



## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report 19 November 2014

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- A severe winter storm in the Buffalo, New York area November 18 prompted authorities to close a 105-mile stretch of the New York State Thruway Interstate 90 and numerous schools in the area to cancel classes. – *Associated Press* (See item [5](#))
- More than 100 schools in Kentucky were closed November 17 due to a winter storm that produced frigid temperatures and heavy snowfall. – *Louisville Courier-Journal* (See item [19](#))
- A fire at the Anderson Villas apartments in Ypsilanti Township, Michigan, November 17 knocked out power to about 3,000 DTE customers, including 4 schools and prompted an evacuation of the complex with an estimated \$100,000 in damages. – *Ann Arbor News* (See item [26](#))
- A 3-alarm fire at Hunter Landscaping, a warehouse in Grand Terrace, California, November 17 caused a roof to collapse and an estimated \$1 million in damages. – *San Bernardino County Sun* (See item [29](#))

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## Critical Manufacturing Sector

1. *November 17, Detroit News* – (National) **Honda will replace air bags nationwide if drivers ask.** Honda stated that the company would replace airbags manufactured by Takata for owners of affected vehicles in any part of the U.S. if customers request the replacement. The airbag inflators were recalled in high-humidity areas due to the potential to send metal fragments into the vehicle cabin upon deployment and are installed in model year 2003-2005 Accord, Civic, CR-V, Element, Pilot; 2003-2004 Odyssey; and 2003-2005 Acura MDX and 2005 Acura RL models.  
Source: <http://www.detroitnews.com/story/business/autos/foreign/2014/11/17/honda-replace-air-bags-nationwide-customers-complain/19196339/>
2. *November 17, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Georgia) **Hartwell, Georgia-based Tenneco Automotive Operating Co. placed in OSHA's Severe Violator Enforcement Program for repeat violations.** Tenneco Automotive Operating Co. Inc. was cited for 27 safety and health violations and placed on the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)'s Severe Violator Enforcement Program following an OSHA inspection of the company's Hartwell manufacturing facility, with proposed fines totaling \$335,950. A staffing agency that provided workers to the facility, Elite Logistic Service Inc., was also cited for one violation and issued \$6,300 in penalties.  
Source:  
[https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=NEWS\\_RELEASES&p\\_id=27012](https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=27012)

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## **Financial Services Sector**

3. *November 17, Lansing State Journal* – (Michigan) **DeWitt man pleads in fraud scheme that netted millions.** A DeWitt man pleaded guilty November 14 to his role in a mortgage fraud scheme centered on CDC Investments that has led to over \$14 million in ordered restitution. The man admitted to working with others at the company to fraudulently obtain a \$1.57 million loan on a property in West Bloomfield.  
Source: <http://www.lansingstatejournal.com/story/news/local/2014/11/17/dehaven-plea-mortgage-fraud/19173301/>
4. *November 17, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (International) **SEC charges three penny stock promoters behind pump-and-dump schemes.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission filed charges against a Florida man, a Maryland man, and a man based in Canada for allegedly coordinating promotional efforts to run a pump-and-dump penny stocks scheme that resulted in over \$10 million in illicit gains.  
Source: <http://www.sec.gov/News/PressRelease/Detail/PressRelease/1370543470309>

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## **Transportation Systems Sector**

