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Top Stories

- An inspector general report revealed that the U.S. Department of Energy failed to address suspected cyber-security weaknesses before a July hacking incident that compromised the private information of 104,000 employees. – *Washington Post* (See item **1**)

- The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration shut down 52 bus companies December in a nationwide crackdown on unsafe motor coach companies. – *Associated Press* (See item **10**)

- Nearly 840,000 Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield members' personal identifiable information was compromised after two laptops were stolen in New Jersey. – *WCBS 2 New York City* (See item **26**)

- Yahoo Mail experienced an outage due to a hardware problem the left some users unable to login for multiple days. – *IDG News Service* (See item **37**)

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Energy Sector

1. December 11, Washington Post – (National) **DOE was aware of security issues that exposed employees to hackers.** The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) inspector general released a report December 11 stating that the DOE failed to address suspected cyber-security weaknesses before a July hacking incident that compromised the private information of 104,000 employees, their dependents, and contractors. The report also found several other discrepancies with the department's security controls and safety standards.
   Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/federal-eye/wp/2013/12/11/doe-was-aware-of-security-weaknesses-that-led-to-hacking-report-says/

2. *December 11, KOMO 4 Seattle* – (Washington) **Copper theft suspects posing as Cherokee charity face charges.** Two men accused of posing as Cherokee Indians were charged after conning Seattle City Light and others out of 42,500 pounds of copper wire worth $120,000 after they claimed the copper was to be donated to a children's charity. The utility agreed to donate a stockpile of copper wiring set aside for recycling after the men convincingly posed as individuals running a children's' arts and crafts program.
   Source: http://www.komonews.com/news/local/Copper-theft-suspects-posing-as-Cherokee-charity-now-face-charges-235494941.html

3. *December 10, U.S. Department of Labor* – (New Jersey) **US Labor Department's OSHA cites industrial gas manufacturer Welco Acetylene Corp. for 19 serious safety violations at Newark facility.** Welco Acetylene Corp., was cited with 19 serious safety violations and a proposed fine totaling $49,200 by the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration December 10 after a mandatory inspection of its repackaging facility in Newark.
   Source: https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=25221

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Nothing to report

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

4. *December 11, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Connecticut) **Plantsville, Conn., automotive metal forging company cited by the U.S. Labor Department's OSHA for repeat and serious safety and health violations.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Plantsville-based JJ Ryan Corporation's Rex Forge Division for 5 repeat and 16 serious safety and health violations. Proposed fines totaled $112,068.
Source:https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=25227

Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

Financial Services Sector

5. *December 12, Softpedia* – (International) **Cybercriminals trick unsuspecting U.S. users into delivering goods to Russia.** Researchers at Trend Micro monitored a cybercrime ring that recruits and uses individuals as mules in the U.S. to launder stolen money by sending them items bought with stolen payment card information and then having the mules ship the items on to Russia or Ukraine. Some items sent in this way are subject to export restrictions.
Source: http://news.softpedia.com/news/Cybercriminals-Trick-Unsuspecting-US-Users-into-Delivering-Goods-to-Russia-408711.shtml

6. *December 12, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (International) **SEC charges London-based hedge fund advisor and U.S.-based holding company for internal control failures.** GLG Partners L.P. and its former holding company GLG Partners Inc., agreed to pay the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission almost $9 million to settle charges that the company failed to have adequate internal controls, resulting in the overvaluation of a fund's assets and inflated revenues from fees for the company.
Source: http://www.sec.gov/News/PressRelease/Detail/PressRelease/1370540491613

7. *December 11, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin* – (California) **Redlands police arrest man in Button-Down Bandit bank robberies.** Police in Redlands December 11 arrested a man believed to be the "Button-Down Bandit", a suspect linked to six bank robberies in the area.
Source: http://www.redlandsdailyfacts.com/general-news/20131211/redlands-police-arrest-man-in-button-down-bandit-bank-robberies

