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- The Securities and Exchange Commission charged two Minnesota-based hedge fund managers and their firm for facilitating a multi-billion dollar Ponzi scheme operated by a Minnesota businessman. – *U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* (See item **14**)
- Six Estonian nationals were arrested and charged with running a sophisticated Internet fraud ring that infected millions of computers worldwide with a virus, and enabled the thieves to obtain $14 million in illicit fees. – *Federal Bureau of Investigation* (See item **43**)

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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. *November 10, Detroit Free Press* – (Michigan) **21,000 without power after high winds toppled power lines in metro Detroit.** About 21,000 DTE Energy customers remained without power November 10 after high winds knocked down power lines throughout Michigan. Most of the outages were scattered throughout Wayne and Oakland counties, a DTE Energy spokesman said. About 65,000 customers were without power after the winds began November 9.
Source: http://www.freep.com/article/20111110/NEWS05/111110008/21-000-without-

power-after-high-winds-toppled-power-lines-metro-Detroit?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|FRONTPAGE

2. *November 9, Associated Press* – (Wisconsin) **Thousands without power after Wis. snowfall.** Heavy snow downed power lines and left thousands of customers without power in central and northeast Wisconsin November 9. Shawano County emergency officials said about 4,000 homes may be without power for 2 to 3 days before repairs can be finished. Most of those homes are on the west side of the county. Wisconsin Public Service said 14,900 customers were without power as of 8:30 p.m. November 9. In Baraboo, Alliant Energy was working to repair damaged power lines. The National Weather Service said 4 to 8 inches of snow fell across north-central Wisconsin by November 9, with 1 to 3 inches falling from Green Bay to Appleton.
Source: http://www.wqow.com/story/16003693/thousands-without-power-after-wis-snowfall

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Chemical Industry Sector

3. *November 10, Burlington Free Press* – (Vermont) **State pays for violating pollution law.** The Vermont Department of EnviÂronmental Conservation (DEC) has adÂmitted to violating its own enviÂronmental laws by improperly storing and disposing of hazardous wastes at its environmental chemÂistry laboratory. The agency will pay an $80,000 penalty, and $30,000 toward an enÂvironmental waste fund under an agreement anÂnounced November 9 by the state attorÂney general's office. The state also agreed to come up with a plan to better manage the lab's hazardous maÂterials. The agreement is subject to court apÂproval. The DEC reported imÂproper handling of hazardous wastes that were confirmed by inspections in January. Chemicals were routinely disposed down drains and in reguÂlar trash without being identified, the consent order said. Hazardous waste was also stored without being properly labeled, the order states, and daily inspecÂtions were not being conducted. Other wastes were stored for longer than permitted, and probes and thermometers containÂing mercury were not properly stored or labeled. The Vermont assistant attorney general said the department of human resources is conducting an investigation to determine what caused the lapses to happen.
Source:
http://www.burlingtonfreepress.com/article/20111110/NEWS03/111110002/State-pays-violating-pollution-law?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|FRONTPAGE

4. *November 9, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Oregon) **Oregon pesticide vendors violated laws aimed at protecting consumers from mishandling products.** Three Oregon companies violated federal pesticide laws designed to protect consumers, according to three separate settlements with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced November 9. Nufarm Americas, Inc., Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc., and Grange Cooperative Supply Association will pay $127,000 for selling mislabeled pesticide products in Oregon. Morrow County Grain sold two Nufarm products with out-of-date labels at their facility in Wasco. It sold and

distributed broadleaf herbicides, Weedone LV6 EC and Weedar 64, with labels lacking important updates to first aid statements. Nufarm failed to provide the proper labeling to Morrow County Grains for use when repackaging products. The violations occurred from 2009 to 2010. The active ingredient in the pesticides, 2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid, can cause eye irritation and damage the kidneys, thyroid, and reproductive organs. Grange Cooperative Supply sold and distributed a pesticide marketed as another similar product at its business in Central Point. It sold and distributed a product called Super 90-440 Spray Oil and portrayed it as Super 94-440 Spray Oil. These are two different registered pesticides with different concentrations of the same active ingredient. The violations occurred in 2010. The active ingredient in these pesticides, paraffin mineral oil, can cause eye, skin, or upper respiratory tract irritation, headaches, dizziness, and respiratory distress.
Source:
http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/0e2404e981f9673485257943007e83f7?OpenDocument

5. *November 9, St. Louis Business Journal* – (Missouri) **PM Resources to pay $44,000 for not reporting toxic chemicals.** PM Resources Inc., a pharmaceutical manufacturer, will pay a $44,623 civil penalty to the United States for four violations of environmental regulations related to the public reporting of toxic chemicals at its Bridgeton, Missouri, facility, the St. Louis Business Journal reported November 9. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) found in a December 2010 inspection the firm failed to make timely reports to the agency and the state on quantities of tetracycline hydrochloride manufactured, processed, and used at the facility, according to an administrative consent agreement filed by the EPA. The agency also said PM failed to maintain documentation for quantities of ethylbenzene, tetracycline hydrochloride, and xylene that were manufactured, processed, or used in the facility during 2007.
Source: http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/news/2011/11/09/pm-resources-to-pay-44000-for-not.html

6. *November 9, KCEN 6 Temple* – (Texas) **DuPont: Trace evidence found near plant after Nov 3 aniline leak.** A statement issued by DuPont November 9 said trace amounts of aniline were found outside of the company's Beaumont, Texas, plant following a leak that happened November 3. About 26 employees were checked out on site as a precaution the day of the leak. A spokesperson for DuPont said none of the employees required additional treatment. DuPont issued a statement that said brown pinhole size spots were discovered at a nearby firm's facilities, and a church. DuPont determined the exposure was limited to an area about 800 feet from the site's fence line. The firm is cleaning its neighbor's vehicles and buildings within the 800 feet zone to remove residual material, and as a precautionary measure to minimize the risk of exposure. DuPont said a trace material in the aniline stream is 4-aminodiphenyl, which contains a health risk in the event of repeated exposure over a long period of time. There is no significant risk due to the November 3 incident because of the short-term, low level potential for exposure. DuPont indicated its aniline unit remains shut down.
Source: http://www.kcentv.com/story/16001868/dupont-trace-amounts-found-near-plant-after-leak

