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- The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission charged a Royal Bank of Scotland subsidiary with misleading investors in a residential mortgage-backed security offering, with the bank agreeing to pay a \$150 million settlement. – *U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* (See item [4](#))
- An investigation revealed that the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration inspectors failed to respond to red flags of significant safety problems leading up to 4 tour bus and truck crashes that killed 25 people. – *Associated Press* (See item [17](#))
- The Federal Aviation Administration released a roadmap authorizing unmanned aircraft to share the skies with civilian aircraft. – *Politico* (See item [19](#))
- An inspector general's report revealed that the Internal Revenue Service issued \$4 billion in fraudulent tax refunds in 2012 to identity thieves. – *Associated Press* (See item [27](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *November 7, Forum of Fargo-Moorhead* – (North Dakota) **Saltwater tank explodes in western ND, causing fire, 2,700-barrel spill.** A saltwater tank exploded at a Mesa Oil Services-owned disposal well site near Alexander, North Dakota, November 7 causing 13 tanks to catch fire and spill about 2,700 barrels of saltwater and oil. The cause of the explosion is under investigation.

Source: <http://www.inforum.com/event/article/id/417687/>

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Chemical Industry Sector

2. *November 8, WSVN 7 Miami*– (Florida) **Chemical explosion kills one, injures others.** A HAZMAT explosion at the American Vinyl Company warehouse in Opa-Locka, Florida, killed one employee and injured five others when a storage container holding 20,000 gallons of liquid over-pressurized and exploded November 7. A HAZMAT team responded and is investigating the incident.

Source: <http://www.wsvn.com/news/articles/local/21012155742595/chemical-explosion-kills-one-injures-others/>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

3. *November 7, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **Engineers cut power to 1 of Palo Verde nuclear plant's reactors to fix steam valve problem.** Arizona Public Service, the operators of the Palo Verde nuclear power plant west of Phoenix, reduced the power output of the plant's Unit 1 reactor November 6 after a maintenance crew inadvertently over-pressurized a valve control component, which caused a steam generator valve to become inoperative. The repairs are reported to potentially take several days.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/679a32de23664adbb9415617c6696ec1/AZ--Palo-Verde-Power-Cut>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

Nothing to report

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

Financial Services Sector

4. *November 7, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (International) **SEC charges Royal Bank of Scotland subsidiary with misleading investors in subprime RMBS offering.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) November 7 charged a subsidiary of Royal Bank of Scotland plc (RBS) with misleading investors in a 2007 residential mortgage-backed security offering. RBS agreed to settle the SEC charges and pay more than \$150 million, which will be used to compensate investors harmed by RBS's actions.
Source: <http://www.sec.gov/News/PressRelease/Detail/PressRelease/1370540300002#.Unz2zmkrSl>
5. *November 7, Orange County Daily Pilot* – (California) **'Snowboarder Bandit' convicted in bank heists.** A man known as the "Snowboarder Bandit" pleaded guilty November 7 to robbing 10 banks in Orange County, California, between December 2011 and March 2012.
Source: <http://www.dailypilot.com/news/tn-dpt-me-1108-snowboarder-bandit-convicted-20131107,0,2620222.story>
6. *November 7, KERO 23 Bakersfield* – (California) **Three plead guilty in \$30 million Bakersfield mortgage fraud scheme.** Two individuals from Bakersfield pleaded guilty November 7 for their role in a \$30 million mortgage fraud scheme that operated between January 2004 and September 2007. A co-conspirator pleaded guilty November 5.
Source: <http://www.turnto23.com/news/local-news/three-plead-guilty-in-30-million-bakersfield-mortgage-fraud-scheme-including-carl-cole-110713>
7. *November 7, Seattle Times* – (Washington) **Seattle investment advisor guilty of fraud in \$46M case.** A Seattle investment advisor who ran investment firm The Spangler Group was found guilty November 7 of 31 counts of fraud and money laundering for defrauding clients by diverting \$46 million of their money into two risky startups that he had an ownership interest in.
Source: http://seattletimes.com/html/business/technology/2022214917_spanglertrial.xml.html
8. *November 7, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (International) **SEC obtains final judgment against defendants charged with perpetuating \$35 million international boiler room scheme.** The District Court for the Central District of California entered a settled judgment against The Good One Inc., Kaleidoscope Real Estate Inc., and an individual for their roles in an international \$35 million market manipulation and boiler room scheme. The companies and individual were ordered to pay more than \$3 million and were barred from participating in any offerings of penny stocks.

