust enrichment, and failure to honor a guarantee surrounding certain warrants issued by SocGen to Aurum, which is based in San Jose, California. Aurum said it was told by SocGen in October 2008, just weeks after Lehman Brothers collapsed and the U.S. government scrambled to bail out the nation’s largest financial institutions, that the French bank would not settle the warrants for cash. The value of the warrants was to be based on the net asset value of the Aurum Leveraged Fund S1, which was in turn linked to a basket of hedge funds. SocGen and Cowen were ordered to pay Aurum \$125.9 million in general and compensatory damages, less previous payments of \$91.9 million in payments. The bank and Cowen also must pay \$27 million of interest on the total



damages, as well as \$40,650 in hearing fees. Aurum had requested at least \$245 million in damages, according to the panel's ruling.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/10/10/us-societegenerale-finra-idUSTRE7995WO20111010>

19. *October 10, WHNT 19 Huntsville* – (Alabama) **Police search for ATM thief.** In Florence, Alabama, police are looking for an ATM thief. The theft happened around 4 a.m. October 9. Florence police said the suspect first stole a pickup truck from a Shoals home and then drove the stolen truck to the SunTrust Bank, off Cox Creek Parkway. The crook then stole a forklift from a construction site, drove it to the bank — where authorities said it was used to lift the ATM into the bed of the stolen truck. Detectives said at least one person was caught on surveillance video wearing a Halloween mask and coveralls. Investigators believe a high-powered saw was used to access the ATM. The cash machine and the stolen truck were eventually ditched.  
Source: <http://www.whnt.com/news/shoals/whnt-florence-police-are-looking-for-an-atm-thief-20111010,0,4787287.story>

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## **Transportation Sector**

20. *October 12, CNN* – (National) **'Underwear bomber' pleads guilty to all charges.** The Nigerian man accused of trying to detonate an explosive device in his underwear aboard a Christmas 2009 flight to Detroit, pleaded guilty to all counts in court October 12. He had been indicted on charges including attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction, conspiracy to commit an act of terrorism, and possession of a firearm or destructive device in furtherance of an act of violence. The suspect had previously pleaded not guilty to the charges. He was a passenger on Northwest Airlines Flight 253 en route from the Netherlands to Detroit Christmas Day 2009. U.S. officials said the terror group al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula was behind the alleged bombing attempt.  
Source: [http://news.blogs.cnn.com/2011/10/12/underwear-bomber-pleads-guilty-in-trial/?hpt=hp\\_t2](http://news.blogs.cnn.com/2011/10/12/underwear-bomber-pleads-guilty-in-trial/?hpt=hp_t2)
21. *October 11, U.S. Department of State* – (International) **Worldwide travel alert - Iran plot.** The U.S. Department of State alerts U.S. citizens of the potential for anti-U.S. actions following the disruption of a plot, linked to Iran, to commit a significant terrorist act in the United States. This Travel Alert expires January 11, 2012. An Iranian-born U.S. citizen, working on behalf of the Iranian Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Qods Force -- designated by the Treasury Department in 2007 for its support of terrorism -- is suspected of conspiring to assassinate the Saudi Arabian ambassador to the United States. The U.S. government assesses this Iranian-backed plan may indicate a more aggressive focus by the Iranian government on terrorist activity against diplomats from certain countries, to include possible attacks in the United States. U.S. citizens residing and traveling abroad should review the

Department's Worldwide Caution and other travel information when making decisions concerning their travel plans and activities while abroad. U.S. citizens are encouraged to enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). U.S. citizens without Internet access may enroll directly at the nearest U.S. Embassy or U.S. Consulate. By enrolling, U.S. citizens make it easier for the embassy/consulates to contact them in case of emergency.

Source: [http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/pa/pa\\_5576.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/pa/pa_5576.html)

