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Energy Sector

1. *November 1, WFSB 3 Hartford; Associated Press* – (Connecticut) **CL&P, UI offer power restoration estimates.** Officials with Connecticut Light & Power (CL&P) and United Illuminating started to offer estimates to people who have lost power as a result of Hurricane Sandy. United Illuminating said it expects to restore power to 95 percent of its customers before midnight November 5. The State's second largest utility made the promise November 1, as 110,947 customers were still without power, 3 days after Hurricane Sandy caused massive damage in Connecticut and around the Northeast. CL&P reported 246,417 in the dark as of November 1. The state's largest utility said it is estimating 98 percent of customers that remain in the dark will have power restored by November 6. At a news conference November 1, the senior vice president for CL&P told reporters he would not be more specific because of the extent of damage caused by Sandy. Total outages in Connecticut fell by more than one-fourth in 24 hours.
Source: <http://www.kpho.com/story/19972211/ui-promises-power-to-95-pct-of-customers-by-monday>
2. *October 31, Bloomberg* – (National) **Solar panels no savior in a blackout.** Some of the roughly 6 million power customers in the northeast without electricity in Hurricane Sandy's wake may be glancing around at a handful of homes with solar panels on their rooftops, thinking their clean-powered neighbors might have juice. However, most residential solar panels are connected to the power grid, according to the Solar Energy Industries Association, and when the grid goes down, so do they. One reason the grid-connected solar systems shut down automatically in outages is that when the power goes off, if home solar installations send electricity onto the lines, it could electrocute workers repairing them. In the U.S., it is also rare for residential solar customers to have batteries in their home to store the power coming off their roofs in case of a broader outage.
Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/articles/2012-10-31/solar-panels-no-savior-in-a-blackout>
3. *October 31, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **Gas fires hit NJ shore town, no injuries reported.** A series of natural gas fires broke out in a New Jersey shore town that was hit hard by Sandy, but officials said no one was injured, the Associated Press reported October 31. An Ocean County spokesman said the gas lines that were burning were from homes that had been destroyed during the storm. Firefighters could not reach the scene because of debris from the storm. An official with the Ocean County Emergency Management Office said the homes were hit by fires when Sandy was pounding the affluent town.
Source: <http://www.wbtv.com/story/19960759/fire-breaks-out-in-storm-damaged-nj-shore-town>
4. *October 31, Reuters* – (New Jersey; New York) **Fuel spills into waterway between New Jersey and Staten Island.** An unknown amount of fuel spilled from a northern New Jersey oil facility that had been closed due to Sandy, the site's operator said

October 31. Motiva, a joint venture of Shell Oil and Saudi Refining, said the spill occurred at its Sewaren facility along the Arthur Kill, the tidal waterway separating New Jersey from Staten Island, New York. “No injuries have occurred and there has been no further product released since the initial event. Previously deployed booms are continuing to skim released product in the Woodbridge creek adjacent to the site,” the company said in a statement. NBC, citing the U.S. Coast Guard, said 300,000 gallons (115,000 liters) of diesel fuel had been released. The network said 200 people were working on the cleanup.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/11/01/us-storm-sandy-spill-idUSBRE8A002H20121101>

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Chemical Industry Sector

5. *November 1, Associated Press* – (Kentucky) **Authorities: Blaze at site of Ky. train derailment expected to burn throughout the day.** A chemical fire at the site of a train derailment in Kentucky that forced hundreds of people to evacuate their homes was expected to continue burning all day November 1, far longer than initially predicted. Emergency officials said they were given inaccurate information about how much of the flammable chemical, butadiene, remained in an overturned tanker car. Authorities initially estimated the fire would burn itself out within two hours. The blaze forced the evacuation of the entire central Kentucky town of West Point, as well as people from nearby Louisville. The evacuation order came after a cutting torch ignited butadiene vapors October 31 while workers tried to separate two cars that derailed early October 29. Three workers were taken to the University of Louisville hospital with severe burns. One was in critical condition and the other two were in fair condition. A coordinator with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said they were monitoring water in the nearby Salt River as contaminated water may be flowing into it from the scene. Officials erected a dam to try to contain the water. Residents within a 1.2-mile radius of the wreck were evacuated, and those living within a 5-mile radius were ordered to stay indoors. Three local schools within the areas of the evacuation or shelter-in-place orders were closed. A Metro Louisville Emergency Management spokeswoman said the evacuation order would stay in place until the blaze was extinguished.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/fire-erupts-at-ky-chemical-train-derailment-site-3-workers-burned-town-evacuated/2012/10/31/4f023604-23b8-11e2-92f8-7f9c4daf276a_story.html

6. *November 1, Palm Coast, FlaglerLive* – (Florida) **Van carrying 75 car batteries overturns on 95 near SR100, spilling acid and causing delays.** A van transporting some 75 vehicle batteries and traveling north on I-95, just north of State Road 100 in Palm Coast, Florida, lost control from a tire blow-out and overturned into the southbound lanes, spilling batteries, acid, and candy, Flagler Live reported November

1. One lane on I-95 was closed as a team from the State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) assessed the hazardous spill. Flagler County Fire Rescue personnel at the scene warned of battery acid and fumes extending several yards from the scene of the crash. A towing service picked up all the batteries, but DEP officials and a clean-up crew from Deka Batteries were to complete the clean-up, an investigator said. Since acid had spilled, the materials could not be hosed down or simply swept off. The acid spilled on pavement and in the grass near a drain, raising questions about whether the acid could corrode the pavement or end up in the water system. The Palm Coast Fire Department, Flagler County Fire Rescue, the Palm Coast Fire Police, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office, as well as units of the Florida Highway Patrol responded to the scene.

Source: <http://flaglerlive.com/46174/i-95-acid-spill-wreck/>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

7. *November 1, Professional Reactor Operator Society* – (Louisiana) **AP-1000 unit's supplier not up to NRC standards - V.C. Summer Units 2 & 3 and Vogtle Units 3 & 4.** Shaw Modular Solutions (SMS), Shaw Fabrication & Manufacturing Group of Lake Charles, Louisiana, was formally notified by a letter dated October 24, 2012 of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) finding of Nonconformance of the Quality Assurance Program, the Professional Reactor Operator Society reported November 1. Shaw Modular Solutions is under contract with Shaw Nuclear Services to fabricate structural equipment modules for the AP1000 units to be constructed at the Vogtle and V.C. Summer nuclear power plants. The inspection evaluated SMS's implementation of quality activities associated with the fabrication of structural modules for V.C. Summer Units 2 and 3 and Vogtle Units 3 and 4. The NRC inspectors reviewed selected procedures and records, observed fabrication activities, and interviewed personnel. The NRC also found that SMS's procedural guidance related to tracking and incorporating engineering and departure change requests (E&DCRs) lacked sufficient detail to ensure consistent implementation of the process. SMS is still challenged by documentation in its travelers and drawings and that there is inconsistency in how it is documenting inspections, welding, and incorporating E&DCRs through the redline process, the notice stated.

