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### Top Stories

- The U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration October 22 expanded a recall affecting vehicles with airbags manufactured by Takata to a total of 7.8 million from 6.1 million that were announced October 21.  
– *Reuters* (See item [1](#))
- Matson Terminals Inc. agreed to plead guilty to two violations of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and pay a \$1 million penalty for illegally discharging more than 233,000 gallons of molasses into Honolulu Harbor in September 2013 after a pipe in its ship cracked, killing more than 25,000 fish. – *KHON 2 Honolulu* (See item [11](#))
- Two St. John the Baptist Parish Utilities Department employees were indicted October 20 for allegedly lying and falsifying data about a public water system infected with the deadly *Naegleria fowleri* amoeba. – *New Orleans Times-Picayune* (See item [18](#))
- Microsoft disclosed a vulnerability affecting most current releases of Microsoft Windows that allows an attacker to perform remote code execution if a user opens a specially-crafted Microsoft Office file containing a malicious Object Linking and Embedding (OLE) object.  
– *Securityweek* (See item [20](#))

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## **Energy Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector**

1. *October 21, Associated Press* – (Connecticut) **US oversight increased at Millstone nuclear plant.** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission announced October 21 that it was increasing oversight at the Millstone nuclear power plant in Waterford due to the length of time it took plant operators to address problems with a back-up cooling pump at the plant.

Source: <http://www.greenwichtime.com/news/article/US-oversight-increased-at-Millstone-nuclear-plant-5837614.php>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

2. *October 22, Reuters* – (National) **U.S. regulators expand number of vehicles affected by Takata recalls.** The U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration October 22 expanded the number of vehicles in a recall affecting vehicles with airbags manufactured by Takata to a total of 7.8 million from 6.1 million that were announced October 21. The airbag inflators in affected vehicles would inflate with too much force and spray shrapnel at vehicle occupants.

Source: <http://www.cnbc.com/id/102109468>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Financial Services Sector**

3. *October 21, Associated Press* – (New Mexico) **Belen woman pleads guilty to a bank fraud charge.** A Belen woman pleaded guilty October 21 for making fraudulent withdrawals from Belen Railroad Employees Credit Union accounts causing around

\$118,376 in losses to her employer.

Source: [http://www.demingheadlight.com/deming-news/ci\\_26774959/belen-woman-pleads-guilty-bank-fraud-charge](http://www.demingheadlight.com/deming-news/ci_26774959/belen-woman-pleads-guilty-bank-fraud-charge)

4. *October 21, U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Virginia* – (Virginia) **Vienna investment advisor pleads guilty to defrauding numerous elderly and widowed clients.** A Vienna, Virginia resident and former investment advisor for Apple Federal Credit Union affiliate Apple Financial Services pleaded guilty October 21 to using his position to misappropriate between around \$1 million and \$7 million from customers. Source: <http://www.justice.gov/usao/vae/news/2014/10/20141021emasnr.html>

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## **Transportation Systems Sector**

5. *October 22, San Francisco Bay City News* – (California) **7 injured in multi-car crash on transition road near downtown Los Angeles, molasses spilled.** Seven people were injured in a multi-vehicle accident involving an overturned truck and another semi-truck that spilled its load of molasses on the transition road from southbound Golden State 5 Freeway to the westbound Santa Monica 10 Freeway in Los Angeles October 22, which prompted the closure of the transition road for more than 2 hours. Source: <http://www.dailynews.com/general-news/20141022/7-injured-in-multi-car-crash-on-transition-road-near-downtown-los-angeles-molasses-spilled>
6. *October 22, Albany Times Union* – (New York) **Green Island man identified as driver killed in school bus crash.** Route 7 between Johnsonville and Hall roads in Pittstown was closed for 6 hours October 21 following an accident between a vehicle and a Brunswick/Brittonkill school bus that killed the vehicle's driver and left two students injured. Source: <http://www.timesunion.com/local/article/Emergency-response-at-scene-of-Route-7-crash-5837991.php>
7. *October 22, WABI 5 Bangor* – (Maine) **SW Harbor PD: No threat to public, suspicious package detonated.** A bomb squad detonated a suspicious package and deemed it safe to lift an evacuation order at the Southwest Harbor town dock in Maine which last several hours October 22. Authorities are investigating the incident. Source: <http://wabi.tv/2014/10/22/sw-harbor-pd-no-threat-to-public-suspicious-package-detonated/>
8. *October 21, WLEX 18 Lexington* – (Kentucky) **Chemical spill closes I-75 for hours in Madison County.** A chemical spill October 21 shut down a stretch of both north and southbound lanes of Interstate 75 in Madison County for 6 hours October 21 while crews worked to clean up the leaked ferric chloride solution that spilled from a semi-truck carrying more than 3,200 gallons of the chemical. Source: <http://www.lex18.com/news/chemical-leak-closes-i-75-for-hours-in-madison-county>

