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- An oil platform explosion at Fieldwood Energy's Echo Platform, West Delta 105, off the coast of Louisiana left 1 person dead and 3 others injured November 20. – *WWL 4 New Orleans* (See item [1](#))
- The California Public Utilities Commission imposed a \$1.05 million fine to Pacific Gas and Electric Company following the exchange of inappropriate email communications between the utility and State regulators regarding alleged negotiations of appointing a judge to a hearing on utility rates in the San Bruno pipeline explosion case. – *KPIX 5 San Francisco* (See item [3](#))
- All schools in the cities of Buffalo and Lackawanna, including suburban districts in 7 other towns as well as 7 additional colleges and universities remain closed November 20 for the third consecutive day after a winter storm dumped over 5 feet of snow in western New York. – *Associated Press* (See item [17](#))
- Structural damage of rooftops due to the accumulation of heavy snow prompted an evacuation of more than 50 residents from mobile home parks in Cheektowaga and West Seneca, New York, and 180 from a Cheektowaga assisted living facility November 20. – *Associated Press* (See item [32](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *November 21, WWL 4 New Orleans* – (International) **1 dead, 3 hurt in oil platform explosion off La. coast.** An oil platform explosion at Fieldwood Energy's Echo Platform, West Delta 105, off the coast of Louisiana left 1 person dead and 3 others injured November 20. Authorities contained the explosion and continue to investigate the incident.
Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2014/11/20/1-dead-3-hurt-in-oil-platform-explosion-off-la-coast/70039166/>
2. *November 21, Jackson Hole Daily* – (Wyoming) **AmeriGas blaze extinguished.** Authorities are investigating the source of an explosion and fire at AmeriGas in Teton County November 20. Fire crews spent several hours containing the fire and employees stated that the blaze occurred following a leak while a truck was refilling underground propane tanks.
Source: http://www.jhnewsandguide.com/jackson_hole_daily/amerigas-blaze-extinguished/article_4eae92d2-8455-5f47-8570-98998a386717.html
3. *November 20, KPIX 5 San Francisco* – (California) **PG&E fined \$1.05 million over backroom negotiations; utility to appeal decision.** Pacific Gas and Electric Company was issued a \$1.05 million fine by the California Public Utilities Commission following the exchange of inappropriate email communications between the utility and State regulators regarding alleged negotiations of appointing a judge to a hearing on utility rates in the San Bruno pipeline explosion case.
Source: <http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2014/11/20/pge-fined-more-than-1-million-over-backroom-negotiations/>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

4. *November 21, Reuters* – (National) **Toyota Lexus to recall some 2006-2011 models due to fuel leaks.** Toyota announced that it will recall 422,509 model year 2007-2010

Lexus LS and 2006-2011 GS and IS vehicles due to the potential for fuel to leak near the fuel pressure sensor, creating a fire hazard.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/11/21/us-toyota-recall-lexus-idUSKCN0J51O220141121>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Financial Services Sector

5. *November 21, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **Man admits \$20 million Ponzi scheme in New Jersey.** A Colts Neck man pleaded guilty November 20 to running a \$20 million Ponzi scheme involving 36 investors that caused investor losses of around \$12.7 million.
Source: <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/crime/man-admits-dollar20-million-ponzi-scheme-in-new-jersey/ar-BBeVA1y>
6. *November 20, U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York* – (International) **Former corporate executives charged with securities fraud and tax offenses for wide-ranging commercial bribery scheme.** Federal authorities charged two Coral Gables, Florida men who worked as senior executives at Systemax Inc., and its subsidiary computer and electronics vendor TigerDirect for allegedly engaging in a kickback scheme with an Asia-based group of suppliers that netted the men over \$9 million in kickbacks and benefits. The men were also charged for allegedly concealing the illicit income from the Internal Revenue Service.
Source: <http://www.fbi.gov/newyork/press-releases/2014/former-corporate-executives-charged-with-securities-fraud-and-tax-offenses-for-wide-ranging-commercial-bribery-scheme>
7. *November 19, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau* – (National) **CFPB takes first action against 'buy-here, pay-here' auto dealer.** The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau issued a consent order November 19 against Arizona-based used car dealer network DriveTime Automotive Group Inc., and its finance company DT Acceptance Corporation seeking \$8 million in penalties and the reform of several practices for allegedly providing inaccurate credit information to credit reporting agencies, engaging in excessive or prohibited calls, and other actions that constituted harassment of customers.
Source: <http://www.consumerfinance.gov/newsroom/cfpb-takes-first-action-against-buy-here-pay-here-auto-dealer/>

