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- Officials announced November 12 that Illinois' motor vehicle facilities will reopen November 13 following a computer outage that impacted operations at all 138 offices. – *Associated Press* (See item [21](#))
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Energy Sector

1. *November 11, Muncie Star Press* – (Indiana) **Cardinal Ethanol fined \$9,600.** Cardinal Ethanol paid a \$9,600 fine to settle a complaint by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management claiming that the company violated its Clean Air Act operating permit by not taking reasonable steps to restore an air pollution scrubber's operation to normal operation during planned shutdowns in 2011-2013 at its east central Indiana plant.

Source: <http://www.thestarpress.com/story/news/local/2014/11/11/cardinal-ethanol-fined/18874883/>

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Chemical Industry Sector

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

2. *November 13, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Pennsylvania) **EPA settlement with Mack Trucks Inc. protects community health and the environment from hazardous waste pollution in Lehigh County, PA.** Mack Trucks Inc., reached a settlement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), agreeing November 13 to pay a \$54,800 penalty and take steps to properly manage hazardous waste at its Macungie truck assembly facility following EPA citations for violating the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/d0cf6618525a9efb85257359003fb69d/33f558fa4d06ad8b85257d8f00585988>

3. *November 13, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (International) **Venmar Ventilation expands recall of air exchangers due to fire hazard.** Venmar Ventilation announced the expansion of a recall of air exchangers sold under various brand names November 13, adding around 108,000 units in the U.S. and around 207,000 in Canada due to the potential for the units' motors to overheat, posing a fire hazard. Previous recalls covered 77,500 units during 2007 and 2011.

Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2015/Venmar-Ventilation-Expands-Recall-of->

[Air-Exchangers/](#)

4. *November 13, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (International) **Tankless water heaters recalled due to fire hazard; manufactured by Daesung Celtic Energys; distributed exclusively by Challenger Supply Holdings.** Daesung Celtic Energys announced a recall November 13 for about 29,000 tankless water heaters in the U.S. and 2,200 in Canada due to the potential for the water heaters to overheat, posing a fire hazard. The water heaters were sold exclusively through Challenger Supply Holdings and sold through independent dealers and on various Web sites.
Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2015/Tankless-Water-Heaters-Recalled/>
5. *November 12, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Wisconsin) **Workers cleaning chemical spill at Portage, Wisconsin, plastics plant lacked training, personal protective equipment.** Penda Corp., was fined \$49,000 and cited for 7 safety violations by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) following the September 5 spill of 100 gallons of diphenylmethane diisocyanate at the company's Portage facility. An OSHA investigation revealed that workers were overexposed to the isocyanates chemical due to inadequate training in cleanup procedures of a HAZMAT spill and the lack of proper personal protective equipment.
Source:
https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=26991

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Financial Services Sector

6. *November 12, South Florida Sun Sentinel* – (Florida) **Real estate broker pleads guilty to \$5.5M fraud.** A Fort Lauderdale man who worked as a real estate broker pleaded guilty November 12 to diverting clients' funds, falsifying information to obtain a mortgage, and lying on his U.S. citizenship application in a case that involved over \$5.5 million in fraud.
Source: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/crime/fl-christopher-white-hearing-20141112-story.html>
7. *November 12, U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of New York* – (New York) **Investment fund manager pleads guilty to securities fraud for operating a \$17 million Ponzi scheme.** A Central Islip man pleaded guilty November 10 to deceiving at least 74 investors in 3 funds he operated in order to run a \$17.9 million Ponzi scheme between January 2000 and June 2009.
Source: <http://www.fbi.gov/newyork/press-releases/2014/investment-fund-manager->

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8. *November 12, Seattle Times* – (Oregon; Washington) **FBI: ‘Roscoe Bandit’ bank robber arrested in Oregon.** Police in Grants Pass, Oregon, arrested a man November 12 believed to be the “Roscoe Bandit” responsible for four bank robberies in Washington since July 28.
Source: <http://blogs.seattletimes.com/today/2014/11/fbi-roscoe-bandit-bank-robber-arrested-in-oregon/>

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Transportation Systems Sector

