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- Strong winds in the San Francisco area that knocked down power lines and trees left at least 2 people dead and more than 50,000 people without power. *Reuters* (See item 6)
- A large winter storm that moved through the Southwest caused major transportation disruptions in several States. *Associated Press* (See item 14)
- A former crime lab chemist in Massachusetts pleaded guilty to charges that she mishandled evidence affecting possibly thousands of criminal cases. *CNN* (See item <u>27</u>)
- Suffolk, New York police arrested a teenager in connection with allegedly hacking into Sachem school district computers and posting personal data of thousands of students online. – Long Island Newsday (See item 32)

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Energy Sector

1. *November 25*, *Associated Press* – (New Hampshire) **Power coming back on in NH**, **34,000 hit Sunday.** Over 34,000 New Hampshire customers lost power due to strong winds November 24 and utility crews worked through November 25 to restore service to the remaining 6,000 customers.

Source: http://www.newstimes.com/news/article/Power-coming-back-on-in-NH-34-000-hit-Sunday-5009338.php

2. November 25, Associated Press; WLBZ 2 Bangor – (Maine) More than 6,000 still without power in Maine. Utility crews continued to restore service to the remaining 6,000 customers in Maine November 25 after 28,000 lost power November 24 due to high winds.

Source: http://www.wlbz2.com/news/article/263931/3/More-than-6000-still-without-power-in-Maine

- 3. November 25, KXAS 5 Fort Worth (Texas) More than 24,000 lose power in north Texas. Utility crews worked to restore service to over 24,000 customers in north Texas November 25 after ice accumulation, rain, and sleet knocked out power in the area. Source: http://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/Over-13000-Lose-Power-in-North-Texas-233284531.html
- 4. November 24, Los Angeles Times (Wyoming) Energy company to pay \$1 million in wind turbine eagle deaths. Duke Energy Co.'s subsidiary, Duke Energy Renewables, pleaded guilty November 22 and admitted violating the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act in connection with the deaths of over 160 birds between 2009 and 2013 at 2 of their wind turbine farms in Wyoming. The company will pay \$1 million penalty and is working on installing radar technology in order to detect birds near their sites.

 Source: http://www.latimes.com/nation/nationnow/la-na-nn-wind-energy-eagle-death-20131123,0,2938734.story
- 5. November 24, KJRH 2 Tulsa (Wyoming) Tulsa oil company, Nadel and Gussman Rockies, to pay \$1 million fine in Wyoming oil spill. Tulsa, Oklahoma-based Nadel and Gussman Rockies, LLC agreed to pay a \$1 million penalty after more than 4,700 gallons of oil spilled into a Wyoming creek when a tank valve was left open and the company failed to report the spill.

Source: http://www.kjrh.com/dpp/news/local_news/tulsa-oil-company-nadel-and-gussman-rockies-to-pay-1-million-fine-in-wyoming-oil-spill

6. November 22, Reuters – (California) Severe winds leaves two dead, 50,000 without power in San Francisco area. Strong winds in the San Francisco area that knocked down power lines and trees November 21 left at least 2 people dead and more than 50,000 people without power.

Source: http://news.yahoo.com/severe-winds-leaves-two-dead-50-000-without-091905056.html

- November 22, Boston Globe (Massachusetts) Thieves allegedly tunnel into W.
 Mass. wind farm, steal copper wire. Massachusetts State Police stated that six individuals face charges after they allegedly tunneled under a fence at a wind turbine farm in western Massachusetts and took \$38,000 worth of copper wire.
 Source: http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/2013/11/22/thieves-allegedly-tunnel-into-wind-farm-steal-copper-wire/H0bYDdfrhGJTaQ2VOBav2N/story.html
- 8. November 21, Lower Hudson Valley Journal News (New York) Owner of gas stations to pay \$20G for gouging after Sandy. The New York attorney general reached a deal with the owner of four Westchester County gas stations November 21 after he raised fuel prices after Superstorm Sandy. The owner will pay \$20,000 in penalties.

Source: http://www.lohud.com/article/20131121/NEWS/311210054/Westchester-gas-station-owner-fined-20k-post-Sandy-price-gouging

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Chemical Industry Sector

9. November 24, WFTS 28 Tampa – (Florida) Acid tank explosion at Mosaic plant injures two. An acid tank explosion that occurred during routine maintenance of an empty tank at the Mosaic fertilizer plant in Riverview hospitalized two employees November 23.