9. *October 21, KNOP 2 North Platte* – (Nebraska) **Plane makes emergency landing in Grand Island.** An Allegiant flight made an emergency landing at the Central Nebraska Regional Airport in Grand Island October 20 after the pilot received a warning about overheating equipment. Mechanics assisted in the inspection of the plane after it safely landed.  
Source: <http://www.knopnews2.com/home/headlines/Plane-Makes-Emergency-Landing--279868902.html>
10. *October 21, Allentown Morning Call* – (Pennsylvania) **I-78 reopens after fatal crash in Upper Saucon.** A fatal collision involving a semi-truck and passenger vehicle killed at least one person and shut down Interstate 78 east in Upper Saucon Township in Lehigh County for 5 hours October 21.  
Source: <http://www.mcall.com/news/breaking/mc-t-upper-saucon-interstate-78-fatal-1021-20141021-story.html>
11. *October 21, KHON 2 Honolulu* – (Hawaii) **Matson to pay \$1 million for Honolulu Harbor molasses spill.** Matson Terminals Inc. agreed to plead guilty to two violations of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and pay a \$1 million penalty for illegally discharging more than 233,000 gallons of molasses into Honolulu Harbor in September 2013 after a pipe in its ship cracked, killing more than 25,000 fish.  
Source: <http://khon2.com/2014/10/21/matson-to-pay-1-million-for-honolulu-harbor-molasses-spill/>

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## **Food and Agriculture Sector**

12. *October 21, Green Bay Press-Gazette* – (Wisconsin) **4,000 gallons of manure spilled near Greenleaf.** A Konen Farms-owned semi-truck carrying manure tipped onto its side while travelling along a road in Greenleaf October 21, causing about 4,000 gallons of manure to spill into a ditch. Crews worked to contain the spill and clean the scene.  
Source: <http://www.greenbaypressgazette.com/story/news/local/2014/10/21/gallons-manure-spilled-near-greenleaf/17659973/>
13. *October 21, WTSP 10 St. Petersburg* – (Florida) **Semi overturns, dumps olive oil all over road.** Several hundred gallons of olive oil spilled from an overturned semi-truck onto an exit ramp of Interstate 275 in Tampa October 21. The exit was closed to traffic for several hours while crews cleared the scene.  
Source: <http://www.wtsp.com/story/traffic/2014/10/21/tractor-trailer-overturns-olive-oil/17668437>

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## **Water and Wastewater Systems Sector**

14. *October 21, KPIX 5 San Francisco* – (California) **E.coli lurks in water supply of San Jose neighborhood, hundreds of residents forced to boil water.** A boil water advisory was issued October 17 for approximately 300 homes in San Jose near the Milpitas city line after a water main project the week of October 13 caused the presence of E.coli and total coliform in the water supply. Crews worked to isolate and eliminate the source of the contamination.  
Source: <http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2014/10/21/e-coli-lurks-in-water-supply-of-san-jose-neighborhood-bacteria-contamination/>

For additional stories, see items [11](#) and [18](#)

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## **Healthcare and Public Health Sector**

15. *October 21, Associated Press* – (National) **Packaging error prompts recall of naproxen pills.** Contract Packaging Resources Inc., a company based out of Greensboro, North Carolina, announced a recall for nearly 12,000, 15-count boxes of 220mg Assured brand naproxen sodium tablets after the company inadvertently packaged bottles of ibuprofen instead of the naproxen pills sold at Dollar Tree stores nationwide  
Source: <http://www.wusa9.com/story/news/2014/10/21/naproxen-recall-dollar-tree-packaging-error/17659687/>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