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Transportation Systems Sector

8. *November 20, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Massachusetts) **Workers at Billerica, Massachusetts, freight shipping terminal exposed to electrocution, fall, crushing and other hazards.** Central Transport LLC, a Michigan-based freight shipper, was cited November 20 by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration for several violations involving the disregard of basic worker safeguards and putting employees at risk for possible electrocution, forklift tip-overs, and other dangers at its terminal in Billerica, Massachusetts. Proposed fines totaled \$330,800.
Source: https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=27036
9. *November 19, WCNC 36 Charlotte* – (North Carolina) **Deputy killed when tractor-trailer overturns onto patrol car.** A portion of Highway 74 in Monroe was closed for nearly 9 hours November 19 while authorities investigated a collision that killed a Union County Sheriff's deputy when a semi-truck overturned on top of his patrol car along the highway.
Source: <http://www.wfmynews2.com/story/news/local/2014/11/19/monroe-sheriff-officer-tractor-trailer-accident-crash/19268709/>
10. *November 19, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **MBTA rail operator hit with \$804,000 fine.** The operator of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority commuter rail service, Keolis Commuter Services, was fined \$804,000 November 19 by the transit authority for failing to meet on-time targets and other issues such as station and train cleanliness.
Source: <http://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2014/11/19/mbta-fines-keolis-for-commuter-rail-delays/MVGLFikjtjNITpOvmVCEtK/story.html>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

11. *November 21, Associated Press* – (Indiana) **Hundreds of pigs die from Indianapolis crash.** About 700 piglets died when a semi-truck hauling about 2,000 hogs overturned on Interstate 74 ramp in Indianapolis because the driver was travelling at too high of a rate of speed. The onramp was closed for several hours while crews cleared the scene.
Source: <http://www.wsbt.com/news/local/hundreds-of-pigs-die-from-indianapolis-crash/29857616>
12. *November 20, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (International) **Evershing**

International Trading issues allergy alert on undeclared milk in Vinacafe Brand coffee - Wake Up Weasel Instant Coffee mix 3-in-1. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported November 20 that Evershing International Trading recalled its Vinacafe Brand Wake Up Weasel Instant Coffee mix 3-in-1 product due to undeclared Sodium Caseinate and soy extract. The product was distributed in the U.S. and Canada, and the recall was initiated following label inspections by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm424138.htm>

13. *November 20, WTVY 4 Dothan* – (Georgia) **Georgia grain bin collapses, spilling 90,000 bushels of corn.** About 90,000 bushels of corn spilled from a Calhoun County grain bin when it collapsed November 19. The silo was rendered a total loss and two additional bins were damaged when they were knocked off their foundation during the collapse.

Source: <http://www.wtv.com/home/headlines/Georgia-Grain-Bin-Collapses-Spilling-90000-Bushels-of-Corn--283355941.html>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

14. *November 21, San Antonio Express-News* – (Texas) **SAWS crews fixing sewage spill on East Side.** San Antonio Water System crews contained a sewer spill by constructing a temporary bypass pipeline after more than 100,000 gallons of wastewater mixed with rainwater into a creekbed when a pipe collapsed near Interstate 10 East in San Antonio November 20. Repairs to the pipeline were expected to be completed by November 21.

