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- The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found antibiotic resistant strains of Salmonella in the Foster Farms chicken that prompted the U.S. Department of Agriculture's public health alert October 7. – *Los Angeles Times* (See item [12](#))
- A former police officer was shot and killed October 9 after he opened fire at Wheeling's Federal Building in West Virginia that injured 3 federal building security guards. – *Wheeling News-Register/Wheeling Intelligencer* (See item [15](#))
- A former Rialto Unified School District accountant was arrested and charged for embezzling \$1.8 million over an eight-year period at the California school district. – *Los Angeles Times* (See item [17](#))

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

1. *October 9, Connecticut Post* – (Connecticut) **Oklahoma City bomb-making chemicals in Fairfield house.** A man was charged with 112 counts of illegal possession of explosives, 6 counts of first-degree reckless endangerment, and 1 count of the manufacture of bombs after bomb-making chemicals were found in his Greenfield Hill home.

Source: <http://www.ctpost.com/local/article/Oklahoma-City-bomb-making-chemicals-in-Fairfield-4879318.php>

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

2. *October 10, Chattanooga Times Free Press* – (National) **U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission furloughs most of its employees.** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission announced that the federal government shutdown forced it to furlough 3,600 of its 3,900 employees starting October 10. Resident inspectors at nuclear plants will remain on-duty at their assigned plants.

Source: <http://www.timesfreepress.com/news/2013/oct/10/nuclear-agency-furloughs-most-of-its-employees/>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

3. *October 10, WSPA 7 Spartanburg* – (North Carolina) **Chemical spill at NC Continental Teves plant.** The Continental Teves plant in Henderson County was evacuated for several hours October 10 after about 4,500 gallons of hydrochloric acid leaked into a safety holding area. The spill was contained to the holding area and emergency responders were on-site to begin cleanup.

Source: <http://www.wspa.com/story/23654030/crews-respond-to-early-morning-chemical-spill>

4. *October 9, Car Connection* – (National) **GM recalls 2014 Chevrolet Silverado, GMC Sierra.** GM announced the recall of 18,972 model year 2014 Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra vehicles in the U.S. due to manual front seat reclining seatbacks that may not meet federal safety requirements in the event of a rear impact.

Source: [http://www.thecarconnection.com/news/1087577\\_gm-recalls-2014-chevrolet-silverado-gmc-sierra](http://www.thecarconnection.com/news/1087577_gm-recalls-2014-chevrolet-silverado-gmc-sierra)

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Financial Services Sector**

5. *October 10, Krebs on Security* – (Florida) **Nordstrom finds cash register skimmers.** Department store Nordstrom reported that it found six skimming devices disguised as keyboard plugs on registers at a store in Aventura. Three men were seen on security cameras working as a group to distract employees while one person in the group first inspected registers and then placed the devices.  
Source: <http://krebsonsecurity.com/2013/10/nordstrom-finds-cash-register-skimmers/>
6. *October 10, Asbury Park Press* – (New Jersey) **New Jersey sues Standard & Poor's for fraud.** The State of New Jersey filed a lawsuit against Standard & Poor's for allegedly violating the State's Consumer Fraud Act by failing to disclose its personal interest in securities that it ranked.  
Source: <http://www.app.com/article/20131009/NJNEWS1002/310090062/New-Jersey-sues-Standard-Poors-fraud>
7. *October 9, Associated Press* – (Illinois) **Ex-trader pleads guilty in \$500M fraud case.** A former Chicago trader pleaded guilty October 8 to defrauding more than 70 customers of \$500 million by misappropriating their securities by using them as collateral for a loan used to buy high-risk securities for his personal benefit.  
Source: <http://www.chicagobusiness.com/article/20131009/NEWS01/131009742/-ex-trader-pleads-guilty-in-500m-fraud-case>
8. *October 9, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **'South Side Bandit' pleads guilty to five bank robberies in Newton and Wellesley.** The man known as the "South Side Bandit" pleaded guilty October 9 to robbing five banks in Wellesley and Newton in 2010.  
Source:  
[http://www.boston.com/yourtown/news/newton/2013/10/south\\_side\\_bandit\\_pleads\\_guilty\\_to\\_five\\_bank\\_robberies.html](http://www.boston.com/yourtown/news/newton/2013/10/south_side_bandit_pleads_guilty_to_five_bank_robberies.html)