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

7. *November 9, Aviation Week* – (International) **Proposed rules for exports protect stealth.** The U.S. Presidential administration is proposing export control changes that would allow aircraft components to be more freely traded on the global market, while continuing to protect parts designed specifically for the military's most stealthy aircraft, Aviation Week reported November 9. The move would modify the U.S. Munitions List for what is known as "Category VIII," which covers aircraft. The change would free up generic parts, components, accessories, and attachments for export "regardless of their significance to maintaining a military advantage for the United States," according to a November 7 notice in the Federal Register. Those parts would be transferred from the State Department-managed munitions list to a list governed by the Commerce Department.
Source: http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story.jsp?id=news/asd/2011/11/09/01.xml&headline=Proposed Rules For Exports Protect Stealth&channel=defense

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Banking and Finance Sector

8. *November 10, Sunshine State News* – (Florida) **Bondi couple guilty in mortgage fraud scheme plead to cooperate.** A Tampa, Florida couple pleaded guilty to their involvement in an $8.8 million mortgage fraud scheme, the attorney general's office announced November 9. The couple were among five arrested in April for their involvement in 50 fraudulent mortgage applications involving 33 properties in Pinellas, Pasco, Hillsborough, Hernando, Osceola, Seminole, and Orange counties. In agreeing to plea before a circuit court judge in Pinellas County, the couple will cooperate against the other defendants, the attorney general's office said. In the scheme the couple pleaded to, which occurred from 2003 to 2007, false residential mortgage loan

applications and associated documents were prepared for residential mortgage loan lenders. Ultimately, the lenders approved the residential loan applications and funded 50 mortgage loan applications totaling about $8.8 million. Of the properties involved, 22 were the subject of foreclosure proceedings that resulted in more than $3 million in final judgments.
Source: http://www.sunshinestatenews.com/blog/bondi-tampa-couple-pleas-cooperate-88-million-mortgage-scheme

9. *November 10, Softpedia* – (National) **Fannie Mae employee leaks details of 1,100 individuals.** A Fannie Mae employee is suspected of selling handwritten copies of financial information belonging to 1,100 individuals, but the organization claims their database does not contain some of the information provided by the staff member, Softpedia reported November 10. In a letter sent to the attorney general's office in New Hampshire, the enterprise that is overseen by the Federal Housing Finance Agency claims that the crime was discovered sometime in October when the employee was found passing pieces of information such as names, addresses, Social Security numbers, dates of birth, and credit scores. "Based on the information we presently have available, we do not believe that this incident was the result of an electronic breach of any Fannie Mae computer system," the letter read.
Source: http://news.softpedia.com/news/Fannie-Mae-Employee-Leaks-Details-of-1-100-Individuals-233591.shtml

10. *November 10, Reuters* – (National) **Internet scam targets state securities regulators.** An organization of state securities regulators, whose goal is to protect investors from fraud, said November 9 it has been the victim of an attempted Internet scam. The North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA) told the operator of a Web site that represented the "State Securities Commission" (SSC) to cease operations and to shut the site down November 9. The site was using content from NASAA's Web site, possibly for unlawful purposes, Washington-based NASAA said in a statement. The mock site, which appeared to be offline by late November 9, is one of several fake regulator Web sites that have surfaced in recent years, said NASAA's president. There are no legitimate state securities regulatory agencies affiliated with the "State Securities Commission" or SSC Web site, the president said, who also heads Nebraska's banking and finance department.
Source: http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/11/10/investor-scam-idUSN1E7A82CB20111110

11. *November 9, Reuters* – (National) **SEC enforcement cases hit record high in 2011.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) filed a record number of cases in the last fiscal year, including those related to the financial crisis, the agency said November 9. The agency brought 735 cases in the year that ended in September, and collected $2.8 billion in sanctions, it said. In 2010, it brought 677 cases but collected $2.85 billion in penalties. The agency has been under pressure to bring more cases against financial institutions and individuals who allegedly played a role in the 2007-2009 financial crisis. The bulk of the cases for the year came in traditional areas of enforcement. It brought 146 actions against investment advisors, 112 against broker-dealers, 89 for financial fraud or disclosure violations, and 57 insider trading cases. In

the past 2 years, the SEC has restructured its enforcement division to remove a management layer and divide its lawyers into specialized units. It also set up a whistleblower bounty program and other incentives to encourage witnesses to cooperate. In its November 9 statement, the SEC credited the reorganization with allowing it to bring more cases and move matters through the agency more quickly.
Source: http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/11/09/us-sec-enforcement-idUSTRE7A86AL20111109

12. *November 9, Associated Press* – (Oregon) **Oregon man pleads guilty in $19M bank fraud scheme.** A man pleaded guilty November 9 in Oregon to carrying out a check fraud scheme that caused two banks to lose $3 million. Federal prosecutors said he pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit bank fraud. He admitted to kiting more than 500 checks in December 2008 totaling more than $18 million. The scheme involved transferring money between two or more banks to obtain credit from a bank during the time it took the checks to clear.
Source:
http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/4a91aa60593c4eafb96e035ed4fb55f2/OR--Check-Kiting-Plea/

13. *November 9, DNAinfo.com* – (New York) **'Dapper Bandit' wanted for string of bank heists.** A neatly-dressed bank robber dubbed the "Dapper Bandit" by the FBI is wanted for a string of heists across the Manhattan borough of New York City, police said November 9. The suspect has struck seven times since September in Lower Manhattan and Midtown, passing notes and in one case appearing to have a gun, according to police. The suspect first struck September 21 at a Capitol One Bank, passing the teller a note demanding money. The suspect, who is also wanted by the FBI, allegedly struck five times in October, making off with an unknown amount of money each time, police said. Then November 8, the suspect, who wears a suit, allegedly robbed an HSBC bank. On October 6, he appeared to have a gun inside his waistband during a robbery at a Capitol One Bank.
Source: http://www.dnainfo.com/20111109/midtown/dapper-bandit-wanted-for-string-of-bank-heists

