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- A 30-inch Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Company gas line exploded in Hughesville, Missouri, prompting an evacuation order of a 3-mile radius after seven buildings burned. – *KWIZ 17 Columbia* (See item [1](#))
- Most of the 425 residents evacuated November 26 after a CSX train derailment in Willard, Ohio, that caused a chemical spill were allowed to return home. – *Associated Press* (See item [8](#))
- A Chicago Police officer was charged in a mortgage-fraud scheme that netted close to \$750,000 due to his alleged role in plotting to falsify mortgage applications during his former employment as a loan processor and originator. – *Chicago Sun-Times* (See item [21](#))
- Panda Security researchers reported that almost 10 million new malware strains have been identified so far in 2013, with close to 77 percent identified as Trojans, followed by worms, and viruses. – *Softpedia* (See item [24](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *November 29, KMIZ 17 Columbia* – (Missouri) **Explosion rocks Pettis County gas pipeline.** A 30-inch Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Company gas line exploded in Hughesville November 29 prompting an evacuation order of a 3-mile radius after seven buildings burned. Crews spent several hours extinguishing the fire and are investigating the cause of the rupture.
Source: <http://www.abc17news.com/news/massive-explosion-reported-in-pettis-county/-/18421100/23206890/-/8fbisb/-/index.html>
2. *November 27, Dallas Morning News* – (Texas) **Luminant fined \$750,000 in massive 2011 power outage.** The Texas Public Utilities Commission fined Luminant \$750,000 related in part to a February 2011 power outage in North Texas. The settlement resolves allegations that the company's natural gas-fired plant allegedly malfunctioned and could not provide power and that they also did not provide proper notice to the grid's operators.
Source: <http://bizbeatblog.dallasnews.com/2013/11/luminant-fined-750000-for-massive-2011-power-outage.html/>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

3. *November 27 New York Times* – (International) **Navy suspends 2nd contractor after evidence of overbilling.** The U.S. Navy suspended a contract with Inchcape Shipping Services, a ship-supply company owned by the Dubai-based Istithmar World, November 27 for significantly overcharging the Navy and for engaging in conduct indicating questionable business integrity.

Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2013/11/28/us/navy-suspends-second-contractor-it-says-overbilled.html?_r=0

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Financial Services Sector

4. *November 28, CoinDesk* – (International) **Bitcoin exchange Mt. Gox adds ‘extra security’ with one-time password card.** To increase security following a series of problems including multiple DDoS attacks, banking delays, and the seizure of some of its funds by the U.S. government, the bitcoin exchange Mt. Gox has announced new features and updates to its platform. The platform also introduced a one – time password card as an additional layer of security.
Source: <http://www.coindesk.com/bitcoin-exchange-mt-gox-adds-extra-security-one-time-password-card/>
5. *November 27, Park Ridge Patch* – (Illinois) **Police: Arlington Heights woman stole \$600,000 from Allstate.** An Arlington Heights woman and former payment annuity specialist was charged with theft and money laundering after stealing \$600,000 from Allstate Insurance Company after an investigation discovered she had diverted returned annuity checks electronically to another account.
Source: <http://parkridge.patch.com/groups/police-and-fire/p/police-arlington-heights-woman-stole-600000-from-allstate-parkridge>
6. *November 27, Tampa Bay Times* – (Florida) **Judge issues temporary injunction in alleged CD investment scam.** A Brevard County Circuit Court issued a temporary injunction against several companies November 27 for allegedly taking money from at least 30 customers to invest nearly \$3 million in a fake certificates of deposit program since August 2011.
Source: <http://www.tampabay.com/news/business/banking/judge-issues-temporary-injunction-in-alleged-cd-investment-scam/2154574>

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Transportation Systems Sector

7. *November 29, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Plane lands on Pa. highway, no serious injuries.** A small Cessna 210 plane that made an emergency landing due to engine failure on Pennsylvania Route 706 in Susquehanna County closed the highway in both directions for an undisclosed amount of time November 28.
Source: <http://www.observer-reporter.com/article/20131128/NEWS04/>
8. *November 28, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Most Ohio derailment evacuees allowed back home.** Most of the 425 residents evacuated November 26 after a CSX train

derailment in Willard, Ohio, that caused a chemical spill were allowed to return home November 28. The roughly 36 homes closest to the scene of the derailment remained off-limits and were expected to remain until late November 29.

Source: <http://www.postrescent.com/usatoday/article/3777641>

9. *November 26, Bay Area Citizen* – (California) **HCSO arrests suspects in check cashing ring.** The Harris County Sheriff's Office Financial Crimes Unit and the United States Postal Inspection Service arrested and charged three individuals, and are seeking a fourth suspect, in a check cashing scheme where the suspects stole checks from mailboxes of residences then altered and forged them.

