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- The governor of Maine declared a state of emergency after a November 2 storm which produced blizzard-like conditions knocked out power to more than 137,000 homes and dumped several inches of snow. – *Portland Press Herald* (See item [1](#))
- The North Dakota Department of Health announced October 31 that 168,000 gallons of oil production water leaked from a pipeline at a Denbury Onshore-well in Bowman County October 29 into a drainage. – *Associated Press* (See item [4](#))
- Authorities are investigating the cause of a fire that broke out November 1 at a Commodity Resource Corp., grain and fertilizer processing plant in Caledonia, New York, and caused heavy damage to several structures. – *Rochester Democrat and Chronicle* (See item [14](#))
- Fumes from a leaking chlorine pump that mixed with muriatic acid in the basement of Olson Middle School in Mauston, Wisconsin, caused about 40 students to be transported to an area hospital after they began experiencing nausea and headaches October 31. – *WKOW 27 Madison* (See item [21](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *November 2, Portland Press Herald* – (Maine) **Strong, early storm cuts power to 137,000 homes.** The governor of Maine declared a state of emergency after a November 2 storm which produced blizzard-like conditions knocked out power to more than 137,000 homes and dumped several inches of snow, causing dangerous travel conditions.
Source: <http://www.pressherald.com/2014/11/02/snowstorm-leads-to-accidents-power-outages-throughout-maine/>
2. *November 1, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **High winds bring power outages across Michigan.** Crews worked to restore power to the remaining DTE Energy and Consumers Energy customers in Michigan that remained without service November 1 after approximately 50,000 customers lost power due to high winds and rain from an October 31 storm.
Source: <http://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/michigan/2014/11/01/high-winds-bring-power-outages-across-michigan/18316499/>
3. *November 1, Columbia County Register Star* – (New York) **DEC responds to oil spill.** Crews from the New York Department of Environment Conservation responded to First Fuel in West Ghent, New York, following an October 31 accidental 7,000-gallon heating oil spill that occurred after the oil was delivered to the wrong tank at the facility, causing an overflow. Containment booms were placed in a secondary containment area in an adjacent pond after some of the oil reached the pond.
Source: http://www.registerstar.com/news/article_a8e00a56-6179-11e4-a55f-7f81f90863d8.html
4. *October 31, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **North Dakota Department of Health responds to 168,000-gallon water spill in Bowman County.** The North Dakota Department of Health announced October 31 that 168,000 gallons of water leaked from a pipeline at a Denbury Onshore-well in Bowman County October 29 into a drainage. The water is used to enhance oil recovery and is high in dissolved solids and minerals.
Source: <http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/view/story/0119acf2025d4604a2657818036c4b72/ND--Water-Spill>

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Chemical Industry Sector

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

5. *November 3, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Reactors at Michigan's Cook nuclear plant taken offline due to rough Lake Michigan waters.** The operators of the Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant in Lake Township, Michigan, took both reactors at the plant offline November 1 after rough waters on Lake Michigan caused excessive debris to damage water screens that filter water drawn into the plant for cooling. The reactors remained offline November 3.

Source:

<http://www.tribtown.com/view/story/379a2347db10479b925a85aad21453e3/MI--Nuclear-Plant-Lake-Michigan>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Financial Services Sector

6. *October 31, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (International) **SEC charges former pharmaceutical company executive and friend with insider trading.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission charged a Brisbane, California man who formerly served as an executive for InterMune Inc., for allegedly passing on nonpublic information on the company to a man in the U.K. in an insider trading scheme that generated over \$1 million in illicit profits.

Source: <http://www.sec.gov/litigation/litreleases/2014/lr23125.htm>

7. *October 31, Softpedia* – (International) **Upatre malware dropper sent to Bitstamp exchange users.** Researchers with ThreatTrack identified an email campaign targeting users of the Bitstamp digital currency exchange that uses sophisticated social engineering to attempt to trick users into opening an attachment containing the Upatre malware dropper. The dropper then adds the Dyre (also known as Dyreza) banking malware to compromised systems.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Upatre-Malware-Dropper-Sent-to-Bitstamp-Exchange-Users-463703.shtml>

8. *October 30, Lynchburg News & Advance* – (Virginia) **Moneta woman pleads guilty in \$11 million bank fraud case.** A Moneta woman who acted as majority owner of

Genesis Mansions between 2006 and 2007 pleaded guilty October 30 to conspiring with others to recruit and use straw buyers to run a mortgage fraud and Ponzi scheme that defrauded banks of nearly \$11 million. Two mortgage brokers previously pleaded guilty to their roles in the scheme.

