



## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report 31 January 2012

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- Heavy smoke from a wildfire caused a massive 19-car pileup on Interstate 75 near Gainesville, Florida, that killed 10 people and intermittently shut the highway down for several days. – *Orlando Sentinel* (See item [16](#))
- The largest-ever Android malware campaign may have duped as many as 5 million users into downloading infected apps from Google’s Android Market, Symantec said. – *Computerworld* (See item [44](#))

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### Energy Sector

**Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: LOW, Cyber: LOW**

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) - <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *January 29, Oklahoma City Oklahoman* – (Oklahoma) **Oil storage tank in Kingfisher explodes after being struck by bullet.** Fire officials said someone intentionally shot at an oil well tank in Kingfisher County, Oklahoma, January 29, causing it to explode and start a fire. The bullet struck the tank and caused enough pressure for the top to

explode. About 12 firefighters responded to the scene and were able to extinguish the fire with oil well foam before the blaze reached nearby wheat crops. The fire damaged two of the three Continental Operating Company oil tanks at the site, causing \$20,000 in damage. Company officials worked with firefighters to help shut the well down so the fire could be put out.

Source: <http://newsok.com/oil-storage-tank-in-kingfisher-explodes-after-being-struck-by-bullet/article/3644563>

2. *January 29, WICZ 40 Binghamton* – (New York) **Gasoline spill in Owego.** A broken gas pump caused the evacuation of 10 homes in Owego, New York, January 28. The Owego first assistant fire chief said a gas pump malfunctioned at a Citgo gas station on West Main Street, spraying 500 to 700 gallons of gasoline into the street. Around 50 to 100 gallons of gas went into a storm drain connected to a reservoir, leading to a river. A haz-mat team and the fire department stopped the gasoline spill before it reached the river. OP-TECH Environmental Services pumped most of the remaining product out of the reservoir.

Source: <http://www.wicz.com/news2005/viewarticle.asp?a=21927>

3. *January 28, New London Day* – (Connecticut) **90,000-gallon fuel leak at SEAT was undetected for years, officials say.** A diesel fuel leak that began more than 2 years ago at the Southeast Area Transit (SEAT) facility on Route 12 in Preston, Connecticut, has released 90,000 gallons of fuel into the surrounding environment. The ongoing cleanup effort is expected to cost at least \$1.4 million, the New London Day reported January 28. The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) first detected the fuel leak in August 2010 in an underground fuel line that fed above-ground fuel tanks at the SEAT facility. After a review of SEAT's fuel inventory records, DEEP determined the leak started at least 2 years ago. The SEAT general manager said January 27 that one estimate states fuel had been leaking for 6 to 10 years before it was detected. The diesel fuel traveled several hundred feet underground, reaching depths of 18 feet, and polluted a small tributary of Poquetanuck Cove, opening into the Thames River. The leak has neither affected drinking wells nor fish or other animals.

Source: <http://www.theday.com/article/20120128/NWS01/301289970/1018>

4. *January 28, Charleston Gazette* – (West Virginia; National) **Five years after Ghent blast, CSB points to reforms.** Five years after a propane tank exploded and killed four people at a Raleigh County, West Virginia convenience store, federal safety investigators are pointing to several reforms aimed at avoiding another such disaster. The U.S. Chemical Safety Board (CSB) reported “satisfactory progress in the adopting of a number of important CSB recommendations” contained in a September 2008 report on the massive explosion at the Little General Store in Ghent, the Charleston Gazette reported January 28. The board's chairman pointed to improved training requirements for propane technicians and emergency response operators. CSB records show regulators and industry have taken “acceptable actions” in response to only half of the dozen recommendations the board issued. Several others are listed as “open acceptable,” because the board believes they are “on the brink of completion.” Among other problems, the board noted the West Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services has not accepted the recommendation it require annual refresher training in

hazardous-materials response for all emergency medical personnel in the state. West Virginia requires such training only once every 2 years. In response to the incident, CSB investigators concluded the tanks involved were improperly located less than 10 feet from the store, a problem that propane company employees did not correct despite dozens of inspections. Board investigators also said propane technicians were not properly trained to spot problems with the tank's valves, and that local emergency responders had not been taught how to properly handle a propane accident.

Source: <http://wvgazette.com/News/201201280069>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

5. *January 29, Pocono Record* – (Pennsylvania) **Car hits chemical storage tank in Smithfield.** A car slammed into a roadside chemical storage tank January 28 in Smithfield Township, Pennsylvania. The crash, which occurred on Seven Bridges Road near the corner of Route 447, triggered a big response from emergency crews because the chemical in the tank, bioxide, is explosive and highly flammable. However, the chemical is only dangerous in powder form. It was in liquid form in the roadside storage tank, according to the chief of Marshalls Creek Fire Company. The driver of the car was taken to the hospital with moderate injuries. The director of the Monroe County Office of Emergency Management said the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) was contacted and will lead the clean-up of the spilled chemical, which would likely involve pouring neutralizer on it. Bioxide, an irritant, is used to reduce the smell of wastewater. The Smithfield Township Sewage Authority usually uses the chemicals at its treatment facility, according to a sewage official.

Source:

<http://www.poconorecord.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20120129/NEWS/201290328/-1/NEWS01>

6. *January 27, Syracuse Post-Standard* – (New York) **OSHA cites Syracuse company after worker is burned in fire.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) January 27 cited Syracuse, New York metal finisher Anthony River Inc. for repeated safety hazards and proposed penalties of \$51,680 after an employee was burned putting out a September fire at the plant. The worker suffered burns when vapors ignited in a store room holding more than 800 gallons of flammable liquids, OSHA said. Inspectors found nine serious violations and three repeat violations. The company was cited for three repeat violations because inspectors found similar hazards in 2011 and 2010. They include lack of an operating sprinkler system for a paint spray booth where flammable paint is used, an accumulation of flammable residue on paint spray booths, and use of an extension cord in place of fixed wiring. Other problems cited were: use of a lighter in the storage room; lack of ventilation in the room, and the presence of many open and uncovered containers. The company was also cited for unlabeled containers of hazardous chemicals, a lack of fire extinguisher training, and access being blocked to a fire extinguisher.

Source:

[http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2012/01/federal\\_government\\_cites\\_syrac.htm](http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2012/01/federal_government_cites_syrac.htm)  
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## **Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

7. *January 30, U.S. Department of Transportation* – (National) **NHTSA recall notice - Mazda Tribute master cylinder cap.** Mazda January 30 announced the recall of 52,390 model year 2001-2002 Mazda Tribute vehicles manufactured from April 20, 2000 through July 19, 2002. The brake master cylinder reservoir cap can leak brake fluid. If brake fluid leaks, it could come in contact with the antilock brake system (ABS) module wiring harness connector. Corrosion may develop in the electrical connector leading to melting, smoking, or possible fire. Mazda will notify owners, and dealers will replace the vehicle's brake master cylinder reservoir cap and modify the ABS electrical system. Mazda advised owners to park their vehicles outside, rather than in garages, until the repair has been performed.

