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Energy Sector

1. *November 26, Bloomberg News* – (International) **Weatherford International settles foreign bribery probes.** The Swiss-based oil services company, Weatherford International Ltd., agreed to pay over \$252 million to settle U.S. allegations that it bribed officials in several countries and violated sanctions by authorizing bribes intended for foreign officials from 2002 to July 2011 in order to obtain or retain business or for other benefits.
Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-11-26/weatherford-international-settles-u-s-foreign-bribery-probes.html>
2. *November 26, Toledo Blade* – (North Dakota; Wisconsin) **Marathon, Enbridge team up on pipeline.** Officials from Marathon Petroleum Corp. announced November 25 that Enbridge Energy Partners LP will join them in the development of the estimated \$2.6 billion Sandpiper Project, a crude oil pipeline from North Dakota to Wisconsin. The pipeline is expected to be operational by 2016.
Source: <https://www.toledoblade.com/Energy/2013/11/26/Marathon-Enbridge-team-up-on-pipeline.html>

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Nothing to report

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

3. *November 26, Detroit News* – (National) **Ford recalling 2013 Escape SUVs for fire risks.** Ford initiated a recall of almost 140,000 model year 2013 Escape vehicles equipped with 1.6 liter engines that may experience engine fires caused by engine cylinder head overheating, which can lead to cracking and oil leaks. Among the recalled vehicles, 9,469 are part of a second recall to fix a fuel leak issue that could also result in engine compartment fires.
Source: <http://www.detroitnews.com/article/20131126/AUTO0102/311260052/Ford-recalling-140-000-13-Escape-SUVs-fire-risks>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Financial Services Sector

4. *November 26, Softpedia* – (International) **Experts warn of new banking trojan Neverquest.** Security researchers have observed thousands of attempts to infect computers using the Neverquest banking trojan, a relatively new trojan that injects a phishing page into sessions when users attempt to access banking Web sites. The trojan has integrated self-replication mechanisms and is distributed via trojan downloaders. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Experts-Warn-of-New-Banking-Trojan-Neverquest-403685.shtml>
5. *November 26, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (Texas) **SEC announces charges against two Houston-based firms for engaging in thousands of undisclosed principal transactions.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission announced November 26 charges alleging that Houston-based Parallax Investments LLC, Tri-Star Advisors, and three of their executives engaged in thousands of principal transactions through their affiliated brokerage firm without informing their clients, collectively making more than \$2 million on the trades. Source: <http://www.sec.gov/News/PressRelease/Detail/PressRelease/1370540414827>
6. *November 25, Newark Star-Ledger* – (Florida; New Jersey) **Feds charge ex-Monmouth County man with running \$18m Ponzi scheme.** A Miami man was arrested and charged by federal authorities with allegedly running an \$18 million Ponzi scheme that defrauded 28 investors by claiming to invest their funds through his company, Fair Haven, New Jersey-based LJS Trading. Source: http://www.nj.com/business/index.ssf/2013/11/feds_charge_ex-monmouth_county.html

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Transportation Systems Sector

7. *November 26, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* – (Wisconsin) **HAZMAT cleanup takes hours after deadly Wisconsin ammonia truck crash.** A fatal accident involving a semi-truck carrying ammonia and another vehicle on Highway 11 in Shullsberg November 25 killed one driver and closed the highway for an undisclosed amount of time as HAZMAT teams cleaned up the toxic spill into November 26.

Source: <http://www.jsonline.com/news/traffic/hazmat-cleanup-takes-hours-after-deadly-wisconsin-ammonia-truck-crash-b99150914z1-233456711.html>

