



Department of Homeland Security

Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 14 November 2008

Current Nationwide Threat Level is

ELEVATED
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF TERRORIST ATTACKS

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- KXTV 10 Sacramento reports that the 11th floor of the California Environmental Protection Agency was evacuated as a hazmat crew examined the contents of a package that sickened a number of employees. Authorities said the package came by routine delivery Tuesday. (See item [20](#))
- According to the Ocala Star-Banner, an unauthorized intruder accessed a University of Florida College of Dentistry computer server containing personal information of more than 344,000 current and former dental patients, UF announced Wednesday. (See item [33](#))

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: **Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber: ELEVATED**
Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *November 13, In-Forum* – (North Dakota) **PSC to test gas pipe after Xcel declines.** North Dakota’s Public Service Commission (PSC) plans to hire an independent lab to test a section of natural gas pipe blamed for a September 2 house explosion in Fargo, North Dakota, after Xcel Energy opted not to test the pipe, PSC officials said. It is unknown what sparked the explosion, but Xcel said in its report to the U.S. Office of Pipeline Safety that a pinhole-sized gas leak was found in the underground service line at the edge of the socket fusion coupling, allowing gas to migrate into the house. Xcel blamed the pipe failure on a material defect. However, “a determination as to the cause of the leak cannot be made without additional testing,” the report stated. Xcel decided

not to test the piping, according to the director of the PSC's testing and safety division. He said the PSC wants to test the pipe to determine if the hole was the result of brittle pipe, stress caused by improper installation or the incident, or an improperly installed fusion. "If the lab says they didn't follow those fusion requirements, and that somehow contributed to the incident, then there could be a possible violation," he said.

Source: <http://www.grandforksherald.com/articles/rss.cfm?id=92901>

2. *November 11, Associated Press* – (Oklahoma) **Cleanup continues after oil well explodes.** Cleanup is continuing after an oil well explosion over the weekend spewed petroleum product onto nearby homes. The explosion occurred Sunday at a well three miles west of Duncan, Oklahoma. A field supervisor for the Oklahoma Corporation Commission says the well is owned by Tulsa-based Zenergy, Inc. He says the well's blowout preventer failed and that oil sprayed high into the air. He says the oil landed as far as a quarter-mile away from the well, carried by a strong east wind. He says crews installed a new blowout preventer on the well by early Monday. The Stephens County Emergency Management director says three homes had to be evacuated.

Source: http://www.kten.com/Global/story.asp?S=9333401&nav=menu410_3

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Chemical Industry Sector

3. *November 13, Newport News Daily Press* – (Virginia) **2 million gallons of fertilizer spilled in neighborhood.** Emergency crews continue to work on the cleanup after the collapse of a chemical storage tank spilled 2 million gallons of liquid fertilizer on a Chesapeake neighborhood yesterday. The Allied Terminals tank near Rosemont Avenue broke down shortly after 2 p.m. Wednesday, flooding local streets and yards with an ammonium nitrate solution that is not toxic or explosive, but which filled the air with a pungent aroma and prompted the evacuation of several local streets. Shelters were set up for the temporarily displaced residents, and the American Red Cross was on hand to provide food and other accommodations. Four people were injured in the collapse and taken to a local hospital. There was no immediate word on what caused the storage tank to collapse, or when the cleanup will be complete.
Source: <http://www.dailypress.com/news/dp-now-fertilizer.n13,0,6555886.story>
4. *November 12, WIRED* – (National) **Homeland Security will track fertilizer buyers.** The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has proposed new regulations that would make it harder to buy ammonium nitrate — an agricultural fertilizer that can be used as a bomb-making ingredient. In a notice issued late last month, the Department proposed new rules that would tighten restrictions on the sale of ammonium nitrate. Among other things, the regulations would require prospective buyers to apply for registration numbers from Homeland Security; the Department will also run terrorist screening database checks on all prospective registrants. The proposed rules will bring regulations in line with a recent amendment to the Homeland Security Act. The amendment requires the Department to "regulate the sale and transfer of ammonium nitrate by an ammonium nitrate facility to prevent the misappropriation or use of ammonium nitrate in an act of terrorism."

Source: <http://blog.wired.com/defense/2008/11/homeland-securi.html>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