9. *November 13, WTVA 9 Tupelo* – (Mississippi) **Highway 82 open after tanker spill.** A semi-truck carrying anhydrous ammonia prompted the shutdown of Highway 82 in Mathiston November 12 after a pressure pump valve came off and vapor was released. The highway reopened November 13 following the evacuation of homes within a half mile radius.
Source: <http://www.wtva.com/news/local/story/UPDATE-Highway-82-open-after-tanker-spill/fSBsipRIrka9IeJsAYQFlg.csp>
10. *November 13, WMTW 8 Poland Spring* – (Maine) **Tanker truck crashes in Porter, spills gasoline.** About 2,500 gallons of gasoline spilled after a semi-truck hit a sharp drop-off edge of pavement before going down a ditch on Route 25 in Porter November 12, forcing the roadway’s closure. Route 25 reopened November 13 while crews continued cleanup efforts.
Source: <http://www.wmtw.com/news/tanker-truck-crashes-in-portland/29687338>
11. *November 13, WRAL 5 Raleigh* – (North Carolina) **Tractor-trailer wreck creates delays on I-95 in Cumberland County.** Southbound lanes of Interstate 95 in Cumberland County, North Carolina, were closed for approximately 3 hours November 13 following an accident involving a semi-truck that lost control and flipped onto its side along the highway.
Source: <http://www.wral.com/tractor-trailer-wreck-creates-delays-on-i-95-south-in-cumberland-county/14175889/>
12. *November 13, WCNC 36 Charlotte* – (North Carolina) **15 hospitalized after suspected food poisoning at postal facility.** Fifteen U.S. Postal Service employees were transported to area hospitals November 13 when they became ill at a U.S. Postal facility in west Mecklenburg County after consuming leftovers from a November 11 potluck dinner.
Source: <http://www.wcnc.com/story/news/local/2014/11/13/9-hospitalized-for-suspicious-illness-at-postal-facility/18957065/>
13. *November 12, USA Today* – (National) **Post office suspends telecommuting due to breach.** The U.S. Postal Service announced November 12 that it has shut down its secure virtual private network (VPN) and suspended all telecommuting for employees

at its Washington, D.C. headquarters until further notice following a breach of its employee database that compromised information of over 800,000 workers.

Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/2014/11/12/us-postal-service-suspends-telecommuting-breach-vpn/18915317/>

14. *November 12, NBC Montana* – (Montana) **I-90 closed east of Drummond due to rollover.** Westbound lanes of Interstate 90 in Missoula near Gold Creek were closed for more than 3 hours November 12 following a rollover crash involving a speeding semi-truck that caused at least one other semi-truck to crash.
Source: <http://www.nbcmontana.com/news/i90-closed-east-of-drummond-due-to-rollover/29691472>
15. *November 12, Las Vegas Sun* – (Nevada) **Pedestrian hit and killed on I-15; freeway reopens.** A pedestrian was killed walking on Interstate 15 in Clark County November 12 after he was hit by a vehicle and thrown into an adjacent lane where he was hit by other vehicles, forcing the closure of northbound lanes from Flamingo Road to Sahara for more than 5 hours.
Source: <http://www.lasvegassun.com/news/2014/nov/12/pedestrian-hit-and-killed-i-15-freeway-closed/>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

16. *November 13, WYFF 4 Greenville* – (South Carolina) **Carbon monoxide forces evacuation of building.** Between 12 and 15 workers at a C.F. Sauer Company warehouse in Mauldin were evacuated from the facility November 13 due to elevated carbon monoxide levels caused by the emissions of a forklift used inside the building. One employee was transported to an area hospital for treatment and the warehouse was ventilated before employees resumed work.
Source: www.wyff4.com/news/Carbon-monoxide-forces-evacuation-of-building/29696828

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

17. *November 13, WSBT 22 South Bend* – (Michigan) **Boil water order lifted in Edwardsburg.** Officials in Edwardsburg, Michigan, lifted a boil water order November 13 for 1,200 customers that was put in place after firefighters extinguishing a barn fire used up remaining water due to water tower maintenance that occurred at the same time as the fire. The order also prompted schools in the town to cancel classes November 12-13.
Source: <http://www.wsbt.com/news/local/massive-barn-fire-impacts-water-in-edwardsburg/29686970>

18. *November 12, Palestine Herald-Press* – (Texas) **Boil water notice in effect for Elkhart.** A boil water notice was issued for the City of Elkhart, Texas, November 12 after a utility company accidentally struck a 6 inch water main, causing a temporary loss of water service to many residents while the main was repaired. City officials stated that water samples would be sent for testing and that they expected the order to be lifted November 14.