Source: [http://www-](http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rel_ID=12V016000&summary=true&prod_id=240555&PrintVersion=YES)

[odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rel\\_ID=12V016000&summary=true&prod\\_id=240555&PrintVersion=YES](http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rel_ID=12V016000&summary=true&prod_id=240555&PrintVersion=YES)

8. *January 29, Cleveland Daily Banner* – (Tennessee) **Chemical fire reported at Mueller.** The Cleveland Fire Department rushed to the scene of a Toluene fire at Mueller Co. in Cleveland, Tennessee, January 28. Firefighters were able to vent the plant after opening a roof panel. Thick smoke covered the area after the fire was vented. Workers were evacuated and the fire was contained within about 2 hours, but fire crews remained on scene for many hours. A decontamination site for the firefighters was set up. Toluene is a solvent, and the highly flammable chemical can be an irritant to the upper respiratory tract and eyes. Mueller is a fluid and water control valve manufacturer.

Source: [http://www.clevelandbanner.com/view/full\\_story/17327803/article-Chemical-fire-reported-at-Mueller-?instance=latest\\_articles](http://www.clevelandbanner.com/view/full_story/17327803/article-Chemical-fire-reported-at-Mueller-?instance=latest_articles)

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## Defense Industrial Base Sector

9. *January 26, Symantec* – (International) **Insight into Sykipot Operations.** The Sykipot campaign has been persistent in the past few months targeting various industries, the majority of which belong to the defense industry, Symantec reported January 26. Each campaign was marked with a unique identifier comprised of a few letters followed by a date hard-coded within the Sykipot Trojan itself, researchers found. These campaign markers allowed the attackers to correlate different attacks on different organizations and industries. The attackers also left additional clues that allowed Symantec to gain insight into what appears to be a staging server that is used prior to the delivery of new binaries to targeted users. In addition, Symantec was able to confirm the server was also used as a command and control server for a period of time as well. The server is based in the Beijing region of China and was running on one of the largest ISPs in China.

Source: <http://www.symantec.com/connect/fr/blogs/insight-sykipot-operations-0>

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## Banking and Finance Sector

10. *January 30, Coeur d'Alene Press* – (Idaho; Oregon) **Car dealers face fraud charges.** A Post Falls, Idaho man is among three suspects accused of more than \$6 million in bank fraud as a former auto dealership owner, the Coeur d'Alene Press reported January 30. The man and his brother owned three now-closed D&R auto dealerships formerly located in Hermiston and Enterprise, Oregon. The indictment alleges that from January 2007 through August 2008, the men conspired to defraud KeyBank in connection with a Floorplan Line of Credit and Security Agreement, known in the auto industry as a “flooring loan.” KeyBank extended a line of credit to the dealerships to purchase new inventory, but the men allegedly failed to repay KeyBank after they sold the inventory. The indictment alleges the three deceived KeyBank into believing the dealerships had not yet sold inventory, including asking customers to return recently purchased vehicles to receive a free service on the day of an audit, and misrepresenting to KeyBank that automobiles not present on the lot were being used as rental cars. The indictment also alleges the defendants submitted false vehicle identification numbers (VINs) to KeyBank to receive funding for inventory the dealerships never purchased, and that defendants “double floored” vehicles with more than one financial institution.

Source: [http://www.cdapress.com/news/local\\_news/article\\_1f155dcb-146c-59e2-ac14-324f674981de.html](http://www.cdapress.com/news/local_news/article_1f155dcb-146c-59e2-ac14-324f674981de.html)

11. *January 30, Bloomberg* – (California) **FDIC sues ex-officers of Merced's County Bank over \$42 million in loans.** The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. (FDIC) January 27 sued former officials of County Bank in Merced, California, part of Capital Corp. of the West, claiming their mismanagement caused \$42 million in losses through bad loans. Named in the suit, filed in federal court in Fresno, were County Bank's former chief executive officer, three former vice presidents, and the former chief operating

officer and bank president. “[The d]efendants caused or allowed County to make imprudent real estate loans,” the FDIC said in the complaint. The bank ailed in 2009, according to the complaint. The FDIC is receiver for the bank. “Management repeatedly disregarded the bank’s credit policies and approved loans to borrowers who were not credit worthy” or lacked sufficient collateral, the FDIC alleged.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-01-30/fdic-sues-ex-officers-of-merced-s-county-bank-over-42-million-in-loans.html>

12. *January 30, WLS 7 Chicago* – (Illinois) **Wicker Park Bandit hits 9th bank.** The bank robber dubbed the Wicker Park Bandit struck again in Chicago January 28. No one has been hurt in any of the robberies. Most recently, a Chase Bank was hit. Authorities said it is the ninth bank to be robbed by the Wicker Park Bandit, at least one robbery every week since December 20. The face of the suspect is visible in surveillance photos and with Area 3 police headquarters only 2 blocks away from the latest robbery, it shows just how bold the robber has become.

Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/wls/story?section=news/local&id=8523865>

13. *January 28, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **Bank robber threatens clerk with Molotov cocktail.** Authorities in Crawford County, Iowa, are looking for a suspect who they said threatened a teller at the Westside State Bank in Vail with an explosive device before fleeing with an undisclosed amount of cash. The robbery occurred just after 9 a.m. January 28. The Crawford County sheriff said the man threatened a teller with a Molotov cocktail, but did not use the homemade bomb. The sheriff said the suspect took an undisclosed amount of cash and fled on foot.

Source: <http://www.kcci.com/r/30323507/detail.html>

14. *January 28, Norwalk Hour* – (Connecticut) **Stamford bank teller, N.Y. man plead guilty to tax fraud scheme.** A Stamford, Connecticut bank teller and a New York City man pleaded guilty January 26 and 27, respectively, in a U.S. district court in Hartford to fraudulently obtaining and cashing dozens of tax return checks. The defendants both played roles in the conspiracy, which defrauded the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) of nearly \$200,000. They both pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to defraud the IRS. The New York man and his co-conspirators, who were not named, obtained 35 tax return checks under false pretenses, and the employee cashed the checks while working as a teller at a bank in Stamford, prosecutors said. The scheme cost the IRS \$120,195.77, according to an indictment. Members of the fraud scheme also cashed \$19,000 in fraudulent tax return checks at other locations, according to court documents. Both defendants face 10 years in prison and \$400,000 in fines.

