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North Dakota

North Dakota refinery: gas was blended improperly; diesel not affected. Owners of North Dakota's only oil refinery said October 14 gasoline was blended improperly at the facility, prompting complaints from drivers. Tesoro Petroleum Corp. said in a statement "the situation was related to off-spec fuel" from its Mandan refinery. The company would not comment on how much fuel was improperly made, how it happened, or how many retailers and drivers were affected. Tesoro said it began receiving complaints about bad gasoline October 8. The firm said diesel was not affected. "We cleared the tank and are working with every customer to remove affected fuel and replace it," a company spokesman said in an e-mail. The North Dakota Petroleum Marketers Association president said stations in Bismarck, Mandan, and Washburn had reported problems. Most of the Mandan refinery's products are shipped through pipelines to eastern North Dakota and Minnesota, and sold to customers in the Dakotas, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, the company has said. Gasoline makes up about 60 percent of the refinery's production on average. Source: http://www.albertleatribune.com/2011/10/15/north-dakota-refinery-gas-was-blended-improperly-diesel-not-affected/

Regional

(Minnesota) **Rain helps contain Boundary Waters wildfire.** The Pagami Creek fire was 90 percent contained October 16, the Minnesota Incident Command System said in a news release. Efforts to contain the fire, which covers 92,682 acres in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, were helped by more than one and a half inches of rain in the area, the news release said. Strong northwest winds made wind chill a concern for the 362 personnel still fighting the fire. The fire, which was first detected August 18, was caused by lightning about 13 miles east of Ely. Source:
http://www.duluthnewstribune.com/event/article/id/212040/group/homepage/

(Minnesota) **Pagami fire 'spots' outside line.** The Pagami Creek fire in the Superior National Forest in Minnesota jumped outside its perimeter in spots in recent days fanned by strong winds in tinder-dry conditions, the Superior Telegram reported October 7. Trees inside the perimeter of the fire burned as well, sending embers in the wind that landed and started new fires that ground and air crews immediately attacked. An information officer assigned to the fire said southeast wind pushed smoke across the Fernberg Trail area. The smoke was from unburned "islands" within the fire perimeter, she said. Most of the effort now is aimed at the east end of the 93,000-acre fire that is considered about 71 percent contained. Other fires also were burning in northern Minnesota, including a 38,000-acre fire near Greenbush in northwestern Minnesota. The state's governor sent two National Guard Blackhawk helicopters to Roseau to join other aircraft already fighting the fire, called the Juneberry 3 fire. Winds in that area of the state gusted to 50 mph October 7. Source:
http://www.superiortelegram.com/event/article/id/211293/group/News/publisher_ID/36/

(South Dakota) **Meatpacker fined for polluting river with ammonia.** The John Morrell & Co. meatpacking plant in Sioux Falls, South Dakota has agreed to pay a $44,000 fine for polluting

the Big Sioux River, the Associated Press reported October 10. The Sioux Falls Argus Leader reported the company agreed to the civil penalty settlement October 7 with the state department of environment and natural resources. The sanctions cover dozens of effluent violations since 2008. In early 2010, the plant was discharging three times the permitted amount of ammonia into the river. The company was sued in federal court for violations uncovered during an inspection of the hog slaughterhouse October 6. Source: http://minnesota.publicradio.org/display/web/2011/10/10/meatpacker-pollution/

National

'Underwear bomber' pleads guilty to all charges. The Nigerian man accused of trying to detonate an explosive device in his underwear aboard a Christmas 2009 flight to Detroit, pleaded guilty to all counts in court October 12. He had been indicted on charges including attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction, conspiracy to commit an act of terrorism, and possession of a firearm or destructive device in furtherance of an act of violence. The suspect had previously pleaded not guilty to the charges. He was a passenger on Northwest Airlines Flight 253 en route from the Netherlands to Detroit Christmas Day 2009. U.S. officials said the terror group al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula was behind the alleged bombing attempt. Source: http://news.blogs.cnn.com/2011/10/12/underwear-bomber-pleads-guilty-in-trial/?hpt=hp_t2

International

Nothing Significant to Report

Banking and Finance Industry

Treasury sanctions five individuals tied to Iranian plot to assassinate the Saudi Arabian ambassador to the United States. The U.S. Department of the Treasury October 11 announced the designation of five individuals, including four senior Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps-Qods Force (IRGC-QF) officers connected to a plot to assassinate the Saudi Arabian ambassador to the United States, while he was in the United States and to carry out follow-on attacks against other countries' interests inside the United States and in another country. As part of the action, Treasury also designated the individual responsible for arranging the assassination plot on behalf of the IRGC-QF. 'The financial transactions at the heart of this plot lay bare the risk that banks and other institutions face in doing business with Iran,' the Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence said. As a result of the designations, U.S. persons are prohibited from engaging in transactions with these individuals, and any assets they may hold in the United States are frozen. Source: http://www.treasury.gov/press-center/press-releases/Pages/tg1320.aspx