Source: <http://www.nucpros.com/content/ap-1000-units-supplier-not-nrc-standards-vc-summer-units-2-3-and-vogtle-units-3-4>

8. *November 1, Associated Press* – (Minnesota) **Prairie Island plant declares 'unusual event.** Xcel Energy Inc. said its Prairie Island nuclear plant near Red Wing, Minnesota, declared an "unusual event" after some security equipment failed October 31. The utility said the event happened around 2:15 p.m. and was declared over just before 6 p.m. Plant officials made the declaration after some security equipment temporarily failed. The equipment was restored, and plant officials were investigating the cause. The plant maintained security during the event. Xcel said it notified federal, State, and local officials. An unusual event declaration is the lowest of four emergency

classifications.

Source: <http://www.kare11.com/news/article/996654/396/Prairie-Island-plant-declares-unusual-event>

9. *October 31, York Daily Record* – (Pennsylvania) **Outages initially cut power to several of Peach Bottom warning sirens.** Power outages caused by Hurricane Sandy initially cut power to 35 of the 97 warning sirens that surround Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station in Peach Bottom Township, Pennsylvania, according to an U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) notification. The sirens are located in Lancaster, York, Cecil, and Harford counties. By early October 31, 9 of the 97 sirens were still temporarily out of service, said a spokesman for Exelon Generation. Should an emergency occur in an area with an inoperable siren, first responders would alert residents through the use of loudspeakers and others means, said a NRC spokesman. Exelon is on track to replace its 97 sirens with state-of-the-art units equipped with battery back-up. That project is expected to be completed by summer 2013, the Exelon spokesman said.

Source: http://www.ydr.com/business/ci_21897204/outages-initially-cut-power-several-peach-bottom-warning

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

10. *October 31, New York Times* – (Tennessee) **Exam said to be leaked to guards at nuclear site.** The security guards at a nuclear weapons plant who failed to stop protestors from reaching a bomb fuel storage building earlier in 2012 cheated on their re-certification exam, according to an internal investigation by the Department of Energy, which owns the weapons plant. The exam, with answers, was circulated to guards at the Y-12 complex, near Oak Ridge, Tennessee, before they sat down to take it, according to the report released October 31 by the department's inspector general. The report said the cheating was enabled by the department itself; it was routine practice for the department to involve contractor personnel in preparation of such exams, because the federal government did not know enough about the security arrangements to write the exam without the help of the contractor. A federal security official sent the exam by encrypted email to "trusted agents" at the management contractor, B&W, but did not instruct those executives to keep it secret from the people who would have to take it, according to the report. The government found out about the cheating only because an inspector visiting the plant noticed a copy of an exam on the

seat of a patrol vehicle the day before guards were to take it. The security contractor was Wackenhut, but its contract was terminated after a security breach July 28, when the protestors breached the facility's perimeter security. A subsequent investigation found that many security cameras were disabled long before the break-in. B&W is still the management contractor at the site.

Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2012/11/01/us/guards-at-breached-nuclear-site-in-tennessee-cheated-on-exam-report-says.html?_r=0

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Banking and Finance Sector

11. *November 1, AL.com* – (National) **IRS warns of sophisticated phishing scheme using fake IRS website.** A sophisticated phishing scheme that uses an official-looking but fake Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Web site has been netting victims, the IRS said November 1. The scam uses a Web site that mimics the IRS e-Services registration page to collect personal information. The official page provides products for tax preparers, not the general public. “The phony Web page looks almost identical to the real one,” the IRS said in a prepared statement. “Criminals use these sites to lure people into providing personal and financial information that may be used to steal the victim’s money or identity.”

Source: http://blog.al.com/businessnews/2012/11/irs_warns_of_sophisticated_phi.html

12. *October 31, KABC 7 Los Angeles* – (California) **Alleged ‘Wigout Bandit’ arrested after 3 robberies in Ventura.** Authorities said a man suspected of being the so-called “Wigout Bandit” was arrested October 30 in connection to a string of robberies in Ventura, California. The man was by Santa Barbara police for his outstanding warrants for bank robbery and new charges of drug possession. He is suspected of robbing three Ventura banks in August and September.

Source:

http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/local/ventura_county&id=8868289

13. *October 31, Associated Press* – (National) **Nev. family court judge accused of investment scam.** Prosecutors filed federal charges against a Clark County, Nevada family court judge and five other people, alleging a \$3 million, decade-long investment fraud scheme that authorities said the judge worked on from his courthouse chambers, the Associated Press reported October 31. An indictment accuses the elected district judge and the others in three States of scamming investors by telling them one of the defendants had connections in the federal government and could use their money to secure valuable water and land rights. It claims the defendants solicited people by mail, phone, and the Internet, and persuaded them to loan them money by telling them a defendant had privileged access within the federal government that would yield high returns. The defendants never paid back their investors, but instead used the money to pay for personal expenses and gambling debts, according to the indictment. When investors became suspicious about the investments, the defendants referred them to the judge, prosecutors said. The judge used his office to vouch for the scheme even though

he knew it was a fraud, according to the charges, and he met with investors in his chambers. Prosecutors claim the judge also intervened on the defendant's behalf to delay or prevent legal action against him. The charges against the group include two counts of conspiracy, six counts of wire fraud, one count of securities fraud, nine counts of money laundering, and two counts of engaging in money transactions in criminally derived property.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/news/science/article/Nev-family-court-judge-accused-of-investment-scam-3997342.php>