14. *November 9, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (National) **SEC charges feeders to Petters Ponzi scheme.** The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) November 9 charged two Minnesota-based hedge fund managers and their firm for facilitating a multi-billion dollar Ponzi scheme operated by a Minnesota businessman. The SEC alleges the two hedge fund managers and Arrowhead Capital Management LLC invested more than $600 million in hedge fund assets with the businessman while collecting more than $42 million in fees. The pair and Arrowhead falsely assured investors and potential investors the flow of their money would be safeguarded by the operation of certain collateral accounts when the process did not exist as described. When the businessman was unable to make payments on investments held by the funds they managed, the pair and Arrowhead concealed his inability to pay by entering into secret note extensions with the businessman. This is the fourth enforcement action the SEC has brought against hedge fund managers that collectively fed billions into the Ponzi scheme. The SEC previously charged the businessman and froze the assets of an

Illinois-based hedge fund manager who was a $2 billion feeder to his scheme, charged two Florida-based fund managers who facilitated the scheme, and blocked an attempt by a Connecticut-based hedge fund manager to divert funds from scheme victims.
Source: http://www.sec.gov/news/press/2011/2011-237.htm

15. *November 9, U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission* – (Texas) **CFTC charges GID Group, Inc., Rodney and Roger Wagner with fraud and misappropriation in connection with a $5.5 million Forex Ponzi scheme.** The U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) announced November 9 the filing of a complaint in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas, against GID Group, Inc. (GID), a Texas corporation, and its agents and officers, a pair of brothers. The defendants were charged with operating a fraudulent off-exchange foreign currency (forex) Ponzi scheme in which they solicited and accepted about $5.5 million. On November 8, a federal judge entered a restraining order freezing the defendants' assets, and prohibiting the destruction of all books and records. The CFTC complaint alleges that from about February 2010 through November 2010, GID and the brothers fraudulently solicited about $5.5 million from at least 99 people for the purpose of participating in a pooled investment vehicle trading in off-exchange agreements, contracts or transactions in forex on a leveraged or margined basis. The complaint alleges that during the relevant period, only a small portion of GID customer funds were deposited into forex trading accounts held in the name of the brothers, and that these accounts sustained net losses. The complaint alleges the brothers provided actual and prospective customers with payout schedules that falsely promised returns of at least 200 percent and made explicit statements during face-to-face meetings they had successfully traded forex for 2 to 3 years and earned 6 percent per day. The complaint alleges that to conceal and perpetuate the fraud, the brothers made weekly payouts of "returns" knowing GID had obtained no profits through forex trading.
Source: http://www.cftc.gov/PressRoom/PressReleases/pr6137-11

16. *November 9, threatpost* – (International) **Computershare says no customer data exposed in breach.** The investor services company Computershare told threatpost November 9 that an investigation has determined data stolen by a rogue employee did not contain shareholder data. However, the company still has not retrieved two USB drives containing company e-mail and documents that outline some of Computershare's closely held business plans. The statement came in response to a threatpost report November 8 concerning an ongoing legal effort by the Australia-based firm to retrieve thousands of stolen, confidential documents from a former employee of the company's Canton, Massachusetts office. Computershare had warned in its complaint that data on "millions of shareholders" could potentially be at risk. In an e-mail statement to threatpost, a Computershare senior marketing manager said that, since filing an amended complaint against the former employee in March, the company has completed an internal investigation that found no client or shareholder data was compromised in the theft.
Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/computershare-says-no-customer-data-exposed-breach-110911

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Transportation Sector

17. *November 10, Safety.BLR.com* – (Ohio) **Heat is on for welding co. cited by DOT.** The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has fined American Welding & Tank, LLC, $3.8 million for violating hazardous material safety standards. The business was cited for manufacturing and selling unsafe nurse tanks. This is a type of cargo tank used to store and transport anhydrous ammonia, a hazardous material used in farming operations. The agency conducted a safety investigation of American Welding's Fremont, Ohio, plant following reports of safety problems with the tanks. The FMCSA discovered a clear pattern of failure to manufacture, maintain, repair, and sell the tanks according to federal standards.
Source: http://safety.blr.com/workplace-safety-news/safety-administration/OSHA-and-state-safety-compliance-enforcement/Heat-Is-on-for-Welding-Co.-Cited-by-DOT/

18. *November 10, Transportation Nation* – (New York) **NY State comptroller: Workers cheat Metro-North railroad out of millions.** Metro-North Railroad supervisors signed their own fraudulent time cards, workers were paid for travel to job sites they never went to, and day-shift employees were put on late shifts that required them to rest the next day, at full pay. In the end, a report by New York State comptroller says, 28 of 30 employees in the railroad's signal construction unit racked up more than $1.2 million in overtime and regular pay — and $5.5 million in future pension pay. The report said supervisors tried to hide the abuses, most of which involved overtime, by shifting payroll costs to unrelated projects. The report said the most common abuse was to take advantage of a federal rule that requires railroad employees to rest for 10 hours after working 12 hours, which was designed to prevent riders from being placed in the hands of fatigued motormen and other equipment operators. Auditors in the comptroller's office found supervisors assigned day workers to a 12-hour night shift, at overtime pay, that required them to rest the next day while being paid their regular wage. The report said one worker pulled the maneuver enough times that his lifetime pension benefits are $1.5 million more than they would have been based on base salary alone. The New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority said its audit department was tightening payroll controls and cooperating with an investigation by the authority's inspector general.
Source: http://transportationnation.org/2011/11/10/ny-state-comptroller-railroad-workers-cheat-metro-north-railroad-out-of-millions/

19. *November 9, Bloomberg* – (Washington; National) **TSA to help probe Burlington Northern security-lapse report.** The U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will work with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to investigate a Seattle television station's report of a security breach by Burlington Northern Santa Fe. The report said people were able to board a Burlington train carrying sulfuric acid when the railroad left a locomotive unlocked and unguarded for 6 hours. KOMO 4 Seattle cited unidentified Burlington workers who said moving such a train would be easy, and a Minnesota attorney for workers suing the company who said terrorists might take advantage of the circumstances. "We will work with the FRA to make sure these issues do not repeat," the TSA administrator said at a U.S. Senate committee

hearing in Washington D.C. November 9. The TSA will focus on examining toxic-chemical inhalation hazards that could be used by terrorists, he said. The FRA, which oversees railroads, opened the investigation "late last week" after KOMO 4 News alerted the agency to its upcoming report an agency spokeswoman said November 8. Source: http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-11-09/tsa-to-help-probe-burlington-northern-s-reported-security-lapse.html