5. *November 13, Reuters* – (Virginia) **Dominion Va. North Anna 2 reactor exits outage.** Dominion Resources Inc.'s Unit 2 at the North Anna nuclear power station in Virginia exited an outage and ramped up to 29 percent power by early Thursday, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission said in a report. The unit shut on October 29 due to a failed transformer. At the time of the shutdown, the unit was preparing to exit a refueling outage.
Source:
<http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssIndustryMaterialsUtilitiesNews/idUSN1333990420081113>
6. *November 13, Reuters* – (Missouri) **Ameren Mo. Callaway reactor exits outage.** Ameren Corp.'s reactor at the Callaway nuclear power station in Missouri exited an outage and ramped up to 37 percent by early Thursday, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission said in a report. The unit shut on November 11 after a feed pump tripped due to low lube oil pressure. At the time of the shutdown, the unit was operating at 97 percent as it ramped up after exiting a refueling outage earlier in the week.
Source:
<http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssIndustryMaterialsUtilitiesNews/idUSN1334461220081113>
7. *November 13, Reuters* – (North Carolina) **Duke NC McGuire 1 reactor exits refuel.** Duke Energy Corp.'s Unit 1 at the McGuire nuclear power station in North Carolina exited a refueling outage and ramped up to 29 percent power by early Thursday, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission said in a report. The unit shut by September 20 for the refueling outage. Operators tried to restart the reactor a couple of times at the end of October and early November but stopped the process due to equipment problems that have now been fixed.
Source:
<http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssIndustryMaterialsUtilitiesNews/idUSN1346014620081113>
8. *November 12, Platts* – (Pennsylvania) **U.S. NRC launches probe of FirstEnergy's Pennsylvania nuke.** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) on Wednesday said it dispatched a special inspection team to review how FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Co. (Fenoc) handled an incident at its Beaver Valley-1 nuclear unit in which air was trapped in a system that would supply water to the reactor during an accident. NRC said Fenoc had detected a "void" in the suction lines for both trains of the unit's low-head safety-injection system. Fenoc discovered the problem September 23 and "effectively eliminated" the void October 4 and 5 by venting both loops of the system and then filling the system with water, NRC said. After Fenoc detected the void, the company determined that the system would operate as designed during an accident, the

NRC Region I spokeswoman said. Part of the inspection team's task will be to review Fenoc's calculations, she said. The team also will assess the system's ability to continue cooling after an accident, she said. The timeliness and effectiveness of Fenoc's corrective actions also will be a focus of the inspection, NRC said.

Source:

<http://www.platts.com/Nuclear/News/6019291.xml?sub=Nuclear&p=Nuclear/News&?undefined&undefined>

9. *November 12, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission* – (Pennsylvania) **NRC issues an order to radiography company for inadequate safety practices.** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued a confirmatory order to Mistras Holding Group, documenting the company's commitments to improve safety practices in radiography work. The NRC's confirmatory order makes the company's commitments into conditions of its license. In January 2007, CONAM reported to the NRC that a radiographer may have been overexposed to radiation while performing industrial radiography at a Sunoco refinery in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. NRC inspectors identified five apparent violations. A subsequent NRC investigation showed that most of the apparent violations were willful or deliberate. As part of the agreement reached by the NRC and the company, CONAM committed to: increasing the number of audits of its radiographers by 25 percent; revising its audit procedures to address the conduct of audits and documentation of results; disseminating lessons learned through an online training program; creating a safety hotline for radiographers to report safety concerns; and conducting surveys of safety consciousness in the company.

Source: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/news/2008/08-041.iii.html>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

10. *November 12, TIME* – (National) **The Navy's floating fiasco.** The maiden voyage of the USS San Antonio stalled for two days in August, when the stern gate of the U.S.S. San Antonio — needed to roll vehicles onto and off the nearly 700-ft. vessel — would not work. The Navy eventually got the gate fixed, but now the San Antonio has been forced into port in Bahrain for at least two weeks of repairs. Hinting at the seriousness of the problem, the Navy has just dispatched a team of 40 workers — including engineers, pipe fitters, and welders — to Bahrain to make the San Antonio shipshape. The San Antonio is the first in a new class of amphibious ships, each of which carries 350 sailors and is responsible for ferrying 700 Marines and their gear to global hot spots. Navy inspections of the San Antonio have found a raft of problems so baked into its design that many Navy officials fear it can never be made right, despite its price tag's having risen from \$644 million to \$1.8 billion. The Navy has blamed Northrop Grumman for poor work; the company has blamed the Navy for a constantly changing design, as well as Hurricane Katrina, which hit the Gulf yards in which the ship was built. Navy officials have said the San Antonio has so many problems because it is the first ship in its class, a claim experts dismiss. The Government Accountability Office (GAO) said last year that the San Antonio's woes began because the Navy relied on "immature" computer blueprints that infected its entire construction. That led to delays

that cost up to five times what it would have if the work had been done in proper sequence. The GAO found that the ship had been “delivered to the war fighter incomplete and with numerous mechanical failures,” including “safety concerns related to personnel, equipment, ammunition, navigation and flight activities.” Navy officials say the leaking oil that forced the San Antonio into port in Bahrain poses no safety threat to its crew — a claim viewed dubiously by some sailors. Navy inspectors also recently criticized the USS New Orleans, the second vessel in the San Antonio’s class. It “cannot support embarked troops, cargo or landing craft” — its primary mission — according to a report obtained by the Navy Times. Navy officials say the third and fourth vessels are performing much better.

Source: <http://www.time.com/time/nation/article/0,8599,1858349,00.html>

11. *November 12, United Press International* – (Florida) **Dangerous chemical found near Florida plant.** A chemical thought to cause cancer has been found in a home near the Raytheon defense plant in St. Petersburg, Fla. The Florida Department of Health confirmed that the chemical 1, 2-dichloroethane was found in an area home for the second time since August, WFLA-TV Tampa reported Wednesday. An underground plume of toxic chemicals has been slowly migrating from the plant to a nearby community since 1999, state records indicate. But results in August from examinations of six groundwater test wells in the area were not connected to high chemical levels found at the Brandywine apartment complex in St. Petersburg, the television station’s report said. The levels found at the apartment site were well above the levels thought to cause cancer in humans during lifelong exposure, WFLA-TV said.

