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Energy Sector

1. *October 1, Northern Colorado Business Report* – (Colorado) **10 Synergy wells remain shut off.** Ten Synergy Resources Corp.-owned wells returned to production after the company temporarily shut off 20 wells during severe flooding in Colorado. The company stated that the remaining 10 wells will be repaired and returned to service during the next several weeks.

Source: <http://www.ncbr.com/article/20131001/NEWS/131009988>

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Chemical Industry Sector

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

2. *October 1, Agence France-Presse* – (International) **Four tonnes of radioactive water spilled in Fukushima.** The operator of the damaged Fukushima nuclear power plant in Japan reported October 1 that four tons of contaminated rainwater spilled while workers were pumping the water into a storage tank. The level of contamination in the water was unclear, though it was thought to not be highly contaminated.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/world/2013/10/01/four-tonnes-radioactive-water-spilled-in-fukushima/>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

3. *October 2, United Press International* – (International) **Chinese company settles with U.S. Energy Department.** Chinese manufacturer Ningbo Hicon agreed to settle charges that it distributed refrigerator components that used 30 percent more energy than allowed by U.S. standards. The company will pay the U.S. Department of Energy \$1.9 million in the settlement.

Source: <http://www.upiasia.com/Top-News/2013/10/02/Chinese-company-settles-with-US-Energy-Department/UPI-93541380713852/>

4. *October 1, Detroit News* – (National) **Chrysler to recall 140,000 vehicles for electrical glitches.** Chrysler announced a recall of 91,559 model year 2014 Jeep Grand Cherokee vehicles in the U.S. due to a software issue that can cause warning lights to become illuminated and can blackout the instrument cluster.

Source:

<http://www.detroitnews.com/article/20131001/AUTO0101/310010102/1526/AUTO0101/Chrysler-recall-140-000-vehicles-electrical-glitches>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Financial Services Sector

5. *October 2, Associated Press* – (New York) **NY suing Wells Fargo in mortgage crisis settlement.** The New York Attorney General announced October 2 that the State is suing Wells Fargo to force it to comply with the terms of a 2012 national mortgage case settlement. A similar measure against Bank of America was dropped after the bank agreed to a settlement.

Source: <http://www.komonews.com/news/business/NY-suing-Wells-Fargo-in-mortgage-crisis-settlement-226141561.html>

6. *October 1, Riverside Press-Enterprise* – (California) **Man accused in \$11 million investment scheme.** Two men from Moreno Valley and Mission Viejo were arrested October 1 for their alleged role in a \$11 million boiler room scheme that purported to deal in oil and natural gas developments. A third alleged conspirator was already in custody.

Source: <http://www.pe.com/business/business-headlines/20131001-moreno-valley-man-accused-in-11-million-investment-scheme.ece>

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Transportation Systems Sector

7. *October 2, Associated Press* – (Florida) **Authorities: Man arrested at Florida airport told TSA he had bomb, but no explosives found.** The Jacksonville International Airport in Florida was evacuated and closed for about 5 hours October 1 after a man claimed to have a bomb in his backpack, which turned out to be a hoax device. In a separate incident, another man was arrested due to his suspicious behavior.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/jacksonville-international-airport-evacuated-over-suspicious-packages/2013/10/01/133fb7f8-2af7-11e3-b141-298f46539716_story.html

8. *October 2, CliffviewPilot.com* – (New Jersey) **Motorcycle, bus collide in Westwood, cyclist seriously injured.** An accident involving a bike and bus in Westwood, New Jersey injured one person and closed traffic on Old Hook Road in both directions for over 5 hours October 1.

