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- WJLA 7 Washington, D.C. reports that investigators said Wednesday a faulty altimeter played an important role in a Turkish Airlines crash that killed 9 people in the Netherlands. Boeing has been instructed to warn clients of the problem. (See item [15](#))
- According to the Associated Press, a wildfire has burned 6,500 acres on Fort Carson in Colorado. No structures have been destroyed and no injuries have been reported in the fire, which was 10 percent contained by Tuesday. (See item [28](#))

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: ELEVATED,
Cyber: ELEVATED

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

1. *March 4, Arizona Republic* – (Arizona) **New SRP generating unit to open despite fire.** Salt River Project's (SRP) new coal-fired unit at the Springerville Generating Station still is scheduled to open later this year despite a New Year's Eve fire that officials estimate caused \$10 million to \$12 million in damage. The utility had purchased builder's risk insurance that is expected to cover costs except for a \$1 million deductible, an associate general manager told the board of directors on March 3. "It turned out to be a pretty good decision," he said of the insurance policy. SRP is trying to get the subcontractor that was working when the fire ignited to pay the deductible, the associate general manager said. While some of the project's testing and construction has been rescheduled, SRP still plans to light the unit by burning oil in September. It will

switch to burning coal and making steam later that month to be in commercial production by the end of the year. Workers were testing the new, \$700 million unit at the northern Arizona power plant December 31 when an electrical arc caused an auxiliary transformer to explode. A backup protection system that would have prevented the fire was not turned on.

Source:

<http://www.azcentral.com/arizonarepublic/business/articles/2009/03/03/20090303biz-srp0303.html>

2. *March 3, Reuters* – (International) **Nigeria pipeline blasts shut 70,000 bpd of oil output.** Explosions on Nigerian oil pipelines last week have shut down as much as 70,000 barrels per day (bpd) of oil production, a senior official with state-run oil firm NNPC said on March 3. “Crude production has come down to around 164,000 bpd as of Tuesday morning. So about 70,000 bpd has been shut in from the Forcados site,” the NNPC official said.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssEnergyNews/idUSL362969420090303>

3. *March 3, Reuters* – (Texas) **BP shuts units, cuts runs at Texas City oil refinery.** BP Plc was forced to shut units and curtail operations because of a malfunction at its Texas City refinery. BP is still determining how long the units will be off line, a spokeswoman said on March 3. The malfunction occurred in a sulfur recovery plant early Monday morning, she said. Production rates from units that produce large amounts of sulfur, such as cokers and hydrotreaters, have been reduced, a person familiar with the refinery operations said. The fault may reduce supplies of gasoline as demand recovers before the peak summer driving season. BP expects to flare, or burn off gases into the air, until 2:30 a.m. local time March 4, according to a filing with state environmental regulators. An estimated 30,000 pounds of sulfur dioxide may be emitted during the flaring, which began at 2:30 a.m. March 2, the filing showed.

Source:

http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601102&sid=ai1awAFIYD_A&refer=uk

4. *March 3, Platts* – (National) **CO2 pipeline siting issues to emerge in climate debate: INGAA.** Securing capital investments to build a robust pipeline system by 2030 to ship carbon dioxide emissions out of U.S. power plants and factories will be tougher if permitting issues are not addressed, a pipeline industry trade group said in a report released on March 3. The INGAA Foundation, which includes about 100 gas pipeline companies, estimates the industry could be called on to build more than 66,000 miles of pipeline in connection with a program to cut greenhouse gas emissions. Technological issues probably will not stand in the way. But many of the same regulatory and siting concerns that thwart gas pipeline and gas import terminal development along the East Coast could bedevil carbon dioxide pipeline projects, too. While there is no groundswell of support for stripping states of their authority to permit carbon dioxide pipelines, the industry is concerned that major projects could be scuttled by local opposition if the U.S. government is powerless to intervene. “Eminent domain authority under state law may be adequate for small CO2 pipeline projects in a few states, Texas and California, for example,” the report said. “But state authority will be inadequate for major, multi-

state projects. New federal legislation ultimately will be needed.” Concern is aimed at the heavily populated eastern half of the United States, where gas pipelines and liquefied natural gas terminals have, in some cases, been stymied for years.

Source:

<http://www.platts.com/Electric%20Power/News/7703172.xml?sub=Electric%20Power&p=Electric%20Power/News&?undefined&undefined>

5. *March 3, Everett Herald* – (Washington) **Propane tanker flips, shuts key Whidbey Island road.** A portion of Whidbey Island’s primary road in Coupeville was shut down on March 2 after a tanker truck carrying propane gas overturned near Keystone Ferry. The truck overturned at 8:21 a.m., said a Washington State Patrol trooper. About 1,000 gallons of propane escaped from the tanker. A nearby home was evacuated as a precautionary measure, he said. No other vehicles were involved, and the driver had minor injuries. State troopers had not yet determined the cause. Another truck from Burlington had to drive to the scene to take the extra fuel. The truck’s 2,500-gallon tank needed to be emptied before the truck was righted. “These things can end with a huge explosion,” the state trooper said. “We’re lucky this one didn’t.”