Biggest ID scam in US history results in 111 arrests. Police broke up the biggest ID theft in American history after arresting 111 people who allegedly made bogus credit cards as part of a Queens, New York-based scam that cost consumers, banks, and retailers $13 million,

authorities said October 7. The alleged scammers — members of five organized forged credit card and identity theft rings — had ties to Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East, the New York City Police Department and Queens district attorney's (DA) office said. The people arrested were charged in 10 indictments with stealing personal credit data of thousands of American and European consumers over a 16-month period. Some 86 defendants are in custody, while 25 others are wanted, authorities said. Cops said nearly two dozen people were charged in six indictments with participating in burglaries and robberies throughout Queens. The Queens DA's office said four defendants were charged with conspiring to commit a bank robbery in Forest Hills. Five are charged with stealing more than $95,000 worth of cargo from John F. Kennedy International Airport, and seven are accused of stealing about $850,000 worth of computer equipment from the Citigroup Building in Long Island City, the DA said. He said more than 90 people connected to the scam have been charged in five indictments charging 784 pattern acts with, among other crimes, enterprise corruption under New York's Organized Crime Control Act. He said they are also accused of allegedly being members and associates of organized criminal enterprises that operated between May 2010 and September 2011, scheming to defraud thousands of American Express, Visa, MasterCard, and Discover Card customers. According to the indictments, the defendants fraudulently obtained credit card account numbers and then used the data to make forged credit and ID cards. Once the counterfeit cards were created, according to the indictments, they were ultimately given to teams of "shoppers" who were sent out on shopping expeditions in New York, Florida, Massachusetts, California, and other states. Source:
http://www.nypost.com/f/print/news/local/biggest_id_scam_in_us_history_results_lzD4ISQypXL3ssu5VJtDON

(New York) **NYSE Web site inaccessible for 30 minutes Monday: monitor.** The New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) Web site was inaccessible for 30 minutes October 10, according to an Internet-monitoring company, but the exchange said there was no interruption of service. On October 10, the day hackers said they would attack the site, the NYSE site was unavailable from 5:30 p.m. EDT to 6 p.m. EDT and there was also an incident at 3:30 p.m. that lasted for about 1 minute, according to California-based Keynote System. A NYSE spokesperson said there was no interruption to Web traffic, and no sign of a hacker attack. A person familiar with the matter said October 11 internal monitoring systems indicated the site had not experienced service issues, and that the NYSE servers were not compromised. The source said there may have been some slowness during the day originating from the external Internet service provider. A video posted on YouTube, which claimed to be from the activist hacker group Anonymous, said the site would be "erased from the Internet" October 10. The video said the move was in sympathy with the ongoing "Occupy Wall Street" protests in Lower Manhattan. The threat was made against the site not the trading platform, which is used to process billions of share transactions each day. It was not possible to verify the origin of the threat. Source:
http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/10/11/us-nyse-hackers-idUSTRE79A32M20111011

Chemical and Hazardous Materials Sector

EPA removes exemption on reporting releases of hydrogen sulfide under TRI. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) lifted a 16-year-old administrative stay that had exempted industrial facilities from reporting releases of hydrogen sulfide, saying the substance could cause chronic health effects in humans, the Bureau of National Affairs reported October 17. The action means facilities that produce hydrogen sulfide, including chemical manufacturers, power plants, petroleum refineries, mining operations, and other industries, as well as federal facilities, must comply with a December 1993 rule requiring them to report releases of the substance as a toxic chemical under Section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA). The EPA said it lifted the stay because its technical evaluations since 1993 show hydrogen sulfide can "reasonably be anticipated" to cause serious or irreversible chronic human health effects at relatively low doses and thus is considered to have moderately high to high chronic toxicity. The EPA said the lifting of the stay took effect October 17, and the first reports on hydrogen sulfide are due July 1, 2013. Less than a year after the rule was finalized, the EPA in August 1994 issued an administrative stay of the reporting requirements for the chemical because of concerns brought by some in the regulated community about EPA's basis for determining human health effects. The 1993 rule remained in force during the stay while the reporting requirements were deferred. Source: http://www.bna.com/epa-removes-exemption-n12884903896/