Source: <http://www.sec.gov/litigation/litreleases/2013/lr22865.htm>

9. *November 7, SC Magazine* – (International) **PCI council publishes updated payment security standards.** The PCI Security Standards Council (PCI SSC) published a new version of the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS) and Payment Application Data Security Standard (PA-DSS) for merchants to better protect payment information. Merchants have until January 1, 2014 before the requirements come into effect.

Source: <http://www.scmagazine.com//pci-council-publishes-updated-payment-security-standards/article/320036/>

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Transportation Systems Sector

10. *November 8, Jersey Journal* – (New York; New Jersey) **Port Authority sets new limits for sizes of trucks allowed on Bayonne Bridge.** The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey announced the week of November 4 that oversized trucks are prohibited from crossing the Bayonne Bridge, as part of a project to raise the bridge. Alternate routes and closures are planned for the next 4 years of construction.

Source: http://www.nj.com/jjournal-news/index.ssf/2013/11/port_authority_sets_new_limits.html

11. *November 7, New York Daily News* – (New York) **MetroCard glitch leaves subway riders unable to pay with credit, debit cards.** An outage because of technical problems in a Verizon communications network used to process credit and debit card transactions left passengers at 126 subway stations in New York unable to buy MetroCards with credit or debit cards for several hours November 7.

Source: <http://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/metrocard-glitch-leaves-riders-unable-pay-cards-article-1.1510411>

12. *November 7, WSAV 3 Savannah* – (Georgia) **Back River Bridge fatal crash raises safety questions.** An accident involving a head-on collision on the Back River Bridge on Highway 17 left two dead and delayed traffic for several hours November 6. Officials are investigating the cause of the crash.

Source: <http://www.wsav.com/story/23910633/back-river-bridge-fatal-crash-raises-safety-questions>

13. *November 7, Santa Barbara Edhat* – (California) **Post office break-in.** About 50-100 packages and certified letters were opened and some items taken in a break-in at the Olivos Post Office in Santa Barbara County November 6. U.S. Postal Inspectors and the county Sheriff's Department are investigating.

Source: <http://www.edhat.com/site/tidbit.cfm?nid=124283>

14. *November 7, WPVI 6 Philadelphia* – (Pennsylvania) **\$50,000 reward in search for man who robbed postal carrier.** A postal carrier was robbed while delivering mail and a bag full of mail stolen at the Oxford Village Apartments in northeast Philadelphia November 7. The U.S. Postal Service is offering upwards of \$50,000 for information leading to an arrest.
Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/wpvi/story?section=news/local&id=9316946>
15. *November 7, Newark Star-Ledger* – (New Jersey) **Man charged with trespassing, obstruction after incident at Newark container terminal.** The New Jersey Port Authority Police arrested a Connecticut man on trespassing and obstruction charges after his vehicle blew past the security gate at a Newark shipping container terminal near the Newark Liberty International Airport November 6.
Source: http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2013/11/man_charged_with_trespass_and_obstruction_after_incident_at_newark_container_terminal.html
16. *November 7, WWL-TV 4 New Orleans* – (Louisiana) **Sheriff: Rocks tossed from railroad trestle damage cars, injure one.** Lafourche Parish Sheriff's officials are looking for persons responsible for throwing rocks from a railroad trestle onto Louisiana Highway 1 at Lafourche Crossing in Thibodaux that damaged at least four cars and injured one person November 2.
Source: <http://www.wwltv.com/news/lafourche-terrebonne/Sheriff-Rocks-tossed-from-railroad-trestle-damage-cars-injure-one-231013391.html>
17. *November 7, Associated Press* – (National) **Interstate 84 bus crash: Federal safety inspectors failed to respond to red flags, investigation shows.** The National Transportation Safety Board investigators found November 7 that Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration inspectors failed to respond to indicators of significant safety problems on the part of bus and truck companies leading up to 4 tour bus and truck crashes that killed 25 people and injured 83 others.
Source: http://www.oregonlive.com/pacific-northwest-news/index.ssf/2013/11/interstate_84_bus_crash_federa.html
18. *November 7, BNO News* – (Florida) **U.S. hijacker who flew to Cuba in 1984 returns to face justice.** A U.S. man who hijacked a commercial airliner in March 1984 returned to the U.S. after spending 15 years in a Cuban prison and was arrested by FBI agents at Miami International Airport November 6 on charges of air piracy.
Source: <http://wireupdate.com/u-s-hijacker-who-flew-to-cuba-in-1984-returns-to-face-justice.html>
19. *November 7, Politico* – (National) **FAA releases 'road map' on wider use of drones.** The Federal Aviation Administration released a plan November 7 that outlines a roadmap of regulations, technologies, standards, and policies authorizing unmanned aircrafts to share the skies with civilian aircrafts by 2015.
Source: <http://www.politico.com/story/2013/11/faa-drones-99527.html>

