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### Top Stories

- Samsung Electronics Co. issued a recall November 4 for about 2.8 million of its top-load washing machines due to a risk of injury, as the machine top can unexpectedly detach from the washing machine chassis. – *U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* (See item [4](#))
- A former chief financial officer at Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union pleaded guilty November 3 to embezzling over \$18 million from his employer from 2003 – 2016. – *U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Michigan* (See item [7](#))
- Over 400,000 gallons of raw sewage spilled into the Hudson River from several areas in Washington, Warren, and Albany counties in New York November 4 after heavy rains caused the local sewer system to overload. – *WNYT 13 Albany* (See item [13](#))
- Around 3,000 people were evacuated from the Paris Las Vegas hotel and casino for around 20 hours November 3 – November 4 after a worker inadvertently cut into the power main while performing work in a sub-basement. – *Associated Press* (See item [21](#))

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## Energy Sector

1. *November 3, Ventura County Star* – (California) **Ventura gas leak halted; roads reopen.** Crews worked for several hours November 3 to contain a major gas leak at the Aera Energy LLC oil field near Ventura, California, that prompted several road closures and the evacuation of a neighboring industrial area. The leak began November 2 when a piece of equipment failed and gas escaped from a cracked pipe while crews were working to disconnect a pipe from an idle well.  
Source: <http://www.vcstar.com/story/news/2016/11/03/hazardous-materials-spill-investigated-hwy-33/93242366/>
2. *November 3, KPRC 2 Houston* – (Texas) **Gas leak which prompted evacuations in Midtown is now contained.** Crews worked November 3 to repair a 4-inch gas line that construction crews struck in the Midtown district of Houston, causing nearby residents to be evacuated for several hours. Commuters were asked to avoid the immediate area surrounding the leak.  
Source: <http://www.click2houston.com/news/gas-leak-prompts-evacuations-in-midtown>

## Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

## Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

3. *November 3, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Richland company fined \$36,000 for waste handling.** Perma-Fix Northwest, Inc. agreed November 3 to pay a \$36,400 penalty to settle violations relating to the improper designation, storage, and inspection of mixed dangerous and radioactive waste at its Richland, Washington facility after the State Department of Ecology found granules of radioactive waste on the floor and under a grate.  
Source: <http://www.columbian.com/news/2016/nov/03/richland-company-fined-36000-for-waste-handling/>

## Critical Manufacturing Sector

4. *November 4, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **Samsung recalls top-load washing machines due to risk of impact injuries.** Samsung Electronics Co. issued a recall November 4 for about 2.8 million of its top-load washing machines in various models after the firm received 733 reports of the washing machines experiencing excessive vibration or the top detaching from the washing machine chassis and 9 related reports of injuries. The products were sold at home appliance stores nationwide.  
Source: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2016/samsung-recalls-top-load-washing-machines>
5. *November 2, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Arkansas) **OSHA finds Arkansas steel**

**wire company failed repeatedly to protect workers from amputation hazards.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Bekaert Corporation with a repeat violation November 2 after an employee suffered an amputation while working at the Van Buren, Arkansas facility, prompting a July 2016 investigation which revealed the company failed to install pinch point guards on machines that carry steel wire and pulleys. Proposed penalties total \$124,710.

Source:

[https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=NEWS\\_RELEASES&p\\_id=33384](https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=33384)

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

Nothing to report

## **Financial Services Sector**

6. *November 3, Atlanta Journal-Constitution* – (Georgia) **FBI: 'Scruffy Faced Bandit' robs sixth area bank, this one in Kennesaw.** Authorities are searching November 3 for a man dubbed the “Scruffy Faced Bandit” who is suspected of robbing 6 banks in Cobb and Fulton counties in Georgia since August 2016, including a Chase Bank branch in Kennesaw November 1.  
Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/crime--law/fbi-scruffy-faced-bandit-robs-sixth-area-bank-this-one-kennesaw/ghNUOJdThjEnNpBf5Kf1IM/>
7. *November 3, U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Michigan* – (Michigan) **Former chief financial officer pleads guilty to embezzlement.** A former chief financial officer (CFO) at Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union (CBCCU) pleaded guilty November 3 for embezzling over \$18 million from his employer from January 2003 – January 2016 by issuing cashier's checks from different CBCCU accounts without authorization and depositing those funds into accounts that he managed at other financial institutions, as well as using Automated Clearing House withdrawals to illicitly transfer funds from CBCCU's accounts to his personal accounts at other banks. The charges also state that in order to conceal the fraud, the CFO created fraudulent investments in certificates of deposit and bonds, leading auditors and bank examiners to believe that the money he embezzled was invested in these vehicles.  
Source: <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmi/pr/former-chief-financial-officer-pleads-guilty-embezzlement>