22. *October 11, Associated Press* – (District of Columbia) **Fighters intercept small plane in restricted space over Washington; pilot says a mistake.** Air defense officials said two U.S. Air Force fighters intercepted a small plane that entered restricted airspace over Washington, D.C. The Baltimore Sun said Homeland Security officers met with the plane's pilot, who said he had overflowed Baltimore's airport by mistake. The pilot was the plane's lone occupant. Two F-16s intercepted it and escorted it out of the area about 8:30 p.m. October 10. It landed at Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) was not able to communicate with the pilot of the Beechcraft 58, which is a small, twin-engine plane. The FAA notified the North American Aerospace Defense Command in response. Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/fighters-intercept-small-plane-in-restricted-space-over-washington-pilot-says-a-mistake/2011/10/11/gIQA1BoKdL\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/fighters-intercept-small-plane-in-restricted-space-over-washington-pilot-says-a-mistake/2011/10/11/gIQA1BoKdL_story.html)
23. *October 11, WNYC 93.9 New York City; Associated Press* – (New York) **FAA allows some helicopters in off-limits area.** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) said it was allowing sightseeing helicopters to descend through an airspace corridor over the Hudson River that is supposed to be off-limits to local air traffic, WNYC 93.9 New York City reported October 11. The FAA barred helicopters and other aircraft from flying between 1,000 and 1,300 feet above sea level after a 2009 helicopter crash that killed nine people. But the federal agency said it struck a deal with five tour companies in 2010, allowing them to pass through the air space near 79th Street in Manhattan. An FAA spokesman said aeronautical charts do not warn other pilots about the exemption, and that there were no plans to issue such a warning. Source: <http://www.wnyc.org/blogs/wnyc-news-blog/2011/oct/11/faa-allows-some-helicopters-limits-area/>
24. *October 10, KCPQ 13 Seattle* – (Washington) **Barge loaded with ammo floats free after running aground.** A barge carrying about 100 containers, including U.S. Navy munitions, that ran aground near Anacortes, Washington, the morning of October 10 is floating free. The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) and the Washington Department of Ecology were working late the afternoon of October 10 to transport the barge to a location where further dive assessment will occur. The explosives were kept secure while the barge was aground. A 2,000-yard safety zone was established and a containment boom was deployed around the barge. U.S. Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal technician members and a USCG inspector were aboard the barge conducting a safety assessment. A helicopter survey of the area surrounding the barge recorded no pollution. The 322-foot barge St. Elias was being towed through Rosario Strait when it ran aground on Belle Rock about 5 miles southwest of Anacortes.

Source: [http://www.q13fox.com/news/kcpq-barge-loaded-with-ammo-runs-aground-in-anacortes-20111010,0,3933236.story?hpt=us\\_bn7](http://www.q13fox.com/news/kcpq-barge-loaded-with-ammo-runs-aground-in-anacortes-20111010,0,3933236.story?hpt=us_bn7)

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

25. *October 11, eSecurity Planet* – (International) **Sophos warns of UPS phishing e-mails.** Sophos researchers warned of a spam campaign that asks recipients to click on a link to update their United Parcel Service accounts, eSecurity Planet reported October 11. ‘The link ... leads to a compromised Web site in the Seychelles,’ writes a Sophos a senior security adviser. ‘It appears the attackers have exploited a vulnerability in the Joomla CMS installed on the host.’ The adviser also wrote, ‘It is unlikely the phishers are really trying to access your UPS account, but rather are counting on the fact that most users reuse their usernames and passwords for multiple sites.’

Source: <http://www.esecurityplanet.com/network-security/sophos-warns-of-ups-phishing-e-mails.html>

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

26. *October 12, Food Safety News* – (Washington) **Feds seize foods at Washington warehouse.** Citing evidence of ‘widespread and active rodent and insect infestation,’ the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) had U.S. Marshals seize food products being held in the warehouse and processing plant of Dominguez Foods in Washington state September 30, Food Safety News reported October 11. The seized products had been detained by the FDA since September 2, following an inspection that found evidence of rodents and insects in the Zillah-based facility. During their inspection, FDA investigators said they observed rodent droppings and urine stains on and around food products, rodent-gnawed containers of food, a rodent nesting site, and one dead rodent in the warehouse, as well as live and dead insects in, on, and around food products. The investigators immediately issued a detention order covering all the food in the facility that was not in sealed containers.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/10/feds-seize-foods-at-infested-washington-warehouse/>

27. *October 12, Food Safety News* – (National) **Allergy alert: Lean Cuisine recall for mislabeling.** Nestle Prepared Foods Company is recalling a small number — less than 200 packages — of Lean Cuisine Dinnertime Selects Chicken Fettuccini because they might contain Lean Cuisine Dinnertime Selects Lemon Garlic Shrimp, Food Safety News reported October 12. The mixed-up packages were possibly shipped to grocers in Alaska, Florida, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington state. Four consumers who purchased the mislabeled product alerted Nestle to the issue. The recalled packages have the UPC code 13800-14880, a production code of 1253595911G, and a ‘best before’ date of