14. *October 31, Reuters* – (California; International) **U.S. power market regulator seeks \$470 million from Barclays.** U.S. federal energy regulators threatened to fine U.K. bank Barclays roughly \$470 million to settle allegations that the bank and four traders manipulated California energy markets from November 2006 to December 2008, Reuters reported October 31. In a potentially record penalty that could eclipse fines over rigging the inter-bank lending rate known as Libor, the U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) said Barclays has 30 days to show why it should not be penalized for an alleged scheme of manipulating physical electricity markets in order to benefit from related positions in the swaps market. Barclays reiterated that it “strongly disagreed” with the findings and was ready to fight the order. The FERC order suggests the agency was unable to reach a settlement with Barclays through negotiations, indicating the issue is likely to head toward an administrative court, said an expert in energy trade regulation.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/10/31/us-barclays-ferc-idUSBRE89U1QV20121031>

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Transportation Sector

15. *November 1, Toledo Blade* – (Ohio) **10 people taken to hospital after bus crash in Oregon.** Ten people were taken to a hospital November 1 after a school bus crash in Oregon, Ohio, officials said. The crash, in the 4800 block of Seaman Road, was reported as a collision between a school bus – Bus 43 – and a vehicle, an Oregon police dispatcher said. Nine students, on their way to Clay High School, were taken to the hospital as was the driver of the vehicle, said an Oregon fire chief. None of the injuries appeared to be life threatening, he said. Seaman Road was closed between Lallendorf and Wynn Roads, the fire chief said.

Source: <http://www.toledoblade.com/Education/2012/11/01/Injuries-reported-after-school-bus-accident-in-Oregon.html>

16. *November 1, Associated Press* – (New York) **NYC subways roll; commute brings delays, gridlock.** Three days after Superstorm Sandy, New York City's subway system began to restore service November 1, though the morning commute was plagued by long delays and massive gridlock on the main highways and bridges leading into the

city. Traffic developed on some bridges leading into Manhattan as police set up checkpoints to make sure three occupants were in cars traveling into the city — a new rule aimed at reducing road congestion. The subway started moving with 14 of the city’s 23 subway lines offering at least some service. Commuters driving into the city were plagued by long waits. Authorities reported severe delays on the Long Island Expressway leading into New York City. With only partial subway service, lines at bus transfer stations swelled throughout the morning. More than 1,000 people waiting for buses packed the sidewalk outside the Barclays Center in Brooklyn. With gasoline supplies scarce, many stations in and around the city closed, while stations still open drew long lines of cars that spilled out onto roadways.

Source: <http://www.news-journalonline.com/article/20121101/WIRE/121109984/1062?p=all&tc=pgall>

17. *October 31, WHP 21 Harrisburg* – (Pennsylvania) **Roads closed around Indian Rock Dam as water is released.** Several roads remained closed because of Hurricane Sandy, which included some in York County, Pennsylvania, WHP 21 Harrisburg reported October 31. Many State roads were still closed, especially ones with bridges. They would stay that way until the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation crews can inspect them and give them the ok. Near the Indian Rock Dam in York County there are several roads shut down. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers were releasing water at the Indian Rock Dam. Levels are dropping about a half foot per hour. That meant nearby areas were flooded, so roads needed to remain shut down. Signs were in place to mark the closings. Police were out ticketing drivers who were avoiding the road closed signs. It was not yet clear how soon the affected roads would reopen

Source: <http://www.whptv.com/news/local/story/Roads-closed-around-Indian-Rock-Dam-as-water-is/jbfgGq5pE0qv8NfmgN2QAA.csp>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report

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Agriculture and Food Sector

18. *October 31, ALDI* – (National) **ALDI voluntarily recalls Carlini Baking Spray due to incorrect gluten-free labeling.** ALDI, of Batavia, Illinois, released a recall October 31 of its Carlini Baking Spray due to incorrect gluten free labeling. The label states that the product was “made with Real Flour” and was a “Naturally Gluten-Free Food,” which are contradictory claims. The baking spray was made with real wheat flour. The 5-ounce spray was available in stores beginning October 28.

Source:

http://www.aldi.us/us/media/company/company/Carlini_Bkg_Spray_Release_FINAL.pdf

19. *October 30, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Wegmans recalls gluten free baking products - Chocolate Cake Mix, Food You Feel Good About Gluten Free Honey Cornbread Mix, and Food You Feel Good About All Purpose Baking Mix because products may contain undeclared soy.** Wegmans Food Markets, Inc. voluntarily recalled all code dates of Wegmans Gluten Free Chocolate Cake Mix 15.3-ounce, Wegmans Food You Feel Good About Gluten Free Honey Cornbread Mix 16-ounce, and Wegmans Food You Feel Good About All Purpose Baking Mix 16-ounce October 30 because the products may contain undeclared soy. The products were distributed to 80 retail stores in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maryland, and Massachusetts. The recall was initiated by Wegmans following allergen testing for soy.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm326380.htm>

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Water Sector

20. *October 31, Associated Press* – (Connecticut) **39 sewage plants running on backup power.** Twenty-nine Connecticut sewage treatment plants are running on backup power, the Associated Press reported October 31. State environmental and health officials were warning that flood waters from superstorm Sandy in several towns might be contaminated because of raw sewage discharges from treatment plants and pumping stations. The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection said flooding and power outages caused sewage discharges in Branford, Bridgeport, East Lyme, Fairfield, Greenwich, Ledyard, New Hartford, and New Haven. Officials in Mystic were concerned about sewage backing up into homes, the Day of New London reported. The Stonington first selectmen said that backup would spread to toilets in residents' houses if the plant could not get a new generator on line. Bridgeport officials said 15 million to 20 million gallons of partially treated sewage went into Long Island Sound when the city's two treatment plants were inundated by tidal surges October 29. Officials advised people to stay away from flood waters and assume they were contaminated.
Source: <http://www.nbcconnecticut.com/news/local/39-Sewage-Plants-Running-on-Backup-Power-176627571.html>
21. *October 31, New York Observer* – (New York) **Army Corps to begin pumping water out of Lower Manhattan tomorrow.** According to a New York senator, the federal government would soon begin the arduous task of returning floodwaters back to the Atlantic Ocean after Hurricane Sandy's surge flooded key transportation arteries in New York City earlier the week of October 29. "In the past hour, I have received an update from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers about the federal de-watering efforts happening in New York City," he said in a statement October 31. "A team of experts from Illinois and contractors from around the country are making their way to Lower

Manhattan as we speak. Significant assets like pumps and de-watering equipment should arrive in Manhattan by this evening. The Corps is confident that they can begin pumping water by tomorrow morning.” The senator said the priority will be pumping the salt water out of two tunnels and the World Trade Center site. “The city has identified three major priority areas for pumping—the Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel, Battery Park Tunnel, and the World Trade Center,” he continued.