(Florida) **Attorney: West Palm teen focus of FBI investigation of bomb-making chemicals.** A West Palm Beach, Florida teen has become the focus of an FBI investigation into hazardous materials that were found and removed from a home in the Ibis Golf and Country Club community, the Palm Beach Post reported October 12. Since October 6, investigators searched for extra strength hydrogen peroxide, hydrochloric acid, and acetone in the 18-year-old's home after a pool company employee alleged he made suspicious purchases, the teen's attorney said. A West Palm Beach City spokesman said authorities found chemicals that were taken to another location and detonated. On October 7, Ibis public safety employees sent a memo stating the FBI was focusing on possible bomb-making chemicals ordered and possessed by an 18-year-old at the residence, WPTV 5 West Palm Beach reported. It said the FBI removed several samples of chemicals, PVC piping, and electrical tape. Source: http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/crime/attorney-west-palm-teen-focus-of-fbi-investigation-1907109.html

(Texas) **Train derailment under investigation.** Roads were opened and an evacuation order was lifted October 10 after crews cleaned up a 12-car train derailment in Burleson County, Texas, along Texas 36. A spokesman for Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (BNSF) said the cause of the October 9 derailment is under investigation. The accident left four cars derailed upright and eight on their sides, he said. One of the upright cars was carrying sulfuric acid — a highly corrosive and colorless acid — which is why county officials ordered a temporary evacuation, and closed Texas 36 from 8 p.m. October 9 until 2 a.m. October 10. The BNSF spokesman said the railway bridge over the highway was reopened for service at 1 p.m. Source: http://www.theeagle.com/local/Train-derailment-under-investigation--6708497

Commercial Facilities

(Arizona) **White powder found at PetSmart HQ in Phoenix.** A haz-mat team responded to the PetSmart Headquarters in Phoenix, Arizona October 11 after white powder was found inside four envelopes. Crews evacuated the building just before 11 a.m. Employees were allowed back inside the building in the afternoon. 'We don't know what the substance is and it could be harmful to many people, so we take all the precautions necessary,' an official with Phoenix fire said. The substance is undergoing tests to determine what it is. Source: http://ktar.com/category/local-news-articles/20111011/White-powder-found-at-Phoenix-pet-store/

(California) **Madera man pleads guilty in firebombing.** A 38-year-old Madera, California resident pleaded guilty October 7 in federal court to firebombing a Madera Planned Parenthood office, and for vandalism and leaving menacing signs at the city's Islamic center. The man faces a mandatory 5-year federal prison sentence, and possibly more than 2 decades behind bars when he is sentenced January 6, 2012. The man pleaded guilty to a felony count of malicious damage to property by means of fire or an explosive, and misdemeanor counts of damaging religious property and damaging property of a reproductive health services facility. He was arrested in March after an investigation spearheaded by the FBI. He admitted that in August 2010, he placed a sign in front of Masjid Madera. He also admitted throwing a brick at the front of the mosque that damaged its facade. He also admitted that a few days later, he left additional signs at the mosque that read, "Wake up America, the enemy is here" and "American Nationalist Brotherhood." He also admitted that early in September 2010, he threw a Molotov cocktail at the Madera Planned Parenthood Clinic. It went through a ground-floor window and caused a fire that resulted in more than $26,000 in damages. Source: http://www.fresnobee.com/2011/10/07/2568871/madera-man-pleads-guilty-in-firebombing.html

Communications Sector

BlackBerry outages spread to North America. A 3-day disruption to BlackBerry services spread to North America October 12, frustrating users of the Research In Motion (RIM) devices. RIM advised clients of an outage in the Americas and said it was working to restore services as customers in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and India continued to suffer patchy e-mail and no access to browsing and messaging. RIM, which had said October 11 services had returned to normal, said later it was still working to resolve the problem. 'The messaging and browsing delays ... were caused by a core switch failure within RIM's infrastructure,' it said. 'As a result, a large backlog of data was generated and we are now working to clear that backlog and restore normal service.' RIM did not say how long it might take. The service disruptions are the worst since an outage swept North America 2 years ago. Source: http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/10/12/blackberry-idUSL5E7LC2NP20111012

BlackBerry services hit in Latin America, India. BlackBerry's woes spread October 11 as the smartphone's maker reported service disruptions for a second straight day in Europe, the Middle East, and Africa, and fresh problems in Latin America, and India. Research in Motion Ltd., which makes BlackBerry devices, acknowledged there were ongoing problems October 9, hours after it said services were operating normally and the cause of delays in subscriber services a day earlier had been resolved. "Some users in Europe, the Middle East and Africa, India, Brazil, Chile, and Argentina are experiencing messaging and browsing delays," the company said in a statement, adding it was "working to restore normal service as quickly as possible." In Britain, Vodafone UK told customers via Twitter that service was not fully restored. Rival T-Mobile UK blamed "a European-wide outage on the BlackBerry network" which it said was affecting all mobile operators. There were also reports of problems elsewhere in Europe, such as Spain. There were no reports of any problems in the United States. Source: http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=141231570