16. *October 22, WNWO 24 Toledo* – (Ohio) **Lima Senior High evacuated due to bomb threat.** A bomb threat October 22 prompted officials to evacuate and cancel classes at Lima High School and South Middle School in Ohio. Authorities reported to the scene to investigate the threat.  
Source: <http://www.nbc24.com/news/story.aspx?id=1112935>
17. *October 21, WFMZ 69 Allentown* – (New Jersey) **4 students hurt in school bus crash.** An accident involving a school bus and another vehicle at Route 57 and Route 519 in Lopatcong Township, Warren County, October 21 left 4 students injured.  
Source: <http://www.wfmz.com/news/news-regional-newjersey/4-students-hurt-in-school-bus-crash/29252602>
18. *October 20, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **Brain-eating amoeba inquiry yields charges that 2 St. John employees lied about water samples.** Two St. John the Baptist Parish Utilities Department employees were charged October 20 with lying and falsifying data about a public water system infected with the deadly Naegleria fowleri amoeba. Authorities discovered the employees had lied about the amount and

results of water samples that were collected at the Lions treatment plant in Reserve and the end of the system in Mount Airy after Louisiana health officials reported the presence of the amoeba in August.

Source: [http://www.nola.com/crime/index.ssf/2014/10/indictment\\_from\\_brain-eating\\_a.html](http://www.nola.com/crime/index.ssf/2014/10/indictment_from_brain-eating_a.html)

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

19. *October 20, Syracuse Post-Standard* – (New York) **Cause of Cayuga Correctional Facility prison fire that displaced 59 inmates overnight under investigation.** An October 19 fire that ignited in a dryer vent in a laundry room at the Cayuga Correctional Facility in Moravia prompted the evacuation of 117 inmates from the D-1 and D-2 areas. Fifty-nine inmates who were displaced due to the fire returned to their dorms October 20 and the cause remains under investigation.

Source:

[http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2014/10/cause\\_of\\_cayuga\\_correctional\\_facility\\_prison\\_fire\\_that\\_displaced\\_59\\_inmates\\_over.html](http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2014/10/cause_of_cayuga_correctional_facility_prison_fire_that_displaced_59_inmates_over.html)

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## **Information Technology Sector**

20. *October 22, Securityweek* – (International) **Windows zero-day exploited in targeted attacks through PowerPoint.** Microsoft reported that it has observed limited targeted attacks exploiting a zero-day vulnerability in the company's Object Linking and Embedding (OLE) technology which could allow an attacker to perform remote code execution if a user opens a specially-crafted Microsoft Office file. The vulnerability affects all current Microsoft Windows releases except Windows Server 2003 and Microsoft advised users to apply a series of workarounds until a patch can be released.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/windows-zero-day-exploited-targeted-attacks-through-powerpoint>

21. *October 22, Help Net Security* – (International) **Koler worm spreads via SMS, holds phones for ransom.** Researchers at AdaptiveMobile identified a new variant of the Koler worm for Android that spreads via a bitly link that directs users to a Dropbox page where the malware is disguised as an app. The malware then blocks infected devices' screens with a fake law enforcement page and demands a ransom to be paid via Money Pak Voucher.

Source: [http://www.net-security.org/malware\\_news.php?id=2890](http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2890)

22. *October 22, Help Net Security* – (International) **Attackers change home routers' DNS settings via malicious code injected in ads.** Sucuri Security researchers identified a

malvertising campaign that embeds malicious code into an ad hosted on the googlesyndication.com network and attempts to change the DNS settings on users' home routers in order to lead them to potentially malicious Web sites.

Source: [http://www.net-security.org/malware\\_news.php?id=2891](http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2891)

23. *October 22, Help Net Security* – (International) **Malware directs stolen documents to Google Drive.** Researchers with Trend Micro identified a new piece of information-stealing malware dubbed Drigo that uploads any .PDF, text, and Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint files to a Google Drive account. The researchers reported that the malware appears to be targeting government agencies and reported the Google Drive account associated with the malware to Google.