- October 2012. Because the mislabeled product contains shrimp, an allergen, Nestle is advising consumers who are allergic to shellfish and who have purchased the recalled product not to consume it to avoid the possibility of a serious or life-threatening allergic reaction.  
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/10/allergy-alert-lean-cuisine-recall-for-mislabeled/>
28. *October 12, Food Safety News* – (California; Nevada) **E. Coli test spurs 188-ton ground beef recall.** A Los Angeles company is recalling about 377,775 pounds of ground beef products that may be contaminated with E. coli O157:H7, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced October 11. Commercial Meat Co. was informed routine FSIS monitoring confirmed a positive result for E. coli O157:H7 in beef products produced between September 7 and October 6. According to the FSIS news release, the company did not hold product pending the test results, so the meat was recalled. The recalled beef products were shipped to restaurants in California and Nevada, as well as one federal establishment in California for further processing. The recalled ground beef products are: 5-, 10-, 15-, 20-, 30-, 40-, 50-, and 60-pound cases of bulk ground beef; 5-, 10-, and 20-pound cases of ground beef patties; 10-, 15-, 20-, 30-, 40-, and 50-pound cases of ground beef taco; and 5-, 10-, 15-, 20-, 25-, 30-, 40-, 50-, and 60-pound cases of ground beef chili. Each case bears a label with the establishment number ‘EST. 4873’ inside the USDA mark of inspection.  
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/10/e-coli-test-prompts-377775-lb-ground-beef-recall/>
29. *October 11, Des Moines Register* – (Iowa) **DNR: Manure and commercial fertilizer spills reported in north central Iowa.** The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) warns manure and nutrient applicators to slow down and take care during the fall application season, the Des Moines Register reported October 11. Two manure spills and a 28 percent liquid nitrogen spill were reported over the weekend of October 8 and 9. A 9,500-gallon manure applicator wagon, owned by Nick Strohbehm Farms LLC, overturned October 8. Its contents entered a tile line and flowed to a waterway. Although there was no water flow, about 200 to 300 minnows were killed in several pools. In another incident in Grundy County October 9, a local firefighter noticed liquid flowing from a hose connected to a fertilizer secondary containment on Heartland Co-op property in Holland. A float-activated pump had been set up to remove rainwater. A 28 percent liquid nitrogen tank leaked in the containment and about 2,000 gallons was pumped to the ground surface. The spill did not reach a tile or waterway. A third incident also involved an overturned 9,500-gallon manure applicator, this one owned by Agri-Zone. Contents spilled in a road ditch in Butler County. The manure has been pumped out and will be land applied on adjacent fields with the permission of the property owner. No tiles or waterways were impacted.  
Source: <http://blogs.desmoinesregister.com/dmr/index.php/2011/10/11/dnr-manure-and-commercial-fertilizer-spills-reported/>
30. *October 11, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Whole milk from Farmers All Natural Creamery voluntarily recalled.** The Iowa Department of

Agriculture and Land Stewardship said October 11 whole milk with an expiration of October 22 from Farmers All Natural Creamery in Wellman, Iowa is the subject of a voluntary recall due to concerns that at least some of the milk from that facility may not have been properly pasteurized. The department conducted laboratory testing on the finished product by state laboratory evaluation officers who have been certified by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The results tested positive for residual phosphatase indicating the milk may not have been properly pasteurized and therefore could present a risk if consumed. Farmers All Natural Creamery believes 954 gallons of milk have been sold to four distributors; UNFI in Aurora, Colorado, UNFI in Lancaster, Texas, Calma Optimal in Franklin Park, Illinois, and Natural brands in Wood Dale, Illinois. The milk was manufactured on October 3. Milk from Farmers All Natural Creamery can be identified by the plant number 19888 printed on all gallon containers. The four distributors have since been notified, and milk is being pulled from shelves.

Source: <http://www.perishablenews.com/index.php?article=0018036>

31. *October 11, WTAQ 1360 AM Green Bay* – (Wisconsin) **Fire in fertilizer building at Valders co-op, DNR called in.** Fire crews put out a fire at a Manitowoc County, Wisconsin co-op October 11 that forced the evacuation of two neighboring businesses. It happened at Country Visions Cooperative. Company officials said a building that houses fertilizer caught fire, hundreds of pounds of dispensable sulfur was stored there. The smoke from burning sulfur is toxic, which forced the evacuation of nearby businesses. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources was called in to monitor the environmental impact.

Source: <http://wtaq.com/news/articles/2011/oct/11/fire-in-fertilizer-building-at-valders-co-op-dnr-called-in/>

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## **Water Sector**

32. *October 12, San Bernardino Sun* – (California) **Water agency order requires new water source for Hinkley residents with contaminated wells.** The water agency overseeing the cleanup of Hinkley, California's contaminated groundwater ordered Pacific Gas and Electric Co. (PG&E) October 11 to provide a new permanent water source to affected users, the San Bernardino Sun reported. PG&E has provided bottled water to replace tap water for drinking purposes at more than 80 Hinkley locations. The agency was motivated by water users' need to get quality drinking water out of their own taps. During the early 1950s and 1960s, PG&E used chromium 6 at its natural-gas-pumping station in Hinkley to control algae and protect metal against rust, a practice common in that era before cancer-causing side effects of that chemical were known.

