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Energy Sector

1. *November 13, WBNS 10 Columbus* – (Ohio) **Oil well explosion kills worker in southern Ohio.** One contractor was killed in an oil well explosion at a Blue Racer Midstream-owned condensate pumping skid in Noble County, Ohio, November 12 that prompted a 4 mile no-fly zone around the area of the fire while crews battled the blaze. Source: <http://www.10tv.com/content/stories/2014/11/13/columbus-ohio-oil-well-explosion-kills-worker-in-southern-ohio.html>
2. *November 13, Associated Press* – (Washington) **BP's Olympic Pipeline repaired at Burlington.** BP repaired a small leak on its 400 mile Olympic Pipeline in Burlington, Washington, resuming operations November 10 following a November 3 shut down due to a fuel leak from a half-inch valve fitting. Source: <http://www.kxly.com/news/spokane-news/bps-olympic-pipeline-repaired-at-burlington/29698866>
3. *November 13, Burlington Times-News* – (North Carolina) **Duke announces plan for coal ash clean-up.** Duke Energy announced November 13 plans to excavate coal ash stored at the Ashville, Riverbend, and Sutton sites in order to reuse it as structural fill. Ash from Duke's Dan River site will be moved by rail for permanent disposal pending approval by the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the North Carolina Coal Ash Management Commission. Source: <http://www.thetimesnews.com/news/region-state/duke-announces-plan-for-coal-ash-clean-up-1.400529>
4. *November 13, Greeley Tribune* – (Colorado) **Victims of rig accident near Mead are Halliburton employees.** One Halliburton worker was killed and two others were injured November 13 in an accident involving a high-pressure water line that ruptured at a well site in southwestern Weld County while they were heating the frozen line. Authorities are investigating the incident. Source: <http://www.greeleytribune.com/news/13778200-113/accident-county-rig-weld>

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Chemical Industry Sector

5. *November 13, Joliet Herald-News* – (Illinois) **Chemicals released from railroad tanker in Elwood.** Normal operations at the Stepan Company chemical plant in Elwood resumed after about 9 hours November 13 following a release of sulfur trioxide from a railroad tanker at the facility that prompted a shelter-in-place order for employees and an evacuation of semi-truck drivers located on the property. Crews contained the release which resulted from a malfunctioning pressure relief valve on the railcar. Source: <http://www.theherald-news.com/2014/11/13/chemicals-released-from-railroad-tanker-in-elwood/aje5ewf/>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

6. *November 13, Oak Ridge Today* – (Tennessee) **Four workers evaluated, released after electrical fire at Toxco.** An electrical fire at the Toxco Materials Management Center low-level radioactive waste facility in Oak Ridge caused four employees to be sent to a hospital for smoke and fire extinguisher powder inhalation November 13. No radioactive materials were involved in the fire and there was no release of radiation. Source: <http://oakridgetoday.com/2014/11/13/four-workers-treated-released-electrical-fire-toxco/>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

7. *November 13, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **Arizona smelter closes after molten copper causes explosions.** A molten copper spill at the McMorRan Inc., copper smelting facility in Miami, Arizona, caused an explosion when the molten metal came in contact with water November 12, shutting down the facility while the cause and extent of the damage is investigated. Source: http://tucson.com/business/local/arizona-smelter-closes-after-molten-copper-causes-fire/article_2fd72fa8-07f8-550a-99c8-21852a1809cf.html
8. *November 13, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Ohio) **Workers exposed to falls, amputation hazards at TimkenSteel's three Canton, Ohio, plants.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited TimkenSteel Corp., November 13 for 12 serious violations at its 3 Canton facilities following inspections that determined employees were exposed to fall and amputation hazards. Proposed fines totaled \$77,000. Source: https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=27003

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Financial Services Sector

9. *November 14, Softpedia* – (International) **Personal info on more than 70,000 posted online by debt sellers.** The U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) filed a complaint against debt collection companies Cornerstone and Company, LLC of Riverside, California, and Bayview Solutions, LLC, of St. Petersburg, Florida, for allegedly leaving the personally identifiable information (PII) of over 70,000 customers online on

a publicly accessible Web site. The FTC stated that the Excel spreadsheets included bank account numbers, payment card numbers, debt amounts, dates of birth, and other information and that the files were downloaded more than 500 times.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Personal-Info-on-More-than-70-000-Posted-Online-By-Debt-Sellers-464909.shtml>

