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- Throughout southeast Michigan, 150,000 people remained without power and over 100 schools remained closed after severe storms. – *WWJ-TV 62 Detroit* (See item [4](#))
- More than 13,000 2013 Tesla Model S vehicles are being investigated by the National Highway Traffic Administration after two incidents with the batteries that led to fires. – *Associated Press* (See item [6](#))
- A bomb threat at the Port Columbus International Airport in Ohio caused the evacuation of a flight carrying 138 people until a bomb squad and authorities investigated. – *New York Daily News* (See item [10](#))
- A carbon monoxide leak at the Montezuma Creek Elementary School in San Juan County, Utah, hospitalized 44 students and adults. – *Salt Lake Tribune* (See item [22](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *November 19, WTVF 5 Nashville; Associated Press* – (Tennessee) **1 injured in explosion at Shelbyville facility.** An explosion at Southern Energy Co.'s Shelbyville facility left one worker injured November 18 after oil tanks exploded. All schools, homes, and businesses within a half-mile were evacuated.
Source: <http://www.newschannel5.com/story/23999375/3-injured-after-explosions-at-shelbyville-facility-half-mile-radius-evacuated>
2. *November 18, WRTV 6 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **Roughly 68,000 Indiana homes and businesses still without power.** Over 68,000 homes and businesses throughout northern and central Indiana remained without power November 18 after tornados and severe thunderstorms November 17 knocked out service.
Source: <http://www.theindychannel.com/news/local-news/roughly-68000-indiana-homes-and-businesses-still-without-power>
3. *November 18, Fresno Bee* – (California) **\$60,000 penalty for fracking fluid in unlined Kern County pit.** Vintage Production California LLC, a subsidiary of Occident Petroleum, agreed to pay \$60,000 November 15 in a settlement with the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board after they discharged saline water and hydraulic fracturing fluid into an unlined pit in California.
Source: <http://www.bakersfieldcalifornian.com/business/oil/x481502105/-60-000-penalty-for-fracking-fluid-in-unlined-Kern-County-pit>
4. *November 18, WWJ-TV 62 Detroit* – (Michigan) **150K still without power, after gusty storms hit Metro Detroit.** DTE Energy crews continued work November 18 to restore power to the remaining 150,000 customers that lost service after severe storms November 17. Over 100 schools throughout southeast Michigan were closed due to the outages.
Source: <http://detroit.cbslocal.com/2013/11/18/245k-lose-power-when-gusty-storm-hits-metro-detroit/>

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Chemical Industry Sector

5. *November 19, Reuters* – (California) **About 70 sickened after Calif. chemical plant leak.** A sulphuric acid leak at the Solvay chemical plant in Carson, California, caused by a malfunctioning scrubber machine sickened 70 people November 18.
Source: <http://news.msn.com/us/about-70-sickened-after-calif-chemical-plant-leak>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

6. *November 19, Associated Press* – (National) **Tesla car battery fires probed by U.S. safety agency.** The National Highway Traffic Administration opened an investigation into the model year 2013 Tesla Model S after two incidents where metal road debris pierced the vehicles' batteries and led to thermal reactions and fires. The investigation concerns more than 13,000 vehicles sold in the U.S.

Source: <http://www.sgvtribune.com/general-news/20131119/tesla-car-battery-fires-probed-by-us-safety-agency>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Financial Services Sector

7. *November 18, ABC News* – (International) **6 more arrested in \$45M cyber heist, feds say.** Six more suspects were arrested in New York City November 18 as part of an alleged international cybercrime and payment card fraud scheme that stole \$45 million. The group allegedly targeted prepaid debit cards issued by two banks in Oman and the United Arab Emirates, and then sent members to various countries to simultaneously withdraw money from the accounts.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/Blotter/arrested-bags-cash-mass-cyber-heist/story?id=20925475>

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Transportation Systems Sector

8. *November 19, WFSB 3 Hartford* – (Connecticut) **I-84 reopens in Tolland after fatal crash.** A fatal multi-vehicle accident on Interstate 84 in Tolland closed the road for over 3 hours November 19. Authorities are investigating the cause of the crash.