Source: http://www.yourhoustonnews.com/bay_area/news/hcso-arrests-suspects-in-check-cashing-ring/article_0490fb3c-96bf-50f1-ae0c-f96b45c5a412.html

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Food and Agriculture Sector

10. *November 28, Food Safety News* – (National) **Blue cheese recalled due to possible salmonella contamination.** Flat Creek Farm & Dairy of Swainsboro recalled 200 pounds of Heavenly Blue cheese products because of potential Salmonella enteritidis contamination discovered during a routine sampling program conducted by the Georgia Department of Agriculture.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/11/salmonella-enteritidis-prompts-blue-cheese-recall/#.UpidnSQo4y8>

11. *November 28, Portville Recorder* – (California) **Quarantine areas expanded.** Following the detection of three Asian citrus psyllids near Exeter, Lemon Cove, and southeast of Porterville, the Tulare County Agricultural Department added an additional 234 square miles to the areas already under quarantine making the total quarantined area in California, 888 square miles.

Source: http://www.recorderonline.com/news/article_a70f05e2-586a-11e3-bd75-0019bb30f31a.html

12. *November 27, Food Safety News* – (National) **Iowa company recalls smoked uncured ham for insufficient labeling.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced November 27 the recall of approximately 3,536 pounds of Niman Ranch Applewood Smoked Uncured Petite Ham products produced by Mary Ann's Specialty Foods of Webster City, Iowa, after Food Safety and Inspection Service inspectors discovered the establishment number was not included on labels during routine label verification.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/11/iowa-company-recalls-uncured-ham-for-labeling-problem/#.UpikDyQo4y8>

13. *November 27, Columbia Basin Herald* – (Washington) **Secret Service looks into fraud credit, debit card purchases.** The Secret Service investigated credit and debit card fraud cases stemming from a group of retail grocery stores linked to URM Stores Inc., who may have been the target of criminal cyberattacks against their payment processing system.

Source: http://www.columbiabasinherald.com/news/crime-fire/article_9d0404a6-57c2-11e3-8eff-0019bb2963f4.html

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

14. *November 28, AL.com* – (Alabama) **MAWSS reports 1400 gallon wastewater leak into Three Mile Creek.** The Mobile Area Water and Sewer system responded to two incidents November 28 including a water main breakage which caused a sink hole and road closure as well as a second spill caused by grease and rag blockage that led to 1,400 gallons of wastewater from a sewer into Three Mile Creek.
Source: http://blog.al.com/live/2013/11/mawss_reports_1400_gallon_wast.html
15. *November 27, San Francisco Bay City News* – (California) **Sausalito: 53,000 gallons of wastewater spills into San Francisco Bay.** The Sausalito Public Works Department reported that a clogged plastic pipe in a residential neighborhood, discovered during a routine inspection November 26, spilled an estimated 53,280 gallons of wastewater into the San Francisco Bay.
Source: <http://www.nbcbayarea.com/news/local/Sausalito-53000-Gallons-of-Wastewater-Spills-into-San-Francisco-Bay-233652281.html>
16. *November 26, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (New York) **Treatment plant to open at Nassau toxic dump.** Representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced that the construction of a new water treatment system for collecting and treating liquid seeping from the landfill and ground water is nearly complete and will begin operations in January 2014. The agency also announced that a comprehensive study will be conducted at the Dewey Loeffel Landfill Superfund site in Rensselaer County, New York.
Source: <http://blog.timesunion.com/green/treatment-plant-to-open-at-nassau-toxic-dump/4499/>
17. *November 26, Southern California City News Service* – (California) **8,400 gallons of sewage spills into Carlsbad Lake.** A November 25 broken water main underneath Lake Boulevard in Oceanside, California, created a sinkhole that caused an adjacent sewage pipe to rupture and overflow, spilling roughly 8,400 gallons of wastewater before sanitation crews contained the spill.
Source: <http://www.sandiego6.com/story/8-400-gallons-of-sewage-spills-into-carlsbad-lake-20131126>
18. *November 26, Elkridge Patch* – (Maryland) **\$8.1 million in wastewater plant upgrades begin.** Howard County officials began an \$8.1 million upgrade the week of November 25 to the Little Patuxent Water Reclamation Plant which includes the installation of solar panels. The upgrades follow the October 2012 power outage at the plant during Superstorm Sandy that caused millions of gallons of untreated wastewater to flow into Little Patuxent River.
Source: <http://elkridge.patch.com/groups/politics-and-elections/p/81-million-in->