10. *November 13, Lower Hudson Valley Journal News* – (New York) **Family accused in \$20 million mortgage fraud scheme.** Federal agents arrested 13 members of an extended family and their business associates in New York City and Orange County November 13 and expected 2 more to surrender after the individuals were indicted in an alleged \$20 million mortgage and welfare fraud scheme that used fraudulent documents and concealed identities to obtain loans from banks as well as welfare payments and social services from the government.
Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2014/11/13/family-accused-in-20-million-mortgage-fraud-scheme/18997087/>
11. *November 13, Chicago Sun Times* – (Illinois) **“Bully Bandit” suspected in 16th bank robbery.** The suspect known as the “Bully Bandit” was believed to be responsible for the robbery of a Bank of America branch in Riverside, Illinois, November 13, the sixteenth robbery the suspect is linked to since November 2012.
Source: <http://www.nbcchicago.com/news/local/Bully-Bandit-Suspected-in-16th-Bank-Robbery-282663361.html>
12. *November 13, U-T San Diego* – (California) **‘Bearded Bandit’ suspect nabbed in Vista.** An FBI spokesperson stated November 13 that FBI agents arrested a Vista man November 10 believed to be the suspect known as the “Bearded Bandit” responsible for three bank robberies in San Diego County.
Source: <http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2014/nov/13/bearded-bandit-bank-robber-fbi-gibson/>

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Transportation Systems Sector

13. *November 14, KAJ 18 Kalispell* – (Montana) **Probe into freight trains collision near Bonner continues.** Authorities are investigating after two passing Montana Rail Link freight trains collided near Missoula November 13 derailing and damaging 10 rail cars and blocking the Columbia Street crossing. The crash knocked out power to hundreds of customers in the area for 3 hours and two crew members suffered minor injuries.
Source: <http://www.kaj18.com/news/updated-trains-collide-near-bonner-power-restored/>
14. *November 14, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Plane headed for Seattle makes emergency landing in Pasco.** No injuries were reported after a Horizon Air flight with 76 passengers en route to Seattle made an emergency landing at Tri-Cities Airport in Pasco, Washington, November 13 due to a pressurization problem in the cabin.
Source: <http://blogs.seattletimes.com/today/2014/11/plane-headed-for-seattle-makes-emergency-landing-in-pasco/>

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15. *November 13, Pagosa Springs Sun* – (Colorado) **Mashed potatoes: Wolf Creek Pass closes after 44,000 pounds spill.** All 3 lanes of U.S. 160 traversing Wolf Creek Pass in Colorado were closed for more than 3 hours November 11 as crews worked to clear the road after a semi-truck rolled onto its side and slid down a guardrail when its breaks failed, spilling 44,000 pounds of potatoes onto the roadway.
Source: <http://www.pagosasun.com/mashed-potatoes-wolf-creek-pass-closes-after-44000-pounds-spill/>
16. *November 13, WPVI 6 Philadelphia* – (Pennsylvania) **Overtaken tractor-trailer jams traffic on Ben Franklin Bridge** A semi-truck overturned and spilled its load of lumber onto the left shoulder and road below the Ben Franklin Bridge in Philadelphia November 13 blocking 3 left lanes of the multi-lane ramp coming off the bridge for approximately 4 hours.
Source: <http://6abc.com/traffic/truck-crash-jams-traffic-on-ben-franklin-bridge/393270/>
17. *November 12, KXAN 36 Austin* – (Texas) **Big rig driver killed after truck falls from flyover.** Northbound lanes of U.S. Highway 183 at MoPac in Austin reopened to traffic 8 hours after a semi-truck carrying furniture crashed into a cement wall and fell onto the roadway catching fire November 11. The driver was pronounced dead at the scene.
Source: <http://kxan.com/2014/11/11/fatal-18-wheeler-fire-shuts-down-183/>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