For additional stories, see items **35**, and **36**

Transportation Systems Sector

8. *December 12, Associated Press* – (Hawaii) **Airline owner: Engine failed in Hawaii plane crash.** An accident involving a Makani Kai Air plane that crashed into the water off the island of Molokai, killed the Hawaii Department of Health director while eight others onboard survived and were rescued December 11.
Source: http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/small-plane-crashes-water-off-molokai-hawaii-21187906

9. *December 12, WNYW 5 New York City* – (New York) **George Washington Bridge reopens.** Emergency roadway repairs prompted the closure of all lanes of the upper level, New Jersey-bound George Washington Bridge December 11, causing severe traffic on all approaches to the bridge in New York City until it was reopened December 12.
Source: http://www.myfoxny.com/story/24198753/george-washington-bridge-lane-closures

10. *December 12, Associated Press* – (National) **Feds shut 52 unsafe bus companies.** The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration announced the shutdown of 52 bus companies December 12 in a nationwide crackdown on motor coach companies with poor safety records, including lines whose drivers had suspended licenses or worked routes of more than 800 miles without rest.
Source: http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/ap-exclusive-feds-shut-52-unsafe-bus-companies-21188061

11. *December 11, KXLT-TV 47 Rochester* – (Minnesota) **State Patrol investigating crash involving school bus on Highway 43 near Winona.** An accident involving a school bus that was hit by another vehicle on Highway 43 at County Road 21 closed the highway between Wilson and Winona for an undisclosed amount of time December 11.
Source: http://www.myfox47.com/story/24195726/2013/12/11/state-patrol-investigating-crash-involving-school-bus-on-highway-43-near-winona

12. *December 11, Myrtle Beach Sun News* – (South Carolina) **Person killed in crash with log truck in Georgetown County.** A fatal head-on collision between a semi-truck and car on S.C. 51 in Georgetown County, South Carolina, killed one person, sent another to the hospital with injuries, and closed the highway for several hours December 11.
Source: http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2013/12/11/3897519/person-killed-in-crash-with-log.html

13. *December 11, Forum of Fargo-Moorhead* – (Illinois; Washington; Oregon) **Heavy oil field freight train traffic forces some Amtrak cancellations through Fargo.** Freight train congestion combined with winter weather prompted Amtrak to cancel eastbound

and westbound Empire Builder route trips, between Chicago to Seattle and Portland, from December 13 through the weekend of December 14, which will disrupt service for hundreds of customers.
Source: http://www.inforum.com/event/article/id/420850/

14. *December 11, WTVJ 6 Miami* – (Florida) **$10,000 reward in Homestead robbery of U.S. Postal service worker.** The U.S. Postal Inspection Service is offering up to $10,000 for information that leads to the arrest of a suspect who robbed a U.S. Postal service mail carrier in Homestead, Florida, and fled the scene on foot December 10.
Source: http://www.nbcmiami.com/news/10000-Reward-in-Homestead-Robbery-of-US-Postal-Service-Worker--235433211.html

15. *December 11, Los Angeles Times* – (National) **American Airlines fined $60,000 for violating price advertising rules.** The U.S. Department of Transportation fined American Airlines $60,000 for falsely telling passengers that airline surcharges added to their fares were government taxes in violation of federal full-fare advertising rules.
Source: http://www.latimes.com/business/travel/la-fi-mo-american-airline-fined-20131211,0,731312.story

16. *December 10, Associated Press* – (Nevada) **Vegas rail line reopens after coal train derails.** One locomotive and 19 rail cars of a California-bound Union Pacific train derailed and damaged the tracks December 8, blocking traffic and prompting the closure of the rail line in Las Vegas while about 1,200 feet of tracks were replaced. The rail was back in service December 10.
Source: http://www.lasvegassun.com/news/2013/dec/11/vegas-rail-line-reopens-after-coal-train-derails/