Source: <http://observer.com/2012/10/army-corps-to-begin-pumping-water-out-of-lower-manhattan-tomorrow/>

22. *October 31, LaSalle News Tribune* – (Illinois) **Second water main breaks in La Salle, boil order continues.** A water main break reported October 31 on Wright Street caused a roughly 100-foot section of the road to collapse, and placed much of La Salle, Illinois, under a boil order. Another waterline broke later in the day near Third and Tonti streets. The public works superintendent said that crews had begun to patch the break on Wright Street and were preparing to dig for the break on Tonti Street. The leak had drained the Ninth Street water tower, which could affect any La Salle residents south of Ninth Street, and crews were shutting off water valves as they searched for the source of the leak. City public works and Ameren employees were on the scene, to ensure that the collapse did not affect nearby gas lines. A public works employee said 3,200 gallons of water per minute was pumping through that area since the break. City workers estimated that 1 million gallons of water or more may have been lost in the break. A boil order was in effect from the south side of Ninth Street all the way south to the Illinois River, from the Peru border on the west, east to the east-end booster station on Enterprise Drive. The road will be closed for more than a week to be replaced.

Source:

<http://newstrib.com/main.asp?SectionID=2&SubSectionID=28&ArticleID=23783>

23. *October 31, Connecticut Day* – (Connecticut) **Nine drinking water providers under boil-water advisory.** Nine small public drinking water systems in southeastern Connecticut were among the 82 that were under a boil-water advisory issued October 31 by the Connecticut Department of Public Health. Consumers of water systems that experienced power outages and do not have a backup power source should boil water before use as a precautionary measure. The State health department monitored these systems and worked to contact other small public drinking water systems to determine their status and offer assistance. Affected public water systems will notify customers if a boil water advisory was announced. The local systems affected by the advisory included: Kitemaug Orchard Association, Oakridge Gardens, Oakridge Village, Meadows Apartments, and Fox Laurel Mobile Home Park, all in Montville; Mile Creek Apartments, Lyme Regis, and Boxwood Condominium Association, all in Old Lyme; and Crystal Lake Condominiums, in Salem.

Source: <http://www.theday.com/article/20121031/NWS01/121039911>

24. *October 31, Business Wire* – (New York) **New York American Water asks customers to conserve water after Hurricane Sandy.** As New York recovered from Hurricane Sandy, New York American Water urged its customers to conserve water as many of the company’s facilities were operating on emergency generators, Business

Wire reported October 31. In the aftermath of the storm, water service for New York American Water customers was not interrupted and the company did not issue any boil water advisories. “We are working with the power companies to have power fully restored at all of our pumping stations and water treatment plants, and ask that our customers discontinue non-essential water use until further notice,” said the president of New York American Water. “Voluntary water conservation reduces the demand on the water system while it operates on backup power.”

Source: <http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20121031005956/en/York-American-Water-Asks-Customers-Conserve-Water>

25. *October 31, WNYC 93.9 FM New York City* – (New Jersey) **New Jersey issues water advisory, restrictions.** A boil water advisory was issued for several municipalities in New Jersey, as the State continued to cope with the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, WNYC 93.9 FM New York City reported October 31. Water-use restrictions statewide were also ordered to aid conservation amid possible shortages after superstorm Sandy. The New Jersey health commissioner said State, county, and local officials were monitoring water quality carefully. “Disruptions to water supply treatment due to power outages and flooding can lead to serious health issues,” said the commissioner. Additionally, the State’s governor signed an executive order on a statewide mandatory water restriction. It included no washing of pavements, no lawn watering, and no washing of cars. He also encouraged people to take shorter showers. Twelve municipalities and water companies instituted boil water advisories for all or parts of their communities.

Source: <http://www.wnyc.org/articles/new-jersey-news/2012/oct/31/new-jersey-issues-water-advisory-restrictions/>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

26. *October 31, New York Daily News* – (New York) **Bellevue Hospital evacuating patients after power outage.** New York City’s Bellevue Hospital began evacuating hundreds of patients October 31 after fuel pumps swamped by 17 million gallons of water from superstorm Sandy failed, putting backup generators in peril. There were 720 patients in the hospital when the flooding began. When the main power went out, the hospital switched to generators, which are kept on the 13th floor to avoid getting flooded. But the pumps that supply fuel to the generators are in the basement, which was still under 2.5 feet of water 2 days after the Sandy roared in. Officials said that it would take 24 hours to fully assess the damage and to determine exactly why the pumps failed. The hospital turned to the military to get the generators fueled, “National Guardsmen manned a five-gallon bucket brigade up 14 floors,” officials said. Hundreds of National Guard troops also helped with the massive evacuation. October 31, the sickest patients had been moved to other hospitals around the city, and the remaining 300 were transferred November 1. The Greater New York Hospital Association worked with city and State agencies to coordinate the transfers. The State allowed hospitals that were full or nearly full to be at “surge capacity” and accept more patients. Since the

storm, some 20 other health-care facilities were evacuated including 17 nursing homes in low-lying coastal areas, New York University Downtown Hospital, the Manhattan Veterans Affairs Hospital, and Coney Island Hospital.

Source: <http://www.nydailynews.com/life-style/health/bellevue-evacuating-hundreds-patients-power-outage-article-1.1195105>

27. *October 31, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Massachusetts) **Newton, Mass., medical provider cited by US Labor Department’s OSHA after workers exposed to biohazards; inspection finds willful, serious violations.** New England Hematology/Oncology Associates PC, a medical service provider in Newton, Massachusetts, was cited a total of \$46,900 by the U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) October 31 for an alleged willful and an alleged serious violation of workplace safety standards after an OSHA inspection revealed that workers were being exposed to biohazards. OSHA initiated the inspection in response to complaints by medical workers that the needles used to treat cancer patients were not safety-engineered devices and that, in removing the needles, workers were at risk of needlestick injuries. OSHA found that the workers were potentially exposed to bloodborne pathogens from needlesticks because safer needle systems, such as automatically sheathing needles, were not used. OSHA also found that the medical provider had been made aware by workers that a safer needle system was needed but continued to use a system that was not engineered to reduce the risk of injury.