18. *November 14, RadioIowa.com* – (Iowa) **Two manure spills in Iowa on Wednesday.** About 1,800 gallons of liquid manure spilled at LDR Ranch Company in the town of Harper November 12 due to an operator error that caused a manure pit pump to restart on its own, prompting officials to test a tributary of Clear Creek which yielded positive results for elevated ammonia levels. An additional 2,000 gallons of manure spilled at the Iowa Select Farms facility in Hamilton County November 12, which has since been cleaned.
Source: <http://www.radioiowa.com/2014/11/14/two-manure-spills-in-iowa-on-wednesday/>
19. *November 11, KEYC 12 Mankato* – (Minnesota) **Farm accident sends one to hospital.** Crews worked November 11 to clean a dry fertilizer spill near Elmore after a semi-truck hauling the material overturned along a gravel roadway. The driver was transported to an area hospital with injuries.
Source: <http://www.keyc.com/story/27359234/farm-accident-sends-one-to-hospital>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

20. *November 14, Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice* – (Pennsylvania) **Two water main breaks disrupt service.** Pennsylvania-American Water Company customers in Luzerne County experienced temporary service disruptions after two water main breaks November 13. A boil water advisory was in effect for about 1,900 customers and service was expected to be restored to all customers November 14.
Source: <http://citizensvoice.com/news/two-water-main-breaks-disrupt-service-1.1787845>
21. *November 13, KRQE 13 Albuquerque* – (New Mexico) **50,000 gallons of raw sewage leaked into NM river.** Farmington city officials reported that an estimated 50,000 gallons of sewage was discharged into a pond leading to the Animas River after two lift stations at a sewage treatment plant failed November 10.
Source: <http://krqe.com/2014/11/13/50000-gallons-of-raw-sewage-leaked-into-nm-river/>
22. *November 12, WPRI 12 Providence* – (Massachusetts) **Nearly 2 million gallons of water lost in main break.** Water service was restored throughout New Bedford November 12 following a November 11 water main break that discharged nearly 2 million gallons of water onto the city streets and left more than 30 homes and businesses without running water.
Source: <http://wpri.com/2014/11/12/nearly-2-million-gallons-of-water-lost-in-new-bedford-main-break/>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

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Government Facilities Sector

23. *November 14, KTVZ 21 Bend* – (Oregon) **Freezing rain shuts most central Oregon schools.** Snow and freezing rain prompted the closure of most central Oregon schools November 12-13 as temperatures remained low producing icy road conditions.
Source: <http://www.ktvz.com/news/jefferson-county-schools-make-early-friday-closure-call/29708826>
24. *November 13, Norristown Times Herald* – (Pennsylvania) **Montgomery County Court House cleared following bomb threat.** Police cleared the Montgomery County Court House in Norristown following a bomb threat November 13 that prompted the evacuation of courthouse personnel, clerks, and lawyers. The parking garage remained locked down for an additional 2 hours while authorities searched for any suspicious devices.

Source: <http://www.timesherald.com/general-news/20141113/montgomery-county-court-house-cleared-following-bomb-threat>

25. *November 13, ABC News* – (Connecticut) **2 officers injured while confronting knife-wielding man at Connecticut Navy base.** Two U.S. Navy civilian police officers were injured by the ricochet of bullets fired by a third civilian police officer guarding the entrance of the Naval Submarine Base in New London after a knife-wielding man allegedly tried to enter through a pedestrian gate November 13. The suspect was taken into custody without further incident.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/officers-injured-confronting-knife-wielding-man-connecticut-navy/story?id=26901976>

26. *November 13, Associated Press* – (California) **Former Army employee admits stealing military equipment.** The U.S. Attorney's Office in Sacramento announced that a former U.S. Army civilian employee pleaded guilty November 12 to stealing military equipment valued at nearly \$85,000 from the Sierra Army Depot in Lassen County and trading it for personal gain.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2014/11/13/former-army-employee-admits-stealing-military-equipment/>

27. *November 13, Detroit Free Press* – (Michigan) **Bus yard fire cancels school in Van Buren district.** A fire at a bus maintenance garage near Detroit prompted the Van Buren Public Schools District in Wayne County to cancel classes at all schools November 13. Several explosions set off a fire that destroyed the building.