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Food and Agriculture Sector

17. *December 12, Merced Sun-Star* – (California) **One killed, two injured in explosion.** A fuel tank explosion on a ranch at Highway 59, north of Merced, California, killed one man and seriously injured two ranch workers December 11.
Source: http://www.mercedsunstar.com/2013/12/11/3388109/one-killed-two-injured-in-explosion.html

18. *December 11, Associated Press* – (National) **FDA takes steps to phase out antibiotics in meat.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced that it will ask pharmaceutical companies to voluntarily stop using some antibiotics to promote growth in animals in an effort to phase out the use of some antibiotics in animals processed for meat that have been linked to antibiotic-resistant diseases in humans.
Source: http://abcnews.go.com/Health/wireStory/fda-targets-antibiotics-meat-21175883

19. *December 11, WPTV 5 West Palm Beach* – (Florida) **Hazardous ammonia leak causes evacuations at Rich's Ice Cream on Dixie Highway.** A chemical leak of anhydrous ammonia at the Rich's Ice Cream in West Palm Beach prompted the

evacuation of employees while HAZMAT units responded to the scene December 11. Twenty people were treated for exposure and two were taken to the hospital.
Source: http://www.wptv.com/dpp/news/region_c_palm_beach_county/west_palm_beach/Hazardous-ammonia-leak-causes-evacuations-at-Richs-Ice-Cream-on-Dixie-Highway

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

20. *December 11, Associated Press* – (New Hampshire) **EPA names Farmington rubber plant a Superfund site.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) added the Collins & Aikman Plant of Farmington to the Superfund list of hazardous waste sites after the EPA found that an underground aquifer became contaminated with toxic chemicals from the facility.
Source: http://www.sfgate.com/news/science/article/EPA-names-Farmington-rubber-plant-a-Superfund-site-5055612.php

21. *December 12, Triangle Business Journal* – (North Carolina) **Contaminated Oxford site makes EPA Superfund list.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency added the former Cristex Drum knit fabric mill in Oxford, North Carolina, to its National Priorities List of Superfund sites after finding that the mill has been leaking chemicals into local groundwater, contaminating wetlands, and putting nearby Oak Ridge apartments at risk.
Source: http://www.bizjournals.com/triangle/blog/2013/12/contaminated-oxford-site-makes-epa.html

22. *December 12, WAVY 10 Portsmouth* – (North Carolina) **Boil water advisory issued for Corolla.** Drinking water services were interrupted after a water line break in Corolla that prompted a boil water advisory notice due to potential contamination, remaining in effect until December 13.
Source: http://www.wavy.com/news/north-carolina/boil-water-advisory-issued-for-corolla-nc

23. *December 12, Dredging News* – (New Jersey) **EPA adds Troy Chemical site to Superfund list.** The Troy Chemical Corp., site in Newark was added to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Superfund list of most hazardous waste sites after past chemical manufacturing was found to have contaminated Pierson's Creek with mercury and other pollutants.
Source: http://www.sandandgravel.com/news/article.asp?v1=17902

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

24. *December 12, Santa Barbara Independent* – (California) **Records security breach at Cottage Hospital.** Cottage Hospital notified 32,500 patients December 6 after security

protection limiting outside access to their health records was removed by a third party vendor, potentially leaving their medical information open to exposure. Patients seen at the Cottage Hospital's Goleta, Santa Ynez, and Santa Barbara centers between September 2009 and December 2013 were affected.
Source: http://www.independent.com/news/2013/dec/11/records-security-breach-cottage-hospital/

25. *December 11, KTVT 11 Fort Worth* – (Texas) **Crews squash fire at Dallas nursing home.** Authorities are investigating the cause of a December 11 fire at a Dallas nursing home that prompted the evacuation of around 50 people while firefighters contained the blaze.
Source: http://dfw.cbslocal.com/2013/12/11/crews-squash-fire-at-dallas-nursing-home/