Source: <http://www.thehour.com/story/518719/stamford-bank-teller-n-y-man-plead-guilty-to-tax-fraud-scheme>

15. *January 27, ABC News* – (National) **New Fed task force subpoenas 11 in mortgage fraud probe.** A new federal and state task force was created January 27 to investigate mortgage fraud that contributed to the 2008 financial crisis, and the panel immediately subpoenaed 11 financial institutions. The U.S. attorney general said the new unit would consist of 55 Justice Department lawyers and analysts and 10 FBI agents to work with state attorney general’s offices to investigate how mortgage backed securities were

created, sold, and valued by financial institutions. The creation of the unit was announced by the U.S. President in his State of the Union address January 24. Making the announcement the attorney general disclosed that the Justice Department has sent civil subpoenas to 11 financial institutions as part of the investigation. They did not identify the targets of the subpoenas. Although the FBI, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, and Justice Department have been investigating numerous aspects of the financial crisis, officials hope the new group may be able to use New York State's Martin Act, which gives investigators broad powers to investigate fraud. The act allows New York to bring criminal and civil fraud charges without needing to show intent to commit fraud.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/politics/2012/01/new-fed-task-force-subpoenas-11-in-mortgage-fraud-probe/>

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## **Transportation Sector**

16. *January 30, Orlando Sentinel* – (Florida) **'Low visibility' reported hours before Florida interstate pileup that killed 10.** Troopers reopened Interstate 75 January 30 as the investigation continued into the massive pileup that killed 10 people on the highway near Gainesville, Florida the weekend of January 28. The Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) released an accident report January 30 showing there was a three-way crash at 11:55 p.m., involving a tractor-trailer and two SUVs, that preceded the massive pileup early January 29, according to the Associated Press. One person was seriously injured in the January 28 crash. A trooper noted in his report "there was heavy smoke in the area, causing low visibility." The highway was closed to traffic a short time later. The 19-vehicle crash happened after the smoke- and fog-shrouded highway reopened at about 4 a.m. Besides the 10 people killed, 18 people were hospitalized. Wreckage, some of it burned and twisted, stretched for about a mile along the high-traffic road, the main transit route down the middle of the state. It was closed in both directions for hours. Troopers re-opened lanes the evening of January 29, but shut the interstate down again early January 30 because of smoke and visibility issues, a FHP spokesperson said. All lanes reopened at about 11 a.m. January 30. A 62-acre fire broke out January 28 in Paynes Prairie, a wildlife area that straddles the freeway just south of Gainesville, but a spokeswoman for the Florida Forest Service said it was not clear how it started. Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/os-florida-highway-deaths-killed-i-75-20120130,0,2598249.story>
17. *January 30, Fremont Tribune* – (Nebraska) **Fire in rail car load with butter closes line for hours.** Firefighters had to cut through the side of a refrigerated train car to gain access, and then used a backhoe to offload butter to battle a fire shortly before noon January 28 in Fremont, Nebraska. Union Pacific Railroad officials and the Fremont Rural fire chief said January 30 a damage estimate had not yet been determined, but the fire between Downing Street and Hills Farm Road closed the Union Pacific main line from about 11:48 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. "That line sees about 30 trains a day," said Union

Pacific's director of corporate relations and media. The refrigerated box car was close to the middle of a 101-car train that left North Platte and was on its way to Chicago, he said. An investigation into the fire was focusing on the car's diesel-powered refrigeration unit. Fire got into the car's wood floor and burned into the pallets and boxes of butter, and into the insulation and wood framing of the boxcar.

Source: [http://fremonttribune.com/news/local/fire-in-rail-car-load-with-butter-closes-line-for/article\\_bb5f03ce-4b53-11e1-a86f-001871e3ce6c.html](http://fremonttribune.com/news/local/fire-in-rail-car-load-with-butter-closes-line-for/article_bb5f03ce-4b53-11e1-a86f-001871e3ce6c.html)

18. *January 30, West Bloomfield Patch* – (Michigan) **Bus vandalism closes West Bloomfield schools.** Classes were canceled January 30 for West Bloomfield School District, Michigan students because of bus vandalism. The district's Web site lists mechanical difficulties as the reason for the closure, but in an e-mail the district sent at 6:55 a.m., the more specific reason of bus vandalism was cited as the reason classes were canceled. Orchard Lake Our Lady of Refuge was also closed, as announced via phone January 30, due to lack of transportation as a result of the West Bloomfield Schools being closed.  
Source: <http://westbloomfield.patch.com/articles/bus-vandalism-closes-west-bloomfield-schools>
19. *January 30, WDRB 41 Louisville* – (Kentucky) **Warning: the partially-collapsed Eggner Ferry bridge could be unstable.** The partially-collapsed Eggner Ferry Bridge in southwest Kentucky is deteriorating, and state officials are warning people to stay off of it. The railing along the bridge is buckling. Experts say the bent guardrails on the east side of the bridge show the structure has moved, since a cargo ship crashed into it January 26. Bridge inspectors plan to install monitors the week of January 30 to tell whether the remainder of the bridge is, indeed, shifting. In the meantime, anyone who walks on the bridge to get a better look at the damage risks getting a citation. The U.S. Coast Guard re-opened a portion of the lake January 28. The bridge is closed indefinitely.  
Source: <http://www.wdrb.com/story/16628997/warning>
20. *January 27, Beaver County Times* – (Pennsylvania) **Man attempts railroad heist in Aliquippa.** Aliquippa, Pennsylvania police charged an Allegheny County man with attempting to steal "several hundred feet" of railroad tracks to sell as scrap metal, Beaver County Times reported January 28. The suspect was using cutting torches, a Bobcat tractor, and a rolling Dumpster to remove rails when police arrived at the tracks near the U.S. Electrofused Metals building, according to a police report. The Ohio Central Railroad estimated damages to the track at \$83,431. The suspect also removed nine light poles from nearby property, with an estimated damage at \$31,500. Police charged the suspect with theft, criminal mischief, and railroad vandalism/interfering with a transportation facility, according to the report.  
Source: [http://www.timesonline.com/news/local\\_news/man-attempts-railroad-heist-in-aliquippa/article\\_00a672db-5dae-550c-bb4b-f0bd926cb711.html](http://www.timesonline.com/news/local_news/man-attempts-railroad-heist-in-aliquippa/article_00a672db-5dae-550c-bb4b-f0bd926cb711.html)

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## Postal and Shipping Sector