Source: http://www.palestineherald.com/news/boil-water-notice-in-effect-for-elkhart/article_fb14e3ac-6ab4-11e4-b17f-c79186fc3e7c.html

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

19. *November 10, Harrisburg Patriot-News* – (Maryland; Pennsylvania) **Highmark subsidiary suffers data loss; some Pa. residents affected.** Visionworks, a subsidiary of Highmark Inc., announced November 10 that a computer server containing information belonging to about 75,000 customers, including about 130 Pennsylvania residents, went missing from its store in Annapolis, Maryland, during a June store remodeling. The server contained names and addresses and some health-related information on patients, and officials do not believe the data was accessed.

Source:

http://www.pennlive.com/midstate/index.ssf/2014/11/highmark_visionworks_data_brea.html

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Government Facilities Sector

20. *November 13, Zanesville Times Recorder* – (Ohio) **Arrest made in Perry County Courthouse bomb scare.** Police arrested a man in connection to calling in a bomb threat at the Perry County Courthouse in New Lexington November 12 that prompted a 2 hour evacuation while authorities searched and cleared the building.

Source: <http://www.zanesvilletimesrecorder.com/story/news/local/2014/11/12/perry-county-courthouse-evacuated-bomb-scare/18923263/>

21. *November 12, Associated Press* – (Illinois) **Computers go down at all state motor vehicle sites.** Officials announced November 12 that Illinois' motor vehicle facilities will reopen November 13 following a computer outage that impacted operations at all 138 offices. Technicians from IBM worked with the staff to resolve the unknown issue.

Source: <http://www.myfoxchicago.com/story/27371404/computers-go-down-at-all-state-motor-vehicle-sites>

22. *November 12, WXYZ 7 Detroit* – (Michigan) **Durfee Elementary-Middle School in Detroit dismisses early after no power in part of building.** A power outage prompted the evacuation and dismissal of students at Durfee Elementary-Middle

School in Detroit November 12. Officials reported that part of the school has been without power for several days and repairs to the heating system should be completed November 13.

Source: <http://www.wxyz.com/news/region/detroit/durfee-elementary-middle-school-in-detroit-dismissing-early-after-no-power-in-part-of-building>

23. *November 12, WNBC 4 New York City* – (New Jersey; Massachusetts) **Threats phoned into 5 New Jersey high schools force evacuations, link to Boston school threats probed: Sources.** Police are investigating potential links between bomb threats that were called into 5 different schools and public buildings in 5 different New Jersey towns within a 20 minute period November 12, after similar threats were made to 5 schools in the Boston area 1 hour prior to the threats in New Jersey. Nothing suspicious was found and authorities cleared the buildings.

Source: <http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/Bomb-Threats-New-Jersey-High-Schools-Evacuated-282467281.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

24. *November 12, Lower Hudson Valley Journal News* – (New York) **Man cuts phone line to sheriff's substation, cops say.** Police arrested and charged a Nelsonville man who cut telephone and computer service lines to the Putnam County Sheriff's substation November 10.

Source: <http://www.lohud.com/story/news/crime/2014/11/12/nelsonville-man-vandalism-sheriffs-substation/18927727/>

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Information Technology Sector

25. *November 13, Securityweek* – (International) **Mobile Pwn2Own 2014: iPhone 5s, Galaxy S5, Nexus 5, Fire Phone hacked.** Researchers participating in the Mobile Pwn2Own mobile device hacking competition in Tokyo November 12-13 were able to compromise several popular smartphones and mobile devices, achieving a full sandbox escape on an iPhone 5s, successful near field communications (NFC) attacks on the Galaxy S5, and several other successful compromises.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/mobile-pwn2own-2014-iphone-5s-galaxy-s5-nexus-5-fire-phone-hacked>

26. *November 12, WTNH 8 New Haven* – (Connecticut) **Coast Guard contractor pleads guilty to stealing personal information.** A Pawcatuck man who ran a computer repair business and also worked as a contractor for the U.S. Coast Guard pleaded guilty

November 12 to stealing personal information and data over 250 times from computers and other devices brought to him for repairs.