26. *December 10, WCBS 2 New York City* – (National) **Personal information at risk after laptops stolen from N.J. health insurance company.** New Jersey-based Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield notified nearly 840,000 of its members after two password-protected, but unencrypted laptops were stolen from its Newark headquarters that potentially contained member's personal information, including Social Security numbers and clinical information.
Source: http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2013/12/10/personal-information-at-risk-after-laptops-stolen-from-n-j-health-insurance-company/?hpt=ju_bn4

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Government Facilities Sector

27. *December 12, Associated Press* – (Florida) **Va. man charged in Florida with making supremacist threats against judge, prosecutor, FBI agent.** A Virginia man was charged in Florida with making threats after he sent a series of electronic messages demanding the release of 14 people charged because of their connections to a white supremacist group and issued threats against a Florida attorney, a circuit judge, and FBI agent.
Source:
http://www.dailyjournal.net/view/story/b7a4fd8aa084459ebb89c9f53db75544/FL--White-Supremacist-Threats/

28. *December 11, Tyler Morning Telegraph* – (Texas) **69 children involved; 2 Athens ISD school buses collide; no serious injuries.** An accident involving two Athens Independent School buses in Henderson County, Texas, prompted 69 children to be transported to an area hospital for minor injuries December 11.
Source: http://www.tylerpaper.com/TP-News+Local/191227/69-children-involved-2-athens-isd-school-buses-collide-no-serious-injuries#.UqndEfRDtg1

29. *December 11, KGW 8 Portland* – (Oregon) **All power downtown back after Sunday outage.** The Portland City Hall and Multnomah County Courthouse reopened

December 11 after a December 8 power outage knocked out service to the buildings and the surrounding area when an underground explosion blew off a manhole.
Source: http://www.kgw.com/news/local/Multnomah-Couty-Courthouse-closed-on-Monday-234993321.html

30. *December 11, KHON 2 Honolulu* – (Hawaii) **Waipahu students possibly sickened by school lunch.** Authorities are investigating after approximately 40 students from Waipahu Elementary School in Honolulu fell ill December 10 with food poisoning-like symptoms. Twenty-five of those students were transported to an area hospital after paramedics were called to the school.
Source: http://www.khon2.com/news/waipahu-students-possibly-sickened-by-school-lunch

31. *December 11, CTNews.com* – (Connecticut) **Fire puts radio station off the air at UB.** A December 11 roof fire at the University of Bridgeport's John J. Cox Student Center prompted the building's evacuation and closure while crews suppressed and investigated the blaze. A campus radio station, WPKN 89.5 FM Bridgeport, went off-air until December 12 due to the fire.
Source: http://blog.ctnews.com/connecticutpostings/2013/12/11/fire-puts-radio-station-off-the-air-at-ub/#18818101=0

32. *December 11, Associated Press* – (Connecticut) **UConn Health Center says employee inappropriately accessed patients' personal information.** The University of Connecticut Health Center notified 164 patients after an employee inappropriately accessed the patients' personal information. The health center is investigating the breach that they discovered November 4, and the employee was placed on administrative leave.
Source: http://www.tribtown.com/view/story/8df11c161064482cbeb49a2675634913/CT--Health-Center-Privacy-Breach

33. *December 11, WCBS 2 New York City* – (New York) **NYC Board of Health approves flu shot mandate for young children.** The New York City Board of Health approved December 11 a mandate that requires all children who go to preschool or day care in New York City to get flu shots. The new rule goes into effect in 30 days and is mandatory for children under 6 years old.
Source: http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2013/12/11/nyc-board-of-health-to-vote-on-flu-shot-mandate-for-young-children/

For another story, see item **11**

Emergency Services Sector

Nothing to report

Information Technology Sector

34. *December 12, Help Net Security* – (International) **Facebook users hit with phishing and malware combo attack.** SANS ISC researchers reported a phishing and malware delivery campaign targeting Facebook users. The campaign uses a malicious Tumblr link contained in a phishing message that directs users to a phishing page and then to a fake Youtube page that prompts the user to install a trojan disguised as an update.
Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2650