21. *January 27, Green Bay Press-Gazette* – (Wisconsin) **Bomb squad removes explosive from Black Wolf mailbox.** The Brown County bomb squad removed an explosive device placed in a mailbox in Black Wolf, Wisconsin, the week of January 23. Winnebago County sheriff's deputies contacted the Brown County squad for help after receiving a call January 26 reporting the bomb. Shortly after, it was notified a mailbox exploded on nearby Country Club Road. The bomb on Black Wolf Avenue malfunctioned and did not explode. Deputies continue to investigate both incidents.  
Source:  
<http://www.greenbaypressgazette.com/article/20120128/GPG0101/201280587/Bomb-squad-removes-explosive-from-Black-Wolf-mailbox>

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## Agriculture and Food Sector

22. *January 28, Food Safety News* – (Pennsylvania; Maryland) **6 campylobacter cases linked to raw milk from Pennsylvania dairy.** Six people have been infected with campylobacter in an outbreak linked to raw milk from a farm in Pennsylvania, the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene said January 27. Three cases of campylobacteris have been reported in Pennsylvania, and three in Maryland. All six infected individuals drank unpasteurized milk from the Family Cow dairy in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, according to the health department news release. The Family Cow sells directly to consumers at its on-farm retail store, and at several drop-off locations and retail stores in nine Pennsylvania counties: Bucks, Cumberland, Dauphin, Delaware, Franklin, Lebanon, Montgomery, Philadelphia, and York. The Maryland health department, along with the Pennsylvania Department of Health, is recommending that consumers discard raw milk purchased since January 1 from the implicated farm. The milk is labeled “raw milk” and is sold under the “Your Family Cow” label in plastic gallon, half gallon, quart, and pint containers.  
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/01/maryland-links-6-campylobacter-cases-to-raw-milk-from-pennsylvania-dairy/>
23. *January 28, Press of Atlantic City* – (New Jersey; National) **New Jersey bans the catch and sale of river herring after failing to provide adequate data.** New Jersey has shut down its river herring fishery partly because it does not have the personnel or the funding to collect the data it needs, the Press of Atlantic City reported January 28. That means fishermen who net the herring, mostly for the bait business, can no longer do so. Recreational anglers, including fly fishermen, no longer may target them. If an angler catches a river herring by accident, it now must be thrown back. Commercial fishermen who work offshore and land river herring as an accidental by-catch of squid, mackerel, and Atlantic herring operations, also cannot sell them in New Jersey. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection commissioner closed the fishery in state waters January 26, said the head of the New Jersey Bureau of Marine Fisheries (BMF). The state had been under a deadline from the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries

Commission (ASMFC) to prove the fishery was sustainable. It may be sustainable, the head of the BMF said, but they do not have the staff to prove it. New Jersey is not the only state that failed to meet the ASMFC mandate. The river herring coordinator with the ASMFC said New Jersey is joined by Georgia, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and Washington, D.C. She said Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts already had state bans due to stock declines.

Source: [http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/sports/local/fishing\\_boating/new-jersey-bans-the-catch-and-sale-of-river-herring/article\\_ef9c31bc-494f-11e1-a43d-001871e3ce6c.html](http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/sports/local/fishing_boating/new-jersey-bans-the-catch-and-sale-of-river-herring/article_ef9c31bc-494f-11e1-a43d-001871e3ce6c.html)

24. *January 27, United Press International* – (National) **Water quality said to affect herbicides.** The quality of water used to spray herbicides can affect their efficiency and crop producers should test water sources, U.S. researchers said. Research by Purdue University found hard water or water with pH values as low as 4 or as high as 9 can lessen the efficacy of certain common plant herbicides. “At this point, it seems to be specific to a limited number of compounds,” a professor of botany and plant pathology said in a news release January 27. Some common herbicides sensitive to spray water quality included glyphosate, nicosulfuron, and saflufenacil, he said. Testing spray water for pH and hardness is especially important if producers are getting water from multiple sources because levels can vary from well to well, he said.

Source: <http://outcomemag.com/science/2012/01/27/water-quality-said-to-affect-herbicides/>

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## **Water Sector**

25. *January 29, Saratoga Springs Saratogian* – (New York) **Boil water advisory in effect for residents in the Geysers Crest Water District.** A boil water advisory was issued January 28 for residents in the Geysers Crest Water District in New York and will stay in effect until further notice. This district includes all of Geysers Crest as well as residents in Milton who get water from the city of Saratoga Springs. The advisory took effect at noon January 28. “There was a break in a pipe at the water treatment plant this morning [January 28] which forced the plant to shut down for approximately two hours,” the city public works commissioner said.

Source:

<http://saratogian.com/articles/2012/01/29/news/doc4f243b03e3497951150066.txt>

26. *January 28, WTVQ 36 Lexington* – (Kentucky) **Changes to boil water advisory in Somerset.** The boil water warning in Pulaski County, Kentucky, was lifted January 28 specifically for the customers in the City of Somerset and Ferguson, however, the water advisory was still in effect for Science Hill Water, Southeastern Water, Western Pulaski, and Eubank Water. The warnings were put out January 26 after a water main break.

Source: <http://www.wtvq.com/content/localnews/story/Changes-to-Boil-Water-Advisory-in-Somerset/6dMfloHVGEWvKEiZM7EZWw.cspX>

27. *January 27, Portland Oregonian* – (Oregon) **Slow leaks at Ice Harbor dam spill 1,500 gallons of transformer oil into Snake River.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers detected slow oil leaks from two transformers at Ice Harbor Dam in Walla Walla and Franklin County, Washington, that spilled about 1,500 gallons into the Snake River, including low levels of toxic PCBs, the Washington Department of Ecology said January 27. The Corps reported that about 800 gallons of oil spilled from one of transformers contained 2 parts per million of PCBs, a largely banned industrial insulator that persists in aging equipment. Oil leaks and PCB contamination from dams on the Columbia and Snake rivers have long been a concern. Corps officials first spotted and reported sporadic sheens in December, but believe the leaks have been occurring since June based on transformer oil inventory records. The spill, near Pasco was not dense enough to require immediate clean up actions on the river, regulators said. A spokesman with the Corps' Walla Walla district said they had difficulty tracing the source of the sheens, but eventually pegged them to pinhole leaks that grew over time in corroded cooling units. The transformers have been shut down for repairs, stopping the leaks, he said, adding the dam's power generation should not be significantly affected. The Corps has ordered new parts for all three, oil-cooled heat exchangers, he said. The PCB levels in the spilled oil appear to be below federal water quality standards but above state standards, the spokesman said.

