



Homeland Security

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Current Nationwide Threat Level

ELEVATED

Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks

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- The Jackson Clarion-Ledger reports that Gulf South Pipeline is investigating a pipeline explosion in Flowood, Mississippi on Tuesday that sent debris hurling hundreds of feet and sprouted a flame two- to three-stories tall. (See item [1](#))
- According to IDG News Service, the Duaneburg Central School District in New York has reverted to using paper checks after cybercriminals tried to steal about \$3.8 million from its online accounts just before Christmas, prompting an FBI investigation. The school’s bank, NBT Bank, blocked the transaction and notified district officials. (See item [11](#))

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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. *January 6, Jackson Clarion-Ledger* – (Mississippi) **Pipeline blast, fire extinguished quickly.** A pipeline explosion on January 5 that sent debris hurling hundreds of feet and sprouted a flame two- to three-stories tall is being probed by Gulf South Pipeline, the line’s owner, fire officials said. No one was injured and no buildings damaged in the late morning blaze that took about 10 minutes to extinguish, a Flowood, Mississippi

Fire Department lieutenant said. The explosion occurred at Gulf South's facility located just west of Jackson-Evers International Airport. A salt bath heater failed and caused an ignition of natural gas at the company's Jackson Dehydration Unit, a Gulf South spokeswoman said. She said the facility is fully operational. The fire department lieutenant said even though it was just burned grass, it was a massive fire. Gulf South is based in Houston and owns a pipeline system that stretches from Texas to Florida. It has offices in the five states along the Gulf of Mexico.

Source: <http://www.clarionledger.com/article/20100106/NEWS/1060364/1001>

2. *January 6, Tuscaloosa News* – (Alabama) **Downed power line leaves thousands without electricity.** A downed power poll supporting a major transmission line is being blamed for power outages for thousands of Alabama Power customers in Tuscaloosa, Northport, Fayette, and Gordo Wednesday morning. “The cause of the trouble we have determined was because of a broken transmission pole, which caused the line to fall, and the cause of the broken poll is under investigation right now,” said a spokesman for Alabama Power. “Approximately 19,000 customers in those communities are served by that transmission line. It’s one of our main lines in that area. That occurred at 4:53 this morning.” Crews are repairing the line, which carries 115,000 volts, and expect service to be restored to all customers by the end of Wednesday. The frigid temperatures that have hit West Alabama recently had nothing to do with the outage, and the company does not expect the weather to cause more problems, he said.

Source:

<http://www.tuscaloosaneews.com/article/20100106/NEWS/100109745/1007/NEWS02?Title=Thousands-without-power-in-Ala-amid-frigid-temps>

3. *January 4, Homeland Security Newswire* – (Massachusetts) **Boston mayor wants to block Yemeni tankers from Boston Harbor.** The mayor of Boston says it is unsafe to allow tankers delivering liquefied natural gas from Yemen into Boston Harbor; “They cannot be coming into a harbor like Boston, where there is less than 50 feet between the tankers and residential areas,” the mayor says of Yemeni tankers. The mayor said on December 31 that he will ask Boston’s lawyers to see whether the city can block Yemeni tankers from delivering liquefied natural gas into Boston Harbor, calling such deliveries “wrong.” The mayor and several other public officials said they would press for the tankers’ cargo — destined for an LNG terminal in Everett as soon as next month — instead to be unloaded away from the city, in light of the failed Christmas Day attempt by a Nigerian man, who trained in Yemen, to blow up a U.S. airliner over Detroit. The Globe reported last week that shipments of liquefied natural gas from Yemen are scheduled to arrive for the first time in Boston as early as February. Coast Guard officials are reviewing the plan and said they have not yet decided whether the shipments will be allowed to enter the harbor and dock at the LNG terminal in Everett. “Their paramount concern is the safety and security of the Port of Boston,” a Coast Guard spokesman said.

Source: <http://homelandsecuritynewswire.com/boston-mayor-wants-block-yemeni-tankers-boston-harbor?page=0,0>

4. *January 3, Utah Skier Online* – (California) **Kirkwood Ski Resort restores full lift operations after power outage.** Forty-eight hours after a fire at the local utility power plant left Kirkwood Mountain Resort without electricity the resort has restored 100 percent of its operations and will be open with full mountain skiing on January 4. A diesel engine exhaust system failure caused the Mountain Utilities plant to catch fire at approximately 2 pm on New Year's Day; destroying the six engines, switch gear and other plant equipment over a four hour period. The community service provider was able to bring in three portable diesel generators by the evening of January 1, and now has over double the capacity necessary to run the entire community.
Source: http://www.utahskier.net/utah_skier/2010/01/kirkwood-mountain-resort-restores-full-lift-operations-after-power-outage-103-09.html

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Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

5. *January 5, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **2 Entergy units short of money to close nukes.** Two Louisiana power utilities owned by Entergy Corp. are short \$235.5 million for the projected costs of eventually closing two nuclear generating plants - and the power provider wants slight increases in customer rates to close the gap. According to a Tuesday filing with the Louisiana Public Service Commission, Entergy Louisiana said it needs an additional \$68.2 million to meet the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission's demand for a \$400.2 million decommissioning fund for the Waterford 3 plant at Taft. Entergy Gulf States Louisiana said it needs an additional \$167.3 million for an NRC-required fund of \$378.8 million for the eventual closing of the River Bend nuclear plant at St. Francisville. That utility owns 70 percent of River Bend. The filing requests that Entergy Louisiana customers pay \$10.3 million toward the Waterford fund annually, up from the current \$2.2 million. Entergy Gulf States Louisiana customers, who do not currently contribute to the decommissioning fund, would pay \$9.67 million a year. An Entergy spokesman said Tuesday that if the PSC agrees with the utilities, Entergy Gulf States' residential customers would pay an additional 84 cents per 1,000 kilowatt hours, while Entergy Louisiana's residential customers would pay an additional 41 cents per 1,000 kilowatt hours. The NRC determines how much a utility needs for each eventual nuclear plant closure based on a complicated formula.
Source: <http://www.sunherald.com/218/story/1844938.html>
6. *January 4, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission* – (National) **NRC approves final rule on nuclear reactor vessel protection requirements.** The Nuclear Regulatory

