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- Police are searching for thieves responsible for breaking into an American Electric Power substation October 29, and knocking out power to thousands of schools and businesses in Moundsville, West Virginia, after they cut copper wires. – *Wheeling Intelligencer*; *Wheeling News-Register* (See item [2](#))
- Minnesota's Attorney General filed a lawsuit against Florida-based United Credit Recovery LLC for allegedly falsifying collection and legal documents in order to convince customers and courts to make payments after purchasing billions of dollars in overdraft debt from banks beginning in 2007. – *Minneapolis Star Tribune* (See item [4](#))
- The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission reported that approximately 200,000 gallons of untreated sewage spilled into Reddy Branch Creek in Montgomery County, Maryland, after a pressurized 16-inch main broke October 29. – *Washington Post* (See item [10](#))
- The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued new voluntary and comprehensive guidelines October 30 as required by a 2011 federal law to schools nationwide on how to protect children with food allergies. – *Associated Press* (See item [13](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *October 31, Associated Press* – (Kansas) **Lightning ignites oil tanks in Leavenworth County.** Officials believe lighting was the cause of an explosion after three 8,500-gallon crude oil tanks were struck October 30 in Leavenworth, causing two to explode. Firefighters cleaned up about 2,000 gallons of crude oil that spilled from the incident. Source: <http://www.kshb.com/dpp/news/state/kansas/lightning-ignites-oil-tanks-in-leavenworth-county>
2. *October 31, Wheeling Intelligencer/Wheeling News-Register* – (West Virginia) **AEP offers \$5K reward in blackout copper theft.** Police are searching for thieves responsible for breaking into an American Electric Power substation in Moundsville October 29, and knocking out power to thousands of schools and businesses after they cut copper and other metal wires. The utility is offering a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible. Source: <http://www.theintelligencer.net/page/content.detail/id/591694/AEP-Offers--5K-Reward-In-Blackout-Copper-Theft.html?nav=515>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

3. *October 31, Williamsport Sun-Gazette* – (Pennsylvania) **Fire in dust collector causes \$100,000 damage.** A fire at the High Steel Structures Inc. facility in Williamsport caused an estimated \$100,000 in damage October 30. The fire started in a dust collection system in the plant.

Source: <http://www.sungazette.com/page/content.detail/id/598795/Fire-in-dust-collector-causes--100-000-damage.html>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Financial Services Sector

4. *October 30, Minneapolis Star Tribune* – (National) **Minnesota AG sues Florida debt buyer over fake affidavits.** Minnesota's Attorney General filed a lawsuit against Florida-based United Credit Recovery LLC for allegedly cutting and pasting supposedly notarized signatures onto collection and legal documents in order to convince customers and courts to make payments, award judgments, and to increase the value of portfolios for resale. The company bought billions of dollars in overdraft debt from major national banks since 2007.

Source: <http://www.startribune.com/business/229901441.html>

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Transportation Systems Sector

5. *October 31, Baton Rouge Advocate* – (Louisiana) **Tanker spills gasoline after hitting utility pole in Ascension Parish Monday night.** An October 29 accident involving a Lavigne Logistics semi-truck carrying gasoline that hit a utility pole on Louisiana 431 leaked 1,200 gallons of gasoline into a small ditch, closed the road, and shut off electricity at the intersection of Gold Place Road and Louisiana 431 through October 29 before electricity was restored and traffic reopened.

Source: <http://theadvocate.com/news/police/7444378-123/tanker-spills-gasoline-after-hitting>

6. *October 30, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Arkansas) **Crossett, Ark., trucking company cited by US Department of Labor's OSHA for asphyxiation hazards following worker fatality.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and

Health Administration cited and proposed penalties of \$113,400 against Sherman Brothers Trucking Inc. for 11 safety and health violations for deficiencies and other workplace hazards at its Crossett, Arkansas facility after the death of one employee in April.

Source:

https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=25020

7. *October 30, WHAS 11 Louisville* – (Kentucky) **Clark Memorial Bridge now open to traffic after fatal accident.** A one-vehicle accident on the Clark Memorial Bridge in Louisville left one person dead and closed the bridge for nearly two hours October 30.