Source: http://www.newsadvance.com/news/local/moneta-woman-pleads-guilty-in-million-bank-fraud-case/article_d23f8e8e-6085-11e4-916d-0017a43b2370.html

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Transportation Systems Sector

9. *November 3, WCVB 5 Boston* – (Massachusetts) **Plan with mechanical issue diverted to Boston.** An Open Skies flight operated by British Airways en route to Paris from Newark Liberty International Airport in New Jersey diverted to Boston November 3 when the plane suffered a mechanical issue. Passengers were re-booked onto new flights.
Source: <http://www.wcvb.com/news/plane-with-mechanical-issue-diverted-to-boston/29496272>
10. *November 1, KCBS 2 Los Angeles* – (California) **Hundreds of firefighters contain tandem tanker fire in Boyle Heights.** Cleanup crews remained on-scene for more than 10 hours for cleaning and investigation efforts after a tanker truck overturned and burst into flames while entering the southbound Golden State Interstate 5 Freeway near the east Los Angeles interchange October 31, spilling about 4,500 gallons of gasoline and creating a stretch of flames. Authorities reported utility service was impacted due to damaged electrical wires from the intense flames that also damaged a residential structure and a parked vehicle.
Source: <http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2014/11/01/hundreds-of-firefighters-contain-tandem-tanker-fire-in-boyle-heights/>
11. *October 30, NJ.com* – (New Jersey) **Route 22 closes for hours, power outages cancel RVCC events after truck crash.** Route 22 in Branchburg was closed in both directions for several hours October 30 after a dump truck overturned after it was driving with its dump body raised and caught overhead power and communications cables. The accident resulted in a power outage for approximately 1,500 customers and canceled some activities at the Raritan Valley Community College's Branchburg Campus.
Source: http://www.nj.com/somerset/index.ssf/2014/10/route_22_utility_poles_pulled_from_ground_cables_snapped_fire_chief_says.html

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Food and Agriculture Sector

12. *November 3, WXEF 97.9 XFM Effingham* – (Illinois) **Fire destroys barn at area dairy farm.** Forty head of cattle were killed during a November 2 fire that engulfed a barn at

the John Meyer Dairy Farm in Teutopolis. Authorities worked to determine the source of the blaze.

Source: <http://www.thexradio.com/news/78-local-news/13867-update-fire-destroys-barn-at-area-dairy-farm>

13. *November 2, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **5,000 gallons of manure spilled into creek, caused fish kill.** The Iowa Department of Natural Resources is investigating after about 5,000 gallons of manure spilled into the Little Cedar River near Stacyville from a broken hose being used to apply manure from Pronet Farms to a field October 31. Crews worked November 1 to contain the manure and biologists were assessing a fish kill that affected at least a half mile span of the river.

Source: <http://www.kcci.com/news/5000-gallons-of-manure-spilled-into-creek-caused-fish-kill/29493518>

14. *November 2, Rochester Democrat and Chronicle* – (New York) **Land O'Lakes plant gutted in Caledonia fire.** Authorities are investigating the cause of a fire that broke out November 1 at the Land O'Lakes-owned Commodity Resource Corp., grain and fertilizer processing plant in Caledonia, causing heavy damage to several structures, a silo, steel loading facility, and a locomotive. Crews worked through at least November 2 to extinguish hot spots and contain run-off which had mixed with fertilizer from flowing into a nearby creek.

Source: <http://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2014/11/02/land-o-lakes-plant-gutted-caledonia-fire/18373267/>

15. *November 1, Madison.com* – (Wisconsin) **Janesville corn dryer fire causes more than \$50,000 in damage.** A corn dryer fire at Metcalf Farms in Janesville October 31 caused an estimated \$20,000 of damage to the structure and about \$45,000 in damage to its corn contents. Crews removed the burnt corn from the dryer as firefighters hosed down the structure and cut holes in the dryer to contain the blaze and subsequent hot spots.