Commission approved a final rule to provide alternate requirements for protection against pressurized thermal shock events in nuclear power plant reactor vessels. Updated analysis methods allow pressurized-water reactor (PWR) licensees to better account for some effects of aging on their reactor vessels. The rule increases the realism of calculations used to examine a PWR's susceptibility to a phenomenon known as pressurized thermal shock (PTS). PTS can occur under some scenarios that rapidly cool the internal surface of the reactor vessel while the vessel is pressurized. This would subject the steel to substantial thermal stresses, which could lead to cracking and potential failure of the vessel. The other type of U.S. nuclear power plant design, a boiling water reactor, is not susceptible to PTS. The rule allows licensees of operating PWRs to voluntarily adopt a more realistic technical approach for determining the probability of vessel failure during a PTS event. This revised approach was derived using data from research on currently operating PWRs. The data indicate the overall risk of PTS-induced vessel failure after 60 years of reactor operation is much lower than previously estimated.

Source: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/news/2010/10-001.html>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

7. *January 6, Occupational Health and Safety* – (National) **FAA sets safety conditions for 787's crew rest compartments.** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has published the safety conditions for unique crew rest compartments Boeing has incorporated into the 787 Dreamliner, a new, twin-engine jetliner that will have a maximum takeoff weight of 476,000 pounds and maximum passenger count of 381 passengers when in commercial use, according to FAA's notices in the Federal Register. The second Dreamliner completed its first flight December 22 from Everett, Washington, to Seattle; the first production aircraft will be delivered next year to Japan's All Nippon Airways. The notices, published January 4, proposed special conditions for two overhead rest compartments, one that members of the flight crew could occupy during taxiing, takeoffs, and landings (TT&L) and a larger one that flight attendants would not occupy during TT&L.
Source: <http://ohsonline.com/articles/2010/01/06/faa-sets-safety-condition.aspx?admgarea=news>

8. *January 5, KTVU 2 San Francisco* – (California) **Fire at SJ recycling plant under control.** Firefighters were able to control a blaze that burned for several hours Tuesday night at a metal recycling plant in San Jose, a fire captain said. The fire was reported at Sims Metal Management when a battalion chief with the San Jose Fire Department happened to be driving by, saw smoke coming from the plant and called for help. A Fire Captain said about 55 firefighters were involved in the single-alarm response, which also included a hazardous materials task force. According to the captain, the fire burned a 300-foot by 300-foot pile of recyclables. It was meticulous and time consuming work as firefighters used heavy equipment to douse the flames. Although there were no active flames by early evening, crews waited to get to the bottom of the

pile before calling the fire under control. Bay Area Air Quality Management District officials responded to the fire as a precaution, but it was determined there was no hazmat risk, according to the captain. No injuries were reported and the cause of the fire appears to be accidental.

Source: <http://www.ktvu.com/news/22144983/detail.html>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

9. *January 6, Global Security Newswire* – (Tennessee) **Device could aid in radiation detection.** Engineers at the Y-12 National Security Complex in Tennessee have developed a system that makes a small quantity of highly enriched uranium appear to radiation detectors as a larger cache of fissile material, a development that could aid in testing the scanning machines, the Knoxville News Sentinel reported. A sphere that combines aluminum with 1.6 ounces of highly enriched uranium emits gamma rays like those of a 5.5-pound supply of bomb-grade uranium, said the head of the Y-12 site's nuclear technology and nonproliferation program. Ultimately, the device could help test radiation detectors at U.S. ports and border crossings without the same amount of security and administrative oversight required to transport larger amounts of weapon-grade uranium between test sites. "It doesn't offer the same target that a real 2 1/2 kilograms of material would," said the Y-12 General Manager. "What they're looking for is to make sure that if something were to come into the country that we could detect it," he added. The site's Highly Enriched Uranium Equivalent Test Sphere Project has only produced a single prototype sphere to date, but additional devices are slated to be built.

Source: http://www.globalsecuritynewswire.org/gsn/nw_20100106_1938.php

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Banking and Finance Sector

10. *January 6, Chattanooga Times Free Press* – (Tennessee) **Rhea County: 2 nabbed in bank bomb threat.** Officers arrested two people in connection with a bomb threat on January 5 that led authorities to evacuate and close some schools in Tennessee. Dayton Police officers along with the Rhea County Sheriff's Office and the FBI arrested the two suspects around 10 p.m. on January 5, said the sheriff office's special projects coordinator. Both men are charged with attempted bank robbery and several more charges are still pending, the coordinator said. Authorities evacuated three schools and dismissed classes at all city and county schools on January 5 after Dayton police read a typed note that had been posted on the First Bank of Tennessee front door. The note stated that six bombs, including some in schools, would blow up if "a large sum of money" was not placed outside the bank. No explosives were found and no money was turned over, authorities said.

Source: <http://www.timesfreepress.com/news/2010/jan/06/rhea-county-2-nabbed-bank-bomb-threat/?breakingnews>

11. *January 6, IDG News Service* – (New York) **FBI investigating online school district theft.** A New York school district has reverted to using paper checks after cybercriminals tried to steal about \$3.8 million from its online accounts just before Christmas, prompting an FBI investigation. For three days starting December 18, cybercriminals started transferring money overseas from the accounts of the Duanesburg Central School District, which has two schools with about 950 students about 20 miles west of Albany, New York. Hackers sent \$1.8 million to an overseas bank on December 18, then sent several transfers totaling around \$1.2 million on December 21, according to the district, which provided information on the theft on its Web site. The next day, hackers tried to send around \$759,000 to multiple overseas accounts, but the school's bank, NBT Bank, blocked the transaction and notified district officials. "At this time, the two previous transactions were also discovered," the district wrote. "The FBI was contacted and launched a criminal investigation." Since then, about \$2.5 million of the \$3 million has been recovered by NBT Bank. The district said it is "committed to doing everything in its power" to recover the remaining \$497,200. The school district's plight, reported on a security analyst's Web site, is part of a rising trend of cybercrime aimed at government and business bank accounts, which have proved to be lucrative sources compared to consumer accounts. The organizations often use the ACH (Automated Clearing House) system for money transfers. In the written statements on its Web site, the school district did not indicate that the fraud is related to ACH.