Source: <http://heraldnet.com/article/20090303/NEWS01/703039913>

6. *March 3, Coast Guard News* – (Texas) **MSU Galveston responds to grounded tank ship in Houston Ship Channel.** On March 3, Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Galveston is monitoring the grounding of a 770-foot tank ship in the Houston Ship Channel, south of the Trinity River Channel in Galveston Bay. The tank ship, Minerva Iris, ran aground early morning on March 3 on the west side of the Houston Ship Channel, but has now been freed with the assistance of three tug boats. A Coast Guard Air Station Houston MH-65C helicopter and crew conducted an over flight of the grounded tank ship, and found no signs of pollution from the ship. The crew of the Minerva Iris did not report any injuries. Coast Guard investigators were on scene to conduct a preliminary investigation of the grounded tank ship. The Minerva Iris is reported to have approximately 25 million gallons of fuel oil on board. Coast Guard personnel worked closely with the tank ship’s owner Iris M. Special Maritime Enterprise, Texas General Land Office, United States Mineral Management Service, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association in response to this grounding.

Source: <http://coastguardnews.com/msu-galveston-responds-to-grounded-tank-ship-in-houston-ship-channel/2009/03/03/>

7. *March 3, South Florida Sun-Sentinel* – (Florida) **FPL upgrades dim power outages.** Florida Power & Light Co. spent 64 percent more money in 2008 to fortify power lines and poles that deliver power to customers, while the average time customers spent without power decreased 8 percent. FPL, the state’s largest utility, said in a report to the Florida Public Service Commission on March 2 that it will spend \$200 million this year to beef up the grid, trim trees along power lines, and inspect and repair power lines and poles. “While these investments are designed to respond to the potential for more frequent, more powerful hurricanes, they are also delivering customer benefits by enhancing day-to-day reliability as well,” the FPL president said in a statement. To upgrade its power distribution system, FPL spent \$47 million in 2007 and \$77 million

last year, and plans to spend \$85 million this year. FPL customers were without power due to distribution problems — not including major weather-related outages — 67 minutes last year, compared with 73 minutes the year before, an 8 percent drop. That is the best average time ever for FPL and better than the national average, the utility said. The amount of time customers were without power due to problems with its transmission system, which carries power from power plants to substations, more than tripled to 13 minutes last year from 4 minutes the year before. That is because of an outage on February 26, 2008, that left 600,000 homes and businesses in Florida without power for an average of one hour.

Source: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/business/sfl-flzfp10303sbmar03.0,1812102.story>

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Chemical Industry Sector

8. *March 4, St. Cloud Times* – (Minnesota) **St. Cloud firefighters help with ammonia leak at Willmar turkey plant.** Seven workers at the Jennie-O Turkey Store plant No. 5 were taken by ambulance to Rice Memorial Hospital after an ammonia leak around 3:40 a.m. on March 3. The call came at 3:42 a.m., and a St. Cloud hazardous materials team of five firefighters and a deputy chief were sent to the Jennie-O plant in southwest Willmar. The leak was sealed before St. Cloud firefighters arrived, the deputy chief said. According to the Willmar fire chief, about 300 gallons of liquid ammonia had been released onto the floor. The chemical was dissipated and was contained on the Jennie-O property. Jennie-O staff members were evacuated to safe areas while other staff members and the emergency crews worked to close the valve. The cause of the leak is under investigation, according to a statement released by the company's vice president of human resources and administration.

Source: <http://www.sctimes.com/article/20090304/NEWS01/103030047/1009>

9. *March 3, Wheeler News Service* – (Wisconsin) **8,000 gallon chemical spill in Arcadia.** Authorities say there are no health hazards after 8,000 gallons of liquid nitrogen fertilizer leaked from a storage container in Arcadia. The liquid was found on March 2 outside the Arcadia Cooperative Association. Authorities said a large steel storage container ruptured on March 1 and the liquid nitrogen leaked through a crack in a cement containment wall. Co-op employees notified the state DNR, and sand was used to absorb the liquid. Most of it seeped into the ground, and officials said none of it entered a nearby creek or Arcadia's water supply. No one was hurt or sick. The co-op is working with the state agriculture department on cleaning up the site.