Source:

http://www.upi.com/Top_News/2008/11/12/Dangerous_chemical_found_near_Fla_plant/UPI-42041226509982/

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Banking and Finance Sector

12. *November 13, CNNMoney.com* – (National) **Consumer debt gets bailout attention.** The Treasury Secretary said Wednesday that the government would broaden the reach of its \$700 billion bailout plan to support non-bank financial institutions that provide consumer credit, such as credit cards and auto loans. In this second stage of the bailout, officials also hope to attract private capital, possibly through matching investments, to give the government’s injections more heft. The Treasury Secretary also said the government is no longer planning to buy troubled mortgage assets, the original goal of the plan. Therefore, it must come up with new ways to help homeowners and slow the tide of foreclosures, which it had hoped to do once it owned the troubled loans. “Approximately 40 percent of U.S. consumer credit is provided through securitization of credit card receivables, auto loans and student loans and similar products. This market, which is vital for lending and growth, has for all practical purposes ground to a halt,” the secretary said.

Source: <http://money.cnn.com/2008/11/12/news/economy/paulson/index.htm>

13. *November 13, Washington Post* – (National) **New rules for banks target online**

gambling. The Treasury Department and the Federal Reserve Bank yesterday issued new regulations spelling out how banks and other financial institutions must comply with a 2006 law that bans many forms of Internet gambling. Running 120 pages, the regulations detail how banks must identify and block illegal Internet gambling transactions beginning in January. Companies involved in processing online payments have complained that the task will be difficult and costly.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/11/12/AR2008111202668.html?sub=AR>

14. *November 11, Bloomberg* – (National) **Citi, Fannie, Freddie to halt some foreclosures.** Mortgage companies Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and Citigroup Inc. plan to cut home-loan payments for hundreds of thousands of borrowers facing foreclosures, following similar moves by the nation's biggest banks. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac will reduce principal or interest rates on some loans and extend the terms of others, according to the Federal Housing Finance Agency, which seized control of Fannie and Freddie in September. Congress has been urging financial-services companies to work with borrowers after foreclosures rose to the highest on record in the third quarter. JPMorgan Chase & Co., the biggest U.S. bank, said last month it would stop foreclosures on some loans as it works to make payments easier on \$110 billion of problem mortgages, while Bank of America Corp. said it has modified 226,000 loans this year.

Source:

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601213&sid=aHDnJt8WRFBo&refer=home>

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Transportation Sector

15. *November 13, U.S. Transportation Security Administration* – (Georgia) **TSA launches millimeter wave technology at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International.** The Transportation Security Administration today announced the launch of millimeter wave technology at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. Millimeter wave detects weapons, explosives and other threat items concealed under layers of clothing without any physical contact. To ensure privacy, security officers view images from a remote location. From that location, the security officer cannot ascertain the identity of the passenger, either visually or otherwise, but can communicate with a fellow officer at the checkpoint if an alarm is presented. At Atlanta, millimeter wave will be used in a random continuous protocol. Use of the technology is voluntary and any passenger who is randomly selected may opt for a different form of screening, such as a pat-down. The technology is also a voluntary alternative to a pat-down during secondary screening. During the pilot at Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport, 90 percent of passengers have chosen the technology over the traditional pat-down. Millimeter wave technology is currently in use at 16 airports. Additional airports are slated for deployment this year.

Source: <http://www.tsa.gov/press/releases/2008/1113.shtm>

16. *November 13, Associated Press* – (Minnesota) **NTSB blames design errors for bridge**

collapse. Federal safety investigators on Thursday pinpointed steel plates in a main truss as the location where the deadly collapse of a Minneapolis bridge last year began. National Transportation Safety Board investigators said Thursday that the bridge collapse was unavoidable, once the U-10 steel gusset plates failed due to a serious design flaw. They also ruled out corrosion and pre-existing cracking as factors. A two-day board hearing now under way quickly focused on the U-10 gusset plates of the Interstate-35W bridge. The NTSB, as far back as January, had identified design flaws in the plates as a critical factor in the collapse. The bridge shuddered and then tumbled into the Mississippi River on Aug. 1, 2007 during evening rush hour, killing 13 and injuring 145.

Source: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/27698832/>

17. *November 12, Associated Press* – (California) **San Bernardino County – Small plane down.** Authorities are confirming that a 74-year-old pilot from Hesperia and three passengers were killed in a small plane crash in the mountains of San Bernardino County. Coroner's officials said Tuesday that wreckage spotted near San Geronimo Peak a day earlier was the plane of a man missing since the morning of November 9 en route from Baja California to Hesperia. Three other bodies were discovered in the wreckage. A sheriff's department search and rescue team and a pair of coroner's investigators rappelled down to the wreckage on Tuesday morning. The cause of the crash remains unknown. The crash occurred in an area that did not require the pilot to use air traffic controllers.