Source:

[http://www.oregonlive.com/environment/index.ssf/2012/01/slow\\_transformer\\_leaks\\_at\\_ice.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/environment/index.ssf/2012/01/slow_transformer_leaks_at_ice.html)

28. *January 27, Chattanooga Times Free Press* – (Georgia) **Permanent fix being made to LaFayette pump station after sewage spill.** LaFayette, Georgia wastewater employees January 27 finished a permanent fix to an underground pump station at which an estimated 50,000 to 60,000 gallons of raw sewage spilled January 23. City employees worked around-the-clock to fix the sewage lift station at Shattuck Industrial Boulevard near the creek. A check valve failed, causing the facility to flood, which resulted in electrical shortages and pump failures. Workers immediately set up a portable pump to prevent further sewage overflows and then worked day and night to fix the facility. Officials said water testing by the city showed Chattooga Creek had excellent oxygen levels, and that recent heavy rains helped dilute the spill. The Georgia Environmental Protection Division said the City of LaFayette will likely be fined.

Source: <http://timesfreepress.com/news/2012/jan/27/permanent-fix-being-made-lafayette-pump-station-af/?breakingnews>

29. *January 26, Jefferson Post* – (North Carolina) **Jefferson water leak found in time to avert shortage.** Jefferson, North Carolina, narrowly avoided a water shortage in January when a leak drained over 1.2 million gallons of water from storage in 4 days, the Jefferson Post reported January 26. The water resources director said the leak was taking over 300,000 gallons a day, which is about what the town normally produces per day. If the leak had not been discovered when it was, he said he was considering implementing the water shortage response plan, leading to rationing and possible lost

time for factory workers. Officials said the water plant operator discovered January 6 that one of the town's storage tanks was empty and others down. After searching lines around town and calling on industries and businesses for three and a half days, they finally discovered the leak at the old Hanes building January 9. The line for the sprinkler system had broken somewhere underground and water was running straight through a 6-inch pipe into the pond beside the building. Since the water was not coming to the surface, it had not been noticed. The gauge was shut off and that stopped the leak, but the line is not repaired. This situation revealed a need to have every water line attached to the town system metered. Jefferson's storage is now back to a comfortable level, the director reported.

Source: [http://www.jeffersonpost.com/view/full\\_story/17299484/article-Jefferson-water-leak-found-in-time-to-avert-shortage?instance=secondary\\_news\\_left\\_column](http://www.jeffersonpost.com/view/full_story/17299484/article-Jefferson-water-leak-found-in-time-to-avert-shortage?instance=secondary_news_left_column)

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

30. *January 27, KFVS 12 Cape Girardeau* – (Missouri) **Chemical mixture error sends some to hospital.** Several people were sent to the hospital after a chemical mixture error at HealthPoint Fitness in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, around 11:15 a.m. January 27. The building was evacuated after a mixing error involving laundry chemicals, according to Southeast Health. According to the fire department, the mixture caused a chemical reaction as one of the chemicals was a mild acid and the other was an oxidizer. Three employees were taken to the hospital for precautionary reasons. They were treated for minor chemical irritation and were released later that day. The fire department used haz-mat suits and removed a 15-gallon container of mixed chemicals from the building, according to the fire department. HealthPoint reopened at 2 p.m. Rehab appointments were rescheduled.

Source: <http://www.kfvs12.com/story/16617401/chemical-spill-sends-some-to-hospital>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

31. *January 30, Sacramento Bee* – (California) **Hacker hits Sacramento city website.** The city of Sacramento, California's main Web site and two other city sites were taken offline January 29, apparently after someone hacked into a parking Web site. On January 29, readers reported to the Sacramento Bee that a city parking Web site had been taken over by someone who wrote: "HaCKed by El \_MhUaMMcD. This Turkish Hacker." The city also learned about the problem at 9 a.m. and sent six employees to city offices to troubleshoot, officials said. A city spokesman said the Web sites affected were ones for parks and recreation, the convention center, and the city's main Web site. He said other city Web sites, which are on other servers, appeared to be intact.

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2012/01/30/4224374/hacker-hits-sacramento-city-website.html>

32. *January 30, Reuters* – (California) **Arrests in Oakland protests rise to more than 400.** Crews cleaned up Oakland’s historic city hall January 29 from damage inflicted overnight during violent anti-Wall Street protests that resulted in about 400 arrests, marking one of the largest mass arrests since nationwide protests began last year in Oakland, California. The skirmishes injured three officers and at least one demonstrator. Police said a group of protesters burned an American flag in front of city hall, then entered the building and destroyed a vending machine, light fixtures, and a historic scale model of the edifice. The city’s 911 emergency system was overwhelmed during the disturbances. “While city hall sustained damage, we anticipate that all city offices will be open for regular business January 31,” said the Oakland city administrator. Violence erupted again in Oakland January 28 when protesters attempted to take over the apparently empty downtown convention center to establish a new headquarters and draw attention to the problem of homelessness. Police in riot gear moved in to drive back the crowd, which they estimated at about 500 protesters.  
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/01/30/us-oakland-protests-idUSTRE80S00520120130>
33. *January 28, Central Florida News 13 Orlando* – (Florida) **More acid bombs found at Valencia College.** Potentially explosive material has continued popping up on campus at Valencia College in Orlando, Florida, Central Florida News 13 Orlando reported January 28. For the third time in several weeks, someone planted acid bombs in the area. There were a total of seven bottles found in several parking lots and along walkways near buildings. The devices were made up of soda bottles filled with explosive household chemicals. Two of them exploded January 27, about 100 yards apart. Earlier this month, students were returning from winter break, when three acid bombs were discovered in an alley behind the student services building and in a parking lot. Two of the bombs exploded. Authorities have not named suspects or announced any arrests.  
Source: <http://www.cfnews13.com/article/news/2012/january/375396/More-acid-bombs-found-at-Valencia-College>
34. *January 28, WAVY 10 Portsmouth* – (Virginia) **Bail agent arrested for threats.** A licensed Virginia bail agent was arrested January 26 for allegedly threatening judicial officers in New Kent County, Virginia. According to the Criminal Justice Reform Coalition, the bail agent was arrested on charges of extortion, stalking, and threatening to maim or kill government officials. He was taken into custody on warrants from New Kent County and is being held at the Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail without bond.  
Source: [http://www.wavy.com/dpp/news/local\\_news/bail-agent-arrested-for-threats](http://www.wavy.com/dpp/news/local_news/bail-agent-arrested-for-threats)
35. *January 27, WTAM 1100 Cleveland* – (Ohio) **Orange students charged in bomb threat expelled.** The three teenagers charged January 26 with making 17 e-mailed bomb threats to Orange High School in Pepper Pike, Ohio, have been expelled from school. That is according to a statement from the Orange Schools, posted January 27 on the district’s Web site. The three boys, aged 16 and 17, were charged in Cuyahoga

County Juvenile Court with 17 felony counts each of inducing panic, two misdemeanor counts each of telecommunications harassment, and one count each of possession of criminal tools (the computers used to send the e-mails). They are scheduled to be in juvenile court February 13. The numerous bomb threats forced Orange school leaders to cancel classes at the high school for 3 days in November. Even though the threats continued, classes resumed after Pepper Pike police and the FBI determined there was no bomb and no chemical threat as had been mentioned in some later e-mails.