Source: http://www.newrichmond-news.com/articles/index.cfm?id=33208§ion=Wisconsin%20News&property_id=9

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

10. *March 3, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission* – (Alaska) **Failure to fully retract source of radiography camera.** Radiography technicians were performing pipeline

corrosion shots on piping in the North Slope of Alaska when they inadvertently locked the source outside of the shielded position in the camera while retracting the source. The technicians were using an Industrial Nuclear Corporation (INC) IR-100 camera which contains a nominal 120 Curie (original strength) Ir-192 source. When the technicians realized what had occurred, they immediately cordoned off the area and requested help. A trained camera technician arrived and, after shielding the source, was able to manipulate the key lock and retract the source into the safe (shielded) position. The highest radiation reading observed behind the camera was 40 mR/hr. Exposures to all personnel involved in the recovery of the source was less than 20 mR. Since the radiography was being performed in a remote location, there was no chance of exposure to any members of the general public. Currently, the camera has been removed from service and is being sent to INC for inspection and maintenance.

Source: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/event/en.html#en44888>

11. *March 3, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission* – (New York) **NRC completes enforcement actions for Indian Point new siren system installation.** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has completed enforcement actions associated with delays in making the new siren system at the Indian Point nuclear plant operational. Over the last two years, the NRC staff has levied fines totaling \$780,000 against Entergy Nuclear Operations Inc. over the installation and launch of the new siren system. Collectively the two fines of \$130,000 and \$650,000 levied in 2007 and 2008, respectively, represent one of the largest penalties assessed by the agency. Following an inspection performed late last year, the NRC staff concluded that Entergy had addressed the relevant issues and successfully, albeit belatedly, placed the new siren system into operation and met NRC requirements. The agency staff concluded that no additional enforcement action was necessary and noted that after the January 2008 fine Entergy's performance improved substantially. Entergy placed the new system in service on August 27, 2008. The NRC follow-up inspection of Entergy's handling of the project was conducted from November 17 to December 16, 2008. The team of inspectors evaluated, among other things, whether Entergy had performed adequate root-cause evaluations of the problems that affected the project timeliness and whether its corrective actions were thorough and appropriate. The team found that appropriate actions had been taken in those areas and concluded Indian Point now complies with NRC orders on the plant's Emergency Notification System.

Source: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/news/2009/09-041.html>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

12. *March 4, Army Times* – (Kansas) **Army deactivates Kansas munitions plant.** An Army ammunition plant built to assemble bombs for soldiers fighting in World War II is being deactivated. The Kansas Army Ammunition Plant ceased making bombs for the Pentagon in December. On March 4, the Army was closing the books on the plant, built east of Parsons in southeast Kansas during the 1940s. Pentagon officials targeted the plant for closing in 2005 as part of the Base Realignment and Closure process. Work at

the plant is being transferred to ammunition plants in Indiana, Iowa, Oklahoma, and Tennessee. Local officials are hoping to redevelop the property for industrial purposes. Source: http://www.armytimes.com/news/2009/03/ap_ammunitionsplant_brac_030409/

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Banking and Finance Sector

13. *March 4, Bloomberg* – (National) **FDIC's Bair says insurance fund could be insolvent this year.** The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. (FDIC) chairman said the deposit insurance fund could dry up amid a surge in bank failures, as she responded to an industry outcry against new fees approved by the agency. "Without these assessments, the deposit insurance fund could become insolvent this year," the chairman wrote in a March 2 letter to the industry. U.S. community banks plan to flood the FDIC with about 5,000 letters in protest of the fees, according to a trade group. "A large number" of bank failures may occur through 2010 because of "rapidly deteriorating economic conditions," the chairman said in the letter. "Without substantial amounts of additional assessment revenue in the near future, current projections indicate that the fund balance will approach zero or even become negative." The FDIC recently approved a one-time "emergency" fee and other assessment increases on the industry to rebuild a fund to repay customers for deposits of as much as \$250,000 when a bank fails. The fees, opposed by the industry, may generate \$27 billion this year after the fund fell to \$18.9 billion in the fourth quarter from \$34.6 billion in the previous period, the FDIC said. The fund was drained by 25 bank failures last year.

Source:

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601103&sid=alsJZqIFuN3k&refer=news>

14. *March 4, Financial Times* – (National) **FDIC braced for surge in mortgage fraud.** The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) is pursuing criminal cases over mortgage fraud involving potential losses of \$7.5 billion, and investigating thousands more complaints the agency's head has revealed. She said on March 3 the FDIC was preparing for a surge in civil cases against mortgage brokers and other third parties that had defrauded lenders that had subsequently failed. It is part of the agency's remit to manage bank failures and monitor fraud. "Cracking down on mortgage fraud in particular is a safety and soundness issue for both the banking industry and the housing markets," the agency's head told the National Association of Attorneys General. "Mortgage fraud is now a very big priority for us."