35. *December 12, Softpedia* – (International) **App that claims to notify users of Bitcoin market changes hides RAT.** A researcher at Arbor Networks identified a malicious app named BitCoin Alarm that purports to offer users market information on Bitcoins but in fact contains a remote access trojan (RAT) called NetWiredRC designed to harvest login information.
Source: http://news.softpedia.com/news/App-That-Claims-to-Notify-Users-of-Bitcoin-Market-Changes-Hides-RAT-408736.shtml

36. *December 11, Dark Reading* – (International) **Cybercriminals now enlisting database cloud services.** Researchers at Imperva discovered a new botnet used for stealing online banking credentials that uses cloud-based MSSQL databases for command and control functions and data storage. The malware infected at least 370 systems in 5 days and could potentially be used to attack databases directly.
Source: http://www.darkreading.com/attacks-breaches/cybercriminals-now-elisting-database-clo/240164662

37. *December 11, IDG News Service* – (International) **Yahoo Mail still down for some users, after an attempted fix.** Yahoo Mail experienced an outage beginning December 10 due to a hardware problem at one of Yahoo's mail data centers. Some users continued to be unable to login December 11.
Source: http://www.networkworld.com/news/2013/121113-yahoo-mail-still-down-for-276846.html

38. *December 11, IDG News Service* – (International) **Nvidia exploit could turn render farms into password crackers, Bitcoin miners, researchers claim.** Researchers at ReVuln identified a vulnerability in Nvidia's Mental Ray 3D version 3.11.10 rendering software, which could allow an attacker to inject a malicious remote library into a target system and gain control over rendering machines or render farms. The compromised machines could then be used for GPU-intensive tasks such as password cracking and Bitcoin mining.
Source: http://www.networkworld.com/news/2013/121113-nvidia-exploit-could-turn-render-276830.html

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Commercial Facilities Sector

39. *December 12, CBS Los Angeles* – (California) **2 killed, 3 injured in 'suspicious' Echo Park apartment fire.** A suspicious fire at an 11-unit building in Echo Park December 12 left two residents dead and three others injured.
Source: http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2013/12/12/2-killed-3-injured-in-echo-park-apartment-fire/

40. *December12, WCPO 9 Cincinnati* – (Ohio) **Hazardous material causes explosion, fire in Winton Place.** HAZMAT crews responded to Environmental Enterprises Inc., in Cincinnati after a fire and explosion December 11 in a flammable liquid storage area in the building. All employees were evacuated safely and no injuries were reported.
Source: http://www.wcpo.com/news/local-news/hamilton-county/cincinnati/northside/hazardous-material-causes-explosion-fire-in-winton-place

41. *December 11, WOOD 8 Grand Rapids* – (Michigan) **Fire destroys apts; 2 people hurt.** Eight apartments were destroyed in a fire at a 20-unit Otsego apartment complex December 10, leaving two injured and displacing around 12 residents.
Source: http://www.woodtv.com/news/local/allegan-county/fire-at-otsego-apartment-complex-december-11-2013

42. *December 11, WOOD 8 Grand Rapids* – (Michigan) **11 fire depts. at Gentleman 131 fire.** Eleven firefighting departments were called to fight a fire at the Gentleman 131 club December 11 in Mecosta Township. The complex is believed to be a total loss.
Source: http://www.woodtv.com/news/michigan/11-fire-depts-at-gentleman-131-fire

43. *December 11, NewsOK.com* – (Oklahoma) **Natural gas leak in downtown Oklahoma City leads to the evacuation of about 60 people.** 60 people were evacuated from three buildings in downtown Oklahoma City after a contractor working on construction caused a gas leak behind a nearby gas station December 11.

Source: http://newsok.com/natural-gas-leak-in-downtown-oklahoma-city-leads-to-the-evacuation-of-about-60-people/article/3913543

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