Source:

http://www.pcworld.com/businesscenter/article/186002/fbi_investigating_online_school_district_theft.html

12. *January 5, Agence France-Presse* – (International) **Some 30 million German bank cards hit by 2010 bug: banks.** Around 30 million high-tech German bank cards could leave owners high and dry, bank associations warned on January 5 as the feared Y2K computer bug cropped up 10 years later than expected. The problem that hit cardholders trying to use cash machines or make payments throughout Germany and abroad stems from computer chips unable to recognise the year 2010, and could take up to a week to resolve, the DSGV savings and regional banking association said in a statement. A global alert had gone out 10 years ago amid widespread fears of a similar problem, dubbed Y2K for the year 2000. More recent cards that contain a computer chip designed to provide extra security have been affected while older ones with just a magnetic strip on the back appear to work normally. DSGV said around 20 million "electronic cash" (EC) cards, also known as "girocards," and 3.5 million classic credit cards issued by its members had been affected. EC cards are direct debit instruments which do not allow owners to buy on credit.

Source:

http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5isP_cJaxnqSGaPVgUy0P3tSv_pqrA

13. *January 5, KCRG 9 Cedar Rapids* – (Iowa) **Collins Community Credit Union card holders targeted in phishing scam.** Police are urging Collins Community Credit Union card holders to ignore any automated phone calls telling them their cards have

been deactivated. Confused customers started calling Collins Community Credit Union administrators last night saying that they had received a robo-call telling them that their debit and credit cards were no longer valid and that they would have to call a 1-800 number to reactivate their accounts. A Cedar Rapids police sergeant says it's a textbook "phishing" scam where some party, usually from out of state or even out of the country, targets a bank or credit union and uses robo-calls to get the personal account information of trusting account holders. The sergeant said that the credit union has had more than 20 calls from clients who called the 1-800 number and released their information.

Source: <http://www.kcrg.com/news/local/80755872.html>

14. *January 5, Naples Daily News* – (Florida) **Man accused of using skimming device on North Naples bank ATM.** Collier County, Florida, deputies believe the same man, who was suspected of placing a skimming device on an ATM at a North Naples bank, has struck again. This time a skimmer was placed at the SunTrust Bank located on Laurel Oak Drive, North Naples, on November 27 and again on December 12. In the first incident, deputies say a skimmer was placed on an ATM at the SunTrust Bank, on Vanderbilt Beach Road, on November 14. Several customers subsequently reported the fraudulent use of their debit card numbers on the east coast of Florida. The Collier County Sheriff's Office is asking the public for help in identifying the man and has released additional images of the suspect.

Source: <http://www.naplesnews.com/news/2010/jan/05/man-accused-using-skimming-device-north-naples-ban/>

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Transportation Sector

15. *January 6, Minneapolis Star-Tribune* – (Minnesota) **MSP's Lindbergh terminal reopens after 'false alarm' bomb scare.** A battered pink bag used by workers in baggage claim sparked a security scare at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport on Tuesday. There was a 90-minute evacuation of parts of the Lindbergh Terminal. A bomb-sniffing dog reacted as though something suspicious was on the bag, which is used to mark the end of a line of luggage from a flight, at carousel No. 12, which is used by Continental and Frontier airlines. About half of the airport's baggage-claim area was closed off, as were ticketing areas above, starting at about 2 p.m. A portion of the roadway closest to those areas was also shut down, creating a traffic back-up into the airport. The areas were re-opened at around 3:30 p.m. after members of the Bloomington Police Department's bomb squad determined it was a false alarm.

Source:

<http://www.startribune.com/lifestyle/travel/80731457.html?elr=KArks:DCiUBcy7hUiD3aPc; Yyc:aUHDYaGEP7eyckcUX>

16. *January 6, Dallas Morning News* – (International) **American Airlines jet landed too far down runway, Jamaican official says.** An American Airlines jet that crashed in Jamaica last month touched down in the middle of the runway and was still traveling 72 mph just before it split open near a series of thick concrete posts, a top Jamaican aviation safety official said Tuesday. Jamaican investigators are scheduled to give their first public update today on the crash of American Airlines Flight 331, which careened off the runway at Kingston-Norman Manley International Airport on December 22. The director general of the Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority said investigators have gathered facts but are still trying to answer why pilots landed in nearly the middle of the 8,910-foot runway – limiting their distance for stopping the aircraft in heavy rain and gusting winds. He said the Boeing 737-800 bounced after landing, which would have further eliminated several hundred feet of stopping distance. “The [runway] touchdown usually occurs at 1,500 feet, or between 1,000 and 1,500 feet [down an 8,900-foot airstrip],” he said. “Why this aircraft touched down at 4,100 feet is something that we are investigating very carefully in order to determine what the cause might be.” The crash left the plane cracked apart in two places but didn’t result in any fatalities. Jamaican investigators are leading the inquiry, while the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board has sent investigators to assist. Jamaican investigators have interviewed the pilots and are reviewing cockpit voice and flight data recorders for clues.