Source: <http://www.wfsb.com/story/24007503/serious-crash-closes-i-84-west-in-tolland>

9. *November 19, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Pilot error blamed for fatal VA plane crash.** The National Transportation Safety Board released a preliminary report

November 18 citing pilot error as the cause of a plane that crashed into the Great Dismal Swamp in Chesapeake, killing four people October 10.

Source: <http://www.wmdt.com/story/24007811/pilot-error-blamed-for-fatal-va-plane-crash>

10. *November 18, New York Daily News* – (Ohio) **Bomb threat at Port Columbus International Airport forces plane evacuation.** A bomb threat at the Port Columbus International Airport caused the evacuation of American Airlines Flight 302, carrying 138 people and 5 crew members, for 2 hours November 18 until authorities gave an all clear after finding no suspicious devices. The Columbus bomb squad is investigating
Source: <http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/bomb-threat-port-columbus-international-airport-article-1.1520724>
11. *November 18, The Press Democrat* – (California) **One injured in Highway 101 crash near Cloverdale.** An accident involving a semi-truck that drove off a road and crashed on California Highway 101 in Cloverdale seriously injured the driver November 18.
Source: <http://www.pressdemocrat.com/article/20131118/articles/131119585>
12. *November 18, WDIO 10 Duluth* – (Minnesota) **Deterioration closes southbound I-35 in Duluth.** The Minnesota Department of Transportation closed 2 miles of southbound I-35 in Duluth as a precaution due to deteriorated pilings November 18. The closure is expected to last several days.
Source: <http://www.wdio.com/article/stories/s3221896.shtml>
13. *November 18, Arizona Daily Star* – (Arizona) **Highway closed because of brush fire near Sonoita now open.** The Arizona Department of Transportation reopened a 4-mile stretch of Arizona 82 near Sonoita that was closed November 18 because of a brush fire. The highway west of Arizona 83 remains closed.
Source: http://azstarnet.com/news/local/wildfire/highway-closed-because-of-brush-fire-near-sonoita-now-open/article_9eb2d353-a9da-5854-89f9-9cadf38b7b8a.html
14. *November 18, Arizona Daily Star* – (Arizona) **I-10 crash near Tucson closes eastbound lanes; driver impaled in guardrail.** A single-vehicle accident on Interstate 10 north of Tucson injured the driver and closed eastbound lanes for about 2 hours November 18.
Source: http://azstarnet.com/news/local/i--crash-near-tucson-closes-eastbound-lanes-driver-impaled/article_1686478a-50ca-11e3-9b77-0019bb2963f4.html

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Food and Agriculture Sector

15. *November 14, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (California) **La Boulange Cafe & Bakery issues an allergy alert for undeclared allergen (hazelnut) in product inadvertently mislabeled as soft caramel jam.** La Boulange Café & Bakery of San Francisco voluntarily recalled 75 Soft Caramel Jams November 14 as a precautionary measure after it was discovered that the product was mislabeled and filled with

Hazelnut Jam that contains undeclared hazelnuts.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm375364.htm>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

16. *November 19, Mid-Hudson News* – (New York) **State grant to fund water supply design project in Crawford - Pine Bush area.** A \$500,000 grant from a New York local government efficiency will be utilized by the Town of Crawford, Village of Pine Bush, and Pine Bush Central School District to support a water supply project for new wells. The design phase is expected to be completed by 2014.
Source: http://www.midhudsonnews.com/News/2013/November/19/OC_LGE_grant-19Nov13.html
17. *November 19, Dredging Today* – (Louisiana) **USA: Corps to replace section of New Orleans lakefront floodwall.** After an inspection of a floodwall that did not meet design standards, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, will replace an above ground stem for a 50 foot section of floodwall along the New Orleans Lakefront.
Source: <http://www.dredgingtoday.com/2013/11/19/usa-corps-to-replace-section-of-new-orleans-lakefront-floodwall/>
18. *November 18, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (International) **EPA awards over \$30 million to the Pacific Territories for environmental protection.** Supporting improvements in the water and wastewater infrastructure, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency awarded \$30 million to Guam, the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa as part of their annual allocation to help fund their clean air, land, and water goals.
Source: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/f3d19884d9ad857b85257c27006d557c?OpenDocument>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