Source: [http://www.sbsun.com/news/ci\\_19094582](http://www.sbsun.com/news/ci_19094582)

33. *October 11, Siskiyou Daily News* – (California) **Report: Dam removal could jeopardize Yreka’s water supply.** The reliability of the Fall Creek water facilities — Yreka, California’s only water source — may be threatened if the Klamath Dams are removed, according to a document presented at the Yreka City Council meeting October 6. The Klamath Facilities Removal Public Draft contains an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), and a detailed plan for dam removal. It states Yreka’s 24-inch diameter water pipeline from Fall Creek would likely sustain damage by high velocity river flows following dam removal. The draft proposes the city erect a pipe crossing on a constructed bridge above the reservoir surface that would be connected to the existing buried pipeline. Officials said the project has not been reviewed by city engineers, and that the city does not currently have cost estimates. The city has until November 21 to review the draft and submit its comments to the U.S. Department of the Interior.  
Source: <http://www.siskiyoudaily.com/news/x1581993850/Report-Dam-removal-could-jeopardize-Yreka-s-water-supply>
34. *October 11, Palm Beach Post* – (Florida) **West Palm Beach’s water supply could dry up by spring.** According to the Palm Beach Post, regional water managers warned the city commission October 11 the source of West Palm Beach, Florida’s drinking water ‘will probably be exhausted’ by March and the city will not be allowed to pull water from its well field in violation of its permit, as it did to weather this year’s drought. The city utilities director offered alternatives such as: partnering with Florida Atlantic University on a study to drill horizontal wells; fixing the troubled advanced wastewater treatment plant that is supposed to replenish the city’s well field; resurrecting plans to inject water into a well for storage; and extending intake pipes to the deepest sections of Clear Lake, the reservoir that feeds water to the neighboring treatment plant. But those plans could not be put in place by March, officials said. The only immediate, but short-term, fix would be to pump water from the C-17 Canal that feeds Clear Lake. The utilities director said the best the city could do is keep water levels as high as possible at its current water sources.  
Source: <http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/west-palm-beachs-water-supply-could-dry-up-1908364.html>
35. *October 8, Guam Pacific Daily News* – (Guam) **2 million gallons of sewage: Treatment plant overflows into Umatac Bay.** According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), at least 2 million gallons of partially treated wastewater overflowed into Umatac Bay from the Umatac-Merizo Wastewater Treatment Plant in Guam since late July, Guam Pacific Daily News reported October 8. The overflow is a violation of the federal Clean Water Act, and the water could be contaminated with bacteria and pollutants, said an EPA environmental engineer. A Guam Waterworks Authority spokeswoman said the overflow occurred after heavy rains caused the treatment plant to take in a combination of wastewater and rainfall beyond its capacity. The water authority has been under federal court order since 2003 to improve the island’s water and wastewater systems due to violations of the Clean Water Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act. One official said storm water runoff is a major cause of water pollution, particularly in the southern parts of the island that do not have a storm drainage system.

Source: <http://www.guampdn.com/article/20111008/NEWS01/110080302/2-million-gallons-sewage-Treatment-plant-overflows-into-Umatac-Bay>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

36. *October 11, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **Baltimore law firm loses hard drive with patient records.** Baxter, Baker, Sidle, Conn & Jone, a Baltimore law firm, lost a portable hard drive containing information about its cases, including medical records for 161 stent patients suing a cardiologist for alleged malpractice at St. Joseph Medical Center in Towson. The drive was lost August 4 by an employee who was traveling on the Baltimore light rail, according to a letter obtained by the Baltimore Sun. The storage device held a complete back-up copy of the firm’s data, including medical records related to the stent malpractice claims, along with patient names, addresses, dates of birth, Social Security numbers and insurance information. It was taken home nightly as a security precaution in case of fire or flood, a firm spokesman said, though the portable data was not encrypted — among the most stringent security precautions that is standard practice for health professionals dealing with medical records. It is unclear if the law firm would be covered by the medical record privacy law, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. ‘We have no reason to believe that the information on the portable hard drive has been accessed or used improperly,’ the letter sent to patients said. Preferred Professional Insurance Co. has offered patients whose records were lost a 1-year membership to an anti-identity theft service ‘as a precautionary measure’ on ‘behalf of St. Joseph Medical Center.’  
Source: [http://www.ydr.com/ci\\_19084997](http://www.ydr.com/ci_19084997)