20. *November 6, Providence Journal* – (Rhode Island) **RIPTA will detour 2 bus routes to avoid road closed by Pawtucket house explosion.** A house explosion in Pawtucket caused road closures that rerouted two bus routes, Route 51 on Charles Street and Route 73 on Fairlawn, November 6.
Source: <http://news.providencejournal.com/breaking-news/2013/11/ripta-will-detour-2-bus-routes-to-avoid-road-closed-by-pawtucket-house-expl.html>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

21. *November 8, China Post* – (International) **Sing-Lin Foods Corp. fined over tainted noodles.** A Taiwan county health bureau fined Sing-Lin Foods Corp., between NT\$30,000 and NT\$3 million for lying about the number of Wu-Mu Ramen products that contained sodium copper chlorophyllin, a food additive not allowed in noodle products and in violation of the Act Governing Food Sanitation. Retailers in the United States and other countries were notified and asked to take the products off shelves.
Source: <http://www.chinapost.com.tw/business/company-focus/2013/11/08/393145/Sing-Lin-Foods.htm>
22. *November 8, Food Safety News* – (California) **CA firm recalls chicken sausages for undeclared MSG, misbranding.** Foods Inc., of San Leandro, California, November 7 recalled approximately 809 pounds of Chinese-style chicken sausage products due to the products containing monosodium glutamate (MSG) that was not declared on the label. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service initiated the recall after the misbranding was discovered during a label verification activity.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/11/ca-firm-recalls-chicken-sausages-for-undeclared-msg-misbranding/>
23. *November 7, Harrisburg Patriot News* – (Pennsylvania) **Federal inmates settle 2011 Salmonella outbreak lawsuits for more than \$700,000.** The U.S. Bureau of Prisons paid more than \$700,000 to hundreds of inmates at the Canaan penitentiary in northeastern Pennsylvania to settle 513 lawsuits resulting from a 2011 salmonella outbreak from chicken left out at room temperature that was served to the inmates.
Source: http://www.pennlive.com/midstate/index.ssf/2013/11/federal_inmates_settle_2011_salmonella.html
24. *November 6, Food Safety News* – (California) **E. coli sickens four in California's Humboldt County.** Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services reported that at least four people in the county were sickened with a very specific strain of genetically linked E. coli from July to October. Officials have not yet determined a source.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/11/e-coli-sickens-4-in-humboldt-county-california/>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

Nothing to report

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

25. *November 7, SC Magazine* – (Colorado) **Unencrypted laptop stolen, 11,000 dialysis patients impacted.** Colorado-based DaVita notified approximately 11,500 patients and some employees that their personal information was stolen after an unencrypted laptop was taken from a staffer's vehicle. About 375 patients Social Security numbers were also stored on the laptop.

Source: <http://www.scmagazine.com/unencrypted-laptop-stolen-11000-dialysis-patients-impacted/article/319921/>

26. *November 7, Trenton Times* – (Pennsylvania) **Nitric acid explosion burns two workers at Pa. denture manufacturing facility at former U.S. Steel property.** Authorities are investigating after a nitric acid explosion at the Hiossen denture manufacturing plant in Falls Township left two workers injured while they were pouring nitric acid from a container into a pail without wearing proper protective equipment.

Source:

http://www.nj.com/mercer/index.ssf/2013/11/nitric_acid_explosion_in_falls_township_pa_burns_two_workers_at_denture_manufacturer_fire_officials.html

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Government Facilities Sector

27. *November 7, Associated Press* – (International) **IRS refunded \$4 billion to identity thieves, says report.** An inspector general's report released November 7 stated the Internal Revenue Service issued \$4 billion in fraudulent tax refunds in 2012 to people using stolen identities, with some going to international addresses. For 2013, the agency developed a computer program that helps spot when multiple refunds go to the same address or bank account.

Source: <http://news.msn.com/us/irs-refunded-dollar4-billion-to-identity-thieves-says-report>

28. *November 7, San Angelo Standard-Times* – (Texas) **School bus collision injures woman and student.** A student and an adult were injured November 7 after a Sterling City Independent School District bus and a car collided in Tom Green County. The remaining students were transported on a second bus.