Source: <http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/5b58e228-0854-11de-8a33-0000779fd2ac.html>

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Transportation Sector

15. *March 4, WJLA 7 Washington, D.C.* – (International) **Bad altimeter a factor in Netherlands plane crash.** Investigators said Wednesday a faulty altimeter played an important role in a Turkish Airlines crash that killed 9 people in the Netherlands. The Dutch Safety Authority said the plane was being landed on automatic pilot and the

problem with the altimeter, a device that measures altitude, led to a loss of airspeed before the crash. The chief investigator said the airplane had twice before experienced problems with its altimeter. Boeing has been instructed to warn clients of the problem, he said. At 1950 feet “the airplane’s left radio altimeter suddenly registered a change in altitude” of negative 8 feet. “It didn’t only register it, but passed it on to the automatic steering system,” the investigator said. According to conversation recorded between the plane’s captain, first officer and an extra first officer on the flight, the pilots noticed the faulty altimeter but did not consider it a problem and did not react. Gas to the engines was reduced and the plane lost speed, decelerating until, at a height of 450 feet the plane was about to stall, and warning systems alerted the pilots. “From the “black box” (data recorders) it appears that then the pilots immediately gave gas, full gas, however it was too late to recover,” the investigator said.

Source: <http://www.wjla.com/news/stories/0309/600473.html?ref=rs>

16. *March 4, Bay City News Service* – (California) **Major disaster drill planned for San Jose Airport Wednesday morning.** Airline passengers taxiing to and from runways at San Jose International Airport Thursday morning may notice lots of police and fire vehicles taking part in a federally mandated disaster drill. The drill will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. next to the airport’s north concourse. Airport officials say passengers inside the airport should not notice anything unusual. The Federal Aviation Association requires airports to conduct a full-scale drill every three years. San Jose police, fire and medical personnel will participate, along with the Red Cross and other groups. The drill will simulate a disaster in which a charter plane loses control during takeoff and veers across the runway, according to the city. Approximately 80 volunteers will stand in as displaced passengers and injured persons. The drill will allow the city to test communication and disaster-response procedures that would be used during a real-life incident.

Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/breakingnews/ci_11833397

17. *March 4, Fort Worth Star-Telegram* – (Texas) **At DFW Airport, man opens jet door, slides to the ground.** Dallas/Fort Worth Airport police sent a 26-year-old man to a hospital for evaluation March 3 after he opened the door of an American Airlines jet while it taxied toward a gate and then slid to the ground on the inflated emergency slide, officials said. The man was on Flight 1343 from Charlotte, North Carolina., which arrived about 1 p.m., authorities said. The MD-80 was on the taxiway, headed toward Terminal A, when the passenger ran to the forward galley, grabbed a door handle and popped it open, said an American Airlines spokesman. Opening the door automatically sets off the evacuation slide. Once the passenger was on the ground, the man was detained by fleet-service workers until officers from the D/FW Department of Public Safety reached him. Mechanics removed the slide from the aircraft so it could continue to the gate.

Source: <http://www.star-telegram.com/northeast/story/1237091.html>

18. *March 3, Bulk Transporter* – (Massachusetts) **FMCSA delays decision on Boston hazmat routes.** A decision on hazardous materials routing in Boston has been delayed by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), according to a notice

published in the Federal Register on March 3. The American Trucking Associations (ATA) has challenged the City of Boston's hazmat routing restrictions and appealed to FMCSA to determine if the Boston action preempts federal law. ATA pointed out in its appeal that motor carriers are being cited for not complying with what ATA argues are "improperly enacted hazardous materials routing designations." FMCSA said in the March notice that the agency is conducting fact-finding and legal analysis in response to the consolidated requests of ATA and the Massachusetts Department of Highways, and is delaying issuance of its determination in order to allow time for appropriate consideration of the issues raised by the applications.

Source: <http://bulktransporter.com/management/tank-truck/fmcsa-boston-hazmat-rules-0303/>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report

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Agriculture and Food Sector

19. *March 4, USAGNet* – (International) **New Castle disease breaks out in Israel.** The veterinary authorities have sent an immediate notification to the World Organization for Animal Health about an outbreak of Newcastle disease on a commercial farm. The report describes an outbreak of Newcastle disease in a flock of 100,000 birds at Ramot Hashavim, Petach-Tiqwa in Hamerkaz, near Tel Aviv. Around two hundred birds were affected and half of them died. Ten thousand birds were destroyed, the report says. The notification explained that the flock is divided into two premises of 50,000 table egg layers each. One group is 58 weeks old and the second group is 45 weeks old. The distance between the two premises is approximately five meters. The clinical signs and the post-mortem lesions were detected on one of the two premises — that with the older flock. Destruction of all the birds in the two premises has begun and will be terminated on March 6.