20. *November 9, WJXT 4 Jacksonville* – (Florida) **5 hurt in big rig crash that damaged SR 9A.** Rescuers said five people were hurt in a head-on crash of a tractor-trailer and a Duval County School District vehicle on State Road 9A at St. Johns Bluff Road in Jacksonville, Florida, November 9 that caused damage to the overpass. One victim, a maintenance man for the school district, was flown to Shands Jacksonville Medical Center with critical injuries. Three other victims were taken to hospitals with minor injuries. According to the Florida Highway Patrol, it appears a tire blew on a semi hauling a trailer full of beer northbound about 8:30 a.m., causing the driver to lose control and the big rig to hit a guardrail, enter the oncoming lane, hit the school truck and three other vehicles. The big rig then overturned and hit the side of the overpass, leaving a crack in the barrier wall. Two cars struck the trailer and a fifth car swerved to avoid the crash and struck the guardrail. Some crash debris landed on the road below. Officials reopened the northbound lanes about 11:15 a.m., but southbound traffic remained detoured for about 7 hours while Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) inspectors evaluated damage and workers cleared the crash. The southbound lanes reopened just after 3:30 p.m. FDOT officials said inspectors determined there was no significant damage to the main infrastructure of the load-bearing part of the overpass, but there was damage to the riding surface and the concrete overpass, which will be repaired at a later date. The road was deemed safe for travel.
Source: http://www.news4jax.com/news/5-hurt-in-big-rig-crash-that-may-have-damaged-SR-9A/-/475880/4702722/-/12plo6a/-/

21. *November 9, Craig Daily Press* – (Colorado) **Locomotive catches fire while pulling cargo train through Steamboat.** A locomotive engine caught fire November 9 while chugging west through Steamboat Springs, Colorado. The blaze was put out by Steamboat Springs Fire Rescue (SSFR) a short time after an onlooker first reported the visible flames. The SSFR chief said the Union Pacific train was being pulled toward Craig by three locomotive engines when the diesel generator in the middle one caught fire at about 8 a.m. The SSFR, Routt County Communications, and Union Pacific worked together to identify a location west of Steamboat city limits where the train could safely stop. The train arrived at the Duckel's crossing at 8:23 a.m. Firefighters were on scene by 8:30 a.m. and used fire extinguishers to knock back the flames so they could gain access to the engine compartment and finish off the fire with a hose. The chief said Union Pacific disabled that locomotive and continued the cargo train to Craig later that morning using the two functional locomotives. The railroad tracks were shut down until the train was able to continue west. Because some of the cargo train's cars were transporting fertilizer, he said it was important to get the train outside of the city and to make sure no diesel came in contact with the fertilizer.
Source: http://www.craigdailypress.com/news/2011/nov/09/locomotive-catches-fire-while-pulling-cargo-train-/

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Nothing to report

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Agriculture and Food Sector

22. *November 10, Food Safety News* – (National) **170 sick from Salmonella-tainted chicken livers.** Since February 2011, kosher broiled chicken livers have sickened at least 170 people in 5 states with Salmonella Heidelberg, according to state and local health departments, Food Safety News reported November 10. In connection with the outbreak, Schreiber Processing Corporation of Maspeth, New York, announced a recall of its MealMart brand chicken livers November 8. The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services said November 9 it identified 64 cases of Salmonella infection linked to the kosher broiled chicken livers. The New York State Department of Health said 33 upstate outbreak cases had been reported, while the New York City Department of Health said it had identified 56 cases related to the outbreak. Maryland health officials have received reports of nine cases, and Pennsylvania has confirmed seven outbreak cases, CIDRAP News reported. Minnesota was the fifth state with an outbreak case, according to the New York City health department. At least 17 people have been hospitalized. The recall notice said the suspect chicken livers were distributed to retail stores and institutional users in Maryland, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Florida, Ohio, and Rhode Island.
Source: http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/11/153-sick-in-new-york-new-jersey-from-chicken-livers/

23. *November 10, Food Safety News* – (International) **FDA expands frozen oyster recall.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) expanded a frozen oyster warning to include additional products from Korea that have been linked to three norovirus cases in Washington state, Food Safety News reported November 10. In a November 4 release, the FDA notified the public of the recall of one lot of quick frozen oyster meat packed by Central Fisheries Co. Ltd. The additional recalled lots, announced November 9, include breaded frozen shucked oysters. An additional company in Korea, Daihung Mulsan, Inc., has also been identified as a distributor/exporter of harvested product from the area in question during the period of February 23 to March 16. Direct importation of the product was limited to distributors in California, New Jersey, and Maryland. Specific brands involved in the expanded recall, as well as any additional distribution points in the United States, have not yet been confirmed.
Source: http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/11/fda-expands-frozen-oyster-recall/

24. *November 10, Food Safety News* – (National) **Bean soup, olives recalled over botulism fears.** United Natural Foods is recalling certain types of FoodMatch Divina stuffed olives and Tabatchnick Yankee Bean Soup, because they have the potential to

be contaminated with Clostridium botulinum, a bacterium which can cause life-threatening illness or death, Food Safety News reported November 10. In the recall notice, the company said the items were recalled due to a lack of temperature control during the distribution process. The recalled items were distributed in nine states.
Source: http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/11/olives-bean-soup-recalled-due-to-botulism-fears/

25. *November 10, WNCT 9 Greenville* – (North Carolina) **State officials pinpoint source of E. coli outbreak at N.C. State Fair.** North Carolina officials said a recent E. coli outbreak linked to the state fair likely came from a building that housed livestock, WNCT 9 Greenville reported November 10. The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services said E. coli infections came from the Kelley Building at the state fairgrounds. Offcials said this is a permanent structure that houses sheep, goats, and pigs. It also was the site of livestock shows during the fair. Officials also said this was the only place linked to the E. coli infections. State experts said the illness was most likely related to animal contact, though no specific type of animal was named by officials.
Source: http://www2.wnct.com/news/2011/oct/27/19/nine-sickened-nc-e-coli-ar-1545463/