5. *November 18, Associated Press* – (New York) **Parts of New York blanketed in nearly 3 feet of snow; stretch of Thruway closed.** A severe winter storm in the Buffalo, New York area November 18 prompted authorities to close a 105-mile stretch of the New York State Thruway Interstate 90 between Rochester to Dunkirk along with several other major highways due to hazardous road conditions. Numerous schools in the area cancelled classes while officials issued a driving ban for parts of the city.  
Source: [http://www.pennlive.com/nation-world/2014/11/parts\\_of\\_new\\_york\\_blanketed\\_in.html](http://www.pennlive.com/nation-world/2014/11/parts_of_new_york_blanketed_in.html)
6. *November 18, Associated Press* – (International) **Cruise that saw norovirus outbreak ends in LA; ship cleaned.** Over 170 passengers became sick with norovirus on Carnival's Crown Princess cruise ship sailing from Los Angeles to Hawaii and Tahiti for nearly a month. The ship underwent a deep cleaning in San Pedro, California, November 16 before continuing onto its next voyage.  
Source: [http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci\\_26957250/cruise-that-saw-outbreak-ends-la-ship-cleaned](http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_26957250/cruise-that-saw-outbreak-ends-la-ship-cleaned)
7. *November 17, WHET 25 Evansville* – (Kentucky) **Cattle truck overturns on Kentucky Interstate.** Interstate 24 near Lyon County was closed for more than 7 hours November 17 after cattle truck carrying 70 cows overturned on a bridge throwing some of the cattle out into the roadway.  
Source: [http://www.tristatehomepage.com/story/d/story/cattle-truck-overturns-on-kentucky-interstate/34499/K-pBO-PPpUi4xzmI\\_qUvug](http://www.tristatehomepage.com/story/d/story/cattle-truck-overturns-on-kentucky-interstate/34499/K-pBO-PPpUi4xzmI_qUvug)

8. *November 17, KPIX 5 San Francisco* – (Virginia) **SFO-bound jet from Washington, DC area forced to make emergency landing after tire blows out.** A United Airlines flight headed to San Francisco was forced to return to Washington Dulles International Airport in Virginia for an emergency landing November 17 after a mechanical problem was reported. The plane was able to land without incident and towed off the runway after officials discovered a blown tire on the left main landing gear.  
Source: <http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2014/11/17/sfo-bound-jet-from-washington-dc-area-forced-to-make-emergency-landing-after-tire-blows-out-san-francisco-international-airport-dulles-iad-united-airlines-flight-1564-boeing-757/>

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## **Food and Agriculture Sector**

9. *November 18, Danville Advocate Messenger* – (Kentucky) **Perryville man injured Sunday in combine accident.** A Boyle County farmer was injured when his leg was caught in the auger of a combine that was being run to grind corn November 16. Officials believe the combine's gravity bed malfunctioned or jammed while the man was loading it from a grain bin.  
Source: [http://www.centrankynews.com/amnews/news/local/boyle/perryville-man-injured-sunday-in-combine-accident/article\\_04d2fa2d-bd63-535d-bc80-b5d639b7692b.html](http://www.centrankynews.com/amnews/news/local/boyle/perryville-man-injured-sunday-in-combine-accident/article_04d2fa2d-bd63-535d-bc80-b5d639b7692b.html)
10. *November 17, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **2-alarm blaze causes \$150,000 in damage at E. Baltimore coffee warehouse.** Authorities believe an improperly discarded cigarette may be the source of a 2-alarm fire that caused an estimated \$150,000 in structural damage to an Eagle Coffee warehouse in Baltimore November 17. Employees were evacuated and no injuries were reported.  
Source: <http://www.carrollcountytimes.com/bs-md-ci-fire-20141117,0,4492705.story>
11. *November 17, WHLT 22 Hattiesburg* – (Mississippi) **Tornado touches down in Jones Co., damages chicken farm.** A farm in Jones County suffered an estimated \$150,000 in damage after a tornado touched down in the area November 16. The roof of one structure was blown off and about 400 chickens died during the tornado.  
Source: <http://www.whlt.com/story/27410430/tornado-touches-down-in-jones-co-damages-chicken-farm>

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## **Water and Wastewater Systems Sector**

12. *November 18, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **Follansbee to pay \$20,000 to resolve violations.** The city of Follansbee agreed to pay a \$20,000 civil penalty November 18 to resolve wastewater pollution violations issued by the West Virginia

Department of Environmental Protection that included 6 major violations, 9 moderate violations, and 21 minor violations from July 2011 through August 2014. The city will also submit a plan for corrective action.