Source: <http://www.whas11.com/news/Emergency-c-229883151.html>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

8. *October 31, Wisconsin State Journal* – (Wisconsin) **United Ethanol in Milton cited by OSHA after employee death in April.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited and proposed fining United Ethanol \$140,000 for 15 health and safety violations that lead to the death of one employee in April 2012 at its Milton, Wisconsin, facility.

Source: http://host.madison.com/wsj/business/united-ethanol-in-milton-cited-by-osha-after-employee-death/article_b8a52247-cfba-50fd-ba5e-e6d560e77446.html

9. *October 30, Connecticut Post* – (Connecticut) **Inspection leads to quarantine of urban farm.** The Connecticut Department of Agriculture quarantined farm animals and banned public contact with the Bridgeport Animal Control property after inspectors allegedly found sick and poorly fed animals at the experimental farm

Source: <http://www.ctpost.com/local/article/Inspection-leads-to-quarantine-of-urban-farm-4937745.php>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

10. *October 30, Washington Post* – (Maryland) **Sewer pipe break sends untreated sewage into Montgomery Creek.** The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission reported that approximately 200,000 gallons of untreated sewage spilled into Reddy Branch Creek in Montgomery County after a pressurized 16-inch main broke October 29. To relieve pressure on the pipe during repairs, the Reddy Branch Wastewater Pumping Station was shut down.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/dr-gridlock/wp/2013/10/30/sewer-pipe-break-sends-untreated-sewage-into-montgomery-creek/>

11. *October 30, Columbus Republic* – (Indiana) **City paying to raze retired wastewater plant.** The city of Columbus, Indiana, has approved an \$834,255 demolition project

which will raze a former wastewater treatment plant and return it to nature in 2014.
Source: http://www.therepublic.com/view/local_story/City-paying-to-raze-retired-wa_1383159289

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

12. *October 30, Orlando Sentinel* – (Florida) **Tax fraud scheme reveals patient security breach.** Roughly 2,300 Orange County, Florida, health department patients were notified that their personal information was taken and used in a \$45,387 tax scheme by two former Florida Department of Health employees beginning in November 2011. Authorities arrested the two former employees and questioned a third individual linked to the crimes.

Source: <http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/breakingnews/os-orange-county-health-security-20131030,0,6208569.story>

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Government Facilities Sector

13. *October 31, Associated Press* – (National) **Feds post food allergy guidelines for schools.** The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued new voluntary and comprehensive guidelines October 30 as required by a 2011 federal law to schools nationwide on how to protect children with food allergies.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/news/medical/article/Feds-post-food-allergy-guidelines-for-schools-4939073.php>

14. *October 31, Staten Island Advance* – (New York) **Photos, video: 8 injured as school bus overturns at a Staten Island intersection.** Eight people were injured after a truck collided with a school bus in Staten Island October 30 causing the bus to overturn.

Source:

http://www.silive.com/southshore/index.ssf/2013/10/4_injured_as_school_bus_overtu.html

15. *October 31, San Jose Mercury News* – (California) **San Jose: Police investigating theft of \$70,000 of computers, iPads from school.** Police are investigating after \$70,000 worth of computers and iPads were stolen over the weekend of October 26 from River Glen School in San Jose. School officials noted that standardized testing will be delayed as a result of the theft.

Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/crime-courts/ci_24419149/san-jose-police-investigating-thefts-70-000-computers

16. *October 31, Santa Maria Times* – (California) **3 students, driver injured in Righetti school bus crash.** Three students and a bus driver were transported to an area hospital after a Righetti High School bus was rear-ended by a truck October 30 in Santa Barbara County.

Source: http://santamariatimes.com/news/local/students-driver-injured-in-righetti-school-bus-crash/article_5c892986-4171-11e3-abd3-001a4bcf887a.html

17. *October 30, Nextgov* – (International) **Researchers find a way to hack Spanish language Healthcare.gov.** The U.S. Health and Human Services Department repaired a security flaw October 30 in the Spanish language version of the national healthcare initiative Web site after software developers discovered the vulnerability could have allowed hackers to steal personal information from enrollees as they typed.
Source: <http://www.nextgov.com/cybersecurity/2013/10/researchers-find-way-hack-spanish-language-healthcaregov/72962/>
18. *October 30, Associated Press; Richmond Register* – (Kentucky) **Official: No danger from chemical weapons leak.** Officials stated that a sarin gas vapor leak from a storage igloo at the Blue Grass Army Depot in Richmond, Kentucky, posed no danger to the public and was contained within the igloo. The leaking munition was detected by a mobile monitoring lab during routine analysis of the atmosphere October 29 and will be moved to a separate igloo and monitored.
Source: <http://www.kentucky.com/2013/10/30/2902637/official-no-danger-from-chemical.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