26. *November 9, Redwood Times* – (California) **Mussel quarantine lifted along areas of California coast.** The California Department of Public Health announced the statewide annual quarantine on mussels taken by sport harvesters from California's ocean waters ended at midnight October 31, the Redwood Times reported November 9. Sampling of mussels has confirmed shellfish-borne paralytic shellfish poisoning toxins and domoic acid are at safe or undetectable levels with the exception of the northern Channel Islands region (Anacapa, Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa, and San Miguel Islands). The health advisory will remain in effect for mussels and other bivalve shellfish in that region. Also included in the continuing health advisory is the viscera or internal organs of small finfish and crustaceans such as lobster and crab in the northern Channel Island region, and the coastline of Santa Barbara County.
Source: http://www.redwoodtimes.com/health/ci_19299555

27. *November 9, Rapid City Journal* – (South Dakota) **State quarantines cattle herd for bovine tuberculosis.** An infected South Dakota cattle herd was under quarantine for bovine tuberculosis, the Rapid City Journal reported November 9. State animal health officials confirmed a Hutchinson County herd was infected, and an investigation is underway to determine whether other herds were affected, according to a news release from the South Dakota Animal Industry Board. Testing will continue on herds associated with the affected herd, and there was no threat to food safety, according to officials.
Source: http://rapidcityjournal.com/news/state-quarantines-cattle-herd-for-bovine-tuberculosis/article_d6491c68-0aff-11e1-a4d8-001cc4c002e0.html

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Water Sector

28. *November 9, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **La. company pleads guilty to illegally discharging oily wastewater into Harvey Canal.** Oakmont Environmental Inc. of Harvey, Louisiana is facing a $500,000 fine following its guilty plea November 9 to violating the Clean Water Act by dumping 1 million gallons of wastewater into the Harvey Canal. A 62-year-old Amite resident who was the operator of the company's waste treatment facility, also pleaded guilty to a related charge. Federal prosecutors said Oakmont had a permit to discharge wastewater into a Jefferson Parish sewerage treatment plant after it had been pretreated, but the company allegedly discharged the wastewater directly into the canal without separating the oil from the water. Prosecutors said 1.2 million gallons of oily wastewater was discharged into the canal between September 2007 and March 2008.
Source:
http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/dca353386e01460ea6a0da8c41a61f71/LA--Pollution-Plea/

29. *November 9, WLFI 18 West Lafayette* – (Indiana) **Experts have theory on tower collapse.** Engineers are stumped and have no answers as to why Goodland, Indiana's 300,000-gallon water tower crumbled to the ground November 7. After investigating the damage November 8, they do not believe corrosion or rust are to blame. Goodland's town council president said the theory is the northeast leg of the tower may have weakened first, causing the riser supporting the middle of the tower to fall the opposite way, and after that, the tower probably collapsed straight down. The town plans to hire a structural engineering firm to get answers. The tower was insured, but the water damaged many homes and garages. The town council president said the town will have to relocate its new water tower, which could cost Goodland more money. Officials expect a new tower to be built by the middle of 2012.
Source: http://www.wlfi.com/dpp/news/local/engineer-explains-collapsed-water-tower

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

30. *November 9, Easley Patch* – (South Carolina) **Confidential patient information found on hard drive.** A man who fixes computers as a hobby discovered a used computer hard drive that contained several detailed clinical assessments for patients referred to Behavioral Health Services of Pickens County (BHSPC), South Carolina, and a monthly monitoring list of about 200 patient referrals from the Pickens County Department of Social Services. Officials at Behavioral Health Services of Pickens County are trying to figure out exactly how a computer hard drive with confidential patient data made it outside the facility. The man who acquired the hard drive purchases parts from auctions, sales, and thrift stores, or trades for parts with friends who are also computer hobbyists. One of the parts he recently traded included a 160

GB Seagate computer hard drive formerly installed on a Dell desktop computer. This drive contained confidential patient information from BHSPC. "There's information on this drive that is of an extremely personal nature," the man said. "Pending litigations, there's histories of people's drug problems, emotional problems." There is also a list of patients who had been referred to BHPCS from the department of social services. BHSPC also receives client referrals from the South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services, where several of the clients on the hard drive had been referred from.
Source: http://easley.patch.com/articles/patient-information-found-on-hard-drive

31. *November 9, Associated Press* – (New York) **NYC hospital fire forces evacuation of 250 people.** A fire in the basement of Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx, New York, forced hospital workers to evacuate 250 patients November 9. Firefighters quickly brought the blaze under control. The fire broke out in a generator room, the hospital said. Workers evacuated two emergency rooms and two intensive care units. Evacuated patients were redistributed to other parts of the hospital while workers tried to clear the remaining smoke. Nurses wheeled at least a dozen beds into the street, said a pharmacist at a drug store across the street. Smoke was coming out of the side of the building. About 100 firefighters responded to the fire, along with several police cars. Firefighters were investigating the cause of the blaze.
Source: http://washingtonexaminer.com/news/2011/11/fire-nyc-hospital-basement-under-control

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Government Facilities Sector

32. *November 10, FoxNews.com* – (Pennsylvania) **Riots erupt at Penn State after legendary coach Paterno fired.** Violence erupted on the campus of Penn State in Pennsylvania, November 9 after the university's board of trustees ousted its legendary football coach and university president in the wake of a widening child sex abuse scandal. Riot police were deployed in State College, Pennsylvania, November 9 as thousands of Penn State supporters vented their anger at the firing of the head football coach and the university president over the school's handling of child sex abuse allegations against a former coaching assistant. At around 12:20 a.m. November 10, the university issued an official police dispersal order through Facebook, warning students to vacate downtown State College immediately. It came after several violent scenes in which protesters flipped over a media van and destroyed other property. About 2,000 people gathered at Old Main and moved to an area called Beaver Canyon, a street ringed by student apartments that were used in past riots to pelt police, Fox affiliate WTXF 29 Philadelphia reported. The disorder escalated after the school's board of trustees held an emergency meeting November 9 and later announced they had dismissed the coach, the longest-tenured coach in major-college football, and the president, the school's president for the past 16 years.