Source: <http://www.usagnet.com/story-national.php?Id=499&yr=2009>

20. *March 4, Food Production Daily* – (Minnesota) **U.S. food manufacturer cautioned over processing practices.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has sent a warning letter to Dean Foods Company citing serious deviations from manufacturing regulations regarding low-acid canned food at one of its facilities. The company has 15 days in which to respond to the food safety regulator and could incur enforcement action including product seizure or an injunction, claims the FDA. The Dean Foods plant concerned is the canned food unit, Kohler Mix Specialties in Minnesota, and the FDA claims the facility did not maintain records to document sterilization cycle times and other processes. According to the FDA, the Minnesota facility's failure to fulfill the requirements of the Canned Food regulations 21 CFR 108.35 renders its Half & Half and 18 per cent Light Cream products adulterated within the meaning of section

402(a)(4) of the Act. This section maintains that low-acid canned foods may be adulterated if they have been prepared, packed, or held under unsanitary conditions whereby they have become contaminated with filth, or whereby they may have been rendered injurious to health. Kohler, whose product line consists primarily of ice cream mixes, creamers, and soy and organic milk, was acquired by Dean Foods in 2003.

Source: http://www.foodproductiondaily.com/Quality-Safety/US-food-manufacturer-cautioned-over-processing-practices/?c=DtqJR18k3PkMcfknAeftOw%3D%3D&utm_source=newsletter_daily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletter%2BDaily

21. *March 4, Food Production Daily* – (Minnesota) **HACCP violation.** A recent injunction against a U.S. seafood processor is a result of FDA enforcement action to protect seafood safety, claims the agency. At the request of the FDA, the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota on February 17 entered an order of permanent injunction against seafood processor, Captain's Select Seafood, of Minnesota. The defendants are charged with repeatedly violating the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the FDA's Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) regulations for seafood processors. According to the food safety regulator, the court held that the evidence presented by the FDA showed a lengthy and undisputed history of violations from 2004 through at least early 2008, during which time Captain's Select did not have an HACCP plan that complied with the FDA's regulations. The FDA said its HACCP regulations require that all seafood processors develop and implement adequate plans that identify all food safety hazards likely to occur for each kind of seafood product, and contain preventative measures that the processor can implement to control those hazards. The order of permanent injunction requires that either the FDA or a federal district court must first approve the defendants' HACCP plans before any of the defendants can resume operating any food-supply business, or any food-related business involving seafood.

Source: http://www.foodproductiondaily.com/Quality-Safety/US-food-manufacturer-cautioned-over-processing-practices/?c=DtqJR18k3PkMcfknAeftOw%3D%3D&utm_source=newsletter_daily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Newsletter%2BDaily

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Water Sector

22. *March 4, KMPH 26 Fresno* – (California) **Toxic chemical found in Visalia drinking water supply.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is drilling monitoring wells near dry cleaning businesses in the city of Visalia. Crews are looking for traces of Perchloroethylene, also known as PCE or Perc. A spokesperson with the California Department of Toxic Substances Control said, "Our next step was to get on site to those facilities where we showed the detection. The cleaners across the street is one of those locations." Safety officials say the toxic chemical has contaminated drinking water supplies. But an on-site assessment manager with the EPA says the water in Visalia is still safe to drink. The EPA is installing a total of six monitoring water wells around the city. The investigation began after the California Department of Toxic Substances

Control identified 25 public drinking water supply wells with the cleaning solvent in their water.

Source: http://www.kmph.com/Global/story.asp?S=9942794&nav=menu612_2_1

23. *March 4, WBIR 10 Knoxville* – (Tennessee) **TVA releases details of ash spill clean-up plan.** The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) revealed the details of its official plan for cleaning up the Kingston ash spill site on March 3. Earlier this year, the state ordered TVA to develop and submit a complete clean-up proposal. TVA's "Corrective Action Plan" explains how the agency intends to restore the quality of land, air, water, and wildlife around the Kingston Fossil Plant. The agency turned the plan in to the state. According to the report, the agency has four main objectives: to maintain public health; involve affected homeowners in the clean-up response; restore natural resources; and "make things good, if not better" than they were before. The December spill dumped more than a billion gallons of sludge onto the land and into the water near the plant. A number of families were displaced. Many community members and environmental activists have since questioned the area's safety. TVA received approval on March 2 from state and federal environmental regulators to begin dredging the Emory River's navigation channel. More than 1 million of the 5 million cubic yards of ash that breached the retention pond wall at the plant reached the Emory River. TVA officials say the clean-up effort will take years and could cost up to \$825 million.