Source:

<http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/news/washington/dmichaels/stories/010610dnbusamerican.3d01275.html>

17. *January 6, CNN* – (New Jersey) **Newark airport’s security cameras not recording during Sunday breach.** Cameras that might have shown the man who walked through security Sunday at Newark, New Jersey, Liberty International Airport were not recording during the incident, a federal official said Tuesday. A Transportation Security Administration (TSA) spokeswoman said TSA-funded and Port Authority-installed and -operated cameras were running but not recording at the time of the security breach on Sunday evening, which led officials to shut Terminal C for hours and rescreen thousands of passengers. She said TSA investigators instead scrutinized security tapes recorded by Continental Airlines’ cameras in an unsuccessful attempt to identify the individual. She said Continental and TSA/Port Authority have separate sets of cameras at the terminal, but she would not say how many or how long those operated by the Port Authority had not been recording.

Source: <http://edition.cnn.com/2010/TRAVEL/01/06/new.jersey.security.breach/>

18. *January 6, Spartanburg Herald-Journal* – (South Carolina) **False alarm at GSP delays Delta flight.** An open, unattended door at Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport caused a morning scare Tuesday, forcing the brief evacuation of about 50 people and delaying a flight to Atlanta. A Transportation Security Administration official noticed the door, which leads to the airfield and only authorized personnel can access, at about 10:30 a.m., an airport spokeswoman said. A bomb-sniffing dog — the airport has two so that one can be on duty at all times, she said — was brought out and appeared to notice something in or on the plane’s front wheel. Then, officials evacuated

Concourse B and the Delta plane, which only had crew on board. That plane was the only one on the tarmac at the time. A Greenville County bomb detection team was called in just before noon, but found nothing. “It was just that — a scare,” the spokeswoman said. “We followed all the precautions, all the procedures. And it worked. There was nothing there.”

Source:

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20100106/ARTICLES/1061031/1083/ARTICLES?Title=False-alarm-at-GSP-delays-Delta-flight&tc=ar>

19. *January 6, CBS News* – (California) **TSA workers caught using drugs.** The Transportation Security Administration faces allegations that its employees at Los Angeles International Airport were caught on tape using drugs, CBS affiliate KCAL reports. The investigation began late last year when a TSA agent was arrested for allegedly counterfeiting parking passes at the employee parking lot. In his house, police found a videotape. On it was an after hours party where other TSA agents were allegedly using drugs. TSA sources say the tape was turned over to investigators. Each employee identified was ordered to take a drug test. TSA will not say how many, but each one who failed was fired, according to news reports. The Federal Security Director at LAX says, “We don’t tolerate drugs. We don’t tolerate narcotics.” He would not talk specifics, but said the agency has random drug testing, and claims the employees would have been caught even without the video. None of the employees was charged with any crimes. Even the TSA agent caught counterfeiting parking passes was not prosecuted because no one he sold to would come forward.

Source: <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2010/01/06/national/main6061326.shtml>

20. *January 5, Associated Press* – (International) **Dutch probe: Airline bombing suspect likely had explosives on him before reaching Amsterdam.** Dutch investigators said Tuesday they found no evidence that a Nigerian suspected of trying to blow up a U.S.-bound airliner contacted accomplices at Amsterdam’s airport, and that he already had the explosives on him when he arrived on a connecting flight. The suspect flew to Schiphol Airport from Lagos, Nigeria, before boarding a Northwest Airlines flight to Detroit on Christmas Day. He allegedly tried to blow up the plane by injecting chemicals into a package of pentrite explosive concealed in his underwear. Investigators checking more than 200 hours of security camera footage from Schiphol’s shopping mall in the transfer area and departure gate say he underwent a security interview and check and did nothing unusual in his three-hour stopover. Earlier, authorities said the suspect went through a routine baggage check and scan by a metal detector before boarding. “Investigations so far have uncovered no indication that the suspect contacted possible accomplices at Schiphol, left the transfer area or behaved suspiciously,” the National Prosecutor’s Office said. As well as studying video footage, investigators have seized the airline seat the suspect occupied from Lagos to Amsterdam and sent it for forensic tests to check for traces of explosives. They also are interviewing passengers and crew on the Lagos-Amsterdam flight and ground staff ranging from security officers to check-in staff and cleaners at Schiphol.

Source: <http://www.kfsm.com/news/nationworld/sns-ap-eu-netherlands-airline-attack,0,1177887.story>

21. *January 4, Associated Press* – (International) **Confusion in Europe after U.S. demands more security.** Airline passengers bound for the United States faced a hodgepodge of heightened security measures across Europe on Monday, but airports did not appear to be following a U.S. request for increased screening of passengers from 14 countries. U.S. officials in Washington said the new security measures would be implemented Monday but there were few visible changes on the ground in Europe, which has thousands of passengers on hundreds of daily flights to the United States. In Britain, a major international transport hub, a spokesman for the Department of Transportation said he was still trying to decipher the practical implications for Britain of the new U.S. rules. U.S. authorities said as of Monday, anyone traveling from or through nations regarded as state sponsors of terrorism — as well as “other countries of interest” — will be required to go through enhanced screening.
Source: http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2010/01/04/general-world-airline-security_7247356.html

22. *January 4, Reuters* – (National) **Amtrak reviews air scare intel, urges vigilance.** U.S. passenger rail operator Amtrak is reviewing intelligence related to the December 25 bombing attempt aboard a U.S.-bound jetliner and will increase security as necessary, the railroad said on Monday. An internal advisory reminded Amtrak employees to be alert. “Although there is no specific threat to Amtrak identified at this time, we will be reviewing all intelligence gathered about the present situation to heighten awareness and to augment our security presence as required,” the advisory said. Unlike air travelers, Amtrak passengers do not undergo mandatory security screening before boarding trains. However, the government-run corporation that carries more than 27 million people annually on more than 300 trains per day conducts random passenger and bag checks. It has also beefed up other security measures in recent years and uses bomb-sniffing dogs randomly in stations and on trains.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE6034DR20100104>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