Source: http://www.foxnews.com/us/2011/11/10/penn-state-students-flood-streets-after-firing-paterno/

33. *November 10, Sunbury Daily Item* – (Pennsylvania) **Chemical spill clears the Line Mountain High School.** Classes resumed November 10 at Line Mountain Junior-Senior High School in Mandata, Pennsylvania, following a November 9 evacuation after a glass container of hydrochloric acid broke, spilling in the chemistry lab. The spilled acid burned the teacher and sent about 600 students and 60 faculty members outdoors to the football stadium. Hazardous material responders finished cleanup at about 3 p.m. November 9, said the Line Mountain superintendent. Northridge Group Inc., an environmental cleanup and consulting business, came in afterward for another check to be sure no hazards existed. The superintendent said the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, which also responded to the incident, advised him to get an independent source to confirm all hazards were gone.
Source: http://dailyitem.com/0100_news/x272686260/Spill-clears-school

34. *November 10, The Register* – (International) **City IT manager accused of brazenly stealing mayor's email.** A former IT manager for the city of Hoboken, New Jersey, was arrested November 9 on charges he intercepted e-mails sent to and from its sitting mayor and other top city officials, and forwarded them to others. The IT manager, from Hoboken, used an automated script to access every e-mail sent to or received by the mayor of New Jersey and the two high-ranking officials, federal prosecutors alleged in a criminal complaint filed in federal court in Newark. He then saved the e-mails to an archive folder on his official city computer and forwarded them to at least three unidentified individuals. As the chief information technology officer for the mayor's office, he had administrative access to every e-mail account in the office, prosecutors said. He used those privileges to spy on the mayor, who took office in 2009 after the city's previous mayor was arrested on federal corruption charges. In April, city officials grew suspicious the contents of their e-mail correspondences with the mayor were being leaked to outside parties, the complaint said. The IT manager's archive folder was discovered after the mayor hired an outside security consultant to audit the computers in her office.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/11/10/it_manager_charges/

35. *November 9, CNN* – (Tennessee) **Instructor hurt in explosion in school lab.** Firefighters were trying to confirm what chemicals were involved in an explosion November 9 at the campus of Southwest Tennessee Community College in Memphis, Tennessee. "Twelve students were in the classroom. The instructor was injured, suffered cuts to the face, upper body and arms. He was transported to the hospital," said a lieutenant from the Memphis Fire Department. "Three students are being evaluated because of respiratory concerns." The other students were under observation, he added. A Southwest Tennessee Community College spokesman released a statement describing a fiery mushroom from the explosion, and saying the cause was thought to be a chemical mixture of phosphoric acid and 2-methylcyclohexanol. Emergency responders were told 18 milliliters "of chemicals or product" were being heated in a container. The building was evacuated when emergency units arrived on the scene, he

said.
Source: http://www.cnn.com/2011/11/09/us/tenneessee-school-expolosion/

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Emergency Services Sector

36. *November 10, CNN* – (National) **First nationwide Emergency Alert System test hits glitches.** Problems were reported across the country during the first-ever nationwide test November 9 of the Emergency Alert System, designed to allow the president to address the American people during a national emergency. Some television and radio stations did not air the planned 30-second test at all. Some that aired it stayed with the signal longer than others. There were anecdotal reports of TV stations failing to air the message in Washington D.C., Atlanta, New York, California, and elsewhere. The message did not air on a cable channel being monitored in a Capitol Hill office and in the Capitol's radio and TV gallery. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), which ordered the test, stressed it was designed to find flaws, and scoffed at reports the system had failed. By late November 9, a FCC official said about one-third of the test participants had filed preliminary reports, and those showed that 80 to 90 percent of the stations received the alert, and were able to rebroadcast it, which was the major criteria of the test. The official called the failure rate of more than 10 percent "not insignificant," but said identifying problems "is why we have the test." Stations must report the results to the FCC within 45 days. The FCC said it will not release specific test data to the public because broadcasters worry that potentially embarrassing results could discourage participation in future tests, and test data could reveal security vulnerabilities.
Source: http://www.cnn.com/2011/11/09/us/emergency-alert-test/index.html?hpt=hp_t3

37. *November 10, WPIX 11 New York City* – (New York) **Nurse, security guard shot In Bronx hospital waiting room.** A hospital nurse and a security guard are recovering from gunshot wounds after being injured in a hail of gunfire inside Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center in the Mount Eden section of the Bronx, New York, November 9. The New York City Police Department said an argument between two men escalated to a fight in the waiting room. One of the men ran outside, apparently to retrieve a weapon, then came back inside, firing wildly. Police said the bullets ricocheted off the ceiling. A 42-year-old male security guard was shot in the groin. A 37-year-old male nurse was shot in the shoulder. Both were listed in stable condition and were expected to be released from the hospital. The gunman ran from the waiting room but was followed by EMS workers who were able to record his license number. Police were able to track down the car and take the suspect into custody about 2 blocks away from the shooting scene.
Source: http://www.wpix.com/news/wpix-bronx-hospital-emergency-room-shooting,0,5266436.story

38. *November 9, Government Technology* – (California) **Lancaster, Calif., approves aerial surveillance system.** Police in Lancaster, California, will be taking to the sky to help keep the city and its residents safer. The Lancaster City Council approved November 8, a proposal to add an aerial law enforcement surveillance system to its crime-fighting toolbox. Called the Law Enforcement Aerial Platform System (LEAPS), the video technology sits on a small plane and can follow a suspect or target from 1,000 to 3,000 feet above the ground. LEAPS uses visible and infrared imagery for tracking. City officials said that at the closest level of surveillance, its new "eye in the sky" can identify the color of a person's clothing, but facial details and license plate numbers will not be visible. Lancaster is joining a growing number of U.S. cities — big and small — whose law enforcement is taking to the skies with blimps, drones, and other flying craft for crime-fighting purposes. The Lancaster Sheriff's Station will have full control over the new system, including the data recorded, which will be encrypted and transmitted directly to the sheriff's station without being viewed by the surveillance plane's pilot or the city. The recorded footage will not be stored in the aircraft, according to a statement by the city. As per the agreement between Lancaster and Aero View, the vendor would operate the plane and provide abpit 10 hours of aerial surveillance per day, at times determined by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. According to the agreement, the first LEAPS model will be deployed in the city by spring 2012.
Source: http://www.govtech.com/public-safety/Lancaster-Calif-Approves-Aerial-Surveillance-System.html

