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NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY



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NORTH DAKOTA

(North Dakota) 2 more oil spills reported in N.D. The North Dakota Health Department stated that 477 barrels of crude oil were contained and recovered after approximately 500 barrels spilled at a rail transfer facility in Williams County. Zenergy Inc., reported a 350-barrel oil spill November 18 in McKenzie County that was also contained on site. http://bismarcktribune.com/bakken/more-oil-spills-reported-in-n-d/article_7bb044fa-5140-11e3-a49f-001a4bcf887a.html

(North Dakota) Governor Dalrymple and PHMSA Discuss New Panel: Governor Dalrymple met with officials from the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. PHMSA and the governor discussed creating a panel to research the latest technology to enhance pipeline safety. <http://www.kmot.com/story/24005447/gov-dalrymple-urges?autoStart=true&topVideoCatNo=default&clipId=9545603>

(North Dakota) Land Board gives state money to area fire departments: Fire departments in western North Dakota received a big boost last week as the Board of University and School Lands donated \$12.2 million toward new equipment intended to help fight fires. http://www.willistonherald.com/news/land-board-gives-state-money-to-area-fire-departments/article_b855e12e-5070-11e3-ab8d-0019bb2963f4.html

(North Dakota) Climate change may have positive effect in ND: While other states report the negative effects of climate change, Adnan Akyuz, a North Dakota State climatologist, said the implications in North Dakota have made the climate more favorable to agriculture. <http://www.grandforksherald.com/event/article/id/278436/>

REGIONAL

(Minnesota) Pine County gov't center evacuated due to suspicious mail. The Pine County Government Center in Minneapolis was evacuated and closed November 19 after six envelopes containing a white powdery substance were delivered to multiple departments in the building. A HAZMAT team conducted an assessment of the substance. <http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2013/11/19/pine-county-govt-center-evacuated-due-to-suspicious-mail/>

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NATIONAL

(National) FSIS issues final generic meat labeling rules. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Services (FSIS) issued a final rule November 7 that amended and consolidated the regulations governing meat and poultry product label approvals under a new Code of Federal Regulations to where the FSIS will generically approve the labels effective January 2014.

<http://www.qualityassurancemag.com/FSIS-generic-meat-labeling-rules.aspx>

(National) The response to stop - or at least delay - rising flood insurance rates is in motion: Senators John Hoeven and Heidi Heitkamp and Representative Kevin Cramer are all backing legislation that would hold off major rate increases for about four years. <http://www.kxnet.com/story/24040064/rising-rate-response?autoStart=true&topVideoCatNo=default&clipId=9558254>

INTERNATIONAL

(International) More than 12k Cryptolocker victims in less than a week.

Researchers at BitDefender Labs used sinkholing to count connection attempts to a Cryptolocker command and control server and found more than 12,000 victims were infected in less than a week, among other findings.

<http://www.scmagazine.com/more-than-12k-cryptolocker-victims-in-less-than-a-week/article/321514/>

BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY

(California) Novato bank robbed in suspected 10th strike by hatted bandit: A bank robbery suspect tied to 9 robberies in Marin was believed to be the same man who robbed a Chase bank branch in Novato November 21, connecting him to a total of 10 robberies. http://www.marinij.com/crimebeat/ci_24574389/novato-bank-robbed-suspected-10th-strike-by-hatted

(International) A look at security effectiveness by industry: A BitSight analysis of security ratings at more than 70 Fortune 200 companies between October 2012 and September 2013 looked at the energy, retail, technology, and financial sectors and found that the financial industry rated highest of the four in

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cybersecurity, while the technology industry had the lowest security scores, among other findings. <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=15991>

CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

Nothing Significant to Report

COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

(National) Kia, Toyota, and Porsche issue recalls: Kia announced a recall of around 80,000 model year 2006-2012 Sedona vehicles in northeastern and midwestern States and Washington D.C. due to a front control arm corrosion issue that could lead to loss of control. Toyota and Porsche also issued smaller recalls for other issues. <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/11/22/automobiles/kia-toyota-and-porsche-issue-recalls.html>

(National) Cuisinart recalls food processors due to laceration hazard: Cuisinart announced a recall of about 25,000 7-cup food processors due to an issue that can cause the shredding/slicing disc to loosen, break the device's cover, and cause pieces of the cover to strike consumers. <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2014/Cuisinart-Recalls-Food-Processors/>

(International) Mining companies caught flat-footed by cyberattacks: A survey of 39 mining companies conducted by Ernst & Young found that 41 percent reported increased external threats, including cybercriminals' attempts to steal information and disrupt operations, and found that sensors and safety systems increasingly linked to the Internet provide new external pathways for attackers to gain access to systems. <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2013/112113-mining-companies-caught-flat-footed-by-276200.html>

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DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR

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EMERGENCY SERVICES

(Massachusetts) Swansea Police pay ransom after computer system was hacked. The Swansea Police Department paid \$750 to hackers through online currency Bitcoin after the Cryptolocker ransomware attacked their computer system. The ransomware encrypts files and unless the victim pays for the decryption key, the files are unrecoverable.