Source: <http://www.wtam.com/cc-common/news/sections/newsarticle.html?feed=122520&article=9678984>

36. *January 27, Los Angeles Daily Breeze* – (California) **3 Palos Verdes High students arrested in grade-tampering plot.** Three Palos Verdes High School juniors in Palos Verdes, California, were arrested January 26 on suspicion of breaking into classrooms, hacking into four teachers' computers, and changing their grades online, police said. The teens, who were taken into custody on suspicion of burglary, also repeatedly broke into classrooms late at night on the Palos Verdes Estates campus to steal hard copies of tests from teachers' desks. They figured out the answers and sold them and the actual exams to classmates before the tests were given, a Palos Verdes Estates police sergeant said. Teachers apparently were unaware their computers had been hacked and grades changed until a few weeks ago, when a student brought the scandal to the attention of administrators, and teachers noticed discrepancies in their bookkeeping. The alleged grade-tampering crimes began several months ago, when the three students allegedly picked the lock to a janitors' office late at night, the sergeant said. The teens pilfered a master key, used it to enter several classrooms, removed hard copies of tests from teachers' drawers and tampered with the computers.

Source: [http://www.dailybreeze.com/ci\\_19829634?source=rss\\_viewed](http://www.dailybreeze.com/ci_19829634?source=rss_viewed)

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

37. *January 30, Franklin News-Post* – (Virginia) **Missing street signs cause 911 problems.** A spike in the number of street sign thefts has prompted the sheriff's office to increase patrols and ask residents for assistance. The thefts usually average about 30 per month, according to the lieutenant with the Franklin County, Virginia Sheriff's Office. But in December and January, the number of thefts significantly increased, especially in Truevine and Boones Mill. "The thefts cause a problem for first responders, who rely on those street signs to locate residences," he said. "Missing street signs also interfere with Fed Ex and UPS deliveries." Anyone found with a street sign will be charged with possession of stolen property, he said. And anyone found in the act of taking the signs will be charged with larceny.

Source: <http://www.thefranklinnewspost.com/article.cfm?ID=21198>

38. *January 30, Associated Press* – (Indiana) **Super Bowl XLVI security stepped up as NFL descends on Indianapolis.** Indianapolis, Indiana, is preparing for security and safety threats during the Superbowl, the Associated Press reported January 30. The

National Football League's showcase event will consume 44 blocks in the heart of the city, closing off streets and forcing an anticipated 150,000 or more fans to jockey with downtown workers for space much of the week. Up to 1,000 city police officers will be in the stadium and on the street, carrying smartphones and other electronic hand-held devices that will enable them to feed photos and video to a new state-of-the-art operations center on the city's east side, or to cruisers driven by officers providing backup, according to the city's public safety director. One concern has been a series of explosions in Indianapolis Power & Light's (IPL) underground network of utility cables. Eight explosions have occurred since 2010. The latest, November 19, turned a manhole cover into a projectile that heavily damaged a parked car. Since December, IPL has spent about \$180,000 to install 150 new locking manhole covers, primarily in the Super Bowl village and other areas expected to see high pre-game traffic.

Source: <http://www.wjla.com/articles/2012/01/super-bowl-xlvi-security-stepped-up-as-nfl-descends-on-indianapolis-72020.html>

39. *January 27, Redlands Daily Facts* – (California) **Federal prison on lockdown after assaults.** The Federal Correctional Institution in Victorville, California was placed on lockdown January 27 after two incidents during which staff were assaulted by inmates. The two staff members involved were treated for minor injuries, according to a news release from the Federal Bureau of Prisons. The inmates involved in the attacks have been secured, and the FBI has been called about the incidents.  
Source: [http://www.redlandsdailyfacts.com/sanbernardinocounty/ci\\_19839559](http://www.redlandsdailyfacts.com/sanbernardinocounty/ci_19839559)
40. *January 27, WSLs 10 Roanoke* – (Virginia) **Blaze at Brosville station caused \$1 million in damages.** State investigators are trying to find out what caused the fire at Brosville Community Volunteer Fire Department in Brosville, Virginia, January 26. A Virginia State Police special agent said arson is currently not suspected in the blaze that caused about \$1 million in damage. The fire damaged the building and equipment, including two bays and two emergency vehicles. Several firefighting and rescue agencies responded to the fire, including those from Ringgold, Cascade, Bachelors Hall, Tunstall, and Blairs. During an interview January 27, the Brosville fire chief said he expected the department to return to full operation by the end of the day January 27. EMS supplies will have to be replaced and the department will spend the next few weeks restocking inventory, the chief said. He said medical equipment including oxygen tanks, first aid kits, and other items also must be replaced. Extrication equipment such as Jaws of Life will have to be tested or replaced, the chief added. The Brosville crew will operate in the undamaged part of the station, and it will take 3 to 6 months to return the building to full operation, he said.  
Source: <http://www2.wsls.com/news/2012/jan/27/brosville-fire-probe-continues-arson-not-suspected-ar-1644986/>

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## Information Technology Sector

41. *January 30, BBC News* – (International) **Technology firms create DMarc to fight phishing.** A crackdown on “phishing” scams has been announced by 15 of the top technology companies. E-mail providers such as Google and Microsoft will work with companies like Paypal and the Bank of America to improve authentication. The Domain-based Message Authentication, Reporting and Conformance (DMarc) coalition has released plans to produce a “feedback loop” between e-mail receivers and senders. The initiative is the first significant attempt to bring together e-mail and service providers along with key security organizations. DMarc said this industry-wide involvement — which covers the receivers, senders, and intermediaries of e-mail use — will mean e-mail providers will for the first time be able to reliably filter out unwanted e-mails, rather than use “complex and imperfect measurements” to determine threats.  
Source: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-16787503>
42. *January 28, Dark Reading* – (International) **New drive-by spam infects those who open email — no attachment needed.** Attackers have developed a new way to infect a user’s PC through e-mail. According to researchers at eleven, a German security firm, the new drive-by spam automatically downloads malware when an e-mail is opened in the e-mail client. The user does not have to click on a link or open an attachment — just opening the e-mail is enough. The current wave of drive-by spam contains the subject “Banking security update” and has a sender address with the domain fdic.com. If the e-mail client allows HTML e-mails to be displayed, the HTML code is immediately activated.  
Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/security/attacks-breaches/232500660/new-drive-by-spam-infects-those-who-open-email-no-attachment-needed.html>
43. *January 27, IDG News Service* – (International) **Drive-by-download attack exploits critical vulnerability in Windows Media Player.** Security researchers from antivirus vendor Trend Micro have come across a Web-based attack that exploits a known vulnerability in Windows Media Player, a threat response engineer said in a blog post January 26. The security flaw can be exploited by tricking the victim into opening a specially crafted MIDI (Musical Instrument Digital Interface) file in Windows Media Player. Microsoft released a security fix for it January 10, as part of its monthly patch cycle. If successful, the exploit downloads and executes a computer Trojan on the targeted system, which Trend Micro detects as TROJ\_DLOAD.QYUA. “[So] far we’ve been seeing some serious payload, including rootkit capabilities,” the Trend Micro engineer said. The attack is not widespread at the moment, but it is possible other attackers will start exploiting the same vulnerability in the near future, a senior antivirus researcher said.  
Source:  
[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9223768/Drive\\_by\\_download\\_attack\\_exploits\\_critical\\_vulnerability\\_in\\_Windows\\_Media\\_Player](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9223768/Drive_by_download_attack_exploits_critical_vulnerability_in_Windows_Media_Player)
44. *January 27, Computerworld* – (International) **Massive Android malware op may have infected 5 million users.** The largest-ever Android malware campaign may have