Source: <http://cliffviewpilot.com/httpcliffviewpilot-comp99882/>

9. *October 2, KCTV 5 Kansas City* – (Missouri) **Greenwood ultralight pilot killed in Jackson County crash.** One person was killed when a privately-owned ultralight aircraft crashed in Jackson County, Missouri. The accident is under investigation. Source: <http://www.kctv5.com/story/23584214/one-person-dead-in-jackson-county-plane-crash>
10. *October 1, KDFW 4 Dallas*– (Texas) **Twenty-two arrested after DFW Airport employee parking pass theft.** Twenty-one Transportation Security Administration (TSA) employees and one American Eagle employee were arrested for stealing Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport employee parking passes from an American Eagle office in an airport terminal and selling them to other TSA employees for \$100. Source: <http://www.myfoxdfw.com/story/23582819/twenty-two-arrested>
11. *October 1, Associated Press; Arizona Republic* – (Arizona) **NTSB: Plane that crashed near Phoenix in 2011, killing 6, wasn't equipped with warning system.** A National Transportation Safety Board investigation of a plane crash November 2011 in the Superstition Mountains in Arizona revealed the plane was not equipped with a Terrain Awareness and Warning System that may have helped the pilot avoid the accident that killed 6 people. Source: <http://www.dailyjournal.net/view/story/6e535f15896242768bebd75956f8d157/AZ--Plane-Crash-NTSB-Report/>
12. *October 1, Associated Press* – (California) **4 bodies inside jet that crashed in S. Calif.** Four bodies were found inside the wreckage of a private jet that crashed at Santa Monica Airport September 29. There were no reports indicating problems before landing. Source: <http://news.yahoo.com/4-bodies-inside-jet-crashed-calif-144058568.html>
13. *October 1, Raleigh News & Observer* – (North Carolina) **Tanker truck overturns in Selma, businesses evacuated.** An overturned semi-truck carrying 8,000 gallons of ethanol on U.S. 70 in Selma, North Carolina, closed traffic between U.S. 301 and Interstate 95 for several hours and evacuated several businesses October 1. Source: <http://www.newsobserver.com/2013/10/01/3245339/tanker-truck-overturns-in-selma.html>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

14. *October 2, Santa Maria Times* – (California) **Moth quarantine area expanded.** After further detection of the light brown apple moth, an existing San Luis Obispo County quarantine was expanded, restricting the movement of certain plants, fruits, vegetables, green waste, and other materials. The California Department of Food and Agriculture is monitoring the situation.

Source: http://santamariatimes.com/news/local/moth-quarantine-area-expanded/article_98075d0e-2b30-11e3-a8b1-001a4bcf887a.html

15. *October 1, Associated Press* – (New York) **\$100K in copper wiring stolen from former NY dairy.** Police are searching suspects in connection with stealing 3,000 feet of copper wire valued at \$100,000 from the former Wendt's Dairy in Niagara Falls, New York.
Source: <http://www.leaderherald.com/page/content.detail/id/384127/-100K-in-copper-wiring-stolen-from-former-NY-dairy.html?isap=1&nav=5040>
16. *October 1, Associated Press* – (Nebraska) **Nebraska man pleads guilty to misbranding meat.** The owner of Nebraska's Finest Meats made a plea deal with federal prosecutors after pleading guilty to selling 2,600 pounds of mixed, uninspected ground beef to Omaha public schools in 2011.
Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/news/crime/article/Nebraska-man-pleads-guilty-to-misbranding-meat-4859605.php>
17. *October 1, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (National) **Recall notification report 057-2013.** Central Valley Meat Company based in Hanford, California, recalled approximately 89,720 pounds of beef intended for use by the National School Lunch Program that were distributed to several States. The product may contain small pieces of plastic that were discovered during a sample product investigation.
Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2013/rnr-057-2013>
18. *September 30, KXTV 10 Sacramento* (California) **Ex-Sacramento City Council candidate cited in large-scale chicken seizure.** Animal control officials seized 200 chickens September 30 from Franklin Market in south Sacramento, fining the owner \$20,000 for violating a city code related to animal living conditions.
Source: http://www.news10.net/news/article/259053/2/Hundreds-of-chickens-seized-from-south-Sacramento-market?hpt=ju_bn6

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

19. *October 1, WJZ 13 Baltimore*– (Maryland) **Spill sends thousands of gallons of sewage into Marley Creek.** Anne Arundel residents were warned via signs posted along Marley Creek to stay away following a pumping station failure that sent at least 50,000 gallons of sewage into the water.
Source: <http://baltimore.cbslocal.com/2013/10/01/spill-sends-thousands-of-gallons-of-sewage-into-marley-creek/>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