Source:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=23169

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Government Facilities Sector

28. *November 1, Columbia State* – (South Carolina) **Data security breach expands to 657K SC businesses; suit filed against State.** As many as 657,000 South Carolina businesses had their tax information stolen in the massive security breach at the South Carolina Department of Revenue that also claimed the records of up to 3.6 million people, the State’s governor said October 31. Since October 26, when they announced the hacking publicly, State officials said they did not think business records were exposed. However, Mandiant, a consultant hired by the Department of Revenue, found that business tax records were compromised, too, the governor said. State officials were still learning more about the data theft, which is affecting four times as many people as all previous breaches combined in the State over the past 7 years. Like other taxpayers, businesses will be able to get free credit monitoring, but companies will get longer coverage.

Source: http://www.thestate.com/2012/11/01/2503354/657000-sc-business-records-also.html#.UJJ-UG_A-NA

29. *November 1, Associated Press* – (California; International) **Busy US-Mexico border crossing gets makeover.** A rerouting of tens of thousands of vehicles a day began November 1 at the busiest crossing on the U.S.-Mexico border in California as part of a major expansion that aims to keep lines manageable while allowing for heightened inspections for contraband. The reconfigured San Ysidro border crossing between San Diego and Tijuana, Mexico, promises to give inspectors from both countries more time and space to search for illegal goods without disrupting motorists who go back and forth across the border. A week of trial runs eased fears that a sharp turn will create big delays for Mexico-bound motorists. Mexican authorities said they allowed up to 21,600 vehicles a day to take the new route during trials that began October 24, with waits of only 10 minutes during peak travel times. Up to 100 vehicles moved through 22 inspection lanes every minute, far more than the 8 inspection lanes at the old crossing. About 35,000 motorists go back and forth across the border at San Ysidro every day. The big test for the new lanes will come November 2, when motorists could wait up to 45 minutes to enter Mexico, said executive director of the San Ysidro Chamber of Commerce.
Source: http://bismarcktribune.com/news/national/busy-us-mexico-border-crossing-gets-makeover/article_e9084d8e-e7e8-56e2-8b5c-6e828cc1afb2.html
30. *November 1, Associated Press* – (California) **4 wounded in shooting at Halloween party on USC campus.** Authorities said four people were shot and wounded during a Halloween party on the University of Southern California (USC) campus October 31. The captain of the USC Department of Public Safety said two people were detained following the shooting. Los Angeles police said the four victims were rushed to hospitals after the shooting at Tutor Campus Center. According to KNBC 4 Los Angeles, the assistant chief of the USC Department of Public Safety said a dispute between 2 non-students led to the shooting. The Los Angeles Times reported that the violence occurred outside the party attended by about 100 people. Police then declared the campus “shut down” and issued an alert urging students to remain indoors.
Source:
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/usatoday/article/1673317?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|News|s>
31. *October 31, Associated Press* – (Arkansas) **Bomb threat causes closure of Arkansas school.** A north Arkansas elementary school sent students home October 31 after someone called in a bomb threat. The superintendent said students at the Calico Rock elementary school were evacuated. The superintendent told the Baxter Bulletin that the threat was called in to someone not associated with the district - and that person in turn contacted the school. The superintendent said parents were notified and students were sent home early. The IZARD County Sheriff’s Office and Arkansas State Police searched the building and found no device. Classes were expected to resume November 1.
Source: <http://www.wxvt.com/story/19965649/bomb-threat-causes-closure-of-arkansas-school>
32. *October 31, KEPR 19 Pasco* – (Oregon) **Electrical fire forces middle school to close for the day.** A small electrical fire forced administrators to cancel classes at a Umatilla

Middle School in Oregon, October 31. Officials said there were no injuries. The fire caused a power outage October 31 at Clara Brownell Middle School. Maintenance crews were airing out the building with fans, according to the interim superintendent. Clara Brownell Middle School was expected to be back in session November 1. Umatilla High and McNary Heights Elementary remained open.
Source: <http://www.keprtv.com/news/local/176613811.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

33. *November 1, El Paso Times* – (Texas) **4 Socorro officers, dispatcher arrested are identified.** Four police officers and a police dispatcher were arrested by Texas Rangers and State troopers October 30 when they raided the Socorro Police Department’s substation, officials said October 31. The police officers are accused of official oppression, but no further details were released. In addition, two face charges of aggravated perjury and tampering with governmental records. October 30, about 15 State troopers arrived at the police station to make the arrests and execute search warrants. The arrests appeared to be part of a lengthy investigation. A Socorro spokesman said that city officials began an internal investigation into the officers and dispatcher and that the officials will not take any action until they have the arrest affidavits.
Source: http://www.elpasotimes.com/ci_21896496/four-socorro-police-officers-arrested-accused-official-oppression?source=most_viewed
34. *November 1, WTXF 29 Philadelphia* – (Pennsylvania) **Jefferson University Hospital ER evacuated due to diesel spill.** A fuel spill at Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia, forced the patients and personnel in the emergency room to evacuate, WTXF 29 Philadelphia reported November 1. A generator on the roof started to leak diesel fuel. Patients in the ER had to leave their rooms and were relocated to another part of the hospital.
Source: <http://www.myfoxphilly.com/story/19973032/jefferson>
35. *November 1, St. Louis Riverfront Times* – (Missouri) **New York National Guard cancels fake disaster in Missouri to deal with real one.** The Missouri National Guard hosted a weeklong training the weekend of October 27 called “Vigilant Guard.” The exercise imagines a catastrophic earthquake that ripples through the New Madrid Seismic Zone. Reporters from Wired called up the New York State Division of Military and Naval Affairs and found out that, as of October 30, 450 New York National Guardsmen were still scheduled to leave the Hurricane Sandy clean-up effort behind and deploy to Columbia, Missouri. However, hours after Wired contacted military affairs, the decision was made to keep the troops in New York. A spokesman for the agency said there were no immediate plans for the troops, but if needed they will likely join the 2,500 troops already hard at work distributing food, checking damaged or

submerged buildings, and helping local law enforcement navigate high-water areas with their tanks.