Source: <http://www.wvgazette.com/article/20141118/GZ01/141119228/1101>

13. *November 17, Fayetteville Observer* – (North Carolina) **Boil advisory for Overhills Water Co.’s Cumberland County customers issued Monday.** A boil water advisory was issued to Cumberland County, North Carolina customers in the Overhills Water Co., system November 17 until further notice following a water line break that led to low pressure and outages in the distribution system.  
Source: [http://www.fayobserver.com/news/local/boil-advisory-for-overhills-water-co-s-cumberland-county-customers/article\\_2038f2f0-27c5-59ac-aec9-fcaa05d4c15c.html](http://www.fayobserver.com/news/local/boil-advisory-for-overhills-water-co-s-cumberland-county-customers/article_2038f2f0-27c5-59ac-aec9-fcaa05d4c15c.html)

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## **Healthcare and Public Health Sector**

14. *November 18, WFXT 25 Boston* – (Massachusetts) **BWH doctor tied up in armed robbery; patient data stolen from laptop.** Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston notified approximately 1,000 patients of a potential privacy breach following the September 24 armed robbery of a doctor where thieves took a laptop and cellphone that contained patients’ encrypted personal and medical information. The suspects forced the doctor to give them the pass codes after he was tied to a tree and authorities have two suspects in custody in connection to the robbery.  
Source: <http://www.myfoxboston.com/story/27410047/brigham-womens-warning-of-privacy-breach-after-laptop-stolen>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

15. *November 18, WBAL 11 Baltimore* – (Maryland) **Gas leak closes Howard County high school.** A gas leak prompted Centennial High School in Ellicott City to cancel classes November 18 after crews shut off the school’s heating in order to determine the source of the leak.  
Source: <http://www.wbalv.com/news/gas-leak-closes-howard-county-high-school/29793162>
16. *November 18, Grand Rapids Press* – (Michigan) **School closings: Winter storm shuts Grand Rapids, Forest Hills, Zeeland, more.** Several school districts throughout west Michigan were closed November 18, along with local colleges and universities due to a winter storm that produced heavy snow and strong winds.  
Source: [http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2014/11/winter\\_storm\\_forces\\_grand\\_rapi.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2014/11/winter_storm_forces_grand_rapi.html)
17. *November 17, Reuters* – (National) **U.S. State Department’s unclassified email systems hacked.** A spokesperson for the U.S. State Department confirmed November

17 a cyberattack on the department's unclassified email systems which prompted officials to shut down portions of the system over the weekend of November 15 to improve its security. The breach was detected several weeks ago and no classified data was compromised.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/11/17/cybersecurity-statedept-idUSL2N0T70TJ20141117>

18. *November 17, Columbus Dispatch* – (Ohio) **Season's first snow causes mess for commuters.** A severe winter storm that produced significant snowfall prompted more than 2 dozen central Ohio school districts to close November 17.  
Source: <http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2014/11/16/winter-weather-on-the-way.html>
19. *November 17, Louisville Courier-Journal* – (Kentucky) **Snow closes area schools; cold on the way.** More than 100 schools in Kentucky were closed November 17 due to a winter storm that produced frigid temperatures and heavy snowfall.  
Source: <http://www.courier-journal.com/story/news/local/2014/11/17/louisville-school-closings/19158109/>
20. *November 17, WRIC 8 Petersburg* – (Virginia) **Fumes on cheerleader's charter bus sends 15 to hospital.** Fifteen people were taken to area hospitals for possible carbon monoxide poisoning November 16 after cheerleaders traveling on a charter bus through Spotsylvania County reported heavy fumes on the bus. Officials are investigating the incident.  
Source: <http://www.wric.com/story/27401715/fumes-on-cheerleaders-charter-bus-sends-15-to-hospital>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

21. *November 17, Daytona Beach News-Journal* – (Florida) **Bag at DeLand police cleared as 'no threat of any kind'.** DeLand Police Department employees were evacuated for about 3 hours November 17 while a bomb squad investigated a suspicious package that was left near the front door of the building in Volusia County. Police cleared the package and determined it contained clothing, a car radio, and a fire extinguisher.  
Source: <http://www.news-journalonline.com/article/20141117/NEWS/141119500/1040>
22. *November 16, Stamford Advocate* – (Connecticut) **OSHA fines Stamford for asbestos at police HQ.** The Occupational and Safety Health Administration issued five violations of federal safety procedures for the mishandling of asbestos and water contamination and fined the city of Stamford \$2,720 after discovering the city's police headquarters failed to protect workers from asbestos or screen them for exposure. The order requires Stamford to clean up the asbestos debris and waste by March 2015.