Source: http://host.madison.com/news/local/crime_and_courts/janesville-corn-dryer-fire-causes-more-than-in-damage/article_87896f0c-0b88-5845-a3cb-83056e01eed5.html

16. *October 31, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Marathon Ventures, Inc. announces voluntary recall of raw macadamia nuts due to possible health risk.** Marathon Ventures, Inc., issued a recall October 31 for various retail and bulk packages of raw macadamia nuts due to possible Salmonella contamination detected during routine testing by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The products were sold after March 11 by retailers across the U.S.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm421435.htm>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

17. *October 31, Ventura County Star* – (California) **Warning signs posted after sewage**

spill near Faria Beach. A no contact water advisory was issued along the south end of the Pacific Coast Highway between Solimar and Faria beaches after about 720 gallons of raw sewage spilled into the ocean October 30 and the advisory remains in effect until sample results show the water meets State ocean water quality standards.

Source: <http://www.vcstar.com/news/local-news/county-news/warning-signs-posted-after-sewage-spill-near-faria-beach> 45016815

18. *October 30, NJ.com* – (New Jersey) **Water main breaks shuts water supply in Bernards Township.** A water main break October 30 caused water service to be shut off at Bernards Township for around 6 hours until repairs could be completed.
Source:
http://www.nj.com/somerset/index.ssf/2014/10/water_main_breaks_shuts_water_supply_in_bernards_township.html

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

19. *November 2, KMSP 9 Minneapolis* – (Minnesota) **Patient dies after violent rampage at hospital in Maplewood, Minn.** A patient at St. John's Hospital in Maplewood died in a struggle with police officers following his attack on four nurses with a metal bar November 2. Two nurses suffered serious injuries after the patient began his attack and fled the hospital before police attempted to subdue him.
Source: <http://www.myfoxtwincities.com/story/27186219/patient-dies-after-violent-rampage-at-hospital-in-maplewood-minn>

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Government Facilities Sector

20. *November 3, KING 5 Seattle* – (Washington) **Marysville high students returning today after shooting.** Classes resumed at Marysville Pilchuck High School in Washington November 3 following an October 24 attack that left 3 students dead and 2 others injured after a student gunman opened fire before killing himself.
Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2014/11/03/marysville-students-return/18400675/>
21. *November 2, WKOW 27 Madison* – (Wisconsin) **About 40 students taken to hospital after chemical leak in Mauston.** Fumes from a leaking chlorine pump that mixed with muriatic acid in the basement of Olson Middle School in Mauston caused about 40 students to be transported to an area hospital after they began experiencing nausea and headaches October 31. Officials aired out the building over the weekend of November 1 and classes were set to resume November 3.

Source: <http://www.wkow.com/story/27176158/2014/10/31/pool-chemicals-cause-mauston-middle-school-to-evacuate>

22. *November 2, Reuters* – (Maryland) **Maryland man charged with threatening to kill U.S. President in an email.** Authorities arrested and charged a Maryland man October 30 with sending an email to the White House Web site October 16 threatening to kill the U.S. President and his family.
Source: <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/crime/maryland-man-charged-with-threatening-to-kill-obama-in-email/ar-BBcBaXg>
23. *November 1, Meade County Times-Tribune; Rapid City Journal* – (South Dakota) **Meade School District dealing with information breach.** South Dakota's Meade School District discovered a computer breach October 30 caused by an internal computer error that made hundreds of Social Security numbers of former students available online by allowing access to the district's transcript server. Authorities worked to determine the origin of the breach and correct the issue.
Source: http://rapidcityjournal.com/news/meade-school-district-dealing-with-information-breach/article_270ad32f-f63c-5f66-8331-391ec0d6b2a8.html
24. *October 31, WEWS 5 Cleveland* – (Ohio) **6 injured in Cleveland school bus crash.** Two students and four adults were injured in an accident involving a school bus that was hit by another vehicle in front of Andrew J. Rickoff Elementary School in Cleveland October 31.
Source: <http://www.newsnet5.com/news/local-news/cleveland-metro/6-injured-in-cleveland-school-bus-crash>

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Emergency Services Sector

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Information Technology Sector