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

19. *November 27, Munster Times of Northwest Indiana* – (Indiana) **Cops: Portage pharmacy tech stole 4,000 painkillers.** A Walgreens pharmacy technician in Portage was arrested November 26 after she admitted stealing about 4,000 hydrocodone pills for her own use since June.
Source: http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/porter/portage/police-portage-pharmacy-tech-stole-pain-killers/article_fa38a8c1-aae1-5cab-b527-c79102b950a6.html

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Government Facilities Sector

20. *November 27, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* – (Pennsylvania) **UPMC uncovers records tampering.** A former University of Pittsburgh Medical Center employee was fired from the McKeesport facility November 27 after officials learned that she compromised the personal records of nearly 1,300 patients treated at the hospital in 2013.
Source: <http://www.post-gazette.com/local/2013/11/27/UPMC-Former-employee-compromised-records-of-1-300-patients/stories/201311270203>

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Emergency Services Sector

21. *November 29, Chicago Sun-Times* – (Illinois) **Bond set at \$25,000 for Chicago cop charged in mortgage-fraud scheme.** A Chicago Police officer was charged in a mortgage-fraud scheme that netted close to \$750,000 due to his alleged role in plotting to falsify mortgage applications during his former employment as a loan processor and originator. A co-conspirator filled out loan applications containing false information and passed them along to the officer for submission.
Source: <http://www.suntimes.com/news/crime/24053899-418/bond-set-at-25000-for-chicago-cop-charged-in-mortgage-fraud-scheme.html>

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Information Technology Sector

22. *November 29, Softpedia* – (International) **Flash SMS flaw in Google Nexus devices can be exploited to reboot them.** Alecu researchers found a vulnerability in Google devices that can be exploited to cause them to reboot and is related to a Class 0 (Flash

SMS) messages. The flaw remains unpatched after Google's Android Security Team was notified over a year ago.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Flash-SMS-Flaw-in-All-Google-Mobile-Devices-Can-Be-Exploited-to-Reboot-Them-404765.shtml>

23. *November 28, The Register* – (International) **You have a Skype voicemail. PSYCHE! It's just some fiendish Trojan-flinging spam.** A United Kingdom police agency along with MXLab researchers warned that a spam run of fake Skype voicemail alert emails are attached with zip files that are contaminated with a variant of the Zeus banking trojan.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2013/11/28/skype_voicemail_alert_spam_flings_zeus_trojan/
24. *November 27, Softpedia* – (International) **10 million new malware strains identified so far in 2013, Q3 study shows.** Panda Security researchers reported that almost 10 million new malware strains have been identified so far in 2013, with close to 77 percent identified as Trojans, followed by worms, and viruses.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/10-Million-New-Malware-Strains-Identified-So-Far-in-2013-Q3-Study-Shows-404043.shtml>

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25. *November 29, Associated Press* – (South Carolina) **12 people displaced by Columbia apartment fire.** A November 28 fire at the Charbonneau Apartment complex in Columbia, South Carolina, damaged all eight apartments, displaced at least 12 people, and left an estimated \$350,000 in damage.
Source: <http://www.fortmilltimes.com/2013/11/29/3130944/12-people-displaced-by-columbia.html>

26. *November 28, Atlanta Journal-Constitution* – (Georgia) **32 displaced by Cobb County apartment fire.** A November 28 fire at the Mission Galleria Apartments in Smyrna destroyed eight units of the Cobb County complex and displaced 32 residents.
Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/news/32-displaced-by-cobb-county-apartment-fire/nb6nz/>
27. *November 27, Associated Press; WCBS 2 New York City; Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **4-alarm blaze in Jersey City displaces 22 people.** A 4-alarm fire at an apartment building in Downtown Jersey City severely damaged two Grove Street buildings and displaced all 22 residents November 27.
Source: <http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2013/11/27/4-alarm-blaze-in-jersey-city-displaces-22-people/>
28. *November 27, KIRO-TV 7 Seattle* – (Washington) **Potential bomb pulled from Kent apartment.** A Kent, Washington, apartment building was partially evacuated for 3 hours November 27 after possible explosives were found inside an apartment. Bomb squad members removed several items to be rendered safe and examined.
Source: <http://www.kirotv.com/news/news/potential-bomb-pulled-kent-apartment/nb6dD/>
29. *November 26, WCIV 4 Charleston* – (South Carolina) **Meth cook found in North Charleston apartment complex.** The Brackenbrook apartment complex in North Charleston, South Carolina, was evacuated for 2-3 hours after a meth cook was found November 26. Authorities cleared out the building before residents were allowed to go back inside.
Source: <http://www.abcnews4.com/story/24075055/multiple-agencies-respond-to-north-charleston-apartment-complex>

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