19. *October 30, KXLH 9 Great Falls* – (Montana) **Fire at Montana State Prison being investigated.** Officials are investigating a fire at the Montana State Prison October 29 that destroyed the prison's Emergency Motor Service building rendering it a total loss.
Source: <http://www.kxlh.com/news/fire-at-montana-state-prison-being-investigated/>

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Information Technology Sector

20. *October 31, IDG News Service* – (International) **Microsoft's Windows Azure cloud hit by worldwide management interruption.** Microsoft's Windows Azure service experienced an issue with its Compute management function between October 30 and October 31 that affected users in the U.S., Europe, and Asia.
Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2013/103113-microsoft39s-windows-azure-cloud-hit-275459.html>
21. *October 31, Help Net Security* – (International) **Spike in suspicious traffic and TOR usage, says threat report.** Solutionary released its third quarter 2013 Quarterly Threat Intelligence Report which found there was an increase in anomalous ICMP traffic

outside of normal activity and that traffic on the TOR network increased by 350 percent, among other findings.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=15865>

22. *October 31, The Register* – (International) **Mavericks Mail’s spam-spewing ‘flaw’ was scripted by red-faced user.** Cloud messaging service FastMail retracted a report regarding Apple OS X Mavericks that caused large volumes of spam emails to be generated after finding that the issue was inadvertently caused by an applescript written by one of their employees.

Source:

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2013/10/31/mavericks_mails_spamspewing_flaw_was_scripted_by_redfaced_user/

23. *October 30, Computerworld* – (International) **Infosys ran ‘unlawful’ visa scheme, U.S. alleges in settlement.** Infosys agreed to pay \$34 million in a settlement with the U.S. government for allegedly violating visa laws to avoid tax liabilities and reduce expenses.

Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2013/103013-infosys-ran-39unlawful39-visa-scheme-275429.html>

24. *October 30, Threatpost* – (International) **HTTP 301 redirections lead to trouble for mobile apps.** Researchers at Skycure found that thousands of mobile apps developed for Apple iOS can be forced to display fake or malicious content due to a vulnerability dubbed HTTP Request Hijacking.

Source: <http://threatpost.com/http-301-redirections-lead-to-trouble-for-mobile-apps>

Internet Alert Dashboard

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Communications Sector

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Commercial Facilities Sector

25. *October 31, WJW 8 Cleveland* – (Ohio) **Suspect, hostage dead in store standoff.** Police reported a man who took hostages at a Family Dollar store in a several-hour standoff October 30 in Willard was found dead after police entered into the store following gunshots. One hostage was killed during the standoff while two other

hostages were able to get away.

Source: <http://fox8.com/2013/10/30/officials-suspect-demanded-food-during-standoff/>

26. *October 30, WAFF 48 Huntsville* – (Alabama) **Apartments evacuated in early morning fire.** The Alabama Fire Marshal's office deemed a fire at the Camelot Apartment building in Athens, Alabama, an accident after an unattended candle ignited a fire that damaged two units. The entire 24-unit building was evacuated during the fire and hotel rooms were arranged for residents.

Source: <http://www.waff.com/story/23825698/fire-damages-athens-apartments>

27. *October 30, WISH 8 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **3 firefighters injured in Plainfield apartment fire.** An October 30 fire at the Stafford Pointe Apartments in Plainfield, Indiana, left 3 firefighters injured and damaged 6 units and destroyed 6 others.

Source: <http://www.wishtv.com/news/local/3-firefighters-injured-in-plainfield-apartment-fire>

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Dams Sector

28. *October 30, WWMT Kalamazoo* – (Michigan) **Work begins to tear down part of Ceresco Dam.** Enbridge work crews began the teardown of the Ceresco Dam in Ceresco Township October 29 as part of the cleanup following an oil spill in the Kalamazoo River.

Source: http://wwmt.com/shared/news/features/top-stories/stories/wwmt_work-begins-tear-down-part-ceresco-dam-15160.shtml

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