25. *November 3, The Register* – (International) **VMware: Yep, ESXi bug plays 'finders keepers' with data backups.** VMware confirmed an issue reported by users of its ESXi 4.x and ESXi 5 hypervisor where virtual machines with Changed Block Tracking (CBT) enabled and that have been increased in size by more than 128GB show an inaccurate list of allocated virtual machine disk sectors, which could cause backed-up data to be unrecoverable. VMware recommended that users disable and then re-enable CBT and stated that the company is working on a permanent solution.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/11/03/vmware_data_gobbling_bug/

26. *November 3, SC Magazine* – (International) **Researchers notice uptick in ‘Poweliks’ trojan infections.** Symantec researchers observed an increase in reported Poweliks trojan infections, with the malware delivered by spam emails, exploit kits, and a spam campaign that impersonates the U.S. Postal Service and Canadian Post.
Source: <http://www.scmagazine.com/researchers-notice-uptick-in-poweliks-trojan-infections/article/380746/>
27. *October 31, Securityweek* – (International) **New RAT hijacks COM objects for persistence, stealthiness.** Researchers at G DATA Software’s SecurityLabs identified a new remote access trojan (RAT) dubbed COMpfun that hijacks legitimate Component Object Model (COM) objects to evade detection by security software. The RAT is capable of executing code, logging keystrokes, downloading or uploading files, and other tasks.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/new-rat-hijacks-com-objects-persistence-stealthiness>

Internet Alert Dashboard

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Communications Sector

28. *November 1, Jamestown Sun* – (North Dakota) **Disruption to phone service; cut to fiber-optic cable disrupts area landline service.** Phone service was restored to landline phone users in Stutsman and Barnes counties October 31 after being disrupted for over 6 hours when a CenturyLink fiber-optic line west of Valley City was inadvertently cut.
Source: <http://www.jamestownsun.com/content/disruption-phone-service-cut-fiber-optic-cable-disrupts-area-landline-service>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

29. *November 3, Kennewick Tri-City Herald* – (Washington) **25 in retirement center evacuated after fire ignites in apartment.** A fire that started November 2 near a wall-mounted air conditioning unit at the Hawthorne Court Retirement Community center in Kennewick prompted the temporary evacuation of 25 residents. Four employees were evaluated for smoke inhalation and one resident was displaced due to damage to their apartment unit.
Source: <http://www.tri-cityherald.com/2014/11/02/3237964/25-in-retirement-center-evacuated.html>

30. *November 2, Salem Statesman Journal* – (Oregon) **Fire in Thai Orchid brings water damage, street closure.** A fire broke out November 2 inside the Thai Orchid restaurant in Salem and activated the building's sprinkler system, causing significant water damage to the restaurant and two shops beneath the business. No one was in the businesses during the incident.
Source: <http://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/local/2014/11/03/thai-orchid-fire/18399281/>
31. *November 2, WVIT 30 New Britain* – (Connecticut) **Stratford fire forces businesses to close temporarily, injures firefighter.** Authorities are investigating a possible act of arson after a fire that broke out October 31 at Jalapenos Restaurant located in a Stratford, Connecticut strip mall and spread to the structure's second floor causing a roof collapse. One firefighter was injured and several businesses were ordered to temporarily close until they received approval to reopen pending an inspection by local building code officials.
Source: <http://www.nbcconnecticut.com/news/local/Stratford-Fire-Forces-Businesses-to-Close-Temporarily-Injures-Firefighter-281187471.html>
32. *November 2, WFAA 8 Dallas* – (Texas) **'Nothing left' for 13 families after apartment fire.** A 5-alarm fire at the Casa de Loma Apartments building in north Oak Cliff in Dallas November 2 damaged at least 18 units and displaced 54 residents. The cause of the fire is under investigation.
Source: <http://www.wfaa.com/story/news/local/dallas-county/2014/11/02/apartments-burn-in-north-oak-cliff/18379635/>
33. *October 31, Tampa Bay News 9* – (Florida) **Ex Frenchy's restaurants bookkeeper charged with stealing almost \$300k.** A former accountant for Frenchy's Corp., was arrested and charged by Clearwater police October 30 for allegedly stealing \$292,187 from the restaurant chain by stealing portions of banks deposits and adjusting company records to hide the thefts.
Source: http://www.baynews9.com/content/news/baynews9/news/article.html/content/news/articles/bn9/2014/10/31/ex_frenchy_s_restaur.html

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