19. *November 16, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* – (Wisconsin) **City, Dynacare investigate stolen flash drive with information on city employees.** Milwaukee city officials are investigating Dynacare Laboratories, a health care company that contracts with Froedtert Health Workforce Health in connection with the city's wellness program, November 16 after a hard drive containing the personal information of 6,000 city employees and 3,000 of their spouses and domestic partners was stolen from an employee's car October 22.
Source: <http://www.jsonline.com/news/milwaukee/city-dynacare-investigate-stolen-flash-drive-with-information-on-city-employees-b99144076z1-232203701.html>

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Government Facilities Sector

20. *November 19, Florence Times Daily* – (Alabama) **Indicted ex-CEO to return to Shoals.** The chairman and CEO of Canadian company National Steel Car Limited, and former CEO of National Alabama, was arrested in Chicago November 11 and will be sent to Tusculum where he is accused of running a scheme to defraud the Retirement Systems of Alabama of a \$350 million loan by supplying false information about the cost to build a railcar factory.
Source: http://www.timesdaily.com/news/local/article_29d201a6-50d1-11e3-b251-10604b9f6eda.html
21. *November 19, WRC-TV 4 Washington, D.C.* – (Virginia) **Va. Senator hospitalized after stabbing; son dead at scene.** A Virginia State senator was critically wounded after being stabbed by his son before his son fatally shot and killed himself in the senator's Bath County home November 19. Authorities are investigating the incident.
Source: <http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/Senator-Creigh-Deeds-Assaulted-in-Bath-County-Home--232498761.html>
22. *November 18, Salt Lake Tribune* – (Utah) **Carbon monoxide leak hospitalizes at least 40 at S. Utah school.** Forty-four students and adults from Montezuma Creek Elementary School in San Juan County, Utah, were taken to area hospitals November 18 after a carbon monoxide leak at the school. Officials believe the exhaust system of a propane-fueled water heater was the source of the leak and are continuing to investigate.
Source: <http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/57146744-78/amp-creek-elementary-montezuma.html.csp>
23. *November 18, Pleasantville Press of Atlantic City* – (New Jersey) **Ten injured in crash of student bus in Atlantic City.** Seven children and three adults were injured when their bus was hit by another vehicle on Route 30 in Atlantic City November 18. Authorities are investigating the accident.
Source: http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/news/breaking/ten-injured-in-crash-of-student-bus-in-atlantic-city/article_dca04500-50b7-11e3-a395-0019bb2963f4.html
24. *November 18, Johnson City Press* – (Tennessee) **Boone freshman found with map, 'troublesome' items in bomb threat.** Daniel Boone High School in Johnson City, Tennessee, was evacuated and students were dismissed November 18 after a perceived bomb threat. Officials charged a student when they discovered a map of the school and questionable items in his backpack.
Source: <http://www.johnsoncitypress.com/article/112601/daniel-boone-dismissing-at-noon-following-bomb-threat>
25. *November 18, KYW-TV 3 Philadelphia* – (Delaware) **8 injured in school bus crash in Magnolia, Del.** Eight people were injured in an accident involving a school bus and a vehicle in Magnolia, Delaware, November 18. The intersection was closed for about 2 hours while the crash was investigated.

