



Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report 19 November 2013

Top Stories

- Over 321,000 customers across the Midwest were without power after a storm produced an outbreak of tornados and powerful winds, causing damage in several States. – *CNN* (See item [1](#))
- An accident involving carbon monoxide at the Revenue Virginius mine in Ouray County, Colorado, killed 2 miners and injured 20 others. – *KMGH 7 Denver* (See item [4](#))
- JPMorgan Chase & Co. agreed to pay \$4.5 billion to settle the claims of 21 institutional investors who lost money on mortgage-backed securities. – *Reuters* (See item [6](#))
- Strong winds and hail from a storm across the Midwest caused widespread damage to roads, closed a section of Interstate 69, and killed at least 6 people and injured 37 others. – *NBC News* (See item [11](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *November 18, CNN* – (National) **Midwest tornadoes: ‘The sky was just rumbling.’** Across the Midwest over 321,000 customers remained without power November 18 after a storm produced an outbreak of tornados and powerful winds November 17 that caused damage in several States.
Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2013/11/18/us/midwest-tornadoes/>

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Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

2. *November 18, Associated Press* – (International) **Fuel removal from Japan’s crippled nuclear plant is first step toward full cleanup.** Workers at the damaged Fukushima nuclear power plant in Japan began removing fuel rods from the Unit 4 reactor November 18 as part of a process of securing the fuel and cleaning up the plant. The 1,533 sets of fuel rods, including 202 used sets, are expected to be moved to a safer storage location by the end of 2014.
Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia_pacific/fuel-removal-from-japans-crippled-nuclear-plant-is-first-step-toward-full-cleanup/2013/11/17/efd26d40-5005-11e3-9ee6-2580086d8254_story.html
3. *November 18, Nuclear Street* – (Pennsylvania) **Cesium-137 found in Pennsylvania scrapyard.** Radiation detectors at the Coatesville Scrap facility detected a radiation source October 31 that was identified as cesium-137, according to a U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission report made public November 15. The small piece of metal was removed from a scrap pile by workers and placed in a sealed lead pipe until a NRC inspector could examine it.
Source: http://nuclearstreet.com/nuclear_power_industry_news/b/nuclear_power_news/archive/2013/11/18/cesium-137-found-in-pennsylvania-scrapyard-111801.aspx

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

4. *November 18, KMGH 7 Denver* – (Colorado) **2 dead, 20 miners injured at Ouray County mine.** An accident involving carbon monoxide present after an explosives accident at the Revenue Virginus gold, silver, and sulfides mine in Ouray County November 17 killed 2 miners and injured 20 others. State and federal mine safety

regulators are investigating.

Source: <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/local-news/20-miners-injured-rescue-underway-for-2-more-in-ouray-county>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Financial Services Sector

5. *November 16, Providence Journal* – (Rhode Island; Puerto Rico) **2 arrested on federal identity-theft charges by Homeland Security.** Two individuals in Providence, Rhode Island, were arrested and charged November 15 with allegedly running an identity theft, money laundering, and tax fraud scheme that mostly targeted victims living in Puerto Rico. The pair allegedly obtained more than \$277,300 in federal tax checks using stolen identities, and then laundered the money through several accounts.
Source: <http://news.providencejournal.com/breaking-news/2013/11/2-arrested-on-federal-identity-theft-charges-by-homeland-security.html>
6. *November 15, Reuters* – (National) **JPMorgan Chase to pay \$4.5 billion in mortgage security deal.** JPMorgan Chase & Co. agreed November 15 to pay \$4.5 billion to settle the claims of 21 institutional investors who lost money on mortgage-backed securities issued by the company and Bear Stearns, which was later taken over by JPMorgan.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/11/16/us-jpm-mortgage-deal-idUSBRE9AE15T20131116>
7. *November 15, Leesburg Today* – (Virginia) **Third conspirator found guilty in mortgage fraud scheme.** A former loan officer at First Empire Mortgage and Lifetime Financial Services was found guilty November 15 of falsifying loan applications and helping recruit straw buyers in a \$19.9 mortgage fraud scheme in the Northern Virginia area.
Source: http://www.leesburgtoday.com/public_safety/courts/third-conspirator-found-guilty-in-mortgage-fraud-scheme/article_59dbab5e-4e2e-11e3-83a5-0019bb2963f4.html
8. *November 15, St. Louis Post-Dispatch* – (Missouri) **Pulaski Bank customer from Chesterfield charged with bank fraud.** A Chesterfield man was arrested and charged November 15 with fraud for allegedly using a falsified purchase order and other fraudulent information to secure more than \$6 million in loans.
Source: http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/pulaski-bank-customer-from-chesterfield-charged-with-bank-fraud/article_51e0533f-75a3-5d69-81ff-1897dc460727.html

9. *November 15, KSLA 12 Shreveport* – (Texas) **‘Loan Ranger Bandit’ strikes again.** The Tyler Police Department reported that the suspect known as the “Loan Ranger Bandit” was responsible for robbing a Extraco Bank branch in Lampasas November 9. The suspect is wanted by the FBI and police in four States for several bank robberies dating back to 2011.
Source: <http://www.ksla.com/story/23980252/loan-ranger-bandit-strikes-again>