## **Transportation Systems Sector**

8. *November 4, Waco Tribune-Herald* – (Texas) **1 dead, 3 injured in Highway 6 wreck.** State Highway 6 in Waco, Texas, was closed for roughly 10 hours November 3 after a semi-truck attempting to avoid a separate head-on collision overturned. One person was killed and three people involved in the head-on collision were transported to an area hospital.

Source: [http://www.wacotrib.com/news/updated-dead-injured-in-highway-wreck/article\\_dbbf9fed-13ed-51b3-a8d5-1a9de75a9b7e.html](http://www.wacotrib.com/news/updated-dead-injured-in-highway-wreck/article_dbbf9fed-13ed-51b3-a8d5-1a9de75a9b7e.html)

9. *November 3, KRCR 7 Redding/Chico* – (California) **Deadly crash blocks Highway 32 in Butte County.** Highway 32 west of Chico in Butte County, California, was closed for several hours November 3 following a crash involving a semi-truck and another vehicle that killed one person.  
Source: <http://www.krcrtv.com/news/local/butte/possible-deadly-crash-blocks-lanes-on-highway-32/141390941>
10. *November 3, Columbia Daily Tribune* – (Missouri) **Hallsville, Centralia women die in Highway 124 crash.** Two people were killed following a head-on collision on Highway 124 north of Hallsville, Missouri, that prompted the closure of the roadway for more than 2 hours November 2.  
Source: [http://www.columbiatribune.com/news/local/two-people-killed-in-highway-crash/article\\_cfb9b2b7-9aed-5d3e-83b3-9e364a54b19d.html](http://www.columbiatribune.com/news/local/two-people-killed-in-highway-crash/article_cfb9b2b7-9aed-5d3e-83b3-9e364a54b19d.html)

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## **Food and Agriculture Sector**

11. *November 4, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (Missouri) **Flavor Trade, LLC. recalls beef products produced without benefit of inspection.** Flavor Trade, LLC. issued a recall November 3 for roughly 113 pounds of its “Craft Beer Jerky: Created with Wheat” and its “Craft Beer Jerky: Created with Porter” products sold in 3-ounce packages after Federal personnel discovered that the products were produced without the benefit of Federal inspection and used the U.S. Department of Agriculture mark of inspection without authorization. No illnesses or adverse reactions have been reported and the products were shipped to retail establishments in Missouri.  
Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2016/recall-102-2016-release>
12. *November 3, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Select Whole Foods Market stores in Mid-Atlantic region issues allergy alert due to undeclared eggs.** Whole Foods Market Inc. issued a voluntary recall November 3 for select batches of its Chocolate Croissants products sold in six-count containers due to the presence of undeclared eggs on the ingredient statement. No adverse reactions have been reported and the products were sold at 51 Whole Foods stores in 6 States and Washington, D.C.  
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm528016.htm>

## **Water and Wastewater Systems Sector**

13. *November 3, WNYT 13 Albany* – (New York) **400,000 gallons of raw sewage spill into Hudson River.** Over 400,000 gallons of raw sewage spilled into the Hudson River from several areas in Washington, Warren, and Albany counties in New York November 4 after heavy rains caused the local sewer system to overload.  
Source: <http://wnyt.com/news/raw-sewage-spill-hudson-river/4309669/>

14. *November 3, KNTV 11 San Jose* – (California) **EBMUD shuts down Orinda Water Treatment Plant for \$22M renovation.** The East Bay Municipal Utility District announced November 2 that it shut down the Orinda Water Treatment Plant in Orinda, California, to complete a \$22 million modernization project involving the installation of a new electrical substation, new self-cleaning filters, and a large valve that will enable managers to partially shut down operations in the event of an emergency or for maintenance. Officials reported that customers will receive their water from reservoirs in San Leandro, San Pablo, and El Sobrante until the plant is back online in April 2017. Source: <http://www.nbcbayarea.com/news/local/EBMUD-Shows-Off--399735611.html>