Source: <http://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2013/11/18/8-injured-in-school-bus-crash-in-magnolia-del/>

26. *November 18, WXIN 59 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **Two Tippecanoe Co. schools sustain heavy damage in Sunday's storms.** Classes were cancelled at two Tippecanoe County schools as well as three other schools in Indiana November 18 after storms November 17 caused extensive damage and power outages. Officials will evaluate the extent of damage and determine when the schools will reopen.

Source: <http://fox59.com/2013/11/18/two-tippecanoe-co-schools-sustain-heavy-damage-in-sundays-storms/>

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Emergency Services Sector

27. *November 18, WBZ-TV 4 Boston* – (Massachusetts) **Swansea Police pay ransom after computer system was hacked.** The Swansea Police Department paid \$750 to hackers through online currency Bitcoin after the Cryptolocker ransomware attacked their computer system. The ransomware encrypts files and unless the victim pays for the decryption key, the files are unrecoverable.

Source: <http://boston.cbslocal.com/2013/11/18/swansea-police-pay-ransom-after-computer-system-was-hacked/>

28. *November 17, WPBN 7 Traverse City/WTOM 4 Cheboygan* – (Michigan) **911 telephone outage affecting eastern Upper Peninsula.** Residents in eastern Upper Peninsula, Michigan, were urged by authorities to call or report emergencies to their local fire department or EMS after 9-1-1 services suffered an outage November 17. Crews did not have an estimated time for restoration of services.

Source: <http://www.upnorthlive.com/news/story.aspx?id=972750>

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Information Technology Sector

29. *November 19, Softpedia* – (International) **Cybercriminals use automated attacks to hack GitHub accounts.** GitHub confirmed that its authentication service was targeted by an automated brute force attack starting November 17 and continuing through November 19. Users have reported failed login attempts coming from several countries within a short span of time.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Cybercriminals-Use-Automated-Attacks-to-Hack-GitHub-Accounts-401542.shtml>

30. *November 19, Help Net Security* – (International) **1.2% of apps on Google Play are repackaged to deliver ads, collect info.** Researchers at BitDefender found that

around 1.2 percent of apps in the Google Play app store are repackaged versions of legitimate apps, and that around 2,140 copycat developers were present in the store at the time of the company's survey.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=15976>

31. *November 18, Help Net Security* – (International) **vBulletin.com hacked, hackers trying to sell info on 0-day used.** The developers of vBulletin confirmed that their network was breached, exposing customer IDs and encrypted passwords. A hacker group claimed responsibility in a Facebook post.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=15968>

32. *November 18, SC Magazine* – (International) **Facebook URL redirection vulnerability patched.** Facebook patched a URL redirection vulnerability after a researcher published a blog post outlining the issue.

Source: <http://www.scmagazine.com//facebook-url-redirection-vulnerability-patched/article/321528/>

33. *November 18, Threatpost* – (International) **Google completes upgrade of its SSL certificates to 2048-bit RSA.** Google announced that it completed its upgrade of all SSL certificates used by the company and its services to 2048-bit RSA or better ahead of schedule in an effort to improve security.

Source: <http://threatpost.com/google-completes-upgrade-of-its-ssl-certificates-to-2048-bit-rsa/102959>

34. *November 18, SC Magazine* – (International) **More than 12k Cryptolocker victims in less than a week.** Researchers at BitDefender Labs used sinkholing to count connection attempts to a Cryptolocker command and control server and found more than 12,000 victims were infected in less than a week, among other findings.

Source: <http://www.scmagazine.com/more-than-12k-cryptolocker-victims-in-less-than-a-week/article/321514/>

35. *November 18, SC Magazine* – (International) **Battlefield 4 PC servers experience DDoS attack.** The servers of PC game Battlefield 4 experienced a distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack November 16 that left many users unable to play the game.