Source:

http://blogs.riverfronttimes.com/dailyrft/2012/11/new_york_national_guard_cancel.php

36. *October 31, WAOI 4 San Antonio* – (Texas) **SA Fire Department, firefighters spar over radio malfunction.** San Antonio’s firefighters union called for an outside investigation of the San Antonio Fire Department’s \$19 million computer automated dispatch system. The fire department said part of the system is housed inside a room at the Bexar County Sheriff’s Office, and that room overheated October 30, causing the radio communications to crash and stop talking to the tower. The assistant chief said calls came into 9-1-1 like normal and those calls were dispatched like normal. What was not normal was that radio system, he added. The problems started October 30 and lasted several hours, he said. They had to switch to one of the backups. But the San Antonio Professional Firefighters Association said the backup did not work. The associated president said fire crews could not talk to each other so they did not know if other crews had arrived to emergencies, how big those emergencies were, and in one case, where it even was. The fire department said to make sure the equipment does not overheat again, the room temperature for the sheriff’s office will now be monitored 24/7.

Source: <http://www.woai.com/news/local/story/SA-Fire-Department-firefighters-spar-over-radio/OcQGPMcUI06-1jDz8NkdjA.csp>

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Information Technology Sector

37. *November 1, The Register* – (International) **Windows 8 ‘penetrated’ says firm which sells to world’s spy agencies.** French security research firm Vupen claims to have already developed a reliable Windows 8 exploit, just days after the launch of latest edition of Microsoft’s flagship operating system. The company said the exploit it developed allows it to take over Windows 8 machines running Internet Explorer (IE) 10. Windows 8 offers improved exploit mitigation technologies including Data Execution Prevention (DEP), Address Space Layout Randomization (ASLR) while IE10 bundles improved sandboxing. Surpassing these extra features is no easy task, but does not necessarily mean that exploits and malware from mainstream hackers will not flood cyberspace anytime soon. Vupen previously promised to develop Windows 8 exploits at the same time as the launch of the operating system. The firm’s chief executive told Forbes details of the Windows 8 attack would be supplied to its customers in a carefully worded answer that failed to rule out the use of the exploit as an offensive tool. “The in-depth technical details of the flaws will be shared with our customers and they can use them to protect their critical infrastructures against potential attacks or for national security purposes,” he said.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/11/01/win8_exploited_already/

38. *November 1, Softpedia* – (International) **Cybercriminals continue to improve Skype-spreading malware.** At the beginning of October, cybercriminals started spreading malware via Skype by using messages such as “lol is this your new profile pic” to trick users into clicking on malicious links. According to security firms, millions of users might have infected their computers after clicking on the suspicious links. Although the infection rates have dropped since, security researchers say the individuals responsible for developing and maintaining the threats known as W32.IRCBot.NG and W32.Phopifas have not given up on their project. The infection routine remains unchanged, but the developers added new hosts from which the pieces of malware can be downloaded, Symantec experts explain. Furthermore, W32.IRCBot.NG is capable of stealing passwords for file-hosting sites, and several new languages have been added to ensure that the malware can target a wider range of users. Some malicious modules have been placed on virtual server services and one of the URLs is even being listed in the Top 100 downloads section of a ranking Web site.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Cybercriminals-Continue-to-Improve-Skype-Spreading-Malware-303654.shtml>
39. *November 1, The Register* – (International) **Free Android apps often secretly make calls, use the camera.** Freebie mobile applications come with a higher privacy and security risk, according to an 18-month long study by Juniper Networks. The networking company ran an audit of 1.7 million applications on the Android market and discovered that free applications are 5 times more likely to track user location and 314 percent more likely to access user address books than paid counterparts. Around 1 in 4 (24.1 percent) free apps require permission to track location, while only 6 percent of paid apps request this ability. Approximately 6.7 percent of freebie Android apps have permission to access user’s address book, a figure that drops to just 2.1 percent for paid apps. It is commonly assumed that free apps collect information in order to serve advertisements from third-party ad networks. While this is true in some cases, Juniper found that the percentage of apps with the top 5 ad networks (9 percent) is much less than the total number tracking location (24.1 percent). Approximately 4.1 percent of apps feature ads from the AirPush network, with a total of nearly 5 percent of freebie Android apps linked to either the AdMob, Millennial Media, AdWhirl, or the Leadbolt ad networks. “This leads us to believe there are several apps collecting information for reasons less apparent than advertising,” Juniper said.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/11/01/android_app_privacy_audit/
40. *November 1, Homeland Security News Wire* – (International) **Ensuring that software security policies reflect user needs.** Researchers from North Carolina State University and IBM Research developed a new natural language processing tool that businesses or other customers can use to ensure that software developers have a clear idea of the security policies to be incorporated into new software products. Specifically, the research focuses on access control policies (ACPs), which are the security requirements that software developers need to keep in mind when developing new software. For example, an ACP for a university grading program needs to allow professors to give grades to students, but should not allow students to change the grades. “These ACPs are important, but are often buried amidst a lengthy list of other requirements that

customers give to developers,” said an associate professor of computer science at the university and co-author of a paper on the research. These requirements are written in “natural language,” which is the conversational language that people use when talking or corresponding via the written word. A North Carolina State University release reports that incomplete or inaccurate ACP requirements can appear, for example, if the customer writing the ACP requirements makes a mistake or does not have enough technical expertise to accurately describe a program’s security needs.

Source: <http://www.homelandsecuritynewswire.com/dr20121101-ensuring-that-software-security-policies-reflect-user-needs>

41. *October 31, The H* – (International) **Vulnerability in Yahoo’s JavaScript framework YUI 2.** Yahoo indicated there is a security vulnerability in its JavaScript framework YUI version 2. The company does not, though, give a detailed description of the bug. The issue only, now, relates to any project where the developers hosted their own version of the YUI 2 SWF files (from version 2.4.0-2.9.0). Those who used Yahoo’s yui.yahooapis.com CDN or another CDN for YUI 2 or use YUI 3 are not affected by the issue, said Yahoo. The only information is a connection with “SWF;” this could therefore be something in connection with the presence of the class SWFStore which supports the persistence of data using the Flash Player. The affected version of the framework has, though, been superseded by YUI 3 since 2009; YUI 3 does not include SWFStore.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Vulnerability-in-Yahoo-s-JavaScript-framework-YUI-2-1741111.html>
42. *October 31, Threatpost* – (International) **Cisco patches vulnerabilities in Data Center and Web Conferencing products.** Cisco is warning its customers about a remote command execution vulnerability in its Cisco Prime Data Center Network Manager. The product manages Ethernet and storage networks and troubleshoots for performance issues on Cisco products running NX-OS software. Versions prior to 6.1.1 are vulnerable to remote exploits on the underlying system that hosts the application, Cisco said. An attacker could send arbitrary commands via the JBoss Application Server Remote Method Invocation (RMI) service, which is exposed to unauthenticated users. Cisco said no exploits are in the wild, but there is a Metasploit module that would exploit the JBoss configuration in question. Users are urged to upgrade to release 6.1.1. In the meantime, allowing only legitimate devices to connect to the RMI registry port (either TCP 1099 or 9099) will serve as a workaround.
Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/cisco-patches-vulnerabilities-data-center-and-web-conferencing-products-103112
43. *October 31, Network World* – (International) **Researcher warns that ‘zombie browsers’ are skyrocketing.** Some Web browsers can be tricked into using so-called malicious extensions that can give hackers the ability to hijack the user’s session, spy on Web cameras, upload and download files, and in the newer mobile-device area, hack into Google Android phones. An IT security consultant at Deloitte Hungary spoke about the topic he calls “zombie browsers” during the Hacker Halted Conference in Miami the week of October 29. He said up until a year ago, only 10 of these browser