Source: <http://calfire.blogspot.com/2008/11/san-bernardino-county-small-plane-down.html>

18. *November 11, Scientific American* – (National) **Feds push satellite technology to make skies (and runways) friendlier.** The increasing number of aircraft taxiing, taking off and landing on airport runways requires technology that can monitor what is happening, and radar, a World War II-era invention, is not up to the task. The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) last week announced it will pay Honeywell International, Inc., and Aviation Communications & Surveillance Systems (ACSS) \$9 million to test and install satellite-based ADS-B (Automated Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast) systems to help improve runway safety. ADS-B relies on the proactive communication between global positioning system (GPS) satellites and transponders placed on board aircraft to inform pilots, other aircraft and air traffic controllers about an aircraft's location, identity, speed and altitude. ADS-B's ability to update in real-time is especially important on runways, with so many planes in such close proximity. The FAA in 2005 declared ADS-B to be a safe radar alternative and pegged the technology as a crucial component of the agency's plans to by 2020 upgrade the national airspace system—a program known as Next-Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen). Perhaps the biggest sticking point for ADS-B, like any new technology, is its cost. According to an FAA spokesman, the agency estimates that the NextGen infrastructure will cost from \$15 billion to \$22 billion to construct — it is unclear exactly how much of this price tag includes the cost to equip aircraft with ADS-B. The FAA wants to make a standardized version of ADS-B that can be brought to market by a number of different manufacturers, a move that will drive the cost down

for aircraft manufacturers.

Source: <http://www.sciam.com/article.cfm?id=feds-push-satellite-tech>

19. *November 11, Security Director News* – (California) **LAX turns to Israel for security advice.** Israeli security experts wrapped up a week long evaluation and consultation with security officials at the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) in early November regarding technology, airport design, and other security enhancements at the world's fifth busiest airport. LAX underwent a similar security evaluation by Israeli consultants in 2006 and has made significant improvements following the first evaluation. "Los Angeles World Airports [LAWA] has dramatically strengthened its security profile and increased police visibility over the past two years," said the executive director of LAWA in a prepared statement. "The collaboration and advice given by our colleagues from Ben Gurion Airport have been helpful in achieving [the mayor's] goal of making LAX the safest airport in the nation." The collaboration between the United States and Israel regarding airport security measures follows a June visit to Ben Guiron Airport by the U.S. Homeland Security Secretary.

Source:

<http://www.securitydirectornews.com/article/sd200811hsQW47/LAX%20turns%20to%20Israel%20for%20security%20advice>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

20. *November 13, KXTV 10 Sacramento* – (California) **Unknown substance triggers illness, evacuations at Cal-EPA.** The 11th floor of the California Environmental Protection Agency was evacuated as a hazmat crew examined the contents of a package that sickened a number of employees. A captain with the Sacramento Fire Department said 13 people were taken to area hospitals with breathing difficulties. Outside the building, emergency responders administered oxygen to a number of others. There were also complaints of eye irritation. Employees told News10 that the substance, a liquid, smelled like sulfur. The workers' symptoms began after a package sent from a household hazardous waste facility arrived at the EPA building. The package contained large manila envelopes according to a Cal EPA spokesperson. She said several reports were on some paper inside the envelopes and for some reason the reports were wet. When workers pulled the reports out of the envelope an odor made them feel sick. Authorities said the package came by routine delivery Tuesday. After it was opened employees took it to the Cal-EPA loading dock where hazmat specialists assessed it. There are 3,500 workers in the building. They were allowed to stay inside and were not in any danger during the emergency.

Source: <http://www.news10.net/news/story.aspx?storyid=50430&catid=2>

21. *November 12, Sioux City Journal* – (Iowa) **Mailbox bomb explodes in Storm Lake.** Police are investigating a homemade bomb that exploded inside a Storm Lake, Iowa, mailbox. According to police statement issued today, Storm Lake officers responded Tuesday night to a report of an exploded homemade bomb in a mailbox. Officers said the device was what officials often call a MacGyver bomb, which consist of corrosive

chemicals mixed inside a plastic container. No one was injured and no property was damaged by the bomb on Tuesday, but officials warn such devices have the potential to be very dangerous.

Source:

http://www.siouxcityjournal.com/articles/2008/11/12/news/latest_news/c25e4b698a48f737862574ff00839288.txt

22. *November 12, WPBF 25 West Palm Beach* – (Florida) **Anthrax scare leads to partial FAU evacuation.** An administration building on the campus of Florida Atlantic University (FAU) was evacuated Wednesday because of a powder-filled letter feared to be anthrax. The suspicious letter was discovered shortly after 10 a.m. at the Kenneth R. Williams Administration Building on FAU’s main campus. “Police were notified that a suspicious package had come into our (human resources) department,” an FAU spokesman said. There were two envelopes inside “that had very different messages on it, one of which included the reference to anthrax,” he said. Hazardous materials crews were called to the campus while police evacuated the building. Two employees who handled the suspicious package were moved to isolation. “They opened up the first envelope and they didn’t find anything in there,” a member of the Boca Raton fire-rescue said. “After they opened the second envelope, there’s also nothing in there, so really this turned out to be a hoax.” The administration building was reopened shortly after noon. Classes were not affected. Authorities are investigating whether the package was sent by a disgruntled employee.

Source: <http://www.wpbfl.com/news/17963571/detail.html>

23. *November 12, WSFA 12 Montgomery* – (Alabama) **Hazmat identifies powdery substance in Wynlakes mailbox.** Residents in the Wynlakes community are free to return to their homes after a Hazmat crew identified the white, powdery substance found in someone’s mailbox Wednesday afternoon. The Montgomery Fire Department and a Hazmat crew were called to a home to investigate the substance. Samples of the powder indicated it was nothing more than harmless baking soda. Officials blocked off the roadway as a precaution while investigating the report, but it has since reopened. There is no word on how the common household substance ended up in a mailbox.