<http://boston.cbslocal.com/2013/11/18/swansea-police-pay-ransom-after-computer-system-was-hacked/>

ENERGY

(California) \$60,000 penalty for fracking fluid in unlined Kern County pit: Vintage Production California LLC, a subsidiary of Occident Petroleum, agreed to pay \$60,000 November 15 in a settlement with the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board after they discharged saline water and hydraulic fracturing fluid into an unlined pit in California.

<http://www.bakersfieldcalifornian.com/business/oil/x481502105/-60-000-penalty-for-fracking-fluid-in-unlined-Kern-County-pit>

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

(Oregon) Oregon agriculture officials place restrictions on pesticides implicated in Wilsonville, Hillsboro bee die-offs: The Oregon Department of Agriculture placed restrictions on the use of two types of pesticides November 21, dinotefuran and imidacloprid, which were linked to mass bee deaths in Hillsboro and Wilsonville.

http://www.oregonlive.com/politics/index.ssf/2013/11/oregon_agriculture_officials_p.html

(National) Black widows found in supermarket grapes in several states: Supermarkets in several States pulled inventories of grapes after several incidents

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where live black widow spiders were found in the containers of grapes.

<http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/11/black-widows-found-in-supermarket-grapes-in-several-states/>

GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)

(Oregon) **Man arrested in explosion at DA's office in Medford:** Medford Police arrested a suspect November 20 in connection with a November 13 attempted bombing of the district attorney's office in which a device exploded outside the building and blew out the windows.

<http://www.registerguard.com/rg/news/local/30769222-75/medford-mcvay-burglary-george-ammunition.html.csp>

(Virginia) **Va. Senator hospitalized after stabbing; son dead at scene:** A Virginia State senator was critically wounded after being stabbed by his son before his son fatally shot and killed himself in the senator's Bath County home November 19. Authorities are investigating the incident.

<http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/Senator-Creigh-Deeds-Assaulted-in-Bath-County-Home--232498761.html>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

(International) **Number of digitally signed malware samples increases by 50%.**

McAfee released its threat report for the third quarter of 2013 and found that attacks against the Android platform increased by over 30 percent, that digitally-signed malware increased by more than 50 percent, and that Bitcoin mining malware use is increasing, among other findings.

<http://news.softpedia.com/news/Number-of-Digitally-Signed-Malware-Samples-Increases-by-50-402749.shtml>

(International) **A look at security effectiveness by industry.** A BitSight analysis of security ratings at more than 70 Fortune 200 companies between October 2012 and September 2013 looked at the energy, retail, technology, and financial sectors and found that the financial industry rated highest of the four in cybersecurity, while the technology industry had the lowest security scores, among other findings. <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=15991>

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NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS

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POSTAL AND SHIPPING

Nothing Significant to Report

PUBLIC HEALTH

(Tennessee) **Memphis VA hospital faces US House investigation.** The U.S. House Committee began investigating the Memphis Veterans' Affairs (VA) Medical Center November 20 after a VA inspector general's report October 23 found three patients received substandard care and died. The hospital has since established stricter procedures and guidelines for patient care.

<http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/Memphis-VA-hospital-faces-US-House-investigation-4997040.php>

TRANSPORTATION

(Maryland) **Metro contractor accused of stealing copper wire:** A Mechanicsville man worked for a Metro electrical contractor was arrested and charged with felony theft for stealing more than \$10,000 worth of copper wire several times from Metro Transit facilities in Maryland between June and November.

<http://washington.cbslocal.com/2013/11/21/metro-contractor-accused-of-stealing-copper-wire/>

(Alabama) **Suspicious package at Daikin plant determined to be pot:** A suspicious package that was found on a rail car at the Daikin facility on Highway 20 in Decatur, originating from Mexico, prompted the evacuation of schools, highways, and government buildings. <http://www.waff.com/story/24033286/suspicious-device-found-on-rail-car-in-decatur-schools-evacuated>

(National) **Seat belts to be required on large buses by 2016.** The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration announced November 20 that beginning in November 2016 all new tour buses and intercity buses must be equipped by

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manufacturers with three-point lap-shoulder seat belts.

http://abclocal.go.com/wabc/story?section=news/national_world&id=9334315

WATER AND DAMS

Nothing Significant to Report

NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: **North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center**: 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: ndslic@nd.gov; Fax: 701-328-8175 **State Radio**: 800-472-2121; **Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI)**: 701-328-5500; **North Dakota Highway Patrol**: 701-328-2455; **US Attorney's Office Intel Analyst**: 701-297-7400; **Bismarck FBI**: 701-223-4875; **Fargo FBI**: 701-232-7241.

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