malicious extensions were known to exist, but 2012 has seen 49 new ones already. “It’s skyrocketing,” the consultant noted, and he faulted the antivirus vendors for allegedly not addressing the issue at all. “Even after two years, none of the antivirus vendors detect these,” he said, saying he’s issuing a plea for them “to try harder on detecting malicious extensions.” In his talk, he explained how malicious extensions in Firefox, Chrome, and Safari have been created by attackers that try to get them added to the user’s browser through Web-based drive-by downloads or infected attachments. The result might be giving the attacker a way to steal data or spy on users, he said.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9233140/Researcher_warns_that_zombie_browsers_are_skyrocketing

44. *October 31, IDG News Service* – (International) **One year after DigiNotar breach, Fox-IT details extent of compromise.** The 2011 security breach at Dutch certificate authority (CA) DigiNotar resulted in an extensive compromise and was facilitated in part by shortcomings in the company’s network segmentation and firewall configuration, according to Fox-IT, the security company contracted by the Dutch government to investigate the incident. “The DigiNotar network was divided into 24 different internal network segments,” Fox-IT said in its final investigation report, published the week of October 29. “An internal and external Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) separated most segments of the internal network from the Internet. The zones were not strictly described or enforced and the firewall contained many rules that specified exceptions for network traffic between the various segments.” The DigiNotar security breach occurred in July 2011 and resulted in a hacker using the company’s CA infrastructure to issue hundreds of rogue digital certificates for high-profile domains. After the incident became public, browser and operating system developers revoked their trust in the certificates and the company filed for bankruptcy. The breach was significant because it raised questions about the security and trustworthiness of the public key infrastructure in its current form, which led to various technical proposals that promise to reduce the impact of certificate authority compromises and prevent the use of rogue digital certificates. There are currently hundreds of certificate authorities trusted by default in Web browsers and operating systems, and all of them can issue valid digital certificates for any domain on the Internet.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9233138/One_year_after_DigiNotar_breach_Fox_IT_details_extent_of_compromise

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Communications Sector

45. *November 1, WLS 890 AM Chicago; ABC News Radio* – (National) **Why many didn't get wireless emergency alerts during Sandy.** Notifications alerting the public about Hurricane Sandy were what the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) call wireless emergency alerts, or WEAs, WLS 890 AM Chicago reported November 1. They were designed to alert people via their phones about three types of emergencies — imminent threats (including extreme or severe weather), AMBER alerts, and presidential alerts (alerts issued by the president). The alerts were launched in 2011 in many parts of the country and in May, came to AT&T, Verizon, Sprint, and other carriers. “We have close to 100 carriers that are providing the service,” the vice president of regulatory affairs for the CTIA, the wireless industry trade group, told ABC News. He said that users can disable the imminent and AMBER alerts, but not the presidential ones.
Source: <http://www.wlsam.com/Article.asp?id=2564881&spid=>
46. *November 1, Wall Street Journal* – (New York) **A look inside Verizon's flooded communications hub.** Verizon Communications Inc. was scrambling to repair severe damage to a key switching facility inside its historic headquarters building in lower Manhattan, New York. Verizon saw severe damage from flooding, the Wall Street Journal reported November 1. Verizon employees said the October 29 hurricane surge was so powerful that it breached the protective plugs that surround cables coming into the building. As a result, water flooded the critical basement “cable vault” that takes in communications cables and directs them to switching gear upstairs, which was not damaged. The building was one of the worst hit of a number of facilities that carriers were rushing to fix October 31. The Federal Communications Commission said the number of cell phone tower outages dropped on the second day after the storm made landfall, with just over a fifth of the sites in storm-affected areas in the northeast offline. Phone companies supplemented those efforts with extraordinary measures to bolster service. Wireless carriers AT&T Inc. and T-Mobile USA said they would switch each others' customers between their networks depending on which was in better shape in a particular area.
Source:
<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970204707104578091171538491386.html>
47. *October 31, Ars Technica* – (National) **Meet the network operators helping to fuel the spike in big DDoS attacks.** A company that helps secure Web sites has compiled a list of some of the Internet's biggest network nuisances—operators that run open servers that can be abused to significantly aggravate the crippling effects of distributed denial-of-service attacks on innocent bystanders, Ars Technica reported October 31. One technique that is playing a key role in many recent attacks is not new at all. Known as DNS amplification, it relies on open domain name system servers to multiply the amount of junk data attackers can direct at a targeted Web site. By sending a modest-sized domain name query to an open DNS server and instructing it to send the result to an unfortunate target, attackers can direct a torrent of data at the victim site that is 50

times bigger than the original request.

Source: <http://arstechnica.com/security/2012/10/meet-the-network-operators-helping-fuel-the-spike-in-big-ddos-attacks/>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

48. *November 1, WLWT 35 Cincinnati* – (Ohio) **Fire causes \$1M in damage to Camp Washington business.** Fire crews in Cincinnati, Ohio, responded to a multiple-alarm fire at Environmental Management Services October 31. Fire was visible coming through the roof. “There was report of some very moderate type of what was termed explosion. That’s more of an isolated and contained explosion. We’re not sure what that was yet. We’re working with the owner of the building to make a better assessment of what that might have been,” the assistant chief said. Police said that Spring Grove Avenue was closed in the area of the fire, and traffic lights were out on Central Parkway. Officials said it was likely the road would not open in time for rush hour traffic. There were also reports of power lines down. According to Duke Energy’s Web site, up to 100 customers could have lost power in the area. Medics on the scene treated one firefighter for a minor injury. According to its Web site, Environmental Management Services offers environmental options for industrial waste disposal. They said the facility on Spring Grove was an Environmental Protection Agency-permitted hazardous waste storage facility. Damage was estimated at \$1 million.