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Transportation Systems Sector

10. *November 18, Yakima Herald-Republic* – (Washington) **With more snow forecast, Chinook Pass may close for season.** The Washington Department of Transportation closed State Route 410 over Chinook Pass November 17 for an undisclosed amount of time due to avalanche dangers, and will assess whether to keep it closed for the season after a predicted storm passes.
Source: <http://www.yakimaherald.com/news/latestlocalnews/1674187-8/slides-close-sr-410-on-chinook-pass>
11. *November 17, NBC News* – (National) **Scores of tornadoes kill 6, injure at least 37 in Midwest.** Strong winds and hail from a storm across the Midwest killed at least 6 people, injured 37, caused widespread damage to roads, closed both lanes on a section of Interstate 69 due to downed power lines, and destroyed other structures in several States November 17.
Source: <http://usnews.nbcnews.com/news/2013/11/17/21503619-scores-of-tornadoes-kill-6-injure-at-least-37-in-midwest>
12. *November 17, KVAL 13 Eugene* – (Oregon) **Bus and sedan collide, police close downtown intersection.** An accident involving an Oregon Lane Transit District bus that collided with a car on 7th Ave in Eugene closed down the intersection for 3 hours while police investigated the crash November 16.
Source: <http://www.kval.com/news/local/Crash-closes-intersection-of-7th-and-Garfield-downtown-232230961.html>
13. *November 15, WTVA 8 Columbus* – (Mississippi) **Mail thefts reported in Clay County.** Clay County Sheriff officials captured two suspects in connection with hundreds of instances of mail being stolen from the mailboxes of over forty residents in West Point, Mississippi, and recovered checks, debit cards, and credit card cash advance checks.
Source: <http://www.wtva.com/mostpopular/story/Mail-thefts-reported-in-Clay-County/mCZn6kR0OUecr-RDnSsW3g.csp>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

14. *November 16, Food Safety News* – (Michigan) **18 Salmonella cases confirmed in Michigan.** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced November 15 that they confirmed 18 cases in a Salmonella Enteritidis outbreak in Michigan, with most of the cases from a strain that is typically linked to eggs and chicken.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/11/18-salmonella-cases-confirmed-in-michigan/>
15. *November 16, Associated Press* – (Wisconsin) **Milwaukee food plant stops production amid recalls.** Garden-Fresh Foods halted production and reassigned about 100 employees from a plant in Milwaukee because of recent product recalls first announced August due to Listeria contamination.
Source: http://www.necn.com/11/16/13/Milwaukee-food-plant-stops-production-am/landing_nation.html?&apID=e1fdb674f54f4c17b5eb9013ff9a930d
16. *November 16, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **Fire damages Postville kosher meat processing plant.** An accidental fire at the Agri-Star Meat & Poultry plant in Postville, Iowa, that started in an unattended clothes dryer caused damage to the kosher meat processing plant November 16.
Source: <http://www.kcrg.com/news/local/Fire-Damages-Postville-Kosher-Meat-Processing-Plant-232209021.html>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

17. *November 18, WRAL 5 Raleigh* – (New York) **NY awards \$75K grant for Hudson shoreline project.** The Hudson River shoreline received a \$75,000 grant from the New York Department of Environmental Conservation for the design of a demonstration project to increase resiliency and protection against storm surges and rising sea-levels in the Putnam County village of Cold Spring at the Hudson Highlands State Park Preserve.
Source: <http://www.wral.com/ny-awards-75k-grant-for-hudson-shoreline-project/13123895/>
18. *November 15, Fort Worth Star-Telegram* – (Texas) **Dwindling reservoirs force Wichita Falls to ban all outdoor watering.** Stage 4 emergency drought restrictions went into effect in Wichita Falls November 15 after the city's two main reservoirs dropped below 30 percent capacity.
Source: <http://www.star-telegram.com/2013/11/15/5340948/dwindling-reservoirs-force-wichita.html>
19. *November 15, KAAL 6 Austin* – (Minnesota) **State to test 70,000 wells across Minnesota.** An official with the Olmstead County Department of Health stated that 70,000 wells across Minnesota are being tested in order to detect the presence of nitrates or potential contamination as part of their annual testing.

Source: <http://www.kaaltv.com/article/stories/S3219880.shtml?cat=10219>

20. *November 14, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **Cicero firm pleads guilty to criminal violation of Clean Water Act.** Brad Foote Gear Works of Cicero pleaded guilty November 13 to discharging untreated toxic waste into the sewer system that leads to the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, and agreed to pay a \$1.5 million fine and be placed on 5 years of probation.

Source: http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2013-11-14/news/ct-met-illegal-waste-sewers-cicero-20131114_1_sewer-system-plant-manager-clean-water-act

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

21. *November 15, WFTV 9 Orlando* – (Florida) **Possible norovirus outbreak hits Brevard assisted living facility.** Officials are investigating after 11 residents from Titusville Towers Assisted Living Facility in Brevard County were transported to local hospitals for norovirus-like symptoms the week of November 11. Residents were kept isolated in their rooms while workers cleaned the building.