23. *January 5, WKRG 5 Mobile* – (Alabama) **Second suspicious letter received at federal courthouse.** Hazmat crews responded to the federal courthouse in downtown Mobile for a second straight day. Another suspicious letter with white powder was mailed there. Like the one on Monday, the letter was addressed to a Republican Senator. The FBI says the white powder is not anything dangerous. A letter with white powder was also opened Tuesday at Montgomery’s municipal court. The FBI says it is not connected to similar letters found across the state the past two days.
Source:
http://www.wkrg.com/alabama/article/second_susicious_letter_received_at_federal_courthouse/620655/Jan-05-2010_6-25-pm/

Agriculture and Food Sector

24. *January 6, Central Florida News 13* – (Florida) **State of emergency issued.** The Governor of Florida has issued a State of Emergency because of the freezing temperatures. “I am issuing an executive order to declare a state of emergency due to the threat of severe weather and to ensure timely precautions are taken to protect Florida’s agricultural crops and the general welfare of this state,” he said in the order. State officials say the declaration is designed so precautionary measures are taken to protect Florida’s agricultural crops and citrus. Weight limits for trucks hauling crops to processing plants are being relaxed so that the crops can be preserved. Forecasters are predicting lows just below freezing with some cold spots in the mid 20s. The wind chill will make bare skin feel like the temperature is 6 to 8 degrees colder.
Source: http://www.cfnews13.com/Weather/LocalWeatherHeadlines/2010/1/5/prepare_for_more_cold_and_wind_chill1.html
25. *January 5, Associated Press* – (National) **Feds oppose closing locks to stop Asian carp.** The Presidential Administration Tuesday opposed Michigan and other states that want to close shipping locks near Chicago to prevent ravenous Asian carp from invading the Great Lakes. The Solicitor General told the U.S. Supreme Court that heeding the states’ request would endanger public safety while disrupting cargo and passenger vessel traffic. While acknowledging the carp pose a threat to the lakes and their \$7 billion fishery, she said it was unclear that closing the locks immediately was necessary to keep them out. The Michigan Attorney General filed a lawsuit with the nation’s highest court last month. It asked that several locks on waterways south of Chicago be closed immediately as a first step toward eventually severing a century-old artificial link between the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River basin. The waterways, including the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, are infested with bighead and silver carp that have been migrating northward in the Mississippi and Illinois rivers for decades. They can grow up to 4 feet long and 100 pounds and are notorious for starving out other fish species. Minnesota, New York, Ohio, and Wisconsin and the Canadian province of Ontario have filed documents supporting Michigan’s position.
Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9D1U3DO2.htm>
26. *January 5, Associated Press* – (National) **FDA finds roaches, listeria at airline caterer.** A company that prepares food for major airlines says it has cleaned up its Denver kitchen after federal inspectors found live and dead roaches and listeria bacteria at the facility. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) warned the company, LSG Sky Chefs, that it could be barred from selling food to the airlines at the Denver airport if it flunks further inspections. LSG Sky Chefs said Monday it took the FDA’s comments seriously, fired the general manager and head chef, and believes it will pass a follow-up review. LSG is owned by Deutsche Lufthansa AG and is a U.S. subsidiary provides food to Delta, American, United and other airlines from 43 kitchens around the country. According to an FDA letter to the company, inspectors who examined the

Denver facility found live and dead roaches “too numerous to count” in several areas of the kitchen, including at least 40 live insects in the silverware station.

Source: http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/34706032/ns/health-food_safety/

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Water Sector

27. *January 6, Independent Florida Alligator:* – (Florida) **EPA fines UF for pollution.** The University of Florida (UF) has agreed to pay \$175,000 in federal pollution fines after inspectors discovered soil and groundwater contamination on campus from March 2008. A UF spokeswoman said the university has not completed its investigation of the contamination and is still trying to determine if a cleanup will be required. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) inspectors said tetrachloroethylene levels in the soil and groundwater were higher than allowed by state regulations. The spokeswoman said UF committed no intentional wrongdoing. ZEP Formula 768, the solution in which the tetrachloroethylene originated, was used to clean lawn equipment on a concrete slab outside a maintenance building. The spokeswoman said UF stopped using the solvent almost immediately upon learning that EPA had a concern. Based on testing around the site, she said UF believes the impact of the tetrachloroethylene is limited to the area around the concrete slab next to the maintenance building. Because the EPA expressed concern solely for the groundwater and soil contamination, UF has not checked into the health of the maintenance workers who used the product. UF was also fined for lesser offenses, such as not properly labeling containers of mineral spirits and batteries.

Source: http://www.alligator.org/news/campus/article_23d8f022-f9bc-11de-bffc-001cc4c002e0.html

28. *January 6, Lexington Herald-Leader* – (Kentucky) **Perry Co. water emergency worsens: Buckhorn, Vicco cut off from beleaguered Hazard system.** The water intake at the Hazard, Kentucky water plant has frozen, and as a result, more of the system’s 7,000 customers will probably lose water service Wednesday, said the Hazard city manager. The frozen intake means Kentucky American Water cannot help the municipal utility test for leaks as planned, he said. The system will “bottom out” water stored in tanks. That worsens water conditions in Perry County, which recently shut off water to Vicco in southern Perry and Buckhorn in the northern part of the county because of spotty water service since a rock and mud slide damaged a key waterline December 19. About 300 people — not to mention a state park, a clinic, a children’s home and a handful of businesses — have been without water for a week or more. Buckhorn buys its water from the Hazard municipal system, which was making little progress toward fixing its drinking water shortage before the pipe freeze Wednesday. City officials shut off supply to Vicco and Buckhorn on Monday in order to find the source of a major leak that has depleted storage tanks across the system. Despite those efforts, levels continued to drop. In the meantime, 10 Kentucky National Guard members from the 103rd Brigade Support Battalion, based in Danville, were on their way to Buckhorn with a mobile water-purification unit. A temporary connection to tie

Buckhorn in to the Breathitt County Water District was settled in an emergency meeting Tuesday, officials said. The 0.4-mile connection, arranged between the state, Hazard and Breathitt County, will cost about \$35,000. Buckhorn has been under a boil-water advisory since December 19, and water service in the city was off-and-on until about December 31. The boil-water advisory stretched across the 7,000-customer Hazard water system by the end of Tuesday. Buckhorn's schools will be closed because of the water problems. On Monday, county officials declared a state of emergency because of a drinking-water shortage in the northern part of the county.