duped as many as 5 million users into downloading infected apps from Google's Android Market, Symantec said January 27. Dubbed "Android.Counterclank" by Symantec, the malware was packaged in 13 different apps from three different publishers, with titles ranging from "Sexy Girls Puzzle" to "Counter Strike Ground Force." "They don't appear to be real publishers," a director with Symantec's security response team said in an interview. "These aren't rebundled apps, as we've seen so many times before." Symantec estimated the impact by combining the download totals of the 13 apps, arriving at a figure between 1 million on the low end and 5 million on the high. When installed on an Android smartphone, Android. Counterclank collects a wide range of information, including copies of the bookmarks and the handset maker. It also modifies the browser's home page.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9223777/Massive\\_Android\\_malware\\_op\\_may\\_have\\_infected\\_5\\_million\\_users](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9223777/Massive_Android_malware_op_may_have_infected_5_million_users)

45. *January 27, H Security* – (International) **Cisco Security Appliances at risk from Telnet bug.** Cisco has warned of a vulnerability in the telnet server used in its IronPort Email Security Appliances (ESA) and IronPort Security Management Appliances (SMA) monitoring solutions. The vulnerability could be exploited by an attacker to remotely execute code on a system by sending a specially crafted command to the telnet daemon (telnetd). A buffer overflow in the encrypt\_keyid() function causes the server to execute the injected code with system privileges. Updates are available for many distributions, including Red Hat and Debian. Kerberos 5 (krb5-appl) up to and including version 1.0.2 and Heimdal up to and including version 1.5.1 are also affected. The vulnerability is already being actively exploited and an exploit for the vulnerability is freely available.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Cisco-Security-Appliances-at-risk-from-Telnet-bug-1423741.html>

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### Internet Alert Dashboard

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Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <https://www.it-isac.org>

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## Communications Sector

46. *January 30, KTBS 3 Shreveport* – (Louisiana; Texas) **Verizon customers experiencing outages.** The work week was off to a bad start for many Verizon Wireless customers in northeast Texas and northwest Louisiana January 30. According to a Verizon Wireless spokeswoman, an outage was impacting both 3G and voice service customers in parts of the Arklatex. As of the afternoon of January 30, there was no word on how many

customers were affected or when the problem might be resolved.

Source: <http://www.ktbs.com/news/30330961/detail.html>

47. *January 29, Hunterdon County Democrat* – (New Jersey) **CenturyLink landline telephone service restored to northern Hunterdon County after outage.** Phone service in northern Hunterdon County, New Jersey, was back to normal around 11 p.m. January 28, according to a CenturyLink spokesman. At about 8:15 p.m., an electronic card failed, affecting customers in the Clinton, Califon, Hampton, and High Bridge exchanges, he said. Phone calls could be made within those exchanges, but there was no landline communication in or out of those exchanges. Affected exchanges were 537, 638, 238, 328, 735, 730, 713, and 832. Phone service at Hunterdon Medical Center in the Raritan Township-Flemington area had also been disrupted. Hunterdon County Office of Emergency Management officials were advising residents to use cell phones to call 911 if they had an emergency, and fire and rescue companies were advised to have crews standing by, apparently to keep response time low to compensate for any delays in receiving word of emergencies.

Source: [http://www.nj.com/hunterdon-county-democrat/index.ssf/2012/01/centurylink\\_landline\\_telephone.html](http://www.nj.com/hunterdon-county-democrat/index.ssf/2012/01/centurylink_landline_telephone.html)

48. *January 29, TechCrunch* – (International) **DreamHost’s unhappy January continues: First, a database breach, now an outage.** DreamHost, the low-cost hosting provider and domain name registrar found some unauthorized activity in its databases January 20, which they later admitted were a series of attacks that may have led to the theft of some FTP passwords. The company required mandatory password resets for all their Shell/FTP accounts. Dreamhost’s problems continued January 29, as they have been reporting outages, as Web, SSH, and FTP services were down for many of the firm’s virtual private servers (VPS), shared, and dedicated machines. The outage was reported at 4 a.m. Pacific Standard Time January 29, and continued throughout the day. In the company’s initial blog post, the team said “the apache (web), SSH, and FTP services on a subset of our VPS and dedicated servers are currently down. FTP services on some shared servers are also experiencing downtime.” Furthermore, the post said the outage only affected Web VPS/dedicated and shared web server FTP services, while other services or servers were unaffected. Judging from the parade of comments and subsequent updates, users were experiencing problems with MySQL and Webmail services as well. The majority of the large problems seemed to have been addressed as of 6:30 p.m. DreamHost plays host to thousands of small Web sites and personal blogs across the Web. Most of the sites are back up, but from what these site owners have learned from DreamHost, the VPS server was damaged by new software they were installing the morning of January 29, leading to a sizable outage with ripple effects. Even though the outage lasted nearly 24 hours for some, many could not even access files to move to another host.

Source: <http://techcrunch.com/2012/01/29/dreamhosts-unhappy-january-continues-first-a-database-breach-now-an-outage/>

49. *January 27, KOSA 7 Odessa* – (Texas) **Downed power lines cause power, Internet outages.** Cableone Internet service was restored to some customers in west Texas after outages January 27. A truck hauling an oil rig was hauling a bigger load than permitted,

which downed power lines the morning of January 27. Power was out for several hours but has since been restored. However, a fiber line was also cut. Internet service was affected for Cableone, Grande, and AT&T customers.