Source: <http://www.wbir.com/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=79910&catid=2>

24. *March 3, Press of Atlantic City* – (New Jersey) **Upper Deerfield gets \$2M. to filter radium from water.** Officials announced on March 3 the award of more than \$2 million in federal money that will be used to add radium filters at Upper Deerfield Township's public water-treatment facility. The mayor said on March 2 that the federal money will help offset any rate increase that users of the township's public water supply would have to shoulder to finance the project. The radium filters will be installed at the township's existing water-treatment facility on Love Lane, he added. The township administrator said more than 1,000 residential customers use township water. Most township residents have their own wells, he said.

Source: <http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/182/story/417572.html>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

25. *March 4, San Francisco Chronicle* – (California) **2 Bay Area hospitals fined for patient risks.** The California Department of Public Health said on March 3 that 10 hospitals around the state, two of them in the Bay Area, have been given penalties for putting patients at risk as a result of not being in compliance with licensing requirements. The penalty is relatively small, \$25,000, and the hospitals have 10 days during which they can appeal the finding. The state will also accept a payment schedule for the penalties. Both Bay Area hospitals, Marin General in Greenbrae and Northbay VacaValley in Vacaville, said they have retrained personnel and revised protocols to fix the problems.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi->

bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2009/03/03/BU1U168KMU.DTL&type=business

26. *March 4, Pioneer Press* – (Minnesota; National) **Patient data shifts to digital records.** Medical records must be digitally accessible at clinics and hospitals by 2014 in order to get full federal reimbursements. Phenomenal Networks, an Eden Prairie, Minnesota, company, plans to hire nurses to fan out to doctors' offices and hospitals and talk up the company's electronic medical records systems, a spokesman said. The \$19.2 billion Congress set aside in the new stimulus package to jumpstart the digitizing process might help. Phenomenal Networks' plans are a small example of how momentum is building to move patient information from manila folders to electronic systems. The move could save billions of dollars in time and wasted procedures once privacy concerns are adequately addressed, experts say.
Source: http://www.twincities.com/ci_11830085?nclick_check=1

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Government Facilities Sector

27. *March 4, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Bomb scare ends at Seattle Federal Building.** A bomb scare at the Federal Building in downtown Seattle is over. A police spokeswoman says a bomb squad has handled a suspicious package that was reported at 6:30 a.m. on March 4 in a window well. Police have reopened a street that was closed as a precaution. The bomb squad ultimately rendered the package safe at about 8 a.m., according to KING5 TV. Police describe the package as a plastic bag containing a canvas bag.
Source: http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/localnews/2008811300_webpackage04m.html
28. *March 4, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **Warm, windy weather faces Ft. Carson firefighters.** Firefighters are working against warm and windy weather as they battle a wildfire that has already burned 6,500 acres on Fort Carson near Colorado Springs. Temperatures were expected to reach near-record levels in the 70s on March 4. No structures have been destroyed and no injuries have been reported in the fire, which was 10 percent contained by March 3. More than 100 firefighters were on scene. The fire started on the morning of March 3 on a training range that was being used by soldiers. A Fort Carson spokeswoman says the area usually is not used for live-fire training and she did not know whether live ammunition was in use there on March 3. The cause of the fire has not been determined.
Source: http://www.examiner.com/a-1883981~Warm_windy_weather_faces_Ft_Carson_firefighters.html
29. *March 3, Carlsbad Current-Argus* – (National) **Energy Department meets regulatory milestone with delivery to WIPP.** The U.S. Department of Energy achieved a major environmental cleanup milestone during the week of March 2-6 with the first shipment of remote-handled transuranic waste leaving DOE's Oak Ridge Reservation and arriving safely at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant near Carlsbad, New Mexico. The first shipment left the Oak Ridge Transuranic Waste Processing Center the morning of February 26 for

a 1,300 mile journey and safely arrived at the WIPP site on February 27. Just five months ago, the first shipment of Contact-Handled TRU Waste from the Oak Ridge Reservation safely arrived at WIPP, again allowing another regulatory milestone to be achieved. “The start of remote-handled shipments to WIPP honors our commitment to move this waste out of Oak Ridge and place it in a permanent repository,” said the manager of DOE’s Oak Ridge Office. “We have kept our commitment to the State of Tennessee to meet a cleanup milestone for the Oak Ridge Reservation to begin shipping by February 28.”

Source:

http://m.currentargus.com/currentargus/db_10572/contentdetail.htm;jsessionid=D50DEDEC1A7142DA3A564CE9D8975F4D?contentguid=CjEcLiLY&storycount=8&detailindex=5

30. *March 3, Marine Times* – (California) **F/A-18 had chance to land before deadly crash.** A pilot struggling to control a crippled Marine Corps jet bypassed a chance to land at a coastal Navy base and flew toward an inland base instead, where minutes later the fighter crashed into a San Diego neighborhood and killed four people, recordings released on March 3 revealed. Military officials announced they have disciplined 13 Marines for a series of avoidable mechanical and human errors that led to the December 8 crash, which killed four members of the same family. “It was collectively bad decision making,” said a Marine colonel, who serves as the operations officer for the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. Recordings of conversations between federal air controllers and the pilot of the F/A-18D Hornet show the pilot was repeatedly offered a chance to land the plane at the Naval Air Station North Island in Coronado. The base sits at the tip of a peninsula with a flight path over water. Instead, the Federal Aviation Administration tapes disclose that the pilot decided to fly the jet, which had lost one engine and was showing signs of trouble with the second, to the Miramar base, which is about 10 miles north of Coronado.