Source: <http://www.scmagazine.com/battlefield-4-pc-servers-experience-ddos-attack/article/321506/>

Internet Alert Dashboard

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

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Communications Sector

36. *November 19, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* – (Pennsylvania) **Verizon offers \$50K reward in copper thefts.** Recent incidents of copper theft from telephone cables in Pittsburgh and certain suburbs have led Verizon to offer up to \$50,000 for any information that would lead to the arrest and prosecution of the responsible parties involved. The thefts have cost Verizon hundreds of thousands of dollars in damages.
Source:
<http://triblive.com/neighborhoods/yourmckeesport/yourmckeesportmore/5095242-74/verizon-copper-gierczynski>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

37. *November 19, KOTV 6 Tulsa* – (Oklahoma) **Cooking blamed for Tulsa apartment fire that killed two children.** Two children were killed in an accidental fire at the London Square Apartments in Tulsa November 18. Five apartments were heavily damaged and 32 residents were displaced or lost possessions.
Source: <http://www.news9.com/story/24002025/firefighters-pull-five-victims-from-fire-at-tulsas-london-square-apartments>
38. *November 19, Torrington Register Citizen* – (Connecticut) **Police: Bomb threat causes evacuation of Torrington Walmart, shopping center.** Torrington Fair Shopping Center and a nearby Walmart were evacuated for nearly 3 hours November 18 after an individual called in a bomb threat to Walmart and demanded a ransom. Police cleared the scene after conducting a search.
Source: <http://www.registercitizen.com/general-news/20131118/police-bomb-threat-causes-evacuation-of-torrington-walmart-shopping-center>
39. *November 18, U.S. Department of Labor* – (New York) **U.S. Labor Department's OSHA cites Big Lots Stores Inc., proposes \$169,000 in fines for exit access, crushing, struck-by-hazards at West Babylon, NY, store.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Oklahoma-based Big Lots Stores Inc. and proposed fines totaling \$169,000 for repeated and serious violations of workplace safety violations after an inspection at their West Babylon, New York store.
Source:
https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=25107
40. *November 18, Edmond Sun* – (Oklahoma) **Pizza Hut sustains estimated \$650,000 damage from fire.** A Pizza Hut in Edmond, Oklahoma, sustained approximately \$650,000 in damage after a November 17 structural fire. The restaurant will remain closed until repairs are completed.
Source: <http://www.edmondsun.com/local/x1050745160/Pizza-Hut-sustains-estimated-650-000-damage-from-fire>

41. *November 18, Associated Press* – (Florida) **3 dead after church van crashes on I-10.** A woman and two children were killed in a crash after a tire blew in their Gospel of the Kingdom Church van and the driver lost control on Interstate 10 in Defuniak Springs November 16.
Source: http://www.mysuncoast.com/news/state/dead-after-church-van-crashes-on-i/article_d3f92a42-509f-11e3-9860-001a4bcf6878.html
42. *November 16, WBZ-TV 4 Boston* – (Massachusetts) **Fire damages Roxbury apartment building; at least 25 residents displaced.** A fire at an apartment building in Roxbury November 16 displaced at least 25 residents and caused an estimated \$750,000 in damages. Boston Fire Department officials believed the fire was sparked by an electrical short circuit.
Source: <http://boston.cbslocal.com/2013/11/16/fire-damages-roxbury-apartment-building-at-least-25-residents-displaced/>

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Dams Sector

43. *November 19, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **Feral hogs pose threat to West Bank levee system, officials say.** Officials with the West Bank levee board in the area around New Orleans reported that inspectors found damage on several levees caused by feral hogs following Hurricane Isaac. The board is working with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to assess the size of the feral hog population before deciding on a course of action.
Source: http://www.nola.com/politics/index.ssf/2013/11/feral_hogs_pose_threat_to_west.html
44. *November 19, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **St. Charles Parish approves \$5.8 million levee project.** The St. Charles Parish Council November 18 approved a contract for the first phase of the Willowridge portion of the west bank hurricane protection levee, awarding a \$5.8 million contract for construction. The initial phase consists of a levee behind the Luling subdivision, to be completed in 12 to 18 months.
Source: http://www.nola.com/politics/index.ssf/2013/11/st_charles_parish_approves_58.html

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