Source: <http://www.cbs7.com/news/details.asp?ID=32137>

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## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

50. *January 29, St. Joseph News-Press* – (Missouri) **Residents flee apartment blaze.** A fire early January 29 forced 23 apartment residents in St. Joseph, Missouri, to awaken and flee a fire ruled to have been intentionally set. “This fire is being declared incendiary and evidence has been sent to a laboratory for testing,” a St. Joseph Fire Department inspector said. Damages were estimated at \$300,000.  
Source: <http://www.newspressnow.com/localnews/30325968/detail.html>
51. *January 29, Sierra Vista Herald* – (Arizona) **Suspected gas leak leads to evacuation of apartment complex.** A suspected underground gas leak resulted in the evacuation of the entire Sierra Antigua Apartment Complex, in Sierra Vista, Arizona, January 29. According to a Sierra Vista firefighter on the scene, all four buildings of the complex were evacuated roughly 15 minutes after the call was initiated. Residents of the complex were directed across the street to nearby Bella Vista Elementary School, where a school official had been called in to open the facility so evacuees could stay out of the cold.  
Source: <http://www.svherald.com/content/breaking-news/2012/01/29/246230>
52. *January 28, AOL Sporting News* – (Louisiana) **Lions fan admits calling in bomb threat during team’s playoff loss to Saints.** The FBI is investigating a football fan who threatened to blow up the Mercedes-Benz Superdome in New Orleans during the Saints’ NFC playoff victory over the Detroit Lions January 7, the New Orleans Times-Picayune reported January 28. A man from Jackson, Michigan is reportedly wanted on suspicion of phoning in a bomb threat during the game. The newspaper reported the threat was called in to the Superdome’s Gate F reception desk at 9:12 p.m., according to an FBI affidavit filed in federal court January 26. The suspect also made another call about 50 minutes later threatening the New Orleans Saints coach. FBI agents reportedly used phone records to trace the calls to the man. He was interviewed by a Detroit-based FBI agent and admitted to placing the calls after hearing them.  
Source: <http://aol.sportingnews.com/nfl/story/2012-01-28/lions-fan-admits-calling-in-bomb-threat-during-teams-playoff-loss-to-saints#ixzz1kxEfzPhq>

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## National Monuments and Icons Sector

53. *January 30, msnbc.com* – (District of Columbia) **Occupy DC faces eviction as deadline passes.** Occupy protesters in Washington D.C. were preparing for possible eviction as a noon January 30 deadline set by federal park authorities to end camping at some of the movement's last remaining large encampments passed. The National Park Service said in a flier released January 27 it would begin enforcing regulations prohibiting camping and the use of temporary structures for camping at McPherson Square and Freedom Plaza. Individual violators may be subject to arrest and their property subject to seizure as evidence, the flier said.  
Source: <http://usnews.msnbc.msn.com/news/2012/01/30/10269917-occupy-dc-faces-noon-deadline-to-end-camping>

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## Dams Sector

54. *January 30, Sikeston Standard Democrat; Associated Press* – (Missouri; Illinois) **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers keeping watch on levees.** Daily inspections of the reconstructed levees near New Madrid, Missouri, have begun as the Mississippi River continues to rise, the Sikeston Standard Democrat reported January 30. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Memphis District said daily patrols are checking the middle and upper crevasses, which were created when the Corps breached the levee last May. Pointing out the National Weather Service (NWS) is currently forecasting a crest of 43.5 feet on the Cairo, Illinois, gauge February 6, the Corps said this should not impact the levee at the upper crevasse. "The repaired levee at the center crevasse will likely see 2 to 4 feet of water on it," an official said in his most recent update on the Birds Point-New Madrid Floodway. Officials said an eight-man maintenance crew returned to the floodway January 25 to repair the plastic sheeting blown loose in a severe thunderstorm January 22. Work then began on repairs to access roads at the center and upper crevasses.  
Source: <http://www.semissourian.com/story/1809984.html>
55. *January 29, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* – (Pennsylvania) **Pittsburgh area's aging locks and dams approach 'scary' status.** According to local and national waterway officials, unscheduled waterway closures in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Pittsburgh District are common. Western Pennsylvania's 23 locks are old and, in some cases, crumbling, officials said January 29. About half of the locks in the United States are 50 years or older, according to Corps data. In Western Pennsylvania, 66 percent are 50 years or older. The Dashields lock and dam on the Ohio River has unstable chamber walls that move when vessels pass. At Lock and Dam No. 2 on the Allegheny, large chunks of concrete have fallen off chamber walls, risking vessels and crew. At the 76-year-old Montgomery Lock and Dam on the Ohio, the gates are so old and weak that two gave out in 2005 after loose barges crashed into them, although they are designed

to sustain such a hit. Combine that with continued cuts to federal funding for maintenance and operations, and the region's waterways are not only unreliable for industry, but also approaching a "scary" status, officials said. The Corps oversees nine locks on the Monongahela River, eight on the Allegheny River and six on the Ohio. U.S. Steel depends on the Monongahela Ohio River system for transporting raw materials and finished steel to and from its three plants in the Mon Valley, a company spokeswoman said. Last year, there were 475 unscheduled closures of locks on Western Pennsylvania rivers, mostly from equipment failures, but also the result of rarer issues, such as loose barges and flooding, officials said. Unscheduled closings blocked river traffic for almost 9,500 hours combined, federal data shows.

Source:

[http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/s\\_778950.html?\\_s\\_icmp=NetworkHeadlines](http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/s_778950.html?_s_icmp=NetworkHeadlines)

56. *January 27, Berkshire Eagle* – (Massachusetts) **State looking to remedy dam.** The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is seeking to repair a damaged dam in the Beartown State Forest in Monterey, Massachusetts, the Berkshire Eagle reported January 27. The DCR is requesting a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' New England District for maintenance work on the manmade dam at Benedict Pond. The pond is located in Great Barrington and Monterey and is part of Stony Brook, which flows via Konkapot Brook into the Housatonic River. The repairs will include the discharge of dredged or fill materials accumulated along the 550-foot dam face and the shore of the pond. About 4,300 square feet of compact gravel would be used to create a berm dam for dewatering. The pond is expected to be drawn down roughly 4 feet to allow for dry work areas. About 1,500 square feet of the pond's bottom would be excavated along the face of the dam to expose areas for repairs. About 1,600 square feet of gravel would temporarily be placed on the pond's bottom to support heavy machinery. All temporary materials would be removed after repairs are complete, and the contours would be returned to their previous condition. A bypass pipe will be used to continue the flow of Stony Brook. The Corps permit is required for compliance with the Clean Water Act, which regulates the discharge or fill of materials in U.S. waters, including wetlands.

Source: [http://www.berkshireeagle.com/local/ci\\_19834862](http://www.berkshireeagle.com/local/ci_19834862)

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