Source: <http://www.wftv.com/news/news/local/possible-norovirus-outbreak-hits-brevard-assisted-/nbtPz/>

22. *November 15, Tucker Patch* – (Georgia) **Suspect arrested in pharmacy armed robberies.** Authorities arrested a suspect November 15 in connection with a series of armed robberies at least 19 CVS Pharmacy stores in metro Atlanta, dating back to March.

Source: <http://tucker.patch.com/groups/police-and-fire/p/suspect-arrested-in-cvs-pharmacy-armed-robberies>

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Government Facilities Sector

23. *November 18, WTVF 5 Nashville* – (Tennessee) **5 Harpeth Hall students injured in crash involving school bus.** An accident involving two Harpeth Hall School vehicles in Nashville left five students with minor injuries. Authorities are investigating the cause of the crash.

Source: <http://www.newschannel5.com/story/23982211/5-harpeth-hall-students-injured-in-crash-involving-school-bus>

24. *November 17, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **CDC importing vaccine to fight meningitis at Princeton.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the import of Bexsero, a meningitis vaccine, for import in the U.S. due to a possible outbreak at Princeton University in New Jersey. Officials confirmed the school's seventh case of meningitis in 2013.

Source: <http://news.msn.com/us/cdc-importing-vaccine-to-fight-meningitis-at-princeton>

25. *November 15, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* – (Pennsylvania) **5 students injured in Washington County school bus crash.** Five Canon-McMillan High School students were injured November 15 after their school bus was rear-ended in Washington County, Pennsylvania.

Source: <http://www.post-gazette.com/local/2013/11/15/5-students-injured-in-Washington-County-school-bus-crash/stories/201311150195>

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Emergency Services Sector

26. *November 15, WHEC 10 Rochester* – (New York) **Deputies: Volunteer fire department treasurer stole more than \$50,000 from department.** Authorities arrested and charged the treasurer of the Crystal Beach Volunteer Fire Department in Gorham for stealing over \$50,000 from the department's funds and using it for personal expenses. Officials are conducting an audit to determine the source of the stolen money.

Source: <http://www.whec.com/news/stories/s3219358.shtml>

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Information Technology Sector

27. *November 18, Softpedia* – (International) **Web hosting provider Hetzner hit by large DDoS attacks.** Germany-based Web hosting provider Hetzner reported coming under distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack November 16-17, with the attack running at around 60 Gbps.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Web-Hosting-Provider-Hetzner-Hit-by-Large-DDOS-Attacks-401121.shtml>

28. *November 15, CSO* – (International) **Rise seen in use of Google service for mobile botnets.** Kaspersky Lab released its latest IT Threat Evolution report, which found that mobile botnets are growing and recently began using the Google Cloud Messaging service to communicate with mobile malware, among other findings.

Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2013/111613-rise-seen-in-use-of-276031.html>

Internet Alert Dashboard

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Communications Sector

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Commercial Facilities Sector

29. *November 18, WTVJ 6 Miami* – (Florida) **Two injured after truck slams into motel in West Park.** At least two people were injured after a truck crashed into the Trio Motel in West Park, Florida, November 18 after hitting another car on State Route 7. The motel will remain closed until repairs are completed.

Source: <http://www.nbcmiami.com/news/One-Injured-After-Truck-Slams-Into-Motel-in-West-Park-232322661.html>

30. *November 17, Lorain Morning Journal* – (Ohio) **2 injured in shooting outside of Lorain club.** Police are searching for one suspect and several persons of interest after two people were injured when shots were fired outside of Club Our Space in Lorain November 17.

Source: <http://www.morningjournal.com/general-news/20131117/2-injured-in-shooting-outside-of-lorain-club>

31. *November 17, KIRO 7 Seattle* – (Washington) **New details about casino shooting; victims in serious condition.** Two men were seriously injured in a shooting in the parking lot of Muckleshoot Casino in Auburn, Washington, November 16. Police apprehended the gunman and took him into custody.

Source: <http://www.kiro7.com/news/news/two-shot-muckleshoot-casino-auburn/nbwF5/>

32. *November 17, KFOX-TV 14 El Paso* – (Texas) **Four people injured after a church ceiling collapsed.** Hundreds of people were evacuated and four people were transported to area hospitals with injuries after the ceiling in the lobby area of the Cielo Vista Church in El Paso collapsed November 17.

Source: <http://www.kfoxtv.com/news/features/top-stories/stories/el-paso-fire-dept-eastside-church-roof-collapsed-2451.shtml>

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Dams Sector

33. *November 17, Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier* – (Iowa) **Contractor repair dam in Mitchell County.** Contractors made underwater repairs to the Mitchell Dam in Mitchell County November 15 to fill a large hole at the base of the dam.

Source: http://wcfcourier.com/news/local/contractors-repair-dam-in-mitchell-county/article_8e61278e-3423-5c4f-817e-3ab0d9df0d21.html



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