Critical Manufacturing

Nidec Motor Corporation recalls pool pump motors due to electrical shock hazard. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with Nidec Motor Corporation, October 11 announced a voluntary recall of about 2,000 Ecotech EZ Variable Speed pool pump motors. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. The pump cover is not properly grounded posing an electrical shock hazard. The pumps were sold at pool motor distributors, pool dealers, and pump manufacturers nationwide from September 2010 through August 2011. Customers should stop using the recalled pool pumps immediately and call Nidec Motor Corporation to arrange a free repair. Source: http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml12/12008.html

Defense/ Industry Base Sector

Japanese defence cyberattack traced to hacked PC. The worrying cyberattack on Japanese defense contractors in August was probably the work of a single attacker looking to steal industrial secrets, local newspapers reported. Japanese police traced the point of attack to a PC based in the Society of Japanese Aerospace Companies (SJAC), from which an e-mail containing malware was sent August 26 to the target companies, Mitsubishi Heavy (MHI), Kawasaki Heavy, claiming to be a legitimate communication from one of its employees. An online assault on defense contractors including MHI, which builds F-15 fighter jets and other American-designed weapons for Japan's Self-Defense Forces, began in August but came to light the week of September 19. The attack reproduced an e-mail from a worker sent to the same recipient only hours earlier. Police still maintain no significant data was lost during the attacks, although one of the two firms, MHI admitted some weeks ago that 83 of its PCs and servers had been infected by the malware. The perpetrator and his or her motivation has not yet been uncovered but the site of the attack inside the SJAC raises a possibility the motivation cold have been local rather than foreign. The attacker appears to have tried to obscure the origin of the attacks by reaching out via a proxy server based in the United States.Source:

http://news.techworld.com/security/3311312/japanese-defence-cyberattack-traced-to-hacked-pc/

Emergency Services

(Oklahoma) **Injuries mount as inmates riot at Oklahoma prison.** Authorities in western Oklahoma said October 11 they were responding to a prison riot at the North Fork Correctional Facility, where multiple injuries were reported. A morgue had been set up in a tent outside the prison, according to a witness, though there had been no reports of deaths. More than 20 people, all inmates, were injured in the riot, and at least five were flown to area hospitals, according to a spokeswoman for Air Evac Lifeteam. She said she had no information regarding their conditions. However, a Beckham County sheriff spokeswoman said that just eight inmates were injured. Aerial video of the scene from CNN affiliate KOCO 5 Oklahoma City showed armed officials holding prisoners at gunpoint. The riot started shortly before noon and it was not clear what motivated it, said the sheriff spokeswoman. She said the Oklahoma Highway Patrol had six crews on the scene, and Beckham County sheriff's deputies were assisting. The prison is located in Sayre, about halfway between Oklahoma City and Amarillo, Texas. Sayre's police chief said his department was providing security for the prison, which can house up to 2,400 inmates. 'We are still at a standstill. The prison guards are doing their job inside, and we still have the perimeter secured,' he said. Source: http://www.cnn.com/2011/10/11/justice/oklahoma-prison-riot/index.html?hpt=ju_c2

Energy

Zero-day flaws found in SCADA systems. An Italian security researcher recently disclosed details about several zero-day vulnerabilities in supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) systems from several vendors. The discovery — the second such disclosure by this researcher this year — is likely to reinforce concerns about weaknesses in the nation's critical infrastructure. The most recent vulnerabilities affect SCADA products from Rockwell Automation, Cogent DataHub, Measuresoft, and Progea, among other vendors. Most of the vulnerabilities are remote code execution flaws that allow attackers to run code on the systems, and some of the flaws are easy to exploit, the researcher said. At least three of the vendors have already issued fixes, and Rockwell is working on one, he said. SCADA systems are used to control critical equipment at power plants, manufacturing facilities, water treatment plants, and elsewhere. Security analysts fear attacks against such systems could cripple critical infrastructure, including the electric grid, and water supplies. Source: http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/359141/Zero_Day_Flaws_Discovered_in_SCADA_Systems

(Illinois) **Crews start moving derailed train cars as inspectors investigate Tiskilwa accident site.** Crews began slowly clearing railroad cars involved in a fiery derailment more than 100 miles west of Chicago, October 7. Investigators arrived on-scene about noon, just 10 hours after 26 cars of the 131-car Iowa Interstate Railroad-operated train derailed near Tiskilwa in Bureau County, resulting in nine cars containing ethanol going up in flames or exploding, said the