Source: http://www.wsfa.com/Global/story.asp?S=9339203&nav=menu33_5_9

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Agriculture and Food Sector

24. *November 13, Associated Press* – (International) **FDA says foods from China with milk ingredients, including pet foods, to be held until tested.** Federal health officials Thursday slapped a sweeping detention order on dozens of imported foods from China, from snacks and drinks to chocolates and candies. The agency said the action was needed as a precaution to keep out foods contaminated with the industrial chemical melamine, which can cause serious kidney problems. Essentially, the FDA action shifts the burden of proof to Chinese companies, which must now supply evidence that their products are safe. Thursday’s FDA order widens a directive from last month authorizing inspectors to detain goods from 10 Chinese companies.

Source:

<http://www.startribune.com/lifestyle/health/34389254.html?elr=KArks:DCiU1OiP:DiiUiD3aPc: Yyc:aUU>

25. *November 13, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (National) **USDA provides \$77 million to repair farmland damaged by flood and drought.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary today said that farmers and ranchers will receive \$77 million in Emergency Conservation Program funds to repair farmland damaged by natural disasters in 2008. Producers will be able to use the money to remove farmland debris, restore fences and repair conservation structures which were damaged by floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, storms, wildfires, and to carry out emergency water conservation measures after severe drought. Conservation problems that existed before the disaster are not eligible for cost-share assistance. USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees determine land eligibility based on on-site inspections of damage, taking into account the type and extent of damage.

Source:

http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/_s.7_0_A/7_0_1OB?contentidonly=true&contentid=2008/11/0291.xml

26. *November 13, Food Production Daily* – (National) **FDA gears up for food safety rule revision.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) said it will bring current federal food processing safety rules up to date in an effort to provide additional protection against foodborne illness. The regulator claims a survey involving 2,700 U.S. food processing facilities of a range of different sizes will be the first stage in a process aimed at revising the existing good manufacturing practices (GMPs) that govern the safe processing, packaging and storage of food in the United States. The agency said its survey of processing plants will seek information about five key issues relevant to the GMP modernization effort including employee training, sanitation and personal hygiene, allergen controls, process controls, and recordkeeping.

Source: <http://www.foodproductiondaily.com/Quality-Safety/FDA-gears-up-for-food-safety-rule-revision>

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Water Sector

27. *November 13, Bay City Times* – (Michigan) **Thumb wastewater treatment plant to pay fine, make improvement.** State regulators say they have taken action to prevent major problems with a wastewater treatment plant in the Thumb that discharges to Lake Huron. The Harbor Beach Wastewater Treatment Plant has signed a consent order with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), agreeing to pay a \$28,700 fine, reimburse the DEQ for enforcement costs and upgrade the plant's Industrial Pretreatment Program. For the last 10 or so years, the plant had not had a proper program in place, and has been issuing permits to its industrial users in excess of what is allowed for in a city sewer use ordinance. The outdated program also did not have a staffer to keep track of sampling data and other requirements of state water quality laws. The plant's Industrial Pretreatment Program manager said the plant was issuing

permits based on a design plan from 1986. That design plan will be updated under the consent order and new permits will be issued to the industrial users.

Source:

http://blog.mlive.com/watershedwatch/2008/11/thumb_wastewater_treatment_pla.html

28. *November 12, Quad-City Times* – (Iowa) **Davenport dumps untreated wastewater into river.** Davenport wastewater was dumping into the Mississippi River because of a plugged sewer line this morning. The sewer line problem started Tuesday, but it was fixed within about an hour, according to information from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. The line became plugged again today resulting in a discharge beginning at 8 a.m. A news release issued late this morning said the discharge had not yet been stopped. In the first incident, about 500 gallons of untreated wastewater reached the river. Crews opened the sewer line, but it plugged again this morning. The release said city staff is working on cleaning the line.

Source:

<http://www.qctimes.com/articles/2008/11/12/news/local/doc491b183b0784a575380621.txt?sPos=2>

29. *November 12, Jacksonville Business Journal* – (Florida) **Water district spending \$5.2M to aid St. Johns River.** The St. Johns River Water Management District will distribute \$5.2 million to JEA and Beaches cities to upgrade wastewater treatment plants. The money was allocated by the Florida Legislature. It is intended to reduce the amount of nutrients reaching the river to a level below that required by new state water quality standards. Projects that will get funding include: JEA's upgrade of the Arlington East plant. The project will prevent 602,000 pounds of nitrogen from entering the river annually and will produce six million gallons of reclaimed water by 2011; Jacksonville Beach's upgrade of its plant, which will keep 65,000 pounds of nitrogen out of the river and produce 4.5 million gallons of reclaimed water by 2012; Atlantic Beach and Neptune Beach are jointly evaluating how best to treat their wastewater in an attempt to prevent 38,000 pounds of nitrogen from reaching the river and producing 300,000 gallons of reclaimed water. The District is working with local governments and utilities on more than 20 other projects worth about \$100 million to improve the river's water quality.

Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/jacksonville/stories/2008/11/10/daily22.html>

30. *November 12, Pensacola News Journal* – (Florida) **Alert lifted for Navarre hazmat incident.** A hazardous material emergency alert for a half-mile area of Navarre was lifted tonight following a fire at a water treatment plant. The fire at the plant injured one person and caused a hazardous alert. A hazardous materials team tested the air around the Aqua Water Treatment Plant material emergency and found no health or safety issues, said a Santa Rosa County spokesperson. The fire at the treatment plant was reported at 6:10 p.m. and dispatchers were notified at 7:37 p.m. that the fire was out. The alert was issued shortly after the fire was reported. One worker at the plant was injured and transported to Gulf Breeze hospital. The worker's medical condition is not known.

Source: <http://www.pnj.com/article/20081112/NEWS01/81112031/1006>

Public Health and Healthcare Sector

31. *November 13, Xinhua* – (International) **Indonesia denies new case of bird flu death.** The Indonesian Health Ministry on Thursday denied foreign reports that a 15-year-old girl from Central Java had died of avian influenza, saying two laboratory tests had showed her blood samples negative of H5N1. The girl died on Friday in Karyadi Hospital in Semarang city, 250 miles east of Jakarta, after 10 days of medical treatment. Denying several foreign reports that the girl had been confirmed dead of bird flu, the health minister said: “Both of the laboratory tests showed that she was negative of bird flu, so the total death toll (of bird flu) remains 112.”
Source: http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2008-11/13/content_10352325.htm

32. *November 13, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **California economy loses \$28 billion yearly to health effects of pollution.** The California economy loses about \$28 billion annually due to premature deaths and illnesses linked to ozone and particulates spewed from hundreds of locations in the South Coast and San Joaquin air basins, according to findings released Wednesday by a Cal State Fullerton research team. Most of those costs, about \$25 billion, are connected to roughly 3,000 smog-related deaths each year, but additional factors include work and school absences, emergency room visits, and asthma attacks and other respiratory illnesses, said team leader Jane Hall, a professor of economics and co-director of the university’s Institute for Economics and Environment Studies. The study underscores the economic benefits of meeting federal air quality standards at a time when lawmakers and regulators are struggling with California’s commitment to protecting public health in a weak economy.
Source:
<http://www.latimes.com/features/health/la-me-pollute13-2008nov13,0,5432723.story>

33. *November 12, Ocala Star-Banner* – (Florida) **Hacker accesses 344,000 UF dental patient records.** An unauthorized intruder accessed a University of Florida College of Dentistry computer server containing personal information of more than 344,000 current and former dental patients, UF announced Wednesday. The information included names, addresses, birth dates, Social Security numbers and dental procedure information for patients dating back to 1990. The breach was discovered October 3, when college staff members were upgrading the server and found software had been remotely installed on it, according to the university. While UF officials have no evidence the intruder used the information for fraudulent purposes, letters were mailed to 336,234 people who had information on the system to alert them. The university lacked mailing addresses for nearly 8,250 additional patients with data on the server. The system was subsequently rebuilt with more stringent security controls. UF officials are in the process of screening up to 60,000 more computers to ensure appropriate safeguards are in place.
Source: <http://www.ocala.com/article/20081112/ARTICLES/811120299/0/news>

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34. *November 13, WCSH 6 Portland* – (Maine) **Hacker allegedly infects as many as 1,000 UMaine accounts.** A former University of Maine student has been charged with felony invasion of privacy, after he allegedly hacked into as many as 1,000 campus e-mail accounts. The 26-year old of Lewiston was arrested November 12, following a 3-week investigation involving campus police, the State Police Computer Crimes Task Force, and the US Secret Service. They say the hacker used pirated accounts to enter a keystroke log-in program on his victims' computers, which gave him access to everything that was typed out on them. Police say they still do not know his motivation, or what he did with the stolen information. Investigators suspect that the hacker began doing this in August of 2007 or earlier.
Source: <http://www.wcsh6.com/news/breaking/story.aspx?storyid=95880&catid=112>
35. *November 13, WBAY 2 Green Bay* – (Wisconsin) **Tight security after threat on Shawano County and City leaders.** A Shawano city alder confirms the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is investigating implied threats against city and county officials. The alder says the FBI warned community leaders that a religious organization just outside of Shawano has made implied threats against them. The group has had a contentious relationship with people in the Shawano area for years. The alder says it has now escalated to threats against roughly 60 people. Action 2 News has information that the implied threats are against everyone from the mayor to city council members to even the police chief. The alder says the threats are not specific. The FBI released a statement: "The FBI made a public announcement to 60 potential victims in Shawano, Wisconsin, on Wednesday, November 5th. The FBI advised these individuals that they were potential victims of an implied threat that was discovered as part of an ongoing investigation."
Source: <http://www.wbay.com/Global/story.asp?S=9339457>
36. *November 12, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission* – (Colorado) **NRC issues confirmatory action letter to National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration lab in Boulder, CO.** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued a confirmatory action letter to the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in Boulder, Colorado, confirming the licensee's commitment to provide a complete accounting of all licensed radioactive material, improve security practices, and assess the adequacy of its radiation safety programs. An NRC inspector visited the facility on October 8 and 9, with a follow-up inspection on October 30 and 31, after officials reported the loss of three devices containing small quantities of radioactive material. The inspectors identified examples of some research activities conducted outside the scope of the NRC license that involved small quantities of low hazard radioactive materials and some problems with inventory controls. Immediate actions to address security problems were implemented on October 31. Lab officials have agreed to provide a complete accounting of all licensed material and details of how it is being used; submit a license amendment requesting expanded authorization for the use of licensed radioactive material that addresses current research purposes; and assess the adequacy of the licensee's radiation safety program.