Source: <http://wtnh.com/2014/11/12/coast-guard-contractor-pleads-guilty-to-stealing-personal-information/>

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Communications Sector

27. *November 13, KTVZ 21 Bend* – (Oregon) **Bend man arrested in hit-and-run that knocked out cable, Net.** About 7,000 BendBroadband customers in the Deschutes County area were without cable, Internet, and phone service for more than 18 hours November 12 after a man crashed into a utility box and fled the scene. Authorities arrested and charged the man.
Source: <http://www.ktvz.com/news/apparent-bend-hitrun-knocks-out-cable-net-phones/29678002>
28. *November 13, KILR 1070 AM/95.9 FM Estherville* – (Iowa) **Phone service restored after mysterious outage in NW Iowa.** An unidentified issue in Palo Alto County caused a phone service outage in Emmet, Palo Alto, and Pocahontas counties for several hours November 12. Emergency 9-1-1 service was redirected to the Dickinson County Communications Center as customers experienced difficulties receiving incoming calls.
Source: <http://www.radioiowa.com/2014/11/13/phone-service-restored-after-mysterious-outage-in-nw-iowa/>
29. *November 10, WYMT 57 Hazard* – (Kentucky) **Windstream internet outages put Hazard radio station off air all weekend.** WKIC 97.9 FM Hazard was off air for at least 4 days due to an Internet outage that affected Windstream customers in Perry County, Kentucky. Officials worked to fix a piece of failed hardware that prompted the outage.
Source: <http://www.wkyt.com/wymt/home/headlines/Windstream-internet-outages-put-Hazard-radio-station-off-air-all-weekend-282186451.html>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

30. *November 13, KHOU 11 Houston* – (Texas) **N. Texas fire leaves 15 families without a home.** A 2-alarm fire November 12 rendered Building 20 of the Fairways Apartments

complex in Grand Prairie a total loss, displacing 15 residents and destroying 20 apartment units.

Source: <http://www.khou.com/story/news/local/texas/2014/11/13/apartment-fire-leaves-15-families-without-a-home/18960517/>

31. *November 13, WTNH 8 New Haven* – (Connecticut) **PD: Woman stole from employer.** A former Electrical Wholesalers employee in Middletown was arrested and charged November 12 for allegedly embezzling more than \$1 million dollars by writing 470 fraudulent company checks and depositing the funds into her personal bank account between February 2007 and February 2014.
Source: <http://wtnh.com/2014/11/13/pd-woman-stole-from-employer/>
32. *November 13, Associated Press* – (New York) **Window washers 'doing well' after scaffold mishap.** Crews used diamond cutters to saw through double-layered window on the 68th floor of the 1 World Trade Center in New York City after 2 window washers were trapped when a cable on a scaffold gave away and caused the platform to tilt sharply. The rescue was completed about 2 hours later and no injuries were reported.
Source: <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/window-washers-doing-well-after-scaffold-mishap/ar-BBdrilS>
33. *November 13, Youngstown Vindicator* – (Ohio) **HazMat, FBI called after Boardman business gets substance from fired employee.** Eleven employees working in the American Business Center building in Boardman were evacuated for several hours November 12 while they underwent evaluation after a former employee sent a letter containing an unidentified white powder to the business. Two employees were exposed to the substance and were quarantined and decontaminated at a nearby hospital, while 9 remaining employees were evaluated at the scene.
Source: <http://www.vindy.com/news/2014/nov/13/officials-await-test-results-on-suspicio/>

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Dams Sector

34. *November 12, Augusta Chronicle* – (Georgia) **Augusta officials watching Langley Dam release, 'darker' water to flow into Savannah River.** The Augusta-Richmond County Emergency Management Agency is monitoring the Langley Dam during a draining operation after a leak in the dam was discovered November 10. Officials stated that the November 12 release may cause increased water flow and darker water in the Savannah River but was not expected to impact drinking water.
Source: <http://chronicle.augusta.com/latest-news/2014-11-12/langley-pond-be-drawn-down-after-discovery-dam-leak-community-placed-alert>

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