20. *October 1, Glen Cove Patch* – (New York) **Arrest made in rash of Nassau pharmacy burglaries.** Police arrested 3 men September 30 in connection with a series of pharmacy burglaries in the Nassau, New York, area beginning the weekend of September 21.
Source: <http://glencove.patch.com/groups/police-and-fire/p/arrest-made-in-rash-of-nassau-pharmacy-burglaries>

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Government Facilities Sector

21. *October 2, WTVR 6 Richmond* – (Virginia) **Second VCU student tests positive for tuberculosis.** Virginia Commonwealth University officials announced a second student tested positive for tuberculosis after a routine screening October 1. University officials sent a warning to students and staff the week of September 23 that they may have been exposed to the disease and are offering free screenings.
Source: http://wtvr.com/2013/10/01/second-vcu-student-tests-positive-for-tuberculosis/?hpt=us_bn8
22. *October 1, KTVT 11 Fort Worth* – (Texas) **Gas leak closes north Texas college campus.** Officials from Weatherford College in Texas evacuated and cancelled classes October 1 after a gas company digging in the area hit a line and caused a gas leak.
Source: <http://dfw.cbslocal.com/2013/10/01/gas-leak-closes-north-texas-college-campus/>
23. *October 1, Terre Haute Tribune-Star* – (Indiana) **ISU apartment fire is accidental; started from burning incense.** Forty residents were displaced after an accidental fire October 1 at Indiana State University's University Apartments in Terre Haute. All 4 floors of the south wing of Unit 4 were damaged.
Source: <http://tribstar.com/archive/x134968984/Fire-at-ISU-apartments>
24. *October 1, Holland Sentinel* – (Michigan) **Dunes at Holland State Park being leveled to protect channel wall.** Crews hired by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began work September 30 to level trees and dune grass along the channel at Holland State Park in Michigan so sand can be spread along the shore in order to remove some of the pressure from the sea wall. The project is expected to take 3 weeks and will eradicate the threat of the sea wall potentially collapsing.
Source: <http://www.hollandsentinel.com/homepage/x511631455/Dunes-at-Holland-State-Park-being-leveled-to-protect-channel-wall>

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Emergency Services Sector

25. *October 1, Omaha World-Herald* – (Nebraska) **Thieves hit Elkhorn fire station, take \$31,000 in gear.** Over \$31,000 in firefighting equipment was stolen from an Omaha fire station the week of September 23. The battalion chief stated the loss would not affect daily operations as the equipment was backup gear.
Source: <http://www.omaha.com/article/20131001/NEWS/131009868/1707>

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Information Technology Sector

26. *October 2, Softpedia* – (International) **Company hit by massive 100 Gbps DDoS attack, no amplification used.** Incapsula reported that one of their clients was hit by a 9-hour distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack that peaked at 100 Gbps, and that the attackers behind it did not use DNS amplification but instead had access to the high amount of bandwidth themselves.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Company-Hit-by-Massive-100-Gbps-DDOS-Attack-No-Amplification-Used-387862.shtml>
27. *October 2, Softpedia* – (International) **50 security issues fixed with the release of Chrome 30.** Google released the newest version of its browser, Chrome 30, fixing 50 security issues, including 10 rated high-impact.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/50-Security-Issues-Fixed-with-Release-of-Chrome-30-387754.shtml>
28. *October 1, Threatpost* – (International) **Three new attacks using IE zero-day exploit.** Researchers identified three more targeted attack campaigns leveraging an Internet Explorer zero-day exploit that was initially reported 2 weeks ago. The th3bu and Web2Crew campaigns have been noted dropping the PoisonIvy remote access trojan (RAT) while a Taidoor campaign was also observed using the zero-day to compromise systems.
Source: <http://threatpost.com/three-new-attacks-using-ie-zero-day-exploit>
29. *October 1, Threatpost* – (International) **Metasploit module released for IE zero day.** A Metasploit module for the currently unpatched Internet Explorer zero-day vulnerability was released September 30, potentially allowing the vulnerability to be exploited by more malicious actors.
Source: <http://threatpost.com/metasploit-module-released-for-ie-zero-day>
30. *October 1, SC Magazine* – (International) **Spammers forced to cough up \$3 million to Facebook.** Facebook was awarded \$3 million in damages following a 5-year case against now defunct Power Ventures and its CEO after the company was found liable for sending spam over Facebook's network that attempted to trick users into believing that its spam messages were from Facebook staff.

Source: <http://www.scmagazine.com/spammers-forced-to-cough-up-3-million-to-facebook/article/314352/>

31. *October 1, SC Magazine* – (International) **Researchers report XSS flaws to Yahoo, receive \$25 store credit as bug bounty.** A researcher found and reported two cross-site scripting (XSS) vulnerabilities on two Yahoo domains that could allow any Yahoo email account to be compromised if a logged-in user was clicked on a malicious link. Source: <http://www.scmagazine.com//researchers-report-xss-flaws-to-yahoo-receive-25-store-credit-as-bug-bounty/article/314339/>

Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@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

32. *October 1, Washington D.C. Hill* – (National) **FCC moves to fine telephone companies \$14 million.** The Federal Communications Commission brought charges October 1 against TracFone Wireless, Icon Telecom, Assist Wireless, and UTPhone for defrauding the Lifeline phone subsidy program and proposed \$14.4 million in penalties in addition to repayments of duplicative funds. Source: <http://thehill.com/blogs/hillicon-valley/technology/325779-fcc-moves-to-fine-obamaphone-companies-14-million>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

33. *October 2, WSVN 7 Fort Lauderdale*– (Florida) **Apartment fire displaces 15 families.** Broward Sheriff's Office deputies assisted in the evacuation of a Lauderdale Lakes apartment building after a fire October 1 displaced 15 families. The cause of the fire is currently unknown. Source: <http://www.wsvn.com/news/articles/local/21011834028778/apartment-fire-displaces-15-families/>
34. *October 2, Miami Herald*– (Florida) **Sewage spills continue, closing several popular water spots in North Dade.** Miami-Dade County officials closed several beaches and North Dade recreational areas after an 18-inch sewer main line ruptured and caused 250,000 gallons of raw sewage to enter storm drains and reach surface waters. The areas will remain closed until water test samples come back clean for two tests.

Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2013/10/02/3664628/sewage-spills-continue-closing.html>

35. *October 1, St Paul Pioneer Press* – (Minnesota) **After chemical spill, downtown St. Paul opening back up.** A chemical spill caused by a custodian mistakenly mixing sulfuric acid with chlorine at the St. Paul Athletic Club in St. Paul, Minnesota, closed traffic in the area for more than 3 hours October 1 and prompted the evacuation and decontamination of the building.
Source: http://www.twincities.com/stpaul/ci_24212695/downtown-st-paul-chemical-spill-forces-evacuation-athletic

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Dams Sector

36. *October 1, WTVA 9 Tupelo* – (Mississippi) **USACE warns of closings due to shutdown.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) announced USACE-operated campgrounds and day-use parks nationwide would remain closed following the partial shutdown of the federal government until the shutdown is lifted. Customers were offered full refunds for reservations and current campground user were advised they needed to vacate parks and campgrounds by the afternoon of October 2.
Source: http://www.wtva.com/news/local/story/USACE-warns-of-closings-due-to-shutdown/KNQbo231Z0yQC6_YAMxuA.csp
37. *October 1, Longmont Times-Call* – (Colorado) **Longmont puts \$33 million projects on hold to plan flood recovery.** The City of Longmont pulled \$33 million in capital improvement projects and purchases out of its 2014 budget October 1 to rework plans following the St. Vrain-Left Hand flood which left an estimated \$148.6 million in damages to the city, its infrastructure, water lines, and streets. The flood cut the city of Longmont's connections to the Button Rock Dam and the St. Vrain River which represent two-thirds of its water supply.
Source: http://www.timescall.com/longmont-local-news/ci_24219467/longmont-puts-33-million-projects-hold-plan-flood

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