Source:

http://www.marinecorpstimes.com/news/2009/03/ap_marines_hornet_crash_030309/

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Emergency Services Sector

31. *March 4, Logistics Magazine* – (International) **New spill response technology.** One of the world’s most advanced chemical hazard neutralization technologies is being introduced to Australia and New Zealand by Enware. Enware Australia Pty Ltd has signed a distribution agreement with Nanoscale Corporation USA to distribute FAST-ACTäfirst response treatment products. FAST-ACTä (First Applied Sorbent Treatment – Against Chemical Threats) can be safely applied to chemical spills or vapor releases. The formulation for FAST-ACTä was originally developed for the U.S. military through many years’ research and development at Kansas State University into advanced chemical hazard containment and neutralization. The technology break-through enables relatively small quantities of product to be used effectively over broad areas.

Source: <http://www.logisticsmagazine.com.au/Article/New-Spill-Response-Technology/469793.aspx>

32. *March 3, KXAS 5 Dallas-Fort Worth* – (Texas) **SWAT rifle stolen from Grand Prairie police car.** A fully automatic Colt M-16, used by members of the Grand Prairie, Texas, police department's tactical squad, was taken from the trunk of an officer's squad car late Saturday night, Prairie police said. An officer, assigned to the tactical squad, was alone when he answered a call about a suspicious person in a neighborhood. He told investigators that he left the car to look in a backyard for about six minutes, and when he returned, he noticed the trunk was slightly open. The officer told investigators he closed the trunk without looking inside, and later discovered his rifle missing at the end of his shift. Grand Prairie Police are offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the rifle's recovery.

Source: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/29472426/>

33. *March 3, South Texas Monitor* – (Texas) **Edinburg adopts stricter ambulance regulations.** The Edinburg City Council voted on March 3 to implement a new ordinance that proponents say will dramatically improve the quality of care provided by the ambulance companies that operate in the city limits. City officials believe most of the 50-plus Hidalgo County companies licensed by the state operate within the city but that only a few have the permits the city requires. The new ordinance forces companies to establish a business location inside Edinburg and obtain a minimum level of insurance. Some ambulance companies that offer routine medical transport services to the community will be required to assist the city's 911 provider with major events. The ordinance also requires all companies picking up patients inside the city limits to staff their ambulances with paramedics — the highest emergency medical services certification available in the state.

Source:

http://www.themonitor.com/articles/edinburg_23836_article.html/adopts_ambulance.html

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Information Technology

34. *March 3, MSNBC* – (International) **Computer alert: New social networking computer worm.** A warning has been issued for users of Facebook, MySpace, and other social networking sites about a new strain of the "koobeface" worm. Security experts say the latest version arrives as an invitation from a user's friend or contact, inviting them to click on a link and view a video at a fake YouTube site and install an Adobe flash plug-in. Instead, the worm installs a trojan horse program, giving control of the infected user's computer. Trend Micro, which documented the new strain, recommends using caution when clicking on links in unsolicited messages, even if they appear to come from someone a user knows.

Source: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/29490850/>

35. *March 3, DarkReading* – (International) **Only 1 percent of SSL-Secured sites use extended validation SSL.** Two years after its rollout, the more secure Extended Validation Secure Sockets Layer (EV SSL) digital certificate for authenticating Web

sites and securing Web sessions is used on more than 11,000 Web sites worldwide. But that is only 1 percent of the 1.03 million sites currently secured with SSL certificates, according to Netcraft. Meanwhile, calls for EV SSL adoption have intensified amid concerns of new man-in-the-middle (MITM) attacks targeting newly discovered weaknesses in SSL, namely the MD5 encryption algorithm hack that allows the creation of forged CA and X.509 digital certificates, and the MITM attack demonstrated at Black Hat DC that basically makes users think they are visiting a secure Web site when they are not. SSL-secured sites with EV SSL display a green address bar when used with the latest versions of most major Web browsers. The green address bar bears the name of the Web site's organization that owns the certificate, as well as the authority that issued it. EV SSL ensures that the site is legitimate, and that the session is encrypted and secured. According to Netcraft's latest numbers on EV SSL adoption, today's main adopters are the world's most traveled Web sites; more than one-fourth of SSL certificates in the top 1,000 sites use EV SSL. And most of the most popular browsers support it, so more than 70 percent of all Internet users are using EV SSL-ready browsers currently, Netcraft says.