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

37. *October 11, WLWT 5 Cincinnati* – (Ohio) **EMA: 47 students sickened by weed killer.** Nearly 50 students became ill October 11 at a school in Trenton, Ohio, WLWT 5 Cincinnati reported. The students got sick at Edgewood Middle School. Sheriff’s deputies said a few students first felt ill in a single classroom, but then students in an adjacent classroom also reported feeling ill. Additional units were called to the scene to assist in evaluating students. The Butler County Emergency Management Agency director said 5 students were transported to hospitals for examination at parents’ request, and another 42 were examined at the scene or at the adjacent high school. He said it appears the students were sickened by an herbicide, Momentum, used to treat the lawn outside the school about 2 hours before the first illnesses were reported. The chemical can be irritating if inhaled, officials said. Medics asked for an air-monitoring unit to be brought to the school, and haz-mat units from Middletown and West Chester

responded, but found no hazardous agents. Officials ordered students and teachers out of more of the building as time passed, eventually asking the entire building to be emptied.

Source: <http://www.wlwt.com/r/29449745/detail.html>

38. *October 11, Asheville Citizen-Times* – (North Carolina) **Lead contamination closes A-B Tech building in Asheville.** A-B Tech closed the Hemlock Building on the Asheville, North Carolina campus October 11 after environmental testing showed high levels of lead contamination. The testing indicated the source of the lead is a firing range located on the first floor and used by students in A-B Tech's Emergency Services Academy. A-B Tech hired an environmental laboratory to test residue discovered by a law enforcement instructor around a vent at the firing range about 3 weeks ago. That testing indicated high levels of lead outside the building, and the college cordoned off the area and immediately began a cleanup. Although the firing range has its own heating and air conditioning system, A-B Tech officials decided to conduct additional testing inside the building, and high concentrations of lead were discovered indoors as well. College officials contacted the Buncombe County Health Center after receiving the results and were advised to evacuate Hemlock, and to encourage people who work there to receive testing.

Source: <http://www.citizen-times.com/article/20111011/SPORTS05/111011019/Lead-contamination-closes-B-Tech-building-Asheville?odyssey=nav/head>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

39. *October 12, York Dispatch* – (Pennsylvania) **York City fire station closed by mold, second has quake damage.** The floods have receded and the ground has not shaken for weeks, but natural disasters continue to wreak havoc on the York City, Pennsylvania, Fire Department. Mold has been discovered growing in one city fire station, while a recent earthquake is thought to have compromised the structural integrity of another station. The fire chief decided October 10 to temporarily close the Lincoln station on Roosevelt Avenue after mold was found in at least two rooms --- leaving the city with three stations in service and potentially slower response times until the situation is resolved. More than 3 feet of water invaded the building's basement during last month's flooding, the fire chief said. Air samples also indicated mold growing in a first-floor bedroom, he said. The station remains closed as fire officials wait for an industrial cleaning company's environmental report, and clean-up plan. In the meantime, Lincoln-based firefighters and equipment will respond to incidents from the Rex/Laurel station on South Duke Street. Preliminary estimates put the clean-up cost around \$100,000. Meanwhile, the fire chief is addressing a structural problem at the Vigilant fire station on West Market Street, where old cracks in an exterior wall appear to have expanded. He said the change is likely the result of the August 23 earthquake.
- Source: [http://www.yorkdispatch.com/news/ci\\_19088439](http://www.yorkdispatch.com/news/ci_19088439)



40. *October 12, CNN* – (Oklahoma) **Injuries mount as inmates riot at Oklahoma prison.** Authorities in western Oklahoma said October 11 they were responding to a prison riot at the North Fork Correctional Facility, where multiple injuries were reported. A morgue had been set up in a tent outside the prison, according to a witness, though there had been no reports of deaths. More than 20 people, all inmates, were injured in the riot, and at least five were flown to area hospitals, according to a spokeswoman for Air Evac Lifeteam. She said she had no information regarding their conditions. However, a Beckham County sheriff spokeswoman said that just eight inmates were injured. Aerial video of the scene from CNN affiliate KOCO 5 Oklahoma City showed armed officials holding prisoners at gunpoint. The riot started shortly before noon and it was not clear what motivated it, said the sheriff spokeswoman. She said the Oklahoma Highway Patrol had six crews on the scene, and Beckham County sheriff's deputies were assisting. The prison is located in Sayre, about halfway between Oklahoma City and Amarillo, Texas. Sayre's police chief said his department was providing security for the prison, which can house up to 2,400 inmates. 'We are still at a standstill. The prison guards are doing their job inside, and we still have the perimeter secured,' he said.  
Source: [http://www.cnn.com/2011/10/11/justice/oklahoma-prison-riot/index.html?hpt=ju\\_c2](http://www.cnn.com/2011/10/11/justice/oklahoma-prison-riot/index.html?hpt=ju_c2)
41. *October 11, CNN* – (Arkansas) **5 law officers among 70 charged in Arkansas drug trafficking bust.** Five law enforcement officers were among 70 people in Arkansas charged in a federal drug-trafficking crackdown that also involved public corruption charges, authorities said October 11. The five officers took bribes to look the other way while crimes were being committed, authorities said. Investigators are continuing to look at other law agencies for criminal misconduct, authorities said. On October 11, 800 federal and local authorities arrested 51 of the 70 people, officials said. Five others were already in custody, and the remaining 14 defendants are considered fugitives, authorities said. The Arkansas National Guard was also involved in making the arrests, authorities said. One agent was shot while serving warrants, and he is hospitalized with injuries that are not life-threatening, authorities said. A 2-year investigation, called Operation Delta Blues, focused on public corruption, cocaine, crack cocaine trafficking, and money laundering in the Helena-West Helena and Marianna, Arkansas, areas, authorities said. Investigators used 16 court-authorized wiretaps in their investigation, officials said.  
Source: [http://www.cnn.com/2011/10/11/justice/arkansas-drug-trafficking/index.html?hpt=us\\_c2](http://www.cnn.com/2011/10/11/justice/arkansas-drug-trafficking/index.html?hpt=us_c2)

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## **Information Technology Sector**

42. *October 12, H Security* – (International) **New large-scale attack on Sony's online services.** Sony's online services were the target of another large-scale attack between October 7 and 10. In a press release, the Japanese electronics corporation said that attackers made multiple attempts to intrude into users' Sony online service accounts. Apparently, the attacks targeted the Playstation Network (PSN), the Sony

Entertainment Network (SEN), and Sony Online Entertainment (SOE). Sony said that around 93,000 accounts were compromised and have temporarily been locked. Sony added that e-mail notifications will be sent to the affected account holders, and that secure password resets will be required to reactivate the accounts. However, Sony confirmed credit card details are not at risk, and that only a small fraction of the compromised accounts showed additional activity prior to being locked. First investigation results indicated the attacks involved password information that was obtained from other compromised lists. During the attacks, criminals apparently attempted to access legitimate accounts by trying out long lists of log-in IDs and passwords.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/New-large-scale-attack-on-Sony-s-online-services-1359709.html>

43. *October 11, Network World* – (International) **Cellphones will become a way to attack otherwise protected devices: report.** Mobile phones will become an increasing menace to network security that could drop malware onto protected devices when they dock to sync or plug into USB ports to charge, security experts said in a Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech) report October 11. Compromised phones will infect computers they may plug into for otherwise legitimate reasons, much the same way malware such as Stuxnet found its way onto laptops via thumb drives, according to the ‘Emerging Cyber Threats Report 2012’ released at the Georgia Tech Cyber Security Summit 2011’. The report warned problems may arise from the differences between laptop browsers and those used on phones. The latter display address bars fleetingly, leaving little time to observe the safety status of sites being visited. Touch screens on smartphones may make users more susceptible to clicking on links that seem legitimate but mask malicious sites, which could lead to drive-by downloads of malware. Additionally, patches and updates for mobile phones are woefully infrequent, the report said. Meanwhile, the authors said bot masters will find more ways to make money off their zombie machines beyond using them as spam or DDoS engines. For example, a downloader controlled by a bot master could infect machines with reconnaissance malware that profiles the user of the machine for marketing purposes. Or the zombies could be queried for personal technical details as a way to design a long-term, stealthy attack to compromise data.

Source: [http://www.networkworld.com/news/2011/101111-georgia-tech-cellphone-security-251850.html?source=nww\\_rss](http://www.networkworld.com/news/2011/101111-georgia-tech-cellphone-security-251850.html?source=nww_rss)

44. *October 11, Ars Technica* – (International) **Researchers hack crypto on RFID smart cards used for keyless entry and transit pass.** Researchers at a German university have published a paper detailing a security exploit of the Mifare DESfire MF3ICD40, a RFID smart card widely used for secure facility access, and transit passes. The exploit, which uses an approach previously used to break other wireless crypto systems, demonstrates that even the relatively strong encryption algorithms used in ‘touchless’ smart cards can be broken with a small investment of time and equipment. The attack uses a templated ‘side-channel’ attack on the card’s crypto, an approach first described in a paper by researchers at IBM’s Watson Research Center in 2002. There are over 3 billion DESFire cards vulnerable to the exploit in circulation. The DESfire is widely used for transit passes, as well as for authentication and entry systems at thousands of

companies. And cards based on the technology have also been widely used by government agencies trying to comply with Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12, which mandates the use of smart cards for access to secure facilities and sets a government standard for smart card interoperability. The DESfire RFID integrated circuit was the first to comply with that standard, and Philips sold the DESfire cards directly to NASA and the Department of the Interior. Other companies, such as HID Global, have resold the card technology to other agencies and contractors.