Source: <http://www.stamfordadvocate.com/local/article/OSHA-fines-Stamford-for-asbestos-at-police-HQ-5897275.php>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

23. *November 18, Securityweek* – (International) **New variant of Matsnu trojan uses configurable DGA.** Researchers from Seculert found that a new variant of the Matsnu trojan (also known as Trustezeb) is using a configurable Domain Generation Algorithm (DGA) to attempt to create domain names that won't be detected by phonetic algorithms designed to look for nonsensical domain names. The malware can be instructed to take various actions, including downloading and executing files, updating itself, and reporting its status to its controllers.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/new-variant-matsnu-trojan-uses-configurable-dga>

24. *November 17, Securityweek* – (International) **Research finds 1 percent of online ads malicious.** Researchers from universities in the U.S., U.K., and Germany presenting at the 2014 Internet Measurement Conference reported that their research looked at 600,000 online advertisements on 40,000 Web sites over a 3 month period and found that 1 percent of advertisements were malicious.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/research-finds-1-percent-online-ads-malicious>

### **Internet Alert Dashboard**

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at [soc@us-cert.gov](mailto:soc@us-cert.gov) or visit their Web site: <http://www.us-cert.gov>

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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25. *November 18, KYW 3 Philadelphia* – (Pennsylvania) **Carbon monoxide scare forces evacuation of Concordville hotel.** About 120 guests were evacuated from a Best Western Hotel in Concordville November 18 due to elevated levels of carbon monoxide found throughout several floors of the hotel. Guests returned about 2 hours later after crews repaired a leak from a heating unit.

Source: <http://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2014/11/18/carbon-monoxide-scare-forces-evacuation-of-concordville-hotel/>

26. *November 18, Ann Arbor News* – (Michigan) **Apartment complex fire sparks power outages throughout Ypsilanti area.** A fire that broke out November 17 inside a laundry room at the Anderson Villas apartments in Ypsilanti Township prompted an overnight evacuation of residents and caused an estimated \$100,000 in damage. The fire knocked out power to about 3,000 DTE customers for more than 9 hours before service was restored November 18, including to 4 schools that closed as a result of the outage.  
Source: [http://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/index.ssf/2014/11/apartment\\_complex\\_fire\\_sparks.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/index.ssf/2014/11/apartment_complex_fire_sparks.html)
27. *November 18, WXIX 19 Newport* – (Ohio) **Fire destroys Fairfield restaurant.** The Sabor Peruano Peruvian Restaurant in Fairfield suffered an estimated \$400,000 in damage from a November 18 fire. Authorities are investigating the source of the blaze which is believed to have started in the restaurant's kitchen  
Source: <http://www.fox19.com/story/27411776/fire-destroys-fairfield-restaurant>
28. *November 18, WATE 6 Knoxville* – (Tennessee) **Fire destroys West Knoxville apartment building.** A November 17 fire at the Sunflower Apartments in Knoxville that displaced 21 residents was found to be electrical and accidental in nature. No injuries were reported.  
Source: <http://www.wate.com/story/27410697/west-knoxville-apartment-complex-on-fire>
29. *November 17, San Bernardino County Sun* – (California) **Three-alarm fire causes \$1 million damage to Grand Terrace building.** A 3-alarm fire at a Hunter Landscaping warehouse in Grand Terrace November 17 caused an estimated \$1 million in damage. The warehouse was set to be red-tagged because 90 percent of the structure was damaged and the building's roof collapsed in the fire.  
Source: <http://www.sbsun.com/general-news/20141117/three-alarm-fire-causes-1-million-damage-to-grand-terrace-building>
30. *November 17, Las Vegas Review-Journal* – (Nevada) **Residents evacuated from apartments over suspicious package.** Residents were evacuated from a Las Vegas apartment building for about 4 hours November 17 while police investigated a suspicious package. Police cleared the scene after the package was declared safe.  
Source: <http://www.lasvegassun.com/news/2014/nov/17/residents-evacuated-apartments-suspicious-package/>

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