Source:

<http://www.darkreading.com/security/privacy/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=215800291>

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Communications Sector

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Commercial Facilities Sector

36. *March 3, Associated Press* – (Nevada) **1 dead in avalanche at California ski resort.** A ski patrol member has been killed in an avalanche at Squaw Valley USA ski resort near Lake Tahoe. The Squaw Valley Fire Department says a 41-year-old man was working on avalanche controls March 3 when he was caught in a slide and partially buried. A fire spokesman says another member of the ski patrol dug him out while emergency crews responded to the scene, but he later died at Renown Regional Medical Center in Reno. The cause of death is under investigation. More than 4 feet of snow have fallen at upper elevations of the region over the past 24 hours. Nearly a 100-mile stretch of U.S. Interstate 80 is closed west of Reno.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5hC0t6YTXWxsxnFT97Qw5Nu>

37. *March 3, Associated Press* – (Kentucky) **3 hurt when 3rd floor stairs fail in Ky. building.** A Louisville official was critically injured and two other people were in a hospital after falling about 30 feet when stairs collapsed inside the historic but vacant Fort Nelson Building on March 3. The Downtown Development Corp. director and three others were touring the building when the wooden staircase to the third floor crashed down to the first floor, said a Louisville Fire spokesman. He said the staircase came detached from the point where it meets the third floor. The victims were pulled by firefighters from the rubble, officials said. Another woman was rescued from a third floor window — she was not on the stairs and was not hurt.
Source: http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5hJdmis_y5mJHVO-KPZkSCA0PRWKQD96MO8380

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National Monuments & Icons Sector

38. *March 4, Greeneville Sun* – (Tennessee) **Forest Service plans to burn 20,000 Cherokee Forest acres.** The U.S. Forest Service has announced that this month it plans to burn approximately 20,000 acres throughout the 650,000-acre Cherokee National Forest. The announcement said the Forest Service will use a technique called “prescribed fire” to carry out the annual undergrowth clearing operation. Prescribed fire, according to the release, “is a useful tool for managing National Forest lands.” It said, “The term prescribed fire means exactly what it implies. It is a recommended treatment for a specific area. Before prescribed burns are conducted on national forest lands, a well thought out and documented ‘prescription’ is written by Forest Service specialists.”
Source: <http://www.greenevillesun.com/story/301766>
39. *March 3, Staten Island Advance* – (New York) **Radioactive soil forces closure of ball fields at Staten Island’s Great Kills Park.** The ball fields at Great Kills Park will not be reopened for league play this spring due to the discovery of radium-contaminated soil near one of the ballfields, the National Park Service announced. The areas that hold contaminated soil have been small and buried at least 12 inches below the surface and are thought to pose no immediate danger, officials said in a press release. The rest of Great Kills Park remains open for all other visitor activities. In January, a contractor working under the direction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was removing radium contaminated soil that had previously been identified when additional areas of contamination were discovered. The sites had gone undetected during previous radiological surveys. Although officials from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services believe that there is a very low risk of significant exposure, the fields will be closed until a secondary survey can be conducted and the issue is better understood, said the National Park Service.
Source:
http://www.silive.com/news/index.ssf/2009/03/ballfields_at_staten_islands_g.html

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Dams Sector

40. *March 2, Kankakee Daily-Journal* – (National) **Aging locks and dam in need of repair.** The 600-foot long concrete and steel Lockport Lock and Dam (New York) is the first gateway on the barge shipping artery known as the Illinois Waterway. If it or any of the six other locks and dams between here and St. Louis were to fail, the transportation of about \$16 billion a year worth of grain, goods, coal, chemicals, and other industrial raw material would be at risk. The Illinois Chamber of Commerce's report "Waterways in Crisis" reached that conclusion in January. Officials of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said the walls are cracked and crumbling, allowing water to seep through and undermine portions of a 50-foot wide earthen and rock levee that stands behind them. The only backstop behind them is an earlier canal wall structure, built 110 to 120 years ago with lime concrete that is now "just gravel and rubble," said the Illinois Waterway operations manager for the Corps. The Corps already has started a \$141 million repair project to build new walls inside the old ones, but at the present rate of funding, the work can not be completed before 2012, said the commander of the Corps' district office in Rock Island. So far, it has received funds of \$85 to 90 million with the expectation of \$25 to 30 million more next year, he said. Expediting that funding could allow the project to be finished in 2011, he added. Meanwhile "there is some potential for the canal wall to collapse, but this is not the most serious concern," on the national waterway system, he said. "It's a priority two...and there are a lot of priority one projects in the country."

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