Source: http://www.waterworld.com/index/display/news_display/139660338.html

29. *January 5, Water Technology Online* – (Ohio) **Sewage leak forces residents to evacuate.** A massive sewage leak in Marietta, Ohio, from a wastewater treatment plant caused half a dozen homes to be evacuated on Sunday, the Marietta Times reported. Officials said the 380,000-gallon leak was probably caused by unusually cold temperatures and outdated equipment, the article stated. "We're still trying to determine what actually happened," said the wastewater superintendent. "But we believe when the accident happened, it sent a lot of moisture or gas into our system and a pressure relief valve froze and it ruptured the tank lid. There's also a possibility this was an age-related failure, initially anyway." He added that the plant hasn't been upgraded in over 20 years. The mayor said the city hopes to be finished with design plans for upgrades to the plant by the end of the year.

Source: http://watertechonline.com/news.asp?N_ID=73187

30. *January 5, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (National) **Southeast facilities ordered to stop discharging and comply with Clean Water Act.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued Administrative Orders (AOs) against nine entities throughout the Southeast during the last quarter of 2009 for violations of the Clean Water Act (CWA). Six entities were cited for alleged stormwater-related violations of the CWA. Polluted stormwater runoff is a leading cause of impairment to the nearly 40 percent of surveyed U.S. water bodies which do not meet water quality standards. Over land or via storm sewer systems, polluted runoff is discharged, often untreated, directly into local water bodies. Four of the entities cited were issued AOs requiring them to revise their Notice of Intent for Permit coverage, modify their Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan, institute an inspection program, and address areas of potential discharges. Another company was cited for alleged stormwater-related violations and issued an AO requiring them to properly design, install and maintain best management practices, conduct adequate self-inspections, monitor turbidity, and cease the discharge of off-site sediment into a local waterway. A sixth facility was cited for alleged stormwater-related violations and was issued an AO requiring the company to conduct monitoring of all discharge points and submit monitoring data to the authorities; develop and implement best management practices and a Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasures Plan; institute an inspection program; and provide personnel training. Finally, several other wastewater treatment plants were cited for permit violations.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/3D0ACCE688C2CEC7852576A2005B2E7D>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

31. *January 6, San Diego Union-Tribune* – (California) **A medical breakthrough: VA, Kaiser to share records.** Kaiser Permanente and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs today will launch an electronic medical-data exchange program in San Diego that could become the seed for the much touted but equally elusive national health records system. The collaboration, which will be detailed at a news conference in La Jolla, marks the first time a computerized patient-records system operated by a federal agency has been linked to one operated by a private organization. Under the new partnership, Kaiser and VA doctors in San Diego County will gain instant access to certain files from both institutions for about 1,000 patients who receive care from both providers. The U.S. Department of Defense, which uses a separate set of electronic records, will join the program in a few months, Kaiser and VA officials said.
Source: <http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/2010/jan/06/a-medical-breakthrough-va-kaiser-to-share-records/>
32. *January 6, MedPage Today* – (National) **FDA recalls cracked catheter.** The FDA has announced a class 1 a recall — the most serious type — of a vein and artery catheter because the device may crack near its radiopaque marker band and cause fatal injury. Device manufacturer ev3 Endovascular, Inc. recalled all Trailblazer Support Catheters in certain lots manufactured between September 10 and September 30, 2009, and distributed from September 21 to October 27. The cracked device may prevent sufficient oxygen from flowing to tissues, damage tissues and blood vessels, cause myocardial infarction, or result in limb amputation, unplanned surgery, and death, the FDA said.
Source: <http://www.medpagetoday.com/ProductAlert/DevicesandVaccines/17811>
33. *January 5, Press of Atlantic City* – (New Jersey) **Northfield medical center blaze ruled accidental.** An investigation by the Northfield, New Jersey, Fire Department into the December 18 fire at Mainland Medical Center could not determine a cause for the blaze, the assistant fire chief said. The cause of the fire, which destroyed one of the three wings of the 1970s-era building, was ruled “accidental, but undetermined.” The fire appears to have started on the ground floor. The other wings, separated by a stairwell and breezeway, sustained smoke or minor water damage. The entire complex - 10 office suites that include 15 doctor’s offices, several of which were vacant at the time of the fire - has been shut down by its owner for the foreseeable future. Total damages to the building were estimated at about \$2 million.
Source: http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/news/breaking/article_c5c30876-fa4f-11de-853d-001cc4c03286.html

34. *January 5, Charleston Post and Courier* – (South Carolina) **Pharmacy emptied over chemical leak.** Charleston firefighters evacuated a Rite Aid pharmacy the evening of January 4 in West Ashley after pharmacy employees reported that a chemical was leaking from a drum in the pharmacy's photo lab. Firefighters were dispatched to the store about 8:20 p.m., said a public information officer for the Charleston Fire Department. Until they could determine the nature of the material that was leaking, firefighters followed standard procedures for unknown chemicals and evacuated the store, he said. It was later determined that the leaking material posed no danger, he said. The store was reopened at 9:15 p.m. The St. Andrews Fire Department assisted city firefighters in handling the incident, he said.
Source: <http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2010/jan/05/pharmacy-emptied-over-chemical-leak/>

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Government Facilities Sector