Source: <http://arstechnica.com/business/news/2011/10/researchers-hack-crypto-on-rfid-smart-cards-used-for-keyless-entry-and-transit-pass.ars>

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### Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at [sos@us-cert.gov](mailto:sos@us-cert.gov) or visit their Web site: <http://www.us-cert.gov>

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

45. *October 12, Reuters* – (International) **BlackBerry outages spread to North America.** A 3-day disruption to BlackBerry services spread to North America October 12, frustrating users of the Research In Motion (RIM) devices. RIM advised clients of an outage in the Americas and said it was working to restore services as customers in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and India continued to suffer patchy e-mail and no access to browsing and messaging. RIM, which had said October 11 services had returned to normal, said later it was still working to resolve the problem. ‘The messaging and browsing delays ... were caused by a core switch failure within RIM’s infrastructure,’ it said. ‘As a result, a large backlog of data was generated and we are now working to clear that backlog and restore normal service.’ RIM did not say how long it might take. The service disruptions are the worst since an outage swept North America 2 years ago.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/10/12/blackberry-idUSL5E7LC2NP20111012>

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

46. *October 12, Tampa Bay Tribune* – (Florida) **Man charged in two stabbings at Clearwater hotel.** A man who authorities said stabbed two people late October 9 after an argument in a Clearwater, Florida hotel room has been charged with two counts of

attempted murder, the Clearwater Police Department said. The suspect was arrested October 10 by Marion County sheriff's deputies after a pursuit, Clearwater police said. The suspect got into an argument with a man and woman he was staying with at the Gulf Way Inn, officials said. He is charged with stabbing them. Each is listed in critical condition.

Source: <http://www2.tbo.com/news/breaking-news/2011/oct/11/man-charged-in-two-stabbings-at-clearwater-hotel-ar-271234/>

47. *October 12, Reuters* – (Illinois) **Chicago police arrest 21 protesters for trespassing.** Chicago police arrested 21 people protesting against economic inequality October 11 at two rallies, charging them with trespassing, a Chicago police spokesman said. The arrests came a day after thousands of people marched in downtown Chicago in protests that snarled rush-hour traffic. Those marches, organized by the 'Stand Up Chicago' coalition, appeared to target financial events in the city including a conference of the Mortgage Bankers Association. On October 11, 16 people were arrested at a protest at the Hyatt Regency in downtown where the annual conference of the Mortgage Bankers Association was underway, the Chicago police spokesman said. The people arrested at the conference were facing charges of misdemeanor trespassing, he said. Separately, five women aged 55 to 80 from the Action Now group were also arrested after they took garbage from a foreclosed home owned by Bank of America Corp. and dumped it in one of the bank's branches, the group's Web site said.  
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/10/12/usa-wallstreet-protests-chicago-idUSN1E79B00K20111012>
48. *October 11, KTAR 92.3 FM Glendale* – (Arizona) **White powder found at PetSmart HQ in Phoenix.** A haz-mat team responded to the PetSmart Headquarters in Phoenix, Arizona October 11 after white powder was found inside four envelopes. Crews evacuated the building just before 11 a.m. Employees were allowed back inside the building in the afternoon. 'We don't know what the substance is and it could be harmful to many people, so we take all the precautions necessary,' an official with Phoenix fire said. The substance is undergoing tests to determine what it is.  
Source: <http://ktar.com/category/local-news-articles/20111011/White-powder-found-at-Phoenix-pet-store/>
49. *October 10, WHDH 7 Boston* – (New Hampshire) **Arson suspected in Manchester N.H. fires.** Arson investigators in Manchester, New Hampshire are looking into a series of fires overnight October 9 into October 10 that they say may be connected. Investigators called it a 'crime of opportunity' meaning something flammable was already propped up against the places where the fires started. In all, there were six fires; four were ruled arson, and two are still under investigation. The fires seem to have several similarities: they all started in back allies around the same time while the fire department was distracted by something else. Police are not sure whether or not they are looking for one person, or a group of people, but they said they have identified some surveillance video that may answer that question.  
Source: <http://www1.whdh.com/news/articles/local/north/12005600020869/arson-suspected-in-manchester-n-h-fires/>