National Transportation Safety Board's (NTSB) chief accident investigator. The train was en route to Chicago from Rock Island, Iowa, around 2 a.m. when 26 cars derailed just east of Tiskilwa. By about 3:15 p.m. October 8, crews had moved at least one derailed car and were in the process of moving others, while fire crews continued suppression efforts to tamp down possible flare-ups from oxygen reaches smoldering ethanol or other fuel. The train cars will be moved to another location so they can be examined separately, officials said October 7. Only after the track is confirmed safe will it be opened again to rail traffic. Of the 26 derailed cars, 14 contained mash, a byproduct of ethanol production, and one contained sand. Three cars containing ethanol remained upright, although one of those three derailed. The train carried two video recorders and an event recorder that tracks the use of train controls and a train's movements, and those are in transit to Washington, D.C. for analysis. The six-person NTSB team was joined by investigators and inspectors from the Federal Railroad Administration, the Illinois Commerce Commission, the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and the Iowa Interstate Railroad. Source: http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2011-10-08/news/chi-national-state-inspectors-investigate-tiskilwa-derailment-site-20111008_1_train-cars-event-recorder-federal-railroad-administration

Food and Agriculture

More lettuce recalled due to Listeria. In a recall related to one previously announced by Giant Eagle, the Pittsburgh-based grocer chain, the producer River Ranch Fresh Foods of Salinas, California announced October 14 it is taking 2,154 cases of various bagged salads off the market because they may be contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes. The bacteria was detected during a routine random test by the Ohio Department of Agriculture. The recall includes: Farmers Market: 8-ounce Shredded Iceberg; 7-ounce Parisian Blend; 9-ounce Leafy Romaine; and 12-ounce Romaine Garden; Hy-Vee: 8-ounce Shredded Iceberg, 12-ounce American Blend; 12-ounce Garden Supreme; and 12-ounce Romaine Garden. The salads were produced September 27 and distributed in Iowa, Ohio, and Pennsylvania, and sold in retail supermarkets. Source: http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/10/river-ranch-fresh-foods-llc/

Mussel recall due to paralytic shellfish poisoning fear. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) warned the public not to serve or consume certain raw mussels from British Columbia because they may contain paralytic shellfish toxins, Food Safety News reported October 17. The recalled raw mussels were harvested between October 2 and October 14, from Okeover inlet in British Columbia. The recall involves mussels sold by: Aquatec Seafoods Ltd., Comox, BC Mussels, 10-pound bags, Lot #453 (Harvest date October 3/11) and 20-pound bags, Lot #466 (Harvest date October 10/11); and Taylor Shellfish Canada DBA Fanny Bay Oysters, Union Bay, BC, Farmed Salish Mussels, 10 pound 6206 (Harvest date October 02/11), and 20 pounds 6233 (Harvest date October 9/11). The recalled mussels were primarily distributed to wholesalers and restaurants, however, some may also have been sold in smaller quantities at retail seafood counters. The recalled mussels were distributed in British Columbia, Alberta, and Manitoba, although they also could have been distributed in other provinces and territories. Source: http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/10/psp-detected-in-some-bc-mussels/

(California; Nevada) **E. Coli test spurs 188-ton ground beef recall.** A Los Angeles company is recalling about 377,775 pounds of ground beef products that may be contaminated with E. coli O157:H7, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced October 11. Commercial Meat Co. was informed routine FSIS monitoring confirmed a positive result for E. coli O157:H7 in beef products produced between September 7 and October 6. According to the FSIS news release, the company did not hold product pending the test results, so the meat was recalled. The recalled beef products were shipped to restaurants in California and Nevada, as well as one federal establishment in California for further processing. The recalled ground beef products are: 5-, 10-, 15-, 20-, 30-, 40-, 50-, and 60-pound cases of bulk ground beef; 5-, 10-, and 20-pound cases of ground beef patties; 10-, 15-, 20-, 30-, 40-, and 50-pound cases of ground beef taco; and 5-, 10-, 15-, 20-, 25-, 30-, 40-, 50-, and 60-pound cases of ground beef chili. Each case bears a label with the establishment number 'EST. 4873' inside the USDA mark of inspection. Source: http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/10/e-coli-test-prompts-377775-lb-ground-beef-recall/

Allergy alert: Lean Cuisine recall for mislabeling. Nestle Prepared Foods Company is recalling a small number — less than 200 packages — of Lean Cuisine Dinnertime Selects Chicken Fettuccini because they might contain Lean Cuisine Dinnertime Selects Lemon Garlic Shrimp, Food Safety News reported October 12. The mixed-up packages were possibly shipped to grocers in Alaska, Florida, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington state. Four consumers who purchased the mislabeled product alerted Nestle to the issue. The recalled packages have the UPC code 13800-14880, a production code of 1253595911G, and a 'best before' date of October 2012. Because the mislabeled product contains shrimp, an allergen, Nestle is advising consumers who are allergic to shellfish and who have purchased the recalled product not to consume it to avoid the possibility of a serious or life-threatening allergic reaction. Source: http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/10/allergy-alert-lean-cuisine-recall-for-mislabeling/