35. *January 6, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Va. issues third revision of report on Tech massacre.** Virginia has issued a third version of a report about the Virginia Tech massacre, after university officials took issue with errors in the addendum that was released last month. Relatives of those killed and wounded in the April 16, 2007, shootings received copies from the Governor's office on Tuesday, and the document is expected to be officially released Wednesday. The Roanoke Times received a copy from the families. An addendum compiled by consultant TriData and released in December contained some errors that Virginia Tech disputed, including one item that alleged the university president's office was locked down after the shootings in West Ambler Johnston.
Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/01/06/AR2010010601323.html?hpid=moreheadlines>
36. *January 5, WFED 1500 Radio* – (National) **NARA expands credit monitoring services for March data breach.** The National Archives and Records Administration is offering an additional 150,000 people credit monitoring services after deciding a March 2009 data breach is worse than first thought. NARA announced yesterday that it had authorized Experian to offer free credit monitoring, identity theft insurance and fraud resolution assistance for one-year to those affected by the data breach. The agency approved these services last year after discovering a hard drive containing personally identifiable information of people who worked for the Clinton Administration was missing. Initially, NARA sent letters to more than 26,000 people affected by the lost hard drive. NARA issued a set of questions and answers last May about the data breach. The NARA inspector general also is investigating the missing hard drive. The IG has yet to release its report publicly. NARA also has come under fire from lawmakers over this data breach.
Source: <http://www.federalnewsradio.com/index.php?nid=35&sid=1856050>

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Emergency Services Sector

37. *January 5, WKYW 1060 Philadelphia* – (Pennsylvania; New Jersey) **Pa. officials survey residents for emergency evacuation plans.** The Southeastern Pennsylvania Regional Task Force plans to ask residents what they would do, if they had to be evacuated? Where would they go? How would they get there? It will help local emergency management officials plan for a worst-case scenario. The telephone survey will begin later this week and continue for two to three months. Officials are trying to reach 3,500 residents in the five-county Philadelphia area and five in South Jersey to get an accurate picture of what would happen to the region if there was an emergency that required residents to leave their homes. The head of Philadelphia’s emergency management office says the city and counties have been working on plans for the past few years, but one piece that has been missing is knowing what people would do. Source: <http://www.kyw1060.com/pages/6048247.php?>

38. *January 5, WHAS 11 Louisville* – (Kentucky) **MetroSafe taking action after 911 Twitter account surfaces.** MetroSafe officials in Louisville say they are taking action after a WHAS11 News report uncovered a 911 operator’s Twitter account, called “funny911calls.” It appears the employee was using the Twitter account while taking 911 calls, and posting call information and criticism of 911 callers online. After the WHAS11 story Monday, MetroSafe supervisors reminded employees Tuesday of “the strict prohibition against the use of personal electronic or communications devices within our center, unauthorized release of information as well as the expectation of professional conduct.” MetroSafe is investigating whether the communications specialist was at work when tweeting about 911 calls, a violation of policy. The tweets offer a running commentary. Source: <http://www.whas11.com/news/local/MetroSafe-taking-action-after-911-Twitter-account-surfaces-80746487.html>

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Information Technology Sector

39. *January 6, V3.co.uk* – (International) **US software firm sues China over Green Dam.** U.S. internet filtering software firm Solid Oak Software is suing China’s government, along with the software developers employed by the country to censor the internet, for the theft of code. The California-based company alleges in a District Court filing that 3,000 lines of code from its flagship Cybersitter product were copied and used in China’s Green Dam software. Solid Oak Software has also accused the world’s largest computer manufacturers of knowingly shipping PCs with the code in order to benefit financially from the sales. Those accused include Sony, Toshiba, Lenovo, and Acer. A Lenovo spokesman said: “It is not our policy to comment on litigation. However, Lenovo no longer ships a Green Dam CD with every PC it sells in China,

and has not done so for several months.” The other computer manufacturers did not respond to requests for comment.

Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3/news/2255689/china-green-dam-sued-software>

40. *January 5, DarkReading* – (International) **New PDF exploit may be first of many in the New Year, experts say.** A sophisticated, two-phase attack that hides in PDF documents could be the first in a long line of exploits that target vulnerabilities in Adobe applications, researchers said recently. In a blog an Internet Storm Center researcher describes a new JavaScript exploit that hides in PDF files and exploits a known vulnerability. The shellcode used for the exploit is remarkable in its small footprint and sophistication, the researcher reports. Just 38 bytes long, it works in two stages: The first stage seeks out targets and obfuscates the attack, then passes the baton to a second-stage shellcode that is capable of executing code on a victim’s machine. The exploit’s construction makes it not only difficult for traditional antivirus tools to detect, but also masks the execution of the code so that the end user might not even know anything has happened, he says. The new exploit feeds the fire of predictions that Adobe, not Microsoft, will be attackers’ chief target in the new year. In its new threat predictions report, security firm McAfee projects there will be more attacks on Adobe in 2010 than on Windows.

Source:

<http://www.darkreading.com/security/attacks/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=222200373>

41. *January 5, The Register* – (International) **Hacker pilfers browser GPS location via router attack.** If anyone is surfing the web from a wireless router supplied by some of the biggest device makers, there is a chance the author of Samy Worm can identify your geographic location. That is because WiFi access points made by Westell and others are vulnerable to XSS, or cross-site scripting, attacks that can siphon a device’s media access control address with one wayward click of the mouse. Once in possession of the unique identifier, the author can plug it in to Google’s Google Location Services and determine where you are. “It’s actually scary how accurate it is,” said the author of the worm, a self-replicating XSS exploit that in 2005 added more than 1 million friends to his MySpace account and in the process knocked the site out of commission. “I’ve found that with a single MAC address, I’ve always been spot on with the tests I’ve done.” The author, who tweeted about the vulnerability on January 5, has posted a proof-of-concept attack. For now, it works only on FiOS routers supplied by Verizon, and then only when users are logged in to the device’s administrative panel. With a little more work, he said he can make it exploit similar XSS holes in routers made by other manufacturers. With one very important difference, the author’s proof-of-concept is similar to a Firefox feature that allows users to get customized content by automatically sharing their location with websites they are visiting.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2010/01/05/geo_location_stealing_hack/