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

50. *October 12, Alamosa Valley Courier* – (Colorado) **Bark beetles continue to ravage national forests.** For almost 10 years, the Rio Grande National Forest in Colorado has been under siege from the spruce bark beetle, the Alamosa Valley Courier reported October 12. During that time, over 200,000 acres of Engelmann spruce have been infected. The spruce bark beetle is always present in forests, but when certain conditions prevail, like drought in early 2000, they gain the upper hand, an official with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) said. With the drought, the beetles reproduced in record numbers while the trees, weakened by lack of water, were not able to repel the beetles when they bored into the bark to lay their eggs. The USFS official said it takes about 10 years for trees to completely recover from a bad drought. It takes about 9 months after infestation for trees to ‘look dead.’ By then the eggs have hatched and moved on to greener Engelmann spruce. The devastation left behind is becoming a hazard for hikers and campers. The USFS is working to cut down the vast numbers of dead trees around campgrounds. Officials said it could take up to 100 years for the forests to naturally regenerate.

Source:

[http://www.alamosanews.com/v2\\_news\\_articles.php?heading=0&story\\_id=22253&page=72](http://www.alamosanews.com/v2_news_articles.php?heading=0&story_id=22253&page=72)

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## **Dams Sector**

51. *October 12, Towanda Daily Review* – (Pennsylvania) **Athens begins work on Chemung levee.** Athens Borough, Pennsylvania officials announced in a statement that workers made temporary repairs October 11 to a part of the Chemung River levee that was damaged during flooding in September, the Towanda Daily Review reported. Waters eroded a large portion of the levee near South Elmira Street, leaving officials concerned another rainstorm could break the levee down even further. Parts of the Susquehanna River levee, particularly near the Maple Street area, experienced similar damage. Officials have said the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has looked at both levees. Permanent repairs to the eroded levees are in the pipeline, but a projected date for those repairs has yet to be announced.

Source: <http://thedailyreview.com/news/athens-begins-work-on-chemung-levee-1.1216918>

52. *October 11, KXMB 12 Bismarck* – (North Dakota) **Bismarck City Commission approves additional levee removal.** According to KXMB 12 Bismarck, the city of Bismarck, North Dakota, plans to install a culvert under levee D to allow better drainage from snow melt. Levee F’s tie-in to the Southbay development landscape area will be removed to get that area back to normal before springtime. The city is also

removing a levee south of the Solheim school so the school can use its parking lot. The public works director said it would be best to get the levees removed before winter hit. The levee removal projects cost about \$220,000. The city will also spend another \$235,000 cleaning up the regional sandbag sites at the Cottonwood Park complex, and at the Northern Plains Commerce Center.

Source: <http://www.kxnet.com/getArticle.asp?ArticleId=854273>

53. *October 11, Kennewick Tri-City Herald* – (Washington; Oregon) **SPILL: 200 gallons of oil spilled at John Day Dam today.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reported October 11 that up to 200 gallons of oil spilled at the John Day Dam on the Columbia River about 100 miles southwest of Kennewick, Washington. The spill was discovered just after 1 p.m. coming from one of the dam's generating units, according to a press release from the Corps. Officials notified the National Response Center, Oregon and Washington environmental agencies, and the Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission. Corps maintenance crews took the generating unit out of service and stopped additional oil from entering the river. Engineers are working to determine how the spill occurred, and repair any damage to the turbine before allowing it to resume service.

Source: <http://www.bellinghamherald.com/2011/10/11/2224452/spill-200-gallons-of-oil-spilled.html>

54. *October 11, WSAW 7 Wausau* – (Wisconsin) **Leak in Wis. Rapids Dam forces Lake Nepco drawdown.** The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has ordered the Domtar Company to draw down Lake Nepco so the leaking dam that forms the lake can be inspected and repaired. The lake is an impoundment of Four Mile Creek, which flows into the Wisconsin River. The dam that creates the impoundment is located just east of County Z in Port Edwards. Seeps in the dam embankment were discovered during an inspection in mid-September. Domtar then lowered the impoundment 2 feet to take pressure off the embankment and investigate. A specific cause of the seeps has not been determined, however, and the embankment continues to leak. Engineers with the DNR Dam Safety Program issued an order October 10 requiring the impoundment to be drawn down an additional 4 feet to eliminate the possibility of dam failure, and to further evaluate the problem.

Source:

[http://www.wsaw.com/news/headlines/Leak\\_in\\_Wis\\_Rapids\\_Dam\\_Forces\\_Lake\\_Nepco\\_Drawdown\\_131537293.html?ref=293](http://www.wsaw.com/news/headlines/Leak_in_Wis_Rapids_Dam_Forces_Lake_Nepco_Drawdown_131537293.html?ref=293)

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