Source: <http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local/article/SAWS-crews-fixing-sewage-spill-on-East-Side-5907932.php>

15. *November 20, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Ohio) **U.S. Clean Water Act settlement in Lima, Ohio, to reduce sewage overflows.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of Justice, and the State of Ohio announced a settlement with the City of Lima November 20 to resolve claims of untreated sewer discharges being released into the Ottawa River. The city will pay a \$49,000 penalty and will make required changes such as major structural improvements to control combined sewer overflows and changes to eliminate overflows from the sanitary sewer system.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/1EE242587B0E5C6D85257D96005393E2>

16. *November 20, WVVA 6 Bluefield* – (West Virginia) **Day 11 of no water for parts of Gary, WV.** Crews continued work to restore water service November 20 to about 150 customers in Elbert and Filbert in West Virginia after a line leading to a water tank supply broke, leaving residents without water for an eleventh day.

Source: <http://www.wvva.com/story/27444167/2014/11/20/day-11-of-no-water-for->

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Government Facilities Sector

17. *November 20, Associated Press* – (New York) **Some Buffalo-area schools closed for 3 days in row.** All Buffalo and Lackawanna-area schools as well as schools in 7 other towns, and 7 additional colleges and universities were closed November 20 for the third consecutive day after a winter storm dumped over 5 feet of snow in western New York. Source: <http://newsok.com/some-buffalo-area-schools-closed-for-3-days-in-row/article/feed/762393>
18. *November 20, Reuters* – (California) **Girl questioned over Yik Yak threat that closed California school.** Mira Costa High School in southern California reopened November 20 following a November 18-19 closure due to at least one threatening post on a social media service. Police questioned a suspect in connection to the threats which were posted November 17. Source: <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/crime/girl-questioned-over-yik-yak-threat-that-closed-california-school/ar-BBeTDLf>

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Emergency Services Sector

19. *November 20, DNAINfo.com* – (New York) **Massive fire guts two Central Park medical unit ambulances.** A November 20 fire at the E&B Operating Corp parking garage in Manhattan Valley damaged the garage, its contents, and destroyed 2 Central Park Medical Unit ambulances worth about \$300,000. Five firefighters were transported to an area hospital with minor injuries. Source: <http://www.dnainfo.com/new-york/20141120/manhattan-valley/dozens-of-cars-damaged-garage-fire-officials-say>

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Information Technology Sector

20. *November 21, Securityweek* – (International) **Siemens fixes critical vulnerabilities in WinCC SCADA products.** Siemens issued patches for two vulnerabilities in its SIMATIC WinCC supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) systems, one of which could be remotely exploited by an unauthorized attacker. The SIMATIC WinCC system is used to monitor and control industrial and infrastructure systems in chemical, food and beverage, oil and gas, and water and wastewater applications.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/siemens-fixes-critical-vulnerabilities-wincc-scada-products>
21. *November 21, Softpedia* – (International) **Persistent XSS flaw fixed in WP Statistics plug-in for WordPress.** The developers of the WP Statistics plug-in for WordPress released version 8.3.1 in order to close a stored cross-site scripting (XSS) vulnerability that could allow attackers to execute commands in the administration panel.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Persistent-XSS-Flaw-Fixed-in-WP-Statistics-Plug-In-for-WordPress-465587.shtml>
22. *November 21, The Register* – (International) **DoubleDirect hackers snaffle fandroid and iPhone-strokers' secrets.** Researchers with Zimperium identified a man-in-the-middle (MitM) attack technique targeting Android and iOS devices dubbed DoubleDirect that can be used by attackers to intercept devices' traffic to steal credentials or deliver malicious payloads that can go on to infect a larger network. The researchers have observed the attack being used in the wild and provided a proof of concept for the attack method.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/11/21/hackers_snaffling_smartphone_secrets_with_redirected_attack/
23. *November 21, Securityweek* – (International) **WordPress 4.0.1 released to address critical XSS, other vulnerabilities.** The developers of WordPress released version 4.0.1 of the content management system, closing a cross-site scripting (XSS) vulnerability and eight other security issues.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/wordpress-401-released-address-critical-xss-other-vulnerabilities>
24. *November 20, Securityweek* – (International) **Multiple vulnerabilities found in Hikvision DVR devices.** Researchers with Rapid7 identified and reported three remotely exploitable vulnerabilities in Hikvision DVR devices that could be used by unauthenticated attackers to execute arbitrary code.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/multiple-vulnerabilities-found-hikvision-dvr-devices>
25. *November 20, Securityweek* – (International) **DDoS attacks over 10 Gbps jump in Q3: Verisign.** Verisign released their report on distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks for the third quarter (Q3) of 2014 and found that attacks exceeding 10 Gbps grew by 38 percent compared to the second quarter (Q2), representing over 20 percent of all DDoS attacks in Q3, among other findings.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/ddos-attacks-over-10-gbps-jump-q3-verisign>