Source: <http://www.wlwt.com/news/local-news/cincinnati/Fire-causes-1M-in-damage-to-Camp-Washington-business/-/13549970/17220812/-/jll9iqz/-/index.html>

49. *November 1, WFAA 8 Dallas-Fort Worth* – (Texas) **Man killed in drug-related shooting at Dallas apartment.** Four people were shot, one fatally, November 1 when a gunman opened fire at an apartment complex in northeast Dallas. The violence erupted at the Aspen Chase Apartments. According to an incident report, the victim allowed the suspect to enter the apartment for an apparent drug transaction. Soon, the suspect opened fire. The victim exited his apartment and died just outside the front door. The other victims were taken to an area hospital. Police were still searching for the shooter after the event.

Source: <http://www.wfaa.com/news/local/1-killed-4-wounded-in-Northeast-Dallas-shooting-176761051.html>

50. *October 31, Bloomberg News* – (National) **NY, NJ shops remain closed as retailers begin taking stock of damage.** Retailers kept stores shuttered in hard-hit New York and New Jersey while reopening some other East Coast locations as they worked to assess the damage to their shops and sales, Bloomberg News reported October 31. Record tides from the storm combined with hours of pounding wind and rain to flood electrical substations and shut down New York’s financial district. Eqecat, an Oakland, California-based provider of catastrophic risk models, estimated October 30 that Sandy would cause as much as \$20 billion of economic damage with about \$5 billion to \$10 billion of that in insured losses. Wal-Mart now had about 100 of its namesake and

Sam's Club locations closed, the senior director of global emergency management for the retailer said October 30. Stores would reopen as roads are cleared and power returns or generators are put into use, he said. Target was still assessing damage, a spokeswoman said. About 30 stores were using generators for power, and about 60 still were closed. Some of those were expected to reopen October 30, she said. Many other retailers suffered similar problems.

Source: <http://bangordailynews.com/2012/10/31/business/ny-nj-shops-remain-closed-as-retailers-begin-taking-stock-of-damage/?ref=latest>

51. *October 31, KPTV 12 Portland* – (Washington) **Longview pumpkin patch closes petting zoo over E. coli cases.** Cowlitz County, Washington health workers linked two more cases of E. coli to a Longview pumpkin patch and petting zoo, WPTV 12 Portland reported October 31. The Washington Health Department said that brought the total to four children likely infected with E. coli after visiting Willow Grove Gardens Pumpkin Patch and Petting Zoo. Laboratory confirmation was pending on the latest cases. All four children were recovering and none of them were hospitalized. The Cowlitz County Health Department said Willow Grove Gardens had voluntarily closed its petting zoo for the season. The owner of the business said the week of October 22 that the children may have become ill by petting the animals and not washing their hands, even though signs were clearly posted reminding visitors to clean up at a washing station by the petting zoo.

Source: <http://www.kptv.com/story/19966185/longview-pumpkin-patch-closes-petting-zoo-over-e-coli-cases>

52. *October 31, WWL 4 New Orleans* – (Louisiana) **Slidell meth lab explosion sends person to hospital.** Deputies in St. Tammany, Louisiana, investigated an explosion at a meth lab in Slidell that sent one person to the hospital. The explosion happened around October 31 at the Sandpiper Apartment Complex. The meth lab was reportedly located inside one of the apartments. Hazmat crews were on the scene for several hours. Nearby residents were evacuated during the cleanup, but the media was told they were allowed to return to their homes. Officials said one person was airlifted to a Baton Rouge burn center, but they did not report any other injuries or arrests.

Source: <http://www.wwltv.com/news/Slidell-meth-lab-explosion-sends-person-to-hospital-176702381.html>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

Nothing to report

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Dams Sector

53. *October 31, Bergen Record* – (New Jersey) **NJ inspectors determine cause of Meadowlands flooding.** The dozens of tide gates, berms, and levees in the Meadowlands were no match for the record-high surge of sea water propelled by Hurricane Sandy that devastated Moonachie, Little Ferry, and other low-lying towns along the Hackensack River in New Jersey, the Bergen Record reported October 31. State officials October 31 said the water was so high it poured over all the anti-flooding devices in the region. A record surge of 11.9 feet was set October 29 at the mouth of the Hackensack River in Newark, according to National Weather Service data. A combination of gale-force winds, high tides, and a full moon pushed a wall of water from the Atlantic Ocean into Newark Bay and then up the Hackensack and into its tributaries. About 90 percent of the 14-town region is two feet or less from the mean high-water mark. More than 5,000 homes and 2,000 businesses fall within a Federal Emergency Management Agency special flood hazard area. The Meadowlands has dozens of tide gates, pump stations, drainage ditches, levees, and berms to control flooding in the area, one of New Jersey's largest marshlands. However, many of those structures are decades old, having been battered by the elements so much that they are no longer effective.

Source:

http://www.northjersey.com/news/Officials_Surge_of_water_from_Hurricane_Sandy_record-breaking_at_Meadowlands.html?page=all

54. *October 30, New York Times* – (New York) **For years, warnings that storm damage could ravage New York.** For nearly a decade, scientists told New York City and State officials that New York faced certain peril: rising sea levels, more frequent flooding, and extreme weather patterns, the New York Times reported October 30. The alarm bells grew louder after Tropical Storm Irene in 2011, when the city shut down its subway system and water rushed into the Rockaways and Lower Manhattan. October 30, officials took their first tentative steps toward considering major infrastructure changes that could protect the city's fragile shores and eight million residents from repeated disastrous damage. The New York governor said the State should consider a levee system or storm surge barriers and face up to the inadequacy of the existing protections. The State administration planned talks with city and federal officials about how to proceed. The task could be daunting, given fiscal realities: storm surge barriers, the huge sea gates that some scientists say would be the best protection against floods, could cost as much as \$10 billion. A State report on rising sea levels, issued on the last day of the previous governor's administration in 2010, suggested that erecting structural barriers to restrain floodwaters could be part of a broader approach, along with relocating buildings and people farther from the coasts.

Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2012/10/31/nyregion/for-years-warnings-that-storm-damage-could-ravage-new-york.html?_r=0

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