8. *November 26, Maritime Executive* – (Iowa) **Towboat sinks, leaks oil on Mississippi River.** A 144-foot towboat vessel carrying 100,000 gallons of petroleum products struck a submerged object, sank, discharged oil into the Mississippi River near LeClaire, Iowa, and prompted the closure of a portion of the river so authorities could clean up the spill November 25.
Source: <http://www.maritime-executive.com/article/Towboat-Sinks-Leaks-Oil-on-Mississippi-River-2013-11-26/>
9. *November 26, Saginaw News* – (Michigan) **Part of I-75 shutdown after multi-car crash near mile marker 144.** Icy roads caused a multi-vehicle accident on Interstate 75 in Saginaw County November 25 that closed northbound and southbound lanes for about 4 hours into November 26.
Source: http://www.mlive.com/news/saginaw/index.ssf/2013/11/part_of_i-75_shutdown_by_after.html
10. *November 26, Arizona Department of Transportation* – (Arizona) **Interstate 8 ramp to I-10 East closed.** An accident involving a semi-truck that rolled over on Interstate 8 in Phoenix closed all eastbound traffic for an undisclosed amount of time November 26.
Source: <http://www.azfamily.com/traffic/Interstate-8-ramp-to-I-10-East-closed--233452361.html>
11. *November 25, New Hyde Park Patch* – (New York) **DA: More charges for accused LIRR scammers.** The Nassau County District Attorney announced upgraded charges against four Romanian nationals arrested and charged with allegedly installing skimming devices on Long Island Railroad ticket machines. A fifth suspect was also charged in the alleged scheme, though he recently fled to the U.K. following the arrests of the other suspects.
Source: <http://newhydepark.patch.com/groups/police-and-fire/p/da-more-charges-for-accused-lirr-scammers>
12. *November 25, USA Today* – (National) **Ex-flight attendant jailed for bogus bomb threats.** A former United Airlines flight attendant from Dallas was sentenced to 18 months in federal prison for calling in eight phony bomb threats against the carrier between October 2012 and January 2013 that caused disruptions including plane evacuations and canceled flights.
Source: <http://www.postcrescent.com/usatoday/article/3712067>
13. *November 25, WSVN 7 Fort Lauderdale* – (Florida) **FBI and DEA investigate office at Fort Lauderdale Airport.** The World Jet headquarters at the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration for being a suspected site of drug trafficking and money laundering activities.
Source: <http://www.wsvn.com/news/articles/local/21012309595874/fbi-and-dea-investigate-office-at-fort-lauderdale-airport/>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

14. *November 26, Food Safety News* – (National) **Mandatory country-of-origin meat labeling now in effect.** A new rule known as country-of-origin labeling (COOL) that became effective November 23 requires labeling of meats indicating where it originated.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/11/mandatory-country-of-origin-labeling-on-meat-goes-into-full-effect/>
15. *November 25, WKYT 36 Lexington* – (Kentucky) **Crews battle fire at Corbin ice factory.** A factory fire at the Corbin Ice Company in Whitley County closed Cumberland Falls Highway for several hours November 25.
Source: <http://www.wkyt.com/news/state/headlines/Crews-battle-fire-at-Corbin-ice-factory-233287101.html>
16. *November 25, St Louis Post-Dispatch* – (Missouri) **Ammonia leak contained at refrigerated warehouse in Fairmont City.** An ammonia gas leak from a gasket on a refrigeration compressor at the Polarville refrigerated warehouse in Fairmont City prompted authorities to shut down the system and evacuate the nearby industrial area November 25.
Source: http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/crews-respond-to-anhydrous-ammonia-leak-in-fairmont-city/article_43368878-11ea-54ea-8009-eb634fb8498f.html
17. *November 23, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Jayone food issues voluntary alert on undeclared peanuts in dried seaweed salad.** Jayone Foods, Inc., of Paramount, California, voluntarily recalled Trader Joe's Dried Seaweed Salad with Spicy Dressing products because it may contain peanuts that were undeclared.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm376469.htm>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

18. *November 25, Columbia The State* – (South Carolina) **Water restored in Cayce following 17-hour power outage.** A 16-inch water main broke November 25 due to freezing old pipes and caused 8,000 residents and 2,000 businesses in Cayce to be without water for several hours while forcing the closure of 10 Cayce and West Columbia schools. Service workers restored the water and issued a 24-hour boil water advisory.
Source: <http://www.thestate.com/2013/11/25/3121520/water-break-thousands-of-students.html>