(Washington) **Feds seize foods at Washington warehouse.** Citing evidence of 'widespread and active rodent and insect infestation,' the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) had U.S. Marshals seize food products being held in the warehouse and processing plant of Dominguez Foods in Washington state September 30, Food Safety News reported October 11. The seized products had been detained by the FDA since September 2, following an inspection that found evidence of rodents and insects in the Zillah-based facility. During their inspection, FDA investigators said they observed rodent droppings and urine stains on and around food products, rodent-gnawed containers of food, a rodent nesting site, and one dead rodent in the warehouse, as well as live and dead insects in, on, and around food products. The investigators immediately issued a detention order covering all the food in the facility that was not in sealed containers. Source: http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/10/feds-seize-foods-at-infested-washington-warehouse/

(Washington) **Spotted wing fruit fly could devastate the Walla Walla Valley.** It is no bigger than a preschooler's crayon dot but has the potential to cost the Walla Walla Valley in Washington state $500 million in damages, the Walla Walla Union-Bulletin reported October 10. The head of Oregon State Extension Services office in Milton-Freewater, said October 7 that

five new sightings of the "spotted wing drosophila" fruit fly have been confirmed in the area during the past few weeks. The flies are a common problem in California, Western Washington, and Oregon, along with British Columbia. Mild winters in those regions allow the pest to thrive. It is a significant threat. The pest has the potential to be devastating to berry and grape crops, the official noted. While other fruit flies lay eggs in the cracks and spots of soft or rotting fruit, the female Spotted Wing is uniquely equipped to attack green fruit in order to prepare a birthing bed. She can open unripe fruit and tuck in her one to three eggs. In a few days, the fruit has a visible, widening blemish that sometimes weeps juice, attracting bacteria and fungus. The female may lay as many as 300 eggs in her short lifetime, and one growing season may see up to 13 generations of the pest. Officials have been trapping the pests, sometimes catching as many as 14 in one trap. Source: http://union-bulletin.com/stories/2011/10/10/spotted-wing-fruit-fly-could-devastate-valley

Louisiana deaths linked to Listeria outbreak. Two deaths in Louisiana have been confirmed to be part of the multistate outbreak of Listeria infection linked to cantaloupe grown on a Colorado farm, Food Safety News reported October 11. Louisiana health authorities said a woman died after eating contaminated cantaloupe. The woman's death was one of the first cases to make headlines when reports of listeriosis illness surfaced, but officials there did not immediately confirm the connection to the outbreak. The second outbreak-related fatality in Louisiana was also a woman, according to state officials. Meanwhile, Missouri health authorities have confirmed a fourth case of listeriosis caused by cantaloupe from Jensen Farms in Colorado. The new reports push the outbreak toll to at least 112 cases and 23 deaths, plus one miscarriage, over 24 states. The Louisiana fatalities and fourth Missouri case were not included in the October 7 outbreak update by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which listed Listeria-related illness in Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. Colorado has reported the most infections, with 32 sickened. Texas has 16 reported illnesses, New Mexico has 13, and Oklahoma has 11. Source: http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/10/2-louisiana-deaths-linked-to-listeria-outbreak/

Government Sector (including Schools and Universities)

(Pennsylvania) **Police: graffitti, bottle bomb found at Cumberland County Home.** Police in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania were searching for the suspects responsible for spray painting a swastika on the side of a house, and putting a bottle bomb inside of a mailbox. It happened in the first block of Pinetree Drive in Upper Allen Township, October 15. The victim told police that someone spray painted a swastika and a smiley face on the side of their house, and that a soda bottle bomb was in their mailbox. The bomb was neutralized at the scene. Source: http://www.fox43.com/news/wpmt-graffitti-bottle-bomb-cumberland-county-home-targeted,0,2306834.story

(District of Columbia; Massachusetts) **Occupy DC protesters arrested in Senate building.** U.S. Capitol police swooped in on protesters unfurling banners at a U.S. Senate office building in Washington, D.C. October 11 as part of the Occupy DC movement, arresting at least six, NBC reported. Demonstrators stormed the Hart building's atrium and dropped large banners, one which said "End War Now," the other "People for the People." As soon as they displayed their signs, Capitol police arrested them, WRC 4 District of Columbia said. Dozens of others ran through the building with smaller signs. The arrests followed a rash of police activity in an Occupy Boston event overnight October 10, in which about 100 protesters were arrested after they refused to leave a park in Boston, police reportedly said. Riot police arrived near the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway park at about 1:20 a.m. October 11 with dozens of sheriff vans and police wagons arriving minutes later, the Boston Globe reported. More than 200 officers surrounded the Greenway and the police superintendent gave the protesters 2 minutes to leave or be thrown in jail, according to the newspaper. The paper said officers went into the park about 10 minutes later with another warning given over loudspeaker. Protesters were then made to lie down, cable-tied and taken away. Tents were torn down. The paper said many of the protesters — about 1,000 people had gathered there earlier — left the park. A police spokesman, told the Washington Post that the arrests were mainly for trespassing. Source: http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/44855382/ns/us_news-life/#.TpSdRnJnAxF