 $Source: \underline{http://www.abcactionnews.com/dpp/news/local_news/acid-tank-explosion-atmosaic-plant-injures-two}$

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

10. November 25, Car Connection – (National) 2007-2008 Hyundai Entourage recalled for corrosion problem. Hyundai announced a recall of about 15,500 model year 2007 and 2008 Entourage vehicles sold or registered in northeastern and midwestern States and Washington D.C. due to a corrosion issue that could damage front lower control arms.

Source: http://www.thecarconnection.com/news/1088701_2007-2008-hyundai-entourage-recalled-for-corrosion-problem

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Financial Services Sector

11. *November 25*, *Softpedia* – (International) **Bitcoin payment solutions provider BIPS** hacked, 1,295 BTC stolen. Denmark-based Bitcoin payment solutions provider BIPS was attacked by cybercriminals November 15 and November 17 with distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks, followed by an attack that stole 1,295 BTC, equivalent to \$1,085,208.

Source: http://news.softpedia.com/news/Bitcoin-Payment-Solutions-Provider-BIPS-Hacked-1-295-BTC-Stolen-403365.shtml

- 12. November 24, Louisville Courier-Journal (Kentucky) Louisville couple awarded \$22.5 million verdict in mortgage fraud case. A verdict in Jefferson Circuit Court awarded \$22.5 million to two victims of a Ponzi scheme run by New Age Title Co., a company run by two Louisville residents, who failed to pay off the victims' original mortgage during refinancing. Damages against Wells Fargo, Forcht Bank, and an attorney were also awarded for various improper actions or parts in the scheme. Source: http://www.courier-journal.com/article/20131123/NEWS10/311230092/Louisville-couple-awarded-22-5-million-verdict-mortgage-fraud-case
- 13. November 22, KMOX 1120AM St. Louis (Missouri; Nebraska) Secret Service arrests two in Lake Saint Louis debit card scheme. Police announced November 22 that two men were arrested in Omaha, Nebraska, by U.S. Secret Service agents in connection with several skimming incidents in Lake Saint Louis, Missouri. The suspects were found in possession of gift cards and \$140,000 in cash.

 Source: http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2013/11/22/secret-service-arrests-two-in-lake-saint-louis-debit-card-scheme/

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Transportation Systems Sector

14. *November 25, Associated Press* – (National) **Wintry storm threatens Thanksgiving travels.** A large winter storm that moved through the Southwest caused at least 8 deaths in several fatal traffic accidents, more than 300 cancelled flights at the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, cancellations of sporting events and parades across

Arizona, and multiple road closures in several States November 24. Source: http://www.theeagle.com/news/texas/article 7272a5ec-5599-11e3-842d-001a4bcf887a.html

- 15. November 25, Associated Press (South Carolina) Amtrak Crescent derails in SC, 4 hurt. Several cars of a New York-bound Amtrak Crescent train carrying 218 passengers derailed in Spartanburg and injured 4 people November 25. Source: http://news.msn.com/us/amtrak-crescent-derails-in-sc-4-hurt
- 16. November 25, Associated Press (Maryland) Postal worker fatally shot on duty in Md. An U.S. Postal Service worker was shot to death while delivering mail in Landover, Maryland, November 23.

Source: http://news.msn.com/crime-justice/postal-worker-fatally-shot-on-duty-in-md

17. November 24, Fond du Lac Reporter – (Wisconsin) Six injured in crash on Hwy. 23 east of FDL. A three-vehicle accident on Highway 23 in the Town of Forest near Fond du Lac injured six people November 24.

Source:

 $\underline{\text{http://www.fdlreporter.com/article/20131124/FON0101/311240240/Emergency-crews-respond-pin-accident-Hwy-23-east-Fond-du-Lac}$

- 18. *November 24, KVII 7 Amarillo* (Texas) **Hazardous conditions keep crews busy.** A winter storm closed roads in the Midland and El Paso areas and was reported to have caused 81 car accidents between November 23-24.
 - Source: http://www.connectamarillo.com/news/story.aspx?id=975684
- 19. *November 23*, *CNN* (California) **Car crash, 'prank' call at LAX send passengers fleeing terminals.** A hoax call of a man with a gun prompted the evacuation at the Los Angeles International Airport until police searched the terminal and declared it safe November 22.

Source: http://www.cnn.com/2013/11/23/travel/lax-airport-panic/

20. November 22, Long Island Newsday – (New York) LIRR signal man convicted in copper theft scheme. Fifteen Long Island Rail Road employees were arrested in January and one convicted November 22 of conspiring to steal thousands of pounds of copper wire from job sites, netting more than \$253,000 over 3 years.