Source: <http://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/wayne/2014/11/13/van-buren-schools-fire/18956517/>

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Information Technology Sector

28. *November 14, Securityweek* – (International) **OnionDuke APT malware distributed via malicious Tor exit node.** Researchers with F-Secure identified a piece of sophisticated malware dubbed OnionDuke that was distributed by a Russia-based Tor exit node and uses the same command and control infrastructure as the MiniDuke malware used in advanced persistent threat (APT) campaigns.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/onionduke-apt-malware-distributed-malicious-tor-exit-node>

29. *November 13, Threatpost* – (International) **Internet voting hack alters PDF ballots in transmission.** Researchers at Galois published a paper demonstrating how an attacker could conduct an attack against home routers by altering the router firmware that would allow them to intercept a PDF voting ballot and modify it before sending it to the election authority.

Source: <http://threatpost.com/internet-voting-hack-alters-pdf-ballots-in-transmission/109333>

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Communications Sector

30. *November 13, KTHV 11 Little Rock* – (Arkansas) **Police: Man stole half a mile in working phone lines for copper.** A North Little Rock man was charged in connection to stealing around 2,506 feet of copper worth more than \$22,500 from AT&T telephone wires in the Blue Hill area for cash.

Source: <http://www.thv11.com/story/news/local/north-little-rock/2014/11/13/police-man-stole-half-a-mile-in-working-phone-lines-for-copper/18969761/>

31. *November 12, Associated Press* – (National) **US confirms climate agency websites hacked.** A National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency spokesman confirmed November 12 that four of its Web sites were compromised by an Internet-sourced attack after staff detected the intrusion and began incident response efforts. The agency performed unscheduled maintenance and all services were fully restored.

Source:

http://www.bostonherald.com/news_opinion/national/2014/11/us_confirms_climate_agency_websites_hacked

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Commercial Facilities Sector

32. *November 14, South Florida Sun Sentinel* – (Florida) **Ex-employee accused of stealing \$100,000 worth of storm shutters in West Palm Beach.** A former employee of Guardian Storm Protection in Palm Beach County was arrested and charged November 12 for allegedly breaking into the business and stealing about \$100,000 worth of aluminum storm-shutter parts which he sold as scrap metal at least 18 times between August and September.

Source: <http://www.wptv.com/news/region-c-palm-beach-county/west-palm-beach/ricardo-gamon-ex-employee-accused-of-stealing-100000-worth-of-storm-shutters-in-west-palm-beach>

33. *November 14, WJTV 12 Jackson* – (Mississippi) **Two-alarm blaze rips through AG Museum.** A 2-alarm fire November 13 at the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum in Jackson destroyed 2 structures and damaged 3 others that house equipment and farm animals. One woman was injured and the animals were safely removed from the structures.

Source: <http://www.wjtv.com/story/27382669/two-alarm-blaze-rips-through-ag-museum>

34. *November 13, KPRC 2 Houston* – (Texas) **16 apartment units destroyed in 2-alarm fire in West Houston.** Authorities are investigating a 2-alarm fire at the Belmont La Fontaine Apartments in Houston November 13 that destroyed 16 apartment units displacing residents and caused heavy fire, smoke, and water damage to the structure.

Source: <http://www.click2houston.com/news/houston-firefighters-battling-2alarm-apartment-fire-in-west-houston/29709006>

35. *November 13, Great Falls Tribune* – (Montana) **15 homes evacuated in gas leak at mobile home park.** Residents from about 15 mobile homes at the Highwoods Mobile Home Park in Great Falls were evacuated for several hours November 13 while crews repaired a 2-inch gas line that was inadvertently struck by excavator equipment. Crews cut off gas service while the line was sealed and service was expected to be restored several hours later.

Source: <http://www.greatfallstribune.com/story/news/local/2014/11/14/homes-evacuated-gas-leak-mobile-home-park/19009969>

36. *November 13, Dover Post* – (Delaware) **Townsend woman arrested for bomb threat at Walmart.** Police arrested a former employee of a Middleton, Delaware Walmart on allegations that she left a written bomb threat in a bathroom of the store November 12 prompting the store to evacuate and close for 3 hours while police searched and cleared the scene.

Source: <http://www.middletontranscript.com/article/20141113/NEWS/141119887>

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