19. *November 25, WDAM 7 Laurel* – (Mississippi) **\$20,000 worth of damage and theft at Columbia treatment facility; city offers reward.** The Columbia Board Alderman is offering a reward for information on vandals that caused over \$20,000 in damage to Columbia South's sewage treatment lagoon by stealing a boat, tearing down gates, stealing a pump, and shooting up aerators.
Source: <http://www.wdam.com/story/24066724/20000-worth-of-damage-and-theft-at-columbia-treatment-facility-city-offers-reward>
20. *November 25, U-T San Diego* – (California) **Sewage spill contaminates Lake Calavera.** An 11,400-gallon sewage spill believed to have originated from a broken water main leaked 8,400 gallons of sewage into a storm drain that empties into Lake Calavera in Carlsbad November 25. Signs will be posted warning of the sewage contamination on the north and west portions of the lake until testing is completed.
Source: <http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2013/nov/25/oceanside-carlsbad-sewage-spill-lake-calavera/>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

21. *November 25, WKYC 3 Cleveland* – (Ohio) **Fire damages CVS pharmacy.** Fire crews responded to a fire at a CVS pharmacy in Cleveland November 25 that started in the pharmacy area and caused an estimated \$300,000 in damage.
Source: <http://www.wkyc.com/story/news/local/2013/11/25/cvs-fire/3720197/>

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Government Facilities Sector

22. *November 26, Watauga Democrat* – (North Carolina) **Closings and delays for Nov. 26, 2013.** Watauga County Schools closed due to a power outage and Sugar Grove Developmental Day School closed due to heating issues November 26. Severe weather prompted several other schools in the area to delay opening.
Source: http://www2.wataugademocrat.com/Breaking_News/story/UPDATED-Closings-and-delays-for-Nov-26-2013-id-013314
23. *November 25, USA Today* – (National) **Former TSA supervisor charged with trafficking cocaine.** Federal officials announced that a former Transportation Security Administration supervisor was indicted, along with an accomplice, for allegedly helping smuggle at least 11 pounds of cocaine through the U.S. Virgin Islands in 2012. Baggage handlers in St. Thomas were also charged with smuggling drugs in colorfully marked luggage into the U.S.
Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2013/11/25/tsa-cocaine-trafficking/3691957/>

24. *November 25, Associated Press* – (Indiana) **Students from storm-damaged Tippecanoe County schools return to classes.** Over 900 Tippecanoe County students returned to classes November 25 after severe storms November 17 damaged two schools near Lafayette. The students were placed in temporary classrooms at neighboring schools while crews spend at least a few months making repairs.
Source: <http://posttrib.suntimes.com/news/23991942-418/students-from-storm-damaged-tippecanoe-county-schools-return-to-classes.html>
25. *November 25, WLS-TV 7 Chicago* – (Illinois) **Students hospitalized after chemical lab fire.** Five students from Lincoln Park High School in Chicago were transported to an area hospital after a fire broke out in the chemical lab while they were doing an experiment November 25.
Source: http://abclocal.go.com/wls/story?section=news/local/chicago_news&id=9339275
26. *November 25, Portsmouth Herald* – (New Hampshire) **Portsmouth Middle School closes after burst pipe causes damage.** Portsmouth Middle School in New Hampshire was closed November 26 after a frozen sprinkler pipe burst in a bathroom, causing the sprinkler system to be inoperable until repairs can be made.
Source: <http://www.seacoastonline.com/articles/20131125-NEWS-131129811>
27. *November 25, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **‘Phishing’ attack dupes dozen of U Iowa employees.** At least 82 University of Iowa employees had their accounts accessed by unauthorized individuals November 24-25 in what officials believe was a phishing attack. Hackers stole about \$20,000 from two employees and were able to successfully change deposit information for about five employees.
Source: <http://www.thestate.com/2013/11/25/3121945/phishing-attack-dupes-74-more.html>

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Information Technology Sector

28. *November 26, Softpedia* – (International) **Atrax: Cybercrime kit capable of stealing data, launching DDoS, mining for Bitcoins.** Security researchers at CSIS identified a new malware kit called Atrax being sold for \$250 on underweb forums. Atrax uses The Onion Router (TOR) protocol to hide its communications and comes with several add-ons that allow it to steal data from forms and browsers, launch distributed denial of

service (DDoS) attacks, and mine for Bitcoins and Litecoins.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Atrax-Cybercrime-Kit-Capable-of-Stealing-Data-Launching-DDOS-Mining-for-Bitcoins-403632.shtml>