## **Healthcare and Public Health Sector**

Nothing to report

## **Government Facilities Sector**

15. *November 3, Sarasota Herald-Tribune* – (Florida) **Bomb threat evacuates Venice High School.** Venice High School in Venice, Florida, was evacuated for nearly 3 hours November 3 due to a bomb threat. Authorities deemed the area safe after no explosives were found. Source: <http://www.heraldtribune.com/news/20161103/bomb-threat-evacuates-venice-high-school>
16. *November 3, Rome News-Tribune* – (Georgia) **Cohutta Wilderness fire grows past 2,700 acres.** U.S. Forest Service officials closed several trails in the Cohutta Wilderness in Georgia until further notice November 3 due to the Rough Ridge Fire, which has burned more than 2,700 acres. Source: [http://www.northwestgeorgianews.com/rome/news/local/cohutta-wilderness-fire-grows-past-acres/article\\_78963c24-a18e-11e6-abf5-6f809f3de89f.html](http://www.northwestgeorgianews.com/rome/news/local/cohutta-wilderness-fire-grows-past-acres/article_78963c24-a18e-11e6-abf5-6f809f3de89f.html)
17. *November 3, KCBS 2 Los Angeles* – (California) **County courthouse shut down abruptly for structural damage to roof.** The Los Angeles Superior Court's Mental Health Courthouse was shut down until further notice November 3 due to structural damage to the facility's roof. Operations for the courthouse will be relocated to the Metropolitan Courthouse in downtown Los Angeles while structural engineers inspect the building and determine what repairs are needed. Source: <http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2016/11/03/county-courthouse-shut-down-abruptly-for-structural-damage-to-roof/>
18. *November 3, Lafayette Daily Advertiser* – (Louisiana) **Students evacuated after firework explodes in UL apartment.** University of Louisiana at Lafayette students living at the Legacy Park Apartments were evacuated for several hours November 2 after an illegal firework exploded inside of a unit, prompting authorities to evacuate the building as a precautionary measure. The building was evacuated a second time November 3 while authorities searched the apartment for additional fireworks. Source: <http://www.theadvertiser.com/story/news/local/2016/11/03/one-injured-firework-ul-apartment/93229164/>

## Emergency Services Sector

Nothing to report

## Information Technology Sector

19. *November 4, Help Net Security* – (International) **GitLab plugs critical flaw in its code repository manager software.** GitLab released security updates for its Community Edition (CE) and Enterprise Edition (EE) of its code repository manager software resolving a critical flaw in the import/export project feature that did not adequately check for symbolic links in user-provided archives, thereby allowing an authenticated user to access the contents of any file accessible to the GitLab service account.  
Source: <https://www.helpnetsecurity.com/2016/11/04/gitlab-plugs-critical-flaw/>
20. *November 3, SecurityWeek* – (International) **PLCs vulnerable to stealthy pin control attacks.** Security researchers at the Black Hat Europe 2016 security conference discovered two new attack methods involving manipulating programmable logic controllers' (PLCs) input and output at a low level, thereby allowing attackers to control the physical processes managed by the PLCs without triggering any alarms. The first method involves changing the pin's configuration and allows malware in the PLC to switch a pin from input to output, or vice-versa, while the second attack method involves multiplexing and changes the functionality of the same pin.  
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/plcs-vulnerable-stealthy-pin-control-attacks>

### **Internet Alert Dashboard**

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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>

## Communications Sector

Nothing to report

## Commercial Facilities Sector

21. *November 4, Associated Press* – (Nevada) **Vegas strip resort reopens after power outage, evacuation.** Around 3,000 people were evacuated from the Paris Las Vegas hotel and casino for around 20 hours November 3 – November 4 after a worker inadvertently cut into the power main while performing work in a sub-basement.  
Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/Entertainment/wireStory/thousands-evacuated-power-outage-hits-las-vegas-resort-43297028>
22. *November 4, KXAS 5 Fort Worth* – (Texas) **Firefighters battle 5-alarm fire at Denton County building.** A 5-alarm fire at the Luxury Motor Coach & Boat Storage in

Hickory Creek, Texas, damaged 36 units and prompted the shutdown of nearby roads for several hours. No injuries were reported and the cause of the fire remains under investigation.

Source: <http://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/Firefighters-Battle-4-Alarm-Fire-at-Denton-County-Building-399831051.html>

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## **Dams Sector**

Nothing to report



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