39. *November 9, KDRV 12 Medford* – (Oregon) **Douglas County reports telephone outage, affecting 911.** The Douglas County, Oregon, 911 center has been notified of a telephone outage affecting 911 service in the area of Clarks Branch in Myrtle Creek. The Douglas County Sheriff's Office reports citizens in the affected area were not able to dial 911 from their land line telephone. They will be able to reach 911 on a cellular phone if necessary. Additionally, if a citizen needed to contact 911 they could go to the Myrtle Creek Police Department or the Winston Police Department.
Source: http://kdrv.com/page/230112

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Information Technology Sector

40. *November 10, IDG News Service* – (International) **Open-source toolkit finds Duqu infections.** The lab credited with discovering the Duqu malware built an open-source toolkit administrators can use to see whether their networks are infected. The Duqu Detector Toolkit v1.01 looks for suspicious files left by Duqu. The Laboratory of Cryptography and System Security (CrySys), part of Budapest University of Technology and Economics based in Hungary, wrote in its release notes that the toolkit, which is composed of four components, looks for strange files that mark an infection. CrySys said the toolkit should detect a real, active Duqu infection, but it is possible to get a false positive, so it cautioned that administrators would need to analyze the

results. Forensic stand-alone tools such as the one CrySys developed are important since it will give Duqu victims a better image of how they were attacked, said the director of the global research and analysis team for Kaspersky Lab. Antivirus software does not give the same insight and focuses instead on detecting and blocking an attack.
Source:
http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9221702/Open_source_toolkit_finds_Duqu_infections

41. *November 9, The Register* – (International) **Duqu spawned by 'well-funded team of competent coders'.** The Duqu malware that targeted industrial manufacturers around the world contains so many advanced features it could only have been developed by a team of highly skilled programmers who worked full time, according an analysis by NSS researchers. The features include steganographic processes that encrypt stolen data and embed it into image files before sending it to attacker-controlled servers, the analysis found. Using a custom protocol to hide the proprietary information inside the innocuous-looking file, before it is sent to command and control servers, is a centuries-old technique used to conceal the exchange of sensitive communications. Duqu is also the world's first known modular plug-in rootkit, the researchers said. That allows the attackers to add or remove functionality and change command and control servers quickly with little effort. The conclusion the researchers draw from their analysis is Duqu is the product of well organized team of highly motivated developers. The modular design means there is a potentially large number of components that have yet to be discovered.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/11/09/duqu_analysis/

42. *November 9, The Register* – (International) **Microsoft releases fix for Applocker bypass flaw.** Microsoft released a temporary fix for a flaw in its latest operating systems that allows untrusted users to bypass security measures preventing them from running unauthorized applications. AppLocker allows administrators to restrict the applications that can be run on computers running Windows 7 and Windows Server 2008. However, end users can override the restrictions by invoking a variety of automated script features, including macros in Microsoft Office. Programming flags such as SANDBOX_INERT and LOAD_IGNORE_CODE_AUTHZ_LEVEL could even allow malware stashed in temporary folders to be executed. Microsoft published a hotfix to correct the flaw November 9. "This hotfix might receive additional testing," Microsoft's advisory stated. "Therefore, if you are not severely affected by this problem, we recommend that you wait for the next software update that contains this hotfix." The advisory did not say when that update would be released.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/11/09/microsoft_applocker_bypass_fix/

43. *November 9, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (International) **Operation Ghost Click: International cyber ring that infected millions of computers dismantled.** Six Estonian nationals were arrested and charged with running a sophisticated Internet fraud ring that infected millions of computers worldwide with a virus and enabled the thieves to manipulate the multi-billion-dollar Internet advertising industry. Users of infected machines were unaware their computers had been compromised — or that the malicious software rendered their machines vulnerable to a host of other viruses.

Details of the 2-year FBI investigation called Operation Ghost Click were announced November 9 in New York when a federal indictment was unsealed. Officials also described their efforts to make sure infected users' Internet access would not be disrupted as a result of the operation. Beginning in 2007, the cyber ring used a class of malware called DNSChanger to infect about 4 million computers in more than 100 countries. There were about 500,000 infections in the United States, including computers belonging to individuals, businesses, and government agencies such as NASA. The thieves were able to manipulate Internet advertising to generate at least $14 million in illicit fees. In some cases, the malware had the additional effect of preventing users' anti-virus software and operating systems from updating, thereby exposing infected machines to even more malicious software.
Source:
http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2011/november/malware_110911/malware_110911

44. *November 9, Softpedia* – (International) **Unknown malware represents a constant threat to organizations.** Researchers revealed many previously unidentified pieces of malware are constantly targeting enterprise networks. Palo Alto Network security experts conducted a study in which they used their WildFire malware analysis engine to show how hundreds of samples that are undetected by most security solution vendors can affect the integrity of the company's infrastructures. The numbers reveal that during a 3-month period, in which enterprise networks were analyzed, more than 700 malicious elements attacked their networks from the Internet, more than half of which were not detected by any commercial product. About 15 percent of the newly identified malware generated traffic between the victim devices and command and control servers that were probably controlled by hackers. The research also found zero-day malware was not only distributed by Web browsing or e-mail traffic, but also by other Web applications. Another result refers to how phishing has improved lately. It appears Web-based file hosting and Web-mail applications are used by cyber criminals to serve malicious software.
Source: http://news.softpedia.com/news/Unknown-Malware-Represents-a-Constant-Threat-to-Organizations-233370.shtml

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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

45. *November 9, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **Verizon Internet outage actually affected 22,000 customers in Maryland, PLUS 22,000 Baltimore city employees.** On

November 9, Verizon revised upward the number affected by an Internet outage early the week of November 7 to 22,000 customers, including residential, commercial, and government, according to a company spokeswoman. On November 8, Verizon gave an initial report that about 5,000 customers had been affected from November 6 to November 7, from the Baltimore metro area to parts of Montgomery County. The cause: a faulty router. The morning of November 9, a Verizon spokeswoman e-mailed the Baltimore Sun the revised number when asked about outages for Baltimore City employees. Baltimore's chief information officer said in a Facebook comment at the Baltimore Tech Page that 22,000 Baltimore city government customers were affected, and the city had to work with Verizon to design workarounds.
Source:
http://weblogs.baltimoresun.com/news/technology/2011/11/verizon_internet_outage_actual.html