42. *January 5, DarkReading* – (International) **Researchers infiltrate Storm botnet successor.** In an undercover mission to learn more about the size and scope of the son of the infamous Storm botnet, Waledac, German researchers have discovered the spamming botnet is much bigger and more efficient than previously thought. The

University of Mannheim and University of Vienna team boldly infiltrated the Waledac botnet from August 6 through September 1 of 2009 using a cloned Waledac bot they built and code-named “Walowdac.” The phony bot injected the IP addresses of the researchers’ analysis systems into the botnet, and the researchers were able to collect detailed data on the botnet and its inner workings. They found Waledac runs a minimum of 55,000 bots a day, with a total of 390,000 bots — much larger than previous estimates of 20,000 or so bots. The researchers also were able to measure success rates of various spam campaigns launched by Waledac, and were able to observe up close Waledac’s newer features, such as the ability to steal credentials from bot-infected machines. Waledac changes up its malware variants about every two weeks, the researchers observed, and the U.S. is home to the majority of the bots and repeaters, with 17.34 percent of the spamming bots and 19.5 percent of the repeaters. And around 90 percent of the Waledac bots were 32-bit XP machines. The researchers were also able to get counts of information-stealing activity by Waledac. In addition, a researcher says Waledac steals SMTP server credentials, so it can spam using those servers, and also FTP user credentials, so it can log into FTP servers. “They are also stealing these FTP credentials to log into FTP servers and search for HTML pages to inject iFrames [into],” he says. “This is part of the propagation mechanism of Waledac.”

Source:

<http://www.darkreading.com/security/vulnerabilities/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=222200371>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

43. *January 5, Contra Costa Times* – (California) **Fake bomb threat evacuates an Anaheim Home Depot store.** A home improvement store in Anaheim was evacuated just before closing time because of a false bomb threat made from an untraceable cell phone, police said. The threat was received about 9:50 p.m. Monday at the Home Depot store in the 1000 block of North Pullman Street off North Weir Canyon Road, said a sergeant with the Anaheim Police Department. About 65 employees and 10

customers were evacuated as a precaution, the sergeant said, adding that a search of the store turned up no bomb.

Source: http://www.contracostatimes.com/california/ci_14123889

44. *January 4, Wayne Independent* – (Pennsylvania) **Carbondale Y gas leak sends 14 to hospital.** A carbon monoxide build-up at the Greater Carbondale, Pennsylvania, YMCA resulted in 14 people being taken to local hospitals for treatment on the day before Christmas. The incident occurred when a chimney blockage prevented gas from escaping the YMCA on the morning of December 24, causing carbon monoxide (CO) levels to begin rising in the building. Lengthy exposure to high levels of the gas can cause brain damage and ultimately death. The fire chief stated that the alarms on the city’s carbon monoxide meters will be activated by CO levels of about 40 parts per million. He said some residential alarms sound at levels above 70 parts per million. “When we got there, the YMCA had readings as high as 800 parts per million in the lower section of the building,” he related, “which is extremely high.” As CO readings rose to dangerous levels within the building, people inside the facility began complaining about symptoms such as headaches and dizziness to the YMCA director at about 10:30 a.m. At least eight people who were transported to Marian Community and other local hospitals for oxygen treatments, according to the YMCA’s director, although other sources put the number at 14.

Source: <http://www.wayneindependent.com/news/x1689189842/Carbondale-Y-gas-leak-sends-14-to-hospital>

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Dams Sector

45. *January 6, Brattleboro Reformer* – (Vermont) **Problems found at Ball Mt. Dam.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) New England District has identified several critical problems at the Ball Mountain Dam in Jamaica, Vermont, after conducting extensive geotechnical testing and evaluation. While engineers found the dam has significant foundation seepage issues and requires crucial repairs for its continued operation, USACE has already taken steps to reduce the possible risks to the area. Subsurface explorations conducted at the site also found poorly compacted areas of the embankment, as well portions of pervious soils under the dam. According to USACE project manager, USACE is conducting inspections at the Jamaica dam now. “We are looking at analyzing the situation to come up with the best long-term way to reduce the risk and make it more stable,” she said. USACE is working toward increasing the

reliability of the dam and keeping residents informed of the potential issues, she added. In order to decrease any risks to the region, engineers have stepped up surveillance and monitoring at the site, and have implemented flood operation and maximum pool restrictions. Crews have also utilized the initial Interim Risk Reduction Measures, which include holding emergency preparedness exercises, performing a detailed engineering analysis of the dam and preparing designs for a long-term repair plan for Ball Mountain Dam. The Corps will use the Townshend Lake Dam downstream to store additional water, which allows Ball Mountain to maintain a lower pool level and thus reduces the potential risks at the site.

Source: http://www.reformer.com/localnews/ci_14130380

46. *January 5, KMOX 1120 St. Louis* – (Illinois) **Durbin calls for more public information on levees.** A day after FEMA agreed to hold off on implementing new metro east flood maps until 2011, an Illinois Senator is demanding to know more about the condition of the region's levees. He is calling on FEMA and the Corps of Engineers to make information on the levees public and to provide additional briefings for local community leaders and residents. The maps, which were scheduled to come out in August, will reclassify the floodplain, increasing flood insurance costs. FEMA says it now will not release those maps until at least next January.
Source: <http://www.kmox.com/pages/6042676.php?>
47. *January 5, Associated Press* – (National) **TVA hydroelectric dams on for 1st time in 3 years.** The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) is starting the new year with its 29 hydroelectric dams running around the clock for the first time in three years. The Chattanooga Times Free Press reports TVA has more water stored in the reservoirs above Chattanooga than at the end of any year since it erected its network of dams in the 1930s and 1940s. That comes even after 70 days of spilling water through the dams to bring down water levels. There is so much water that TVA can not capