



## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report 25 November 2016

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- Duke Energy Beckjord LLC agreed November 22 to pay a \$1 million fine to resolve a Clean Water Act violation after the firm pleaded guilty to spilling 9,000 gallons of diesel fuel into the Ohio River in 2014. – *Charlotte Observer* (See item [1](#))
- Kia Motor Corporation issued a recall November 22 for 71,704 of its model years 2008 – 2009 Kia Sportage crossover vehicles. – *TheCarConnection.com* (See item [3](#))
- Ally Financial Inc. agreed November 21 to pay \$52 million to settle allegations that its subsidiaries acted inappropriately in connection with 10 subprime residential mortgage backed securities (RMBS) in 2006 and 2007. – *U.S. Attorney's Office, Central District of California* (See item [4](#))
- A former owner of Amerifund Capital Finance, LLC was convicted November 21 for his role in a stock-loan fraud scheme where he defrauded executives and shareholders of publicly traded companies from the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and other countries out of more than \$100 million. – *U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of California* (See item [5](#))

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## Energy Sector

1. *November 22, Charlotte Observer* – (Ohio) **Duke Energy unit to pay \$1 million fine for Ohio River spill.** Duke Energy Beckjord LLC agreed November 22 to pay a \$1 million fine to resolve a Clean Water Act violation after the firm pleaded guilty to spilling 9,000 gallons of diesel fuel into the Ohio River in 2014. As part of the agreement with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Ohio, the firm will also make a \$100,000 contribution for the Foundation for Ohio River Education. Source: <http://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/local/article116383368.html>

## Chemical Industry Sector

2. *November 22, KJRH 2 Tulsa* – (Kansas) **Evacuations end after explosion at Aerosol plant in Neodesha, Kansas, 3 people injured.** Residents in Neodesha, Kansas, were allowed to return to their homes after a November 22 aerosol plant explosion that prompted Wilson County, Kansas Emergency Management to evacuate part of the town and caused the City of Independence, Kansas, to declare a Stage 3 water emergency as a result of severely low pressure and potential chemical contamination. Three people were injured and the cause of the explosion remains under investigation. Source: <http://www.kjrh.com/news/local-news/evacuations-after-reports-of-explosion-at-aerosol-plant-in-neodesha-kansas-north-of-independence>

## Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

## Critical Manufacturing Sector

3. *November 22, TheCarConnection.com* – (National) **2008-2009 Kia Sportage recalled: nearly 72,000 U.S. vehicles affected.** Kia Motor Corporation issued a recall November 22 for 71,704 of its model years 2008 – 2009 Kia Sportage crossover vehicles sold in the U.S. due to an improperly sealed wiring harness cover that shields the hydraulic electronic control unit, which could allow moisture to reach the component and cause corrosion, thereby increasing the risk of fire in the engine compartment. Source: [http://www.thecarconnection.com/news/1107424\\_2008-2009-kia-sportage-recalled-nearly-72000-u-s-vehicles-affected](http://www.thecarconnection.com/news/1107424_2008-2009-kia-sportage-recalled-nearly-72000-u-s-vehicles-affected)

## Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

## Financial Services Sector

4. *November 21, U.S. Attorney's Office, Central District of California* – (National) **Ally Financial agrees to pay \$52 million to resolve investigation into improper conduct related to issuance of mortgage-backed securities.** Ally Financial Inc. agreed November 21 to pay \$52 million to settle allegations that its subsidiaries acted

inappropriately in connection with 10 subprime residential mortgage backed securities (RMBS) in 2006 and 2007, where the firm's registered broker-dealer, Ally Securities, LLC, marketed subprime mortgages to investors knowing that a considerable percentage of the pooled subprime mortgages were at risk of falling delinquent, causing investors to lose millions of dollars from 40,000 toxic subprime mortgage loans. As part of the settlement, Ally Financial is required to immediately cease operations of Ally Securities, LLC.

Source: <https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/ally-financial-agrees-pay-52-million-resolve-investigation-improper-conduct-related>

5. *November 21, U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of California* – (International) **Owner of stock lending firm convicted by jury in \$100 million stock-loan fraud scheme.** A former owner of Amerifund Capital Finance, LLC based in Boca Raton, Florida, was convicted November 21 for participating in a stock-loan fraud scheme where he defrauded executives and shareholders of publicly traded companies from the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and other countries out of more than \$100 million when the stock they pledged as collateral for loans was immediately sold to finance the loans. The charges state that the former owner and his co-conspirators fraudulently persuaded the borrowers to make monthly interest payments on their loans by deceiving the investors into thinking that their collateral was safe and would be returned if they did not default, while the defendant and his associates kept the money and fabricated excuses as to why they could not return their stock once borrowers paid off their loans at the end of the loan terms.

Source: <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdca/pr/owner-stock-lending-firm-convicted-jury-100-million-stock-loan-fraud-scheme>

## Transportation Systems Sector

6. *November 22, WTVR 6 Richmond; WCSC 5 Charleston* – (South Carolina) **JetBlue flight headed to Richmond makes emergency landing in Charleston.** JetBlue Flight 1146 en route to Richmond International Airport in Virginia from Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport was forced to make an emergency landing at Charleston International Airport in South Carolina November 21 due to a mechanical issue. The flight landed safely and officials reported the plane was taken out of service for inspection.  
Source: <http://wtvr.com/2016/11/22/jetblue-flight-headed-to-jetblue-flight-headed-to-richmond-makes-emergency-landing-in-charleston-makes/>
7. *November 22, KENS 5 San Antonio* – (Texas) **United Flight makes emergency landing at S.A. airport.** Maintenance issues forced United Airlines Flight 1791 en route to Los Angeles International Airport from George Bush International Airport in Houston to make an emergency landing at San Antonio International Airport in Texas November 21. The plane landed safely and passengers continued on different flights.  
Source: <http://www.kens5.com/news/local/united-flight-makes-emergency-landing-sa-airport/354870364>
8. *November 21, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **Vehicle crash forces closure of**

**southbound lanes of Loop 101.** The southbound lanes Arizona State Route 101 in Scottsdale reopened after being closed for more than 3 hours November 21 following a series of 3 collisions that killed 1 person.

Source: <http://www.fox10phoenix.com/news/arizona-news/218938825-story>

9. *November 20, Santa Clarita Valley Signal* – (California) **Eighty gallons of fuel spills on freeway in semi collision in Castaic.** All northbound lanes and 2 southbound lanes of Interstate 5 in Castaic, California, were shut down for nearly 4 hours November 20 while crews worked to clean up 80 gallons of fuel that spilled after a semi-truck lost control and struck the center median.

Source: <http://www.signalscv.com/2016/11/20/eighty-gallons-fuel-spills-freeway-semi-collision-castaic/>

## **Food and Agriculture Sector**

10. *November 23, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (Georgia; Missouri) **Omni Custom Meats, Inc recalls Roasted Chicken Quarters due to misbranding and undeclared allergens.** Omni Custom Meats, Inc. issued a recall November 22 for roughly 191,695 pounds of its “Roasted Chicken Quarters – Sea Salt, Cane Juice, Chicken Broth Powder, Canola Powder, Spices” products sold in 35-pound bags due to misbranding and undeclared soy after Federal personnel discovered during routine label verification activities that the product label failed to declare the presence of the allergen. No illnesses or adverse reactions have been reported and the products were shipped to distributors in Georgia and Missouri.

Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2016/recall-112-2016-release>

11. *November 22, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (National) **Hale and Hearty Soups, LLC recalls ready-to-eat Chicken Chili Soup due to possible Listeria contamination.** Hale and Hearty Soups, LLC issued a recall November 22 for about 455 pounds of its ready-to-eat “Chicken Chili Soup” products sold in 6.9-pound bags after it was discovered during routine Federal verification testing that the products may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. No illnesses or adverse health effects have been reported and the products were shipped to food service distributors in five States.

Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2016/recall-113-2016-release>

12. *November 22, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Sabra Dipping Company’s recall prompts secondary recall of vegetable products.** Taylor Farms issued a voluntary recall November 21 for its “Taylor Farms Veggie and Hummus Bistro Boxes” and “Schnucks Vegetable and Hummus Snack Trays” products containing Sabra Hummus Classic 2-ounce dipping cups after Sabra Dipping Co., LLC issued a recall for its hummus products due to potential contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes*. No illnesses have been reported and the products were distributed in 23 States and in Washington, D.C.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm530398.htm>

## Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

13. *November 23, Hawaii News Now* – (Hawaii) **Water quality concerns raised on Molokai due to damaged storage tanks.** Department of Hawaiian Homelands officials reported that several schools on Molokai were closed November 23 due to water quality concerns after it was discovered that vandals damaged 2 separate 3.5-million-gallon storage tanks November 22. The Hawaii State Department of Health is performing tests on the water to check for contamination and local residents are being encouraged to use alternative water sources for drinking, cooking, cleaning, and other activities.

Source: <http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/story/33780639/water-quality-concerns-raised-on-molokai-due-to-damaged-storage-tanks>

For additional stories, see items [1](#) and [2](#)

## Healthcare and Public Health Sector

14. *November 22, The Register* – (National) **Hospital info thief malware puts itself into a coma to avoid IT bods.** Symantec security researchers discovered that the Gatak trojan that targets healthcare organizations nationwide attempts to avoid detection by entering sleep mode for extended periods of time after its initial infection, and then aggressively spreads across an entire organization’s network and installs a backdoor in order to steal information. The researchers found that malicious actors were leveraging the malware to hack machines on networks associated with the targeted organizations, and in some cases hackers infected devices with other malware, or “false flag” infections to make organizations believe the attack has been uncovered.

Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2016/11/22/healthcare\\_trojan/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2016/11/22/healthcare_trojan/)

## Government Facilities Sector

15. *November 22, WYFF 4 Greenville* – (South Carolina) **Pinnacle Mountain fire jumps into Greenville County, officials say.** Officials reported that the Pinnacle Mountain Fire grew to more than 6,000 acres and crossed into Greenville County, South Carolina, November 22, while containment remained at 35 percent. The fire ignited November 9 due to an escaped campfire.

Source: <http://www.wyff4.com/article/pinnacle-mountain-fire-jumps-into-greenville-county-officials-say/8352796>

16. *November 22, Hattiesburg American* – (Mississippi) **Cigarette butt could be cause of small fire at USM.** Officials closed the University of Southern Mississippi’s Theatre and Dance building through November 23 following a small fire that was contained to the storm drainage system and basement of the facility. Officials believe the fire began after leaves collecting in the storm drain were ignited by an improperly discarded cigarette.

Source:

<http://www.hattiesburgamerican.com/story/news/education/usm/2016/11/22/heavy-smoke-coming-from-basement-of-usm-building/94282734/>

For another story, see item [13](#)

## Emergency Services Sector

17. *November 21, WNEP 16 Scranton* – (Pennsylvania) **Former fire company treasurer charged with theft.** The former treasurer of the Exeter Hose Company in Luzerne, Pennsylvania, was charged November 21 after she allegedly embezzled more than \$67,000 from the company and used the money for personal expenses. The theft was discovered after the department realized its bills were not being paid.

Source: <http://wnep.com/2016/11/21/former-fire-company-treasurer-charged-with-theft/>

## Information Technology Sector

18. *November 22, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Several DoS vulnerabilities patched in NTP.** The Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT) Coordination Center and the Network Time Foundation reported the release of Network Time Protocol (NTP) version 4.2.8p9 which includes roughly 40 security patches, bug fixes, and system improvements including a patch for a high severity oversized User Datagram Protocol (UDP) packet denial-of-service (DoS) flaw in Microsoft Windows, as well as patches for 9 other security holes.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/several-dos-vulnerabilities-patched-ntp>

19. *November 22, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Siemens releases firmware updates to patch SIMATIC flaws.** Siemens released firmware updates for its SIMATIC S7-300 and S7-400 controllers, and its SIMATIC CP 343-1 and CP 443-1 Advanced communications processors resolving several medium-severity flaws after security researchers discovered the affected devices contain an integrated Web server on port 80/TCP or 443/TCP that enables a malicious actor to carry out operations with privileges of an authenticated user. The researchers also discovered a flaw related to the Web server delivering cookies without the “secure” flag, among other patched flaws.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/siemens-releases-firmware-updates-patch-simatic-flaws>

### **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

20. *November 22, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Researchers detect 57 million scans for Netis router backdoor.** Trend Micro security researchers warned that 57 million scans for a backdoor in Netis Systems’ routers have been registered since August according

to data collected by one of the firm's TippingPoint Digital Vaccine (DV) filters. The backdoor can be exploited by an attacker to gain complete control of a targeted device, modify settings, and carry out man-in-the-middle (MitM) attacks, among other malicious actions.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/researchers-detect-57-million-scans-netis-router-backdoor>

For another story, see item [19](#)

## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

21. *November 23, KQRE 13 Albuquerque* – (New Mexico) **AFD: Multiple ignition points found at The Carlisle in Nob Hill.** Authorities are investigating the cause of a fire that destroyed The Carlisle apartment complex in the Nob Hill neighborhood of Albuquerque, New Mexico, November 23. No injuries were reported.  
Source: <http://krqe.com/2016/11/23/firefighters-battling-apartment-building-fire-in-nob-hill/>
22. *November 23, Flint Journal* – (Michigan) **Five injured escaping apartment building fire are expected to be OK.** A fire at the Village Shores Apartments in Flint, Michigan, displaced up to 25 people and injured 5 others November 22. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.  
Source:  
[http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2016/11/lack\\_of\\_ladder\\_truck\\_altered\\_a.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2016/11/lack_of_ladder_truck_altered_a.html)
23. *November 22, KAYU 28 Spokane* – (Washington) **Spokane Safeway evacuated for hazmat investigation after natural gas leak.** The Safeway Inc. grocery store in Spokane, Washington, was evacuated and closed until further notice after a gas leak November 22. Crews shut off the gas supply to the building and were working to determine the location of the leak.  
Source: <http://www.myfoxspokane.com/spokane-safeway-evacuated-for-hazmat-investigation-after-natural-gas-leak/>
24. *November 22, WPEC 12 West Palm Beach* – (Florida) **Petsmart evacuated in Stuart.** The PetSmart store in Stuart, Florida, was closed November 22 after customers became ill due to a chemical smell. Authorities believe chemicals used to wax the floor caused the odor and environmental officials were working to ensure the safety of the air.  
Source: <http://cbs12.com/news/local/petsmart-evacuated-in-stuart>

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## **Dams Sector**

Nothing to report





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