29. *November 26, Help Net Security* – (International) **AutoCAD malware paves the way for future attacks.** TrendMicro researchers identified a trojan called Shez that disguises itself as an AutoCAD component in order to create a user account with administrative rights, allowing attackers to steal files and plant additional malware in the future. The trojan is either dropped by other malware or can be downloaded unknowingly from malicious sites.
Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2635
30. *November 26, Softpedia* – (International) **Experts warn of an increase in the usage of Blackshades RAT.** Symantec researchers found that the Blackshades remote access trojan (RAT) has increased in use over the past 5 months. The researchers also found a link between Blackshades and the Cool Exploit Kit, where the latter is used to drop the former as well as other pieces of malware.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Experts-Warn-of-an-Increase-in-the-Usage-of-Blackshades-RAT-403525.shtml>
31. *November 26, Threatpost* – (International) **Blackhole and Cool Exploit Kit nearly extinct.** A security researcher monitoring the sale and use of exploit kits found that the use of Blackhole and Cool exploit kits have decreased significantly in the 6 weeks since their alleged creator was arrested. However, the Reveton gang malware group continues to use a custom version of Cool for the distribution of ransomware.
Source: <http://threatpost.com/blackhole-and-cool-exploit-kits-nearly-extinct>

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Communications Sector

32. *November 25, Reuters* – (National) **New agreement gets Pentagon closer to clearing airwaves for sale.** The U.S. Department of Defense reached an agreement with broadcasting industry officials to share some radio airwaves used for military systems in order to allow them to be auctioned off for use by the private sector.
Source: <http://www.globalpost.com/dispatch/news/thomson-reuters/131125/new-agreement-gets-pentagon-closer-clearing-airwaves-sale>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

33. *November 25, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **20 displaced by Ellicott City apartment fire.** A fire at an apartment building in Ellicott City, Maryland, displaced about 20 residents November 25 while all of the apartments in the six-unit building were expected to be declared uninhabitable.
Source: <http://washington.cbslocal.com/2013/11/25/20-displaced-by-ellicott-city-apartment-fire/>
34. *November 25, Florida Times-Union* – (Florida) **Jacksonville apartment fire displaces several families.** A November 25 fire at the Victory Pointe apartments in Jacksonville, Florida, displaced 21 residents and damaged six units. Officials are investigating the cause of the fire but believe it began in one of the apartments on the west side.
Source: <http://jacksonville.com/breaking-news/2013-11-25/story/jacksonville-apartment-fire-displaces-several-families>
35. *November 25, WTVF 5 Nashville* – (Tennessee) **9 treated after fire, meth lab bust in Franklin County.** Nine Franklin County Sheriff's Office members were treated after being exposed to chemical fumes and contaminated air after they responded to a meth lab in a mobile home at All Seasons Campground in Estill Springs November 24. Law enforcement safely removed all dangerous and flammable chemicals.
Source: <http://www.newschannel5.com/story/24064236/9-treated-after-fire-meth-lab-bust-in-franklin-county>
36. *November 24, Easton Express-Times* – (New Jersey) **Union Township condo fire started outside building, prosecutor says.** New Jersey State Police are continuing to investigate a November 23 fire at the Union Hill complex in Union Township that damaged or destroyed 18 condominiums and displaced several residents. Prosecutors believe the fire began outside the building.
Source: http://www.lehighvalleylive.com/hunterdon-county/express-times/index.ssf/2013/11/union_township_condo_fire_star.html

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37. *November 25, Edwardsville Intelligencer* – (Illinois) **Levee Issues Alliance supports council's decision.** The Flood Prevention District Council will begin work on two levee projects as designed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the Wood River Drainage and Levee District as well as the Metro East Sanitary District Levee by the end of 2015.
Source: http://www.theintelligencer.com/local_news/article_bd0cfae0-55f7-11e3-9ae1-001a4bcf887a.html

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