Source: [http://www.net-security.org/malware\\_news.php?id=2888](http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2888)

24. *October 21, Securityweek* – (International) **Apple fixes security flaws with release of iOS 8.1.** Apple released an update to its iOS 8 mobile operating system, closing several vulnerabilities and adding new features.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/apple-fixes-security-flaws-release-ios-81>

### 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

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

25. *October 21, KMGH 7 Denver* – (Colorado) **Roads reopen after fuel spill at Cottonwood Shopping Center in Parker.** About 10 businesses at the Cottonwood Shopping Center in Parker were evacuated and others were ordered to shelter-in-place October 21 when up to 230 gallons of fuel spilled from a tanker truck filling underground tanks at a nearby gas station. Crews contained the spill and cleared the scene several hours later.

Source: <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/local-news/fuel-spill-at-gas-station-prompts-evacuations-in-parker10212014>

26. *October 21, WCBS 2 New York City* – (New York) **Major water main break in Midtown causes flooding near Herald Square.** Four buildings in the Midtown area of New York City were without water service October 21 while repairs were made to a



broken water main that flooded one building's basement. Utility crews shut down steam to an affected steam manhole as a precaution, which knocked out steam to several customers in the area.

Source: <http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2014/10/21/water-main-break-causes-flooding-near-herald-square/>

27. *October 21, WFMZ 69 Allentown* – (Pennsylvania) **Officials: Inferno damage to Reading outlet building at least \$12 million; collapse potential examined.** Authorities are investigating an October 18 fire that caused at least \$12 million in damage to a former Reading Outlet Center building that is being redeveloped into commercial and residential space. Inspectors are working to determine if the structure is at risk of collapsing.  
Source: <http://www.wfmz.com/news/news-regional-berks/officials-inferno-damage-to-reading-outlet-building-at-least-12-million-collapse-potential-examined/29253674>
28. *October 21, WUSA 9 Washington, D.C.* – (Maryland) **Police investigate Montgomery Co. playground fire.** Police are searching for the person who set fire to a Kensington playground and caused an estimated \$75,000 in damage to its equipment. Officials ordered the playground to close after the blaze rendered it out of compliance with local code.  
Source: <http://www.wusa9.com/story/news/local/2014/10/21/montgomery-co-kensington-playground-fire/17664317/>
29. *October 21, KTLA 5 Los Angeles* – (California) **Up to \$100,000 worth of iPhones, iPads stolen in Garden Grove smash-and-grab: Store owner.** More than \$95,000 in cellphones, laptops, and other electronic devices were stolen from the Oztec Wireless store in Garden Grove when three people broke into the business October 21.  
Source: <http://ktla.com/2014/10/21/burglars-steal-up-to-100000-worth-of-iphones-ipads-in-garden-grove-store-owner/>
30. *October 20, WUSA 9 Washington, D.C.* – (Maryland) **Fire set at Spirit Halloween store week after fire next door.** An October 20 fire at the Spirit Halloween store in Waldorf caused an estimated \$500,000 in damage to the business. Authorities are investigating the fire as arson after they determined an accelerant was used to ignite the blaze.  
Source: <http://www.wusa9.com/story/news/local/2014/10/20/waldorf-spirit-halloween-store-fire/17606409/>
31. *October 20, Pensacola News Journal* – (Florida) **Discarded cigarette may be to blame for beach bar fire.** Fire officials reported that an improperly discarded cigarette was likely the source of an October 17 fire that caused an estimated \$100,000 in damage to the Riptides Sports Bar located at the Holiday Inn Pensacola Beach Resort in Florida. The hotel was evacuated while crews extinguished the blaze.  
Source: <http://www.pnj.com/story/news/2014/10/20/discarded-cigarette-blame-beach-bar-fire/17634897/>



32. *October 20, Minneapolis Star Tribune* – (Minnesota) **Fire destroys Minneapolis storefronts.** Authorities are investigating the cause of an October 19 fire that started in the basement of one building and spread to two others, destroying the structures that housed a mobile store, a hair salon, and a vacant print shop.

Source: <http://www.startribune.com/local/minneapolis/279702882.html>

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## **Dams Sector**

33. *October 22, Philly.com* – (Pennsylvania) **Chesco project will raise flood wall.** A \$397,696 project to prevent the Schuylkill River from flooding the borough's water treatment plant was approved by Chester County, which will allow crews to raise the flood retaining wall at the facility serving several boroughs and townships.

Source:

[http://www.philly.com/philly/news/local/20141022\\_Chesco\\_project\\_will\\_raise\\_flood\\_wall.html](http://www.philly.com/philly/news/local/20141022_Chesco_project_will_raise_flood_wall.html)

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