US: Iran faction plotted to kill Saudi ambassador. Two men allegedly working for "factions of the Iranian government" were charged with plotting to assassinate the Saudi ambassador to the United States, and to attack the Saudi and Israeli embassies in Washington D.C., the U.S. Attorney General (AG) said October 11. The criminal complaint was unsealed October 11 in federal court in New York City. The AG said one of the suspects, who was arrested September 29 in New York, was working for the Iranian Islamic Revolutionary Guard and had confessed to a plot. The other suspect is based in Iran and remains at large, the AG said. He allegedly is a member of Iran's Quds Force, a special unit of the Revolutionary Guard. Both are originally from Iran and the suspect who was arrested is a naturalized U.S. citizen, the complaint said. Shortly after the announcement, the Treasury Department announced that U.S. citizens are barred from any financial dealings with the two suspects and three others, all Revolutionary Guard officials. The indictment is the result of a sting operation conducted by the FBI. The case started when the arrested suspect, who lived in Texas, allegedly made contact with an undercover DEA informant in Mexico and asked for assistance from a major drug cartel to assassinate the ambassador at a restaurant that he frequented. Sources told NBC News the group being recruited was the Zetas cartel. No assassination attempt was ever made, and no one was ever in any danger, officials said. A Justice Department statement said the suspect claimed he was being directed by his cousin in Iran, described as a "big general" in the Iranian military and within the Quds Force. He allegedly wired $100,000 to the informant as a down payment on a $1.5 million assassination fee. The suspect was scheduled to make a first court appearance October 7. He could face a maximum sentence of life in prison. Source: http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/44861178/ns/us_news-security/#.TpSbcnJnAxE

Information Technology and Telecommunications

Cellphones will become a way to attack otherwise protected devices: report. Mobile phones will become an increasing menace to network security that could drop malware onto protected devices when they dock to sync or plug into USB ports to charge, security experts said in a Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech) report October 11. Compromised phones will infect computers they may plug into for otherwise legitimate reasons, much the same way malware such as Stuxnet found its way onto laptops via thumb drives, according to the 'Emerging Cyber Threats Report 2012' released at the Georgia Tech Cyber Security Summit 2011'. The report warned problems may arise from the differences between laptop browsers and those used on phones. The latter display address bars fleetingly, leaving little time to observe the safety status of sites being visited. Touch screens on smartphones may make users more susceptible to clicking on links that seem legitimate but mask malicious sites, which could lead to drive-by downloads of malware. Additionally, patches and updates for mobile phones are woefully infrequent, the report said. Meanwhile, the authors said bot masters will find more ways to make money off their zombie machines beyond using them as spam or DDoS engines. For example, a downloader controlled by a bot master could infect machines with reconnaissance malware that profiles the user of the machine for marketing purposes. Or the zombies could be queried for personal technical details as a way to design a long-term, stealthy attack to compromise data. Source: http://www.networkworld.com/news/2011/101111-georgia-tech-cellphone-security-251850.html?source=nww_rss

RSA chief says two groups for SecurID breach. October 11, at RSA's security conference in London, England, the RSA president revealed more details about the March 2011 attack that compromised SecurID, an authentication system used by 40 million people in at least 30,000 organizations worldwide to securely access IT systems. RSA insists the attack did not undermine the integrity of the entire system. RSA, which has worked with the FBI, DHS, British law enforcement and other agencies, believes that two groups were responsible for the attack. The EMC executive chairman declined to identify the groups, but said that due to the sophistication of the intrusion "we can only conclude it was a nation-state sponsored attack." The RSA president said both groups had been known to authorities before, although they were not known to work together. RSA spotted the attack as it was using technology from NetWitness, a company it acquired in April, the president said. It is now believed hackers gained access to RSA's systems by sending certain employees in EMC's human resources department an Excel spreadsheet rigged to exploit an Adobe Flash vulnerability, although RSA has not confirmed this. Additionally, the hackers had knowledge about RSA's internal naming conventions used for hosts on its network as well as Active Directory — a Microsoft product used for managing authentication of users on corporate networks — which made their movements inside the system appear to be more legitimate. The president said the attacks were sophisticated: they used advanced techniques to connect to RSA's systems and used different malware, some of which was compiled just hours before an attack. The data stolen was compressed and encrypted before it was exfiltrated, making it more difficult to identify. Source: http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9220710/RSA_chief_says_two_groups_for_SecurID_breach