26. *November 20, IDG News Service* – (International) **Governments act against webcam-snooping websites.** Authorities in the U.S. and U.K. warned users of Internet-connected webcams and other video devices to secure their devices by adding passwords and changing default passwords after Web sites broadcasting unsecured video feeds were identified online. One of the major unsecured feed sites went offline November 20 while at least one other was still available.

Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/article/2850833/governments-act-against-webcamsnooping-websites.html>

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Internet Alert Dashboard

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Commercial Facilities Sector

27. *November 1, WMAQ 5 Chicago* – (Illinois) **4 injured in aerosol explosion at Macy's in Chicago's Loop.** Four employees were injured November 21 when an aerosol can exploded after it was placed too close to a heating element during a cooking demonstration at a Macy's store in Chicago. The store was closed at the time of the explosion.

Source: <http://www.nbcchicago.com/news/local/Propane-Chicago-Loop-Injuries-283488831.html>

28. *November 21, WHAS 11 Louisville* – (Indiana) **Building collapses after fire breaks out in downtown North Vernon, Ind.** A November 21 fire that broke out at a North Vernon apartment building caused at least 1 building to collapse and damaged at least 9 additional structures that house several apartment units and at least 3 businesses. Four firefighters were injured and eastbound Highway 50 was closed for several hours while crews battled the blaze.

Source: <http://www.whas11.com/story/news/local/indiana/2014/11/21/fire-north-vernon-apartment-building/19331129/>

29. *November 21, Ithaca Voice* – (New York) **Laundry room fire fills Best Western in Ithaca with smoke.** About 100 guests were displaced from a Best Western hotel in Ithaca November 20 following a fire that started in a laundry room of the business. Crews shut off power to the building after they determined the fire burned through an electrical meter posing safety risks to firefighters.
Source: <http://ithacavoice.com/2014/11/laundry-room-fire-fills-best-western-ithaca-smoke/>
30. *November 21, KDVR 31 Denver* – (Colorado) **One dead, two hurt in shooting at Aurora bar.** Police are searching for a gunman who opened fire during an altercation inside El Bronco Bar in Aurora November 21 killing one person and injuring two others.
Source: <http://kdvr.com/2014/11/21/one-dead-two-hurt-in-shooting-at-aurora-bar/>
31. *November 21, WNEP 16 Scranton* – (Pennsylvania) **Businesses damaged by fire in Schuylkill County.** One Frackville business was destroyed and at least two additional businesses and several apartment units were damaged when a fire broke out at Amberdeen's Fine Foods and Beverages November 21. The Frackville Public Library suffered smoke damage and was closed until November 24 while crews ventilated the building.
Source: <http://wnep.com/2014/11/21/two-businesses-damaged-by-fire-in-schuylkill-county/>
32. *November 20, Associated Press* – (New York) **Roofs collapse as Buffalo clobbered by more snow.** More than 50 residents were evacuated from mobile home parks in Cheektowaga and West Seneca and about 180 residents were evacuated from a Cheektowaga assisted living facility November 20 due to heavy snows that caused the structures' roofs to buckle. The Buffalo Bills rescheduled and relocated its November 24 football game and schools in the Buffalo area canceled classes November 20 while driving bans were in effect and a portion of the New York State Thruway remained closed.
Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/round-buffalo-braces-wintery-wallop-27044077>

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