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## **Transportation Systems Sector**

9. *October 10, Houston Chronicle* – (Texas) **Beltway 8 South in SW Harris Co. reopens after gas leak.** The Sam Houston Parkway near Almeda beneath an overpass of Beltway 8 South in southwest Harris County, Texas, was closed in both directions October 9 after a construction crew worker hit and ruptured an underground gas line near the roadway.  
Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Gas-leak-forces-shutdown-of-Beltway-8-in-4881541.php>
10. *October 10, Associated Press* – (Alaska) **Human error blamed for Fairbanks rail crash.** Alaska Railroad announced that an accident involving a rail train that disconnected and damaged the Spenard Builders Supply building in Fairbanks in September resulted from operator error. No one was injured and damage was estimated at less than \$100,000.  
Source: <http://www.claimsjournal.com/news/west/2013/10/10/238196.htm>

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## **Food and Agriculture Sector**

11. *October 9, United Press International* – (Minnesota) **Tainted guinea pig meat caused salmonella outbreak.** The owner of New York Plaza Produce in Minneapolis was fined after a Salmonella outbreak resulted from tainted guinea pig meat slaughtered and served at her market that sickened more than 80 people. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture is investigating.  
Source: [http://www.upi.com/Top\\_News/US/2013/10/09/Tainted-guinea-pig-meat-caused-salmonella-outbreak/UPI-95781381354313/](http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2013/10/09/Tainted-guinea-pig-meat-caused-salmonella-outbreak/UPI-95781381354313/)
12. *October 8, Los Angeles Times* – (National) **Salmonella outbreak in chicken shows resistance to antibiotics.** The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced October 8 that some Salmonella strains found in the Foster Farms chicken salmonella outbreak, which prompted a U.S. Department of Agriculture public health alert October 7, were resistant to several antibiotics and caused double the hospitalization rate of a regular Salmonella outbreak.  
Source: <http://www.latimes.com/business/money/la-fi-mo-foster-salmonella-20131008,0,4584188.story>

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## **Water and Wastewater Systems Sector**

13. *October 9, KOMO 4 Seattle* – (Washington) **Broken water main fixed in U District; cause of break unknown.** Seattle Public Utilities crews repaired a water main October 9 and announced water was safe for consumption despite the remaining discoloration

after a 16-inch water main broke October 8 and released thousands of gallons of water in Seattle's University District.

Source: <http://www.komonews.com/news/local/Broken-water-main-fixed-in-U-District-cause-of-break-unknown-227062101.html>

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## **Healthcare and Public Health Sector**

14. *October 8, Gallatin News Examiner* – (Tennessee; Kentucky) **Stolen Westmoreland clinic laptop containing personal data of thousands of patients.** Westmoreland, Tennessee-based Hope Family Health notified nearly 8,000 individuals who visited or scheduled visits to the health care center since 2005 after a laptop was stolen from a worker's Hendersonville home in August containing their personal information. The information was not encrypted but was fingerprint and password protected.

Source:

<http://www.tennessean.com/viewart/20131008/GALLATIN01/310080095/Stolen-Westmoreland-clinic-laptop-contained-personal-data-thousands-patients>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

15. *October 10, Wheeling News-Register/Wheeling Intelligencer* – (West Virginia) **Former officer had cancer, neighbor discloses.** A former police officer was shot and killed October 9 after he opened fire shooting over 20 rounds at Wheeling's Federal Building, striking and shattering several windows. Authorities are investigating the incident that left 3 federal building security guards injured.

Source: <http://www.theintelligencer.net/page/content.detail/id/590857/Gunman-Opens-Fire-On-Federal-Building.html?nav=515>

16. *October 10, WBOC 16 Salisbury* – (Maryland) **No school for Wicomico Middle Thursday & Friday.** Officials from Wicomico Middle School in Salisbury cancelled classes October 10-11 due to a power outage October 9 prompted by an electrical fire in the mechanical room.

Source: <http://www.wboc.com/story/23647900/students-evacuated-from-wicomico-middle-school>

17. *October 8, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Charges filed against woman accused of hiding school money in bra.** Authorities arrested and charged a former Rialto Unified School District accountant for embezzling \$1.8 million over an eight-year period after surveillance video showed her allegedly taking and stuffing lunch money and into her bra.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-exaccountant-charged-with-stealing-school-district-money-20131008,0,4274956.story>

18. *October 8, Associated Press* – (South Carolina) **Ex-DHHS employee pleads guilty in SC data breach.** A former South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services employee pleaded guilty October 8 in connection with a breach of data from the agency after compiling over 228,000 Medicaid patients' personal information on a spreadsheet and sending it to his private email.  
Source: <http://www.wmbfnews.com/story/23639757/ex-dhhs-employee-pleads-guilty-in-sc-data-breach>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

19. *October 9, Delmarva Daily Times* – (Virginia) **VA Shore: Man, 82, arrested on charges of embezzlement from volunteer fire company.** Authorities arrested and charged the treasurer of the Onley Volunteer Fire and Rescue Co. October 9 for embezzling funds intended for the operations of the fire station over a period of several years.  
Source: <http://www.delmarvanow.com/article/20131009/ESN01/131009005/>
20. *October 9, Gainesville Sun* – (Florida) **Mold temporarily closes county fire station at Forest Park.** An inspection uncovered mold in the ceiling area of Station No. 19 at Forest Park, prompting its evacuation and closure October 7 until repairs are completed. Firefighters moved operations so there would be no disruption in service.  
Source: <http://www.gainesville.com/article/20131009/ARTICLES/131009544?tc=ar>
21. *October 10, KENS 5 San Antonio* – (Texas) **SAPD: Stolen ambulance recovered after suspect wrecks into cruiser.** Police arrested a suspect October 9 after he crashed a stolen San Antonio Fire Department ambulance into a police cruiser and struck several other vehicles during the pursuit. The suspect stole the ambulance while emergency service personnel were treating an injured individual.  
Source: <http://www.kens5.com/news/SAPD-Stolen-ambulance-recovered-after-suspect-wrecks-into-police-cruiser-227097361.html>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

22. *October 10, Softpedia* – (International) **Bing ads lead to Sirefef malware, experts warn.** Researchers at ThreatTrack Security found that users searching for YouTube on the Bing search engine may be presented with a rogue ad that takes them to one of several malicious Web sites used to infect users with the Sirefef malware.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Bing-Ads-Lead-to-Sirefef-Malware-Experts-Warn-390139.shtml>

23. *October 9, Softpedia* – (International) **Facebook phishing site harvests credentials, distributes malware.** Symantec researchers found a Facebook phishing scheme that offers a fake app to users and harvests usernames and passwords, and also distributes the Infostealer malware.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Facebook-Phishing-Site-Harvests-Credentials-Distributes-Malware-389853.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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Nothing to report

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

24. *October 9, KHOU 11 Houston* – (Texas) **12 families displaced as fire destroys northwest Houston apartments.** Officials are investigating the cause of a fire at The Reserve at Steeplechase Apartments in Houston that destroyed at least 12 apartment units and injured one firefighter October 9.

Source: <http://www.khou.com/news/local/Flames-shoot-through-roof-of-northwest-Houston-apartment-complex-227036981.html>

25. *October 9, Associated Press* – (California) **LA church blaze injuring 3 was accidental.** Fire investigators reported October 9 that the cause of an October 8 fire that destroyed the Crouch Memorial Church of God in Christ in Los Angeles and injured three firefighters was due to a malfunctioning wall heater.

Source: <http://www.vcstar.com/news/2013/oct/09/la-church-blaze-injuring-3-was-accidental/>

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## Dams Sector

26. *October 9, WKBW 7 Buffalo* – (New York) **Restoration of historic Erie Canal locks to begin.** City of Lockport officials announced the start of a \$1.7 million project to restore historic locks as part of the original Erie Canal system. Authorities hope to

complete Phase One within 12 months which includes masonry repairs, installation of arched bridges, and restoration of railings.

Source: <http://www.wkbw.com/news/local/Restoration-of-Historic-Erie-Canal-Locks-to-Begin-227137181.html>

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