National Monuments and Icons

(Colorado) **Bark beetles continue to ravage national forests.** For almost 10 years, the Rio Grande National Forest in Colorado has been under siege from the spruce bark beetle, the Alamosa Valley Courier reported October 12. During that time, over 200,000 acres of Engelmann spruce have been infected. The spruce bark beetle is always present in forests, but when certain conditions prevail, like drought in early 2000, they gain the upper hand, an official with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) said. With the drought, the beetles reproduced in record numbers while the trees, weakened by lack of water, were not able to repel the beetles when they bored into the bark to lay their eggs. The USFS official said it takes about 10 years for trees to completely recover from a bad drought. It takes about 9 months after infestation for trees to 'look dead.' By then the eggs have hatched and moved on to greener Engelmann spruce. The devastation left behind is becoming a hazard for hikers and campers. The USFS is working to cut down the vast numbers of dead trees around campgrounds. Officials said it could take up to 100 years for the forests to naturally regenerate. Source: http://www.alamosanews.com/v2_news_articles.php?heading=0&story_id=22253&page=72

Postal and Shipping

Sophos warns of UPS phishing e-mails. Sophos researchers warned of a spam campaign that asks recipients to click on a link to update their United Parcel Service accounts, eSecurity Planet reported October 11. 'The link ... leads to a compromised Web site in the Seychelles,' writes a Sophos a senior security adviser. 'It appears the attackers have exploited a vulnerability in the Joomla CMS installed on the host.' The adviser also wrote, 'It is unlikely the phishers are really trying to access your UPS account, but rather are counting on the fact that most users reuse their usernames and passwords for multiple sites.' Source: http://www.esecurityplanet.com/network-security/sophos-warns-of-ups-phishing-e-mails.html

Public Health

Panel advises against prostate cancer screening. Prostate-specific antigen (PSA) blood tests that check for prostate cancer do more harm than good and healthy men should no longer receive them as part of routine cancer screening, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force has recommended. No major medical group recommends routine PSAs, and the government panel's guidelines had long advised men over 75 to forgo them. The new recommendation extends that do-not-screen advice to healthy men of all ages, the Associated Press reported October 7. Currently, most men over 50 have had at least one PSA blood test. But there is harm from routine screening: impotence, incontinence, infections, even death that can come from the biopsies, surgery, and radiation. One study estimated 2 of every 5 men whose prostate cancer was caught through a PSA test had tumors too slow-growing to ever be a threat. The head of the task force said 30 percent of men who are treated for PSA-discovered prostate cancer suffer significant side effects, sometimes death, from the resulting treatment. The task force previously had considered the evidence for or against PSA screening inconclusive. The new recommendation says not to routinely screen. That recommendation is a draft that is open

for public comment beginning the week of October 10. Source: http://yourlife.usatoday.com/health/medical/story/2011-10-07/Panel-advises-against-prostate-cancer-screening/50686812/1

Transportation

Worldwide travel alert - Iran plot. The U.S. Department of State alerts U.S. citizens of the potential for anti-U.S. actions following the disruption of a plot, linked to Iran, to commit a significant terrorist act in the United States. This Travel Alert expires January 11, 2012. An Iranian-born U.S. citizen, working on behalf of the Iranian Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Qods Force –- designated by the Treasury Department in 2007 for its support of terrorism –- is suspected of conspiring to assassinate the Saudi Arabian ambassador to the United States. The U.S. government assesses this Iranian-backed plan may indicate a more aggressive focus by the Iranian government on terrorist activity against diplomats from certain countries, to include possible attacks in the United States. U.S. citizens residing and traveling abroad should review the Department's Worldwide Caution and other travel information when making decisions concerning their travel plans and activities while abroad. U.S. citizens are encouraged to enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). U.S. citizens without Internet access may enroll directly at the nearest U.S. Embassy or U.S. Consulate. By enrolling, U.S. citizens make it easier for the embassy/consulates to contact them in case of emergency. Source: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/pa/pa_5576.html

Water and Dams

(Florida) **West Palm Beach's water supply could dry up by spring.** According to the Palm Beach Post, regional water managers warned the city commission October 11 the source of West Palm Beach, Florida's drinking water 'will probably be exhausted' by March and the city will not be allowed to pull water from its well field in violation of its permit, as it did to weather this year's drought. The city utilities director offered alternatives such as: partnering with Florida Atlantic University on a study to drill horizontal wells; fixing the troubled advanced wastewater treatment plant that is supposed to replenish the city's well field; resurrecting plans to inject water into a well for storage; and extending intake pipes to the deepest sections of Clear Lake, the reservoir that feeds water to the neighboring treatment plant. But those plans could not be put in place by March, officials said. The only immediate, but short-term, fix would be to pump water from the C-17 Canal that feeds Clear Lake. The utilities director said the best the city could do is keep water levels as high as possible at its current water sources. Source: http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/west-palm-beachs-water-supply-could-dry-up-1908364.html

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