Source: <http://www.gosanangelo.com/news/2013/nov/07/two-injured-tom-green-county-crash-involving-sterl/>

29. *November 7, WGN 9 Chicago* – (Illinois) **Classes cancelled at Roselle school following bomb threat.** Police are investigating after a phoned-in bomb threat cancelled classes at Lake Park High School West Campus in Roselle, Illinois, November 7.
Source: <http://wgntv.com/2013/11/07/high-school-in-roselle-on-lockdown-after-bomb-threat/>

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Emergency Services Sector

30. *November 7, KVAL 13 Eugene* – (Oregon) **911 service down in Dexter thanks to copper thieves.** CenturyLink crews worked to restore 9-1-1, phone, and Internet service in the Dexter area after thieves cut a cable, knocking out service in order to steal copper.
Source: <http://www.kval.com/news/local/911-sevice-down-in-Dexter-thanks-to-copper-theives-231037241.html>

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Information Technology Sector

31. *November 7, Computerworld* – (International) **Fire at Internet Archive reaffirms need for an Internet archive.** The document scanning operations of The Internet Archive in San Francisco suffered a fire November 6 that caused \$600,000 in damages.
Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2013/110713-fire-at-internet-archive-reaffirms-275754.html>
32. *November 7, CSO* – (International) **Automated hacking tools swarm Web site login pages.** Incapsula monitored access attempts at the Web sites of 1,000 of its clients and found that malicious automated tools accounted for 94 percent of access attempts. The tools can be used to find weak passwords and other vulnerabilities.
Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2013/110713-automated-hacking-tools-swarm-web-275723.html>

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: <http://www.it-isac.org>

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Communications Sector

33. *November 7, Radio Survivor* – (National) **FCC warns broadcasters against misuse of emergency alert tones.** The Federal Communications Commission announced an enforcement advisory the week of November 4 reminding broadcasters about the guidelines for using the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and attention signals prompted by recent violations, misuse, and overuse of the EAS system.
Source: <http://radiosurvivor.com/2013/11/07/fcc-warns-broadcasters-against-misuse-of-emergency-alert-tones/>
34. *November 7, KOSA 7 Odessa; Associated Press* – (National) **Most cell phone 911 calls lack location info 11/7/13.** The Federal Communications Commission announced that more than two thirds of 911 calls coming from a cell phone are not as accurate at disclosing the location of the call as it once used to be, and found the rate of Texas wireless emergency calls with detailed location information has fallen by about half since 2011, which is in violation of federal requirements.
Source: <http://www.cbs7kosa.com/news/details.asp?ID=50966>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

35. *November 7, Associated Press* – (North Carolina) **Georgia ride owner charged in NC State Fair injuries.** The Georgia-based owner of a ride at the North Carolina State Fair that injured five people October 24 after safety equipment was disabled, surrendered to police November 7 after he was charged with three felonies.
Source: <http://news.msn.com/crime-justice/georgia-ride-owner-charged-in-nc-state-fair-injuries>
36. *November 7, Bay City Times* – (Michigan) **Police say arsonist started fire at Bay County Chinese restaurant.** Investigators reported November 6 that a November 2 fire at Stars Chinese Gourmet Restaurant in Bangor Township that caused approximately \$100,000 in damage was deliberately set.
Source: http://www.mlive.com/news/bay-city/index.ssf/2013/11/police_say_arsonist_started_fi.html
37. *November 7, Park Ridge Herald-Advocate; Chicago Sun-Times* – (Illinois) **Office fire shuts down portion of Busse Highway in Park Ridge.** A November 7 fire at a Park Ridge, Illinois, office building caused between \$200,000 to \$300,000 in damages after igniting in the building's basement's electrical panel. Authorities shut off the electricity to the building and remained on the scene for more than 2 hours.
Source: <http://parkridge.suntimes.com/news/fire-PRA-11142013:article>

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Dams Sector

38. *November 8, TriCities.com* – (Tennessee) **TVA lowering Boone Lake Dam.** The Tennessee Valley Authority announced that it would begin to significantly lower the water levels at Boone Lake in order to make several repairs to the lake's dam.
Source: http://www.tricities.com/news/local/article_d528a184-4818-11e3-9398-0019bb30f31a.html
39. *November 7, Arizona Republic* – (Arizona) **Tempe approves \$24 million Town Lake dam project.** Tempe's city council approved a \$24 million construction contract to replace a rubber dam that ruptured in 2010 on Town Lake with a steel one, with the total cost of the project totaling around \$40.8 million.
Source: <http://www.azcentral.com/community/tempe/articles/20131107tempe-town-lake-dam-project-approved.html>

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