 $Source: \underline{http://www.newsday.com/long-island/nassau/lirr-signal-man-convicted-in-copper-theft-scheme-1.6481966}$

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Food and Agriculture Sector

21. *November 24, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Louisiana quarantines movement of citrus plants.** The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry established a quarantine for the entire State of Louisiana that restricts the interstate movement of

citrus trees, unless plants are properly treated, after the plant disease Asian citrus psyllid was found in some areas.

Source: http://www.bayoubuzz.com/louisiana-news/louisiana-local-news/item/557047-louisiana-quarantines-movement-of-citrus-plants-kalb-tv-news-channel-5-cbs-2

22. November 24, Food Safety News – (California) CA firm recalls bolognese sauce products for undeclared allergen, misbranding. DelMonaco Specialty Foods of Morgan Hill, California, recalled approximately 5,616 pounds of Armanino brand Bolognese sauce products because of an undeclared allergen and misbranding that was discovered by a customer November 22.

Source: http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/11/ca-firm-recalls-bolognese-sauce-produces-for-undeclared-allergen-misbranding/

- 23. November 24, Food Safety News (National) Ready-to-eat pork roast products recalled for mislabeling, wrong HACCP. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service announced November 22 that Creminelli Fine Meats, LLC of Salt Lake City recalled 31 pieces of Creminelli Artisan Deli Porchetta Seasoned Boneless Pork Roast products that were produced under the wrong Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point plan, and for mislabeling.

 Source: http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/11/small-lot-of-ready-to-eat-pork-products-recalled-for-mislabeling-wrong-haccp/
- 24. November 22, U.S. Department of Agriculture (Wisconsin) Wisconsin firm recalls frozen chicken products. Intevation Food Group, LLC, of Plover, Wisconsin, recalled approximately 156,924 pounds of frozen chicken fettuccine alfredo products because the products contain egg, an allergen that was not declared on the product labels. Source: http://www.imperialvalleynews.com/index.php/news/health/6136-wisconsin-firm-recalls-frozen-chicken-products.html

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

- 25. November 22, Winnsboro Herald Independent (South Carolina) **Town dealing with discolored water.** The Town of Winnsboro notified residents October 30 that high levels of manganese is present in their water supply after weather-related changes brought up sediment from the reservoir Despite the brownish-yellow tint, the water is safe to drink and town officials are continuing to work towards finding a solution. Source: http://www.heraldindependent.com/news/home_top-news/2944661/Town-dealing-with-discolored-water
- 26. November 26, Saipan Tribune (Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) **\$6.9M for water tank replacements, sewer projects.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced November 25 that they will provide \$6.9 million in assistance for water and sewer projects in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, which includes replacement of dilapidated water tanks and chlorine treatment facilities.

Source: http://www.saipantribune.com/newsstory.aspx?cat=1&newsID=151817

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

27. November 22, CNN – (Massachusetts) Ex-Massachusetts chemist gets 3 to 5 years in tampering case. A former crime lab chemist from the William A. Hinton State Laboratory in Massachusetts pleaded guilty November 22 to charges that she mishandled evidence affecting possibly thousands of criminal cases by visually identifying alleged drug samples in lieu of performing chemical tests. Source: http://www.cnn.com/2013/11/22/justice/massachusetts-chemist-plea/index.html

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Government Facilities Sector

- 28. November 25, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (Wisconsin) Waukesha County Technical College closed due to power outage. Classes were cancelled at Waukesha County Technical College in Wisconsin November 25 due to a power outage. The campus will reopen November 26.
 - ${\bf Source: } \underline{http://www.jsonline.com/news/waukesha/waukesha-county-technical-college-closed-due-to-power-outage-b99149913z1-233290601.html}$
- 29. *November 24, Paterson Press* (New Jersey) **Fire-damaged Paterson school will reopen Monday.** Classes will resume November 25 at School 12 in Paterson, New Jersey, after a crews cleaned up the damage left by a November 22 fire at the elementary school. Officials believe an electrical problem may have started the fire. Source: http://www.northjersey.com/news/Fire-damaged_Paterson_school_will_reopen_Monday.html
- 30. November 24, Associated Press (Vermont) Vermont confirms security breach to health care exchange website. A security breach on the Vermont Health Connect Web site's system in October, in which a user improperly accessed another user's Social Security number and data, was confirmed by officials November 22. Authorities stated that technical changes have since been made to the way the system handles user names and passwords.

Source: http://connecticut.cbslocal.com/2013/11/24/vermont-confirms-security-breach-to-health-care-exchange-website/

31. November 23, KPIX 5 San Francisco; Associated Press – (California) Wildfire

threatens power plants in Sonoma County. Crews continued to battle California's McCabe Fire that burned about 2,000 acres by November 23, destroyed one structure, and threatened multiple geothermal power plants in Sonoma County.