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Commercial Facilities Sector

46. *November 10, KTLA 5 Los Angeles* – (California) **Fire rips through Brentwood townhouse complex.** A fire ripped through a townhouse complex under construction in Brentwood section of Los Angeles, November 10, prompting the evacuation of a nearby apartment building. The fire burned through the exposed wood planks and beams, but about 100 firefighters were able to get a handle on it quickly. A nearby apartment building was evacuated as a precaution, temporarily displacing about 90 residents.
Source: http://www.ktla.com/news/landing/ktla-brentwood-apartment-fire,0,2381645.story?track=rss

47. *November 10, Husker Extra* – (Nebraska) **Osborne: Extra security planned at Penn State.** The University of Nebraska's athletic director issued a statement November 10, responding to fans concerned about the safety of Huskers' players, fans and school officials at November 12's football game at Penn State. "We have visited with Penn State security and we understand they are enhancing their security efforts for November 10's game and are taking extra precautions to ensure that all players, coaches and fans are treated in a respectful way," he said. "We also appreciate that there is a student-led effort at Penn State to respectfully welcome Nebraska fans to Beaver Stadium and into the Big Ten Conference." Earlier November 10, a University of Nebraska regent said he feared for the safety of the Huskers' traveling party and fans, and asked for assurances a security plan is in place to protect them for the game at the Penn State campus. The regent of Lincoln said he began worrying about safety while watching televised coverage of the scene in State College, Pennslyvania, after the coach's firing November 9. The Penn State police chief wrote in an e-mail to the Associated Press November 10 that his force is "taking extra precautions and has added additional resources for the game."

Source: http://huskerextra.com/sports/football/article_288d2fc6-97df-5bfb-bee3-500674766eb4.html

48. *November 9, KTUL 8 Tulsa* – (Oklahoma) **Teen arrested after possible explosives found.** A 17-year-old boy has been arrested after police said they discovered explosive devices at a Coweta, Oklahoma apartment complex November 9. The Oklahoma Highway Patrol's (OHP) bomb squad was called to the Garden Walk apartments where three explosive devices were found. Two of the devices were found by complex maintenance crews. While waiting for the OHP, police evacuated most of the surrounding buildings for several hours. When OHP arrived, they put their robots into action and disposed of two of the devices. Residents were allowed back in their apartments until police found a third suspicious device. Residents were evacuated again, and the third device was disposed of.
Source: http://www.ktul.com/story/16002504/teen-arrested-after-pipe-bombs-found-at-coweta-apartment

49. *November 9, Mentor Patch* – (Ohio) **Police: Man arrested for setting off explosive on apartment balcony.** A Mentor, Ohio man was accused of setting off an explosive in his apartment complex November 9. When officers searched his property, they found a pipe bomb and the ingredients to make other explosives, according to police. Mentor police initially received a call about a loud explosion at Queensdale Apartments. The explosion did not damage any property or hurt anyone, but it did create a lot of smoke. When officers arrived, they met the suspect who admitted to causing the explosion by igniting aluminum powder and potassium perchlorate inside a plastic container on the balcony of his apartment, a Mentor police official said. When police searched the suspect's apartment and his car, they found a pipe bomb in his trunk, and more materials used to make explosives. He was arrested and charged with unlawful possession of a dangerous ordnance, and illegal manufacturing of an explosive.
Source: http://mentor.patch.com/articles/police-man-arrested-for-setting-off-explosive-on-apartment-balcony

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

50. *November 10, WRC 4 District of Columbia* – (Washington, D.C.) **Engineers set to rappel Washington Monument again.** Engineers who rappelled down the Washington Monument in Washington D.C. searching for earthquake damage in September climbed back up the monument November 10. They made their return to set up ropes and equipment for weatherization work scheduled for the week of November 14. That will entail spending 5 days filling marble cracks with a temporary sealant so rain and snow do not seep into the monument. The superintendent of the National Mall and Memorial Parks said this needs to happen until more permanent repairs can be made.

Source: http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/Engineers-Set-to-Climb-Back-Up-the-Washington-Monument-133583163.html

51. *November 9, East County Magazine* – (California) **Cedar Creek Falls wiil stay closed until April, Forest Service announces.** Cedar Creek Falls in California, which has been closed to the public since a fatal accident in July, will remain closed until at least April 1, 2012, delaying the planned November 8 reopening, the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) announced. "The Cedar Creek Falls trailhead, trail, and falls will remain closed as the USFS is continuing to work with partner agencies and interested public groups to develop measures that provide for the safety of visitors and quality of resources base," said a public affairs officer at Cleveland National Forest. In July, a teenager died after reportedly becoming separated from a group and falling over the top of the waterfall. The USFS said it is moving forward to develop a management plan and will conduct an analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The NEPA analysis is set to be completed in March 2012. The USFS will also determine whether or not to require permits for hiking the trail in the future, as well as studying other alternatives.
Source: http://eastcountymagazine.org/node/7809

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Dams Sector

52. *November 9, WVUE 8 New Orleans* – (Louisiana) **Governor announces two storm protection projects.** The governor of Lousiana, the Lafourche parish president, and other local and state officials November 9 announced two multi-million dollar projects. The first is an $8 million levee from the Cutoff area to Pointe-Aux-Chene. The levee should protect flood-prone areas and nearly 12,700 people in northern Lafourche and eastern Terrebonne Parishes. The second project calls for a nearly $3 million renovation of the pump stations on Bayou Lafourche. The bayou provides drinking water to more than 300,000 people in Terrebonne, Lafource, and Assumption Parishes. The system failed during Hurricane Gustav, causing the bayou to fill with stagnant water. The renovations should also prevent saltwater intrusion in the bayou. Project managers hope to complete the levee in 2 to 3 years.
Source: http://www.fox8live.com/news/local/story/Governor-announces-two-storm-protection-projects/9xIYPg6Mq0adFDs1s3dPjQ.cspx

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