Source: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/news/2008/08-041.iv.html>

37. *November 12, Air Force Times* – (Montana) **Malmstrom missile wing fails nuke inspection.** The 341st Missile Wing at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Montana failed its nuclear surety inspection (NSI) after inspectors found problems with the wing's Maintenance Group and its personnel reliability program, which monitors who can work with nuclear weapons, an Air Force official said. The head of Air Force Space Command allowed the wing to keep its certification to handle nuclear weapons with Space Command inspectors scheduled to return in 90 days to re-inspect the areas where it found deficiencies, according to an official statement from Space Command. The 341st is one of three Air Force wings that maintain the nation's Minuteman III nuclear intercontinental ballistic missiles. An NSI takes place every 18 months and measures a unit's readiness to execute nuclear operations. The two-week inspection, which was held at the same time as an operational readiness exercise, ended November 10. Inspectors found minor deficiencies with the way security forces protected the weapons storage area during the inspection, said an Air Force officer briefed on the inspection results.

Source:

http://www.airforcetimes.com/news/2008/11/airforce_nuclearinspection_failure_101108w/

38. *November 12, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **2 hospitalized after chemical reaction.** Fire officials say two people were taken to local hospitals after a chemical reaction at the Beltsville Agriculture Research Center. The Prince George's Fire Department says when a liquid chemical, Tri-Sil Reagent, came in contact with another object being tested, the reaction caused a bit of the chemical to spray into the mouth of a female employee. Eight people were evacuated from the building in the 10300 block of Baltimore Avenue in Beltsville. The affected employee was decontaminated and taken to a hospital suffering from mild respiratory distress. A second employee suffering from hypertension was also taken to the hospital.

Source:

http://www.examiner.com/a-1687504~2_hospitalized_after_chemical_reaction.html

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39. *November 13, KNXT 840 Las Vegas* – (Nevada) **Paramedics plan walk-out.** Some Las Vegas paramedics are prepared to walk out the day after Thanksgiving if a contract agreement is not negotiated soon. About 100 paramedics with American Medical Response (AMR) ambulance service have been forewarned about the strike set to begin at 6 a.m. November 28. The paramedics are members of the Service Employees International Union. Lawmakers, including the County Commissioner and Las Vegas' mayor, are encouraging both sides to continue negotiating. Union leaders are accusing AMR of trying to break the union with stalled negotiations. AMR executives say they are delaying talks because paramedics are using an unfair negotiating tactic of working through another union that represents EMTs. The County Commissioner says he has

heard AMR's contingency plan is to bring workers in from out of state. AMR paramedics provide about 60 percent of the ambulance transports in the valley.
Source: <http://www.kxnt.com/Paramedics-Plan-Walk-Out/3312583>

40. *November 12, WGCL 46 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **Audit: Poor leadership at Fulton 911.**
The findings of an audit into Fulton County's 911 system have been released. The review included a detailed assessment of policies, procedures and practices in the Fulton County 911 Center and a comparison to national models. The findings identify performance issues in the application of personnel policies and procedures, management practices, operational practices, and technology. The findings showed an "emergency dispatch center lacking a sound and progressive management, facilitating poor leadership." The report also made 30 recommendations, 13 of which are urgent: the critically understaffed center, a lack of trained staff, high turnover, excessive overtime, and no plan for revenue loss. The report said the system is also outdated and not sufficient for call volume.
Source: <http://www.cbs46.com/fultonnews/17967323/detail.html#->

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Information Technology

41. *November 13, Register* – (International) **Firefox update fixes four critical flaws.**
Users of Firefox need to update their browser software again following the publication of patches by Mozilla on November 12. Both supported versions of Firefox need patching but the 2.x version of the popular open source browser is most in need of a retool. Firefox 2.0.0.18 addresses 11 security vulnerabilities, six of which are classified as critical. Firefox 3.0.4 addresses nine security vulnerabilities, four of which are critical. The critical flaws in Firefox 3.x cover a vulnerability in the session restore feature that could allow cross-site scripting attacks and a separate memory corruption flaw as well as code injection risks involving the nsFrameManager and http-index-format parser of the browser. Firefox 3.0.4 also fixes a slew of stability and performance glitches. Mozilla's developers urge those left behind on the Firefox 2.x release to upgrade to Firefox 3.x, warning that it will stop issuing stability and security patches for the older release next month. The SeaMonkey internet application suite evolved from the same code base as Mozilla's Application Suite and needs patching against the same 11 flaws as Firefox 2.x. Seamonkey, a community-driven project separate from Mozilla, advises users to upgrade to Seamonkey 1.1.13.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2008/11/13/firefox_update/
42. *November 13, San Jose Mercury News* – (International) **Cybercrime crusaders shut down shadowy Web hosting operation.** When cybercrime crusaders this week persuaded Internet service providers to disconnect a shadowy Web hosting operation called McColo, there was an instant 40 percent drop in spam and other "badness" across some e-mail networks, security experts say. McColo, which operated from servers in San Jose, California, was alleged to be a conduit for illicit activities, according to a "Cyber Crime USA" report issued November 11 by an alliance of private-sector Internet security advocates. But bringing the people behind McColo to

justice, these experts say, may prove much more difficult in an age when the technology has outpaced the reach of the law — particularly when the culprits may be crime syndicates in Eastern Europe. The activities hosted by McColo were disrupted, experts say, but may be quickly revived over the Web. Following the shutdown, Trend Micro found a 40 percent drop in spam on its filters to corporate clients, said an advanced threats researcher for the Cupertino Company.

Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/ci_10968568?source=rss

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) Website: <https://www.it-isac.org/>.

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43. *November 12, Tampa Tribune* – (Florida) **High-tech scanner backs Super Bowl defense.** An imaging system that can see through six inches of solid steel and about 42 inches of liquid will scan all vendors and deliveries for Super Bowl XLIII for explosives on game day and the week before, officials said today. U.S. Customs and Border Protection already use the mobile Vehicle and Cargo Inspection System at least once a week to scan containers, freight and exported vehicles at the Port of Tampa. Two imaging systems and an X-ray van will be scanning all vehicles and deliveries to Raymond James Stadium for the Feb. 1 game, customs officers said. The system can scan a 40-foot container in six seconds, according to its manufacturer's Web site.

Source: <http://www2.tbo.com/content/2008/nov/12/high-tech-scanner-backs-super-bowl-defense/sports/>

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44. *October 13, Associated Press* – (California; Oregon) **Pact unveiled that would**

remove Klamath River dams. The Presidential Administration has announced a nonbinding agreement for removing four dams along the Klamath River, a key to resolving the basin's long-standing trouble balancing the water needs of farms and fish. While not a final answer, the deal represents a milestone toward what would become the biggest dam removal project in U.S. history. It also would help resolve issues at the root of the 2001 shut-off of irrigation to thousands of acres of farmland under enforcement by U.S. marshals, and the 2002 deaths of 70,000 adult salmon in the river after irrigation water was restored. According to a copy obtained by the Associated Press on November 12, the agreement is a roadmap for turning the dams over to a nonfederal entity and starting to remove them by 2020. The deal embraces a \$1 billion environmental restoration blueprint for the Klamath Basin that has been endorsed by farmers, Indian tribes, salmon fishermen and conservation groups.

Source:

http://ap.google.com/article/ALeqM5i4HAakwXZYosUwUCFDwwUj6Fp_fQD94DV2S80

45. *November 13, News Tribune* – (Washington) **Residents along Carbon River leaving homes; Orting schools to close early.** Residents just south of Orting were evacuating their homes and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was working to shore up a levee in the city this afternoon as continued heavy rains swelled local rivers. Orting city officials persuaded the Corps to raise by two feet the Puyallup River levee along the 1,200-home Village Green subdivision. Officials told the Corps on November 11 that flooding was imminent if something was not done. The Corps arrived about 7:30 a.m. November 13 with rocks, dirt, trucks and equipment. Crews hoped to finish the job by 5:30 p.m. They have identified four low spots along the levee and were attempted to raise those spots by two feet. In 2006, water topped the levee in low places and flooded roads and put water under five homes, city officials said.

Source: <http://www.thenewstribune.com/298/story/535465.html>

46. *November 12, Capitol Times* – (Wisconsin) **Six dams in state to be removed.** Six Wisconsin dams have been removed or are being removed this year, for safety or environmental reasons, according to American Rivers, a national organization that protects and restores rivers. Dams that are poorly maintained can harm water quality, block migrating fish and wildlife, limit recreation activities and pose a risk to people and communities, the organization said. The six include: the Big Spring Dam on Big Spring Creek; the Woodley Dam on Apple River; Four Hill Flowage on Big Wiergor Creek; two unnamed dams on the Mukwonago River, and the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Dam on Pigeon Creek. A representative of the River Alliance of Wisconsin said that removal of the Big Spring Dam is almost complete. The dam will be completely removed by year-end and flood plain and stream restoration work will follow, according to the River Alliance. The Nature Conservancy is involved in removing two half-century-old dams at its Crooked Creek Preserve on the Mukwonago River. The dams are considered unsafe, and the conservancy plans to restore land and water around the dams to their historical natural condition.

Source: <http://www.madison.com/tct/news/314106>

47. *November 12, WLUC 6 Escanaba* – (Michigan) **Silver Lake construction completed.** Construction wrapped up last week on a \$17.6 million project to restore the Silver Lake reservoir. Nine billion gallons of water was released when an earthen dike fuse plug failed, causing the Dead River flood in 2003. Now five years later, the Upper Peninsula Power Company is almost ready to fill Silver Lake again. Crews began construction on the new earthen dam and also a new concrete spillway five months ago. But before UPPCO officials can start refilling the reservoir, they need the go-ahead from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. They hope to get that by the end of this year. Then, UPPCO officials say it would take two years to fill it up and make Silver Lake a lake once again.
Source: <http://wluctv6.com/news/story.aspx?id=221303>

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