Source: http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2013/11/23/wildfire-threatens-power-plants-in-sonoma-county/

32. *November* 22, *Long Island Newsday* – (New York) **Arrest in Sachem schools data breach.** Suffolk police arrested a teenager in connection with allegedly hacking into Sachem school district computers and posting personal data of thousands of students online from July through November.

Source: http://www.newsday.com/long-island/suffolk/arrest-in-sachem-schools-data-breach-1.6484286

33. November 22, Associated Press – (Colorado) Colorado county says hacker stole \$146,000 from its bank accounts through email virus. Huerfano County shut down all but one of its computers used in financial transactions after hackers twice stole over \$146,000 from the county's bank accounts through a computer virus in November. Source:

 $\frac{http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/0d1c00f3fdda4c2b95cc2b3b9a794a1c/CO-Countys-Bank-Hacked}{Countys-Bank-Hacked}$

34. November 22, Associated Press – (Texas) Amarillo school bus crash injures 15. Thirteen students from Lorenzo de Zavala Middle School and two adults were injured in an accident between their school bus and a car November 21 in Amarillo. Source: http://www.reporternews.com/news/2013/nov/22/amarillo-school-bus-crash-injures-15/

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35. November 23, Wisconsin Rapids Tribune – (Wisconsin) Five injured when SUV crashes into Riverview Medical Center ER. The Riverview Medical Center Emergency Room in Wisconsin Rapids was expected to reopen November 24 after a car crashed into the building November 23, leaving five people injured, and forcing the emergency room to temporarily relocate patients while crews inspected the damage and made repairs.

Source:

http://www.wisconsinrapidstribune.com/viewart/20131123/CWS01/311230280/

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Information Technology Sector

36. *November 25, Help Net Security* – (International) **Twitter adds Forward Secrecy to thwart surveillance efforts.** Twitter introduced Perfect Forward Secrecy for traffic to

its Web site and mobile Web site in an effort to increase security. Source: http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=16004

37. November 25, Softpedia – (International) Evernote warns users whose passwords have been exposed in Adobe breach. Evernote analyzed user data from a recent Adobe breach and found that some of its customers were using the same passwords for Adobe and Evernote. Evernote notified affected customers and advised them to change their passwords.

Source: http://news.softpedia.com/news/Evernote-Warns-Users-Whose-Passwords-Have-Been-Exposed-in-Adobe-Breach-403297.shtml

38. November 25, Softpedia – (International) ICANN terminates accreditation of registrar Dynamic Dolphin. The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) announced that it will terminate registrar Dynamic Dolphin's registrar accreditation agreement effective December 20 due to the registrar having a convicted felon as its owner, a violation of ICANN regulations.

Source: http://news.softpedia.com/news/ICANN-Terminates-Accreditation-of-Registrar-Dynamic-Dolphin-403142.shtml

39. November 24, The Register – (International) Rackspace patches Windows Updater vuln. CloudPassage researchers discovered a vulnerability in the Rackspace Windows Agent and Updater that allowed modified code to be uploaded to Rackspace Cloud Server instances and then allowed the execution of arbitrary code after a restart. Rackspace closed the vulnerability after CloudPassage notified the company of the issue.

Source:

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2013/11/24/rackspace_patches_windows_updater_vuln/

40. *November 23, Softpedia* – (International) **Kaspersky publishes spam report for October 2013.** Kaspersky published their spam report for October and found that email spam increased by 6.6 percent, among other findings.

Source: http://news.softpedia.com/news/Kaspersky-Publishes-Spam-Report-for-October-2013-402999.shtml

41. *November* 22, *The Register* – (International) 'High impact' Gmail password security hole blew accounts wide open. A security researcher found and reported a security flaw in Gmail that could allow an attacker to use a spoof email with a password reset link to direct users to a site that launches a cross-site request forgery (CSRF) attack, harvesting the user's username, new password, and login cookie. Google closed the vulnerability after it was notified by the researcher.

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2013/11/22/researcher_earns_payday_for_fixing_high_im_pact_gmail_password_flaw/

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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Commercial Facilities Sector

42. *November 24, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **Car crashes into Denver apartment, five injured.** Five people were transported to area hospitals after a car involved in a traffic accident crashed into the wall of a Denver apartment building November 24. Source: http://www.denverpost.com/breakingnews/ci_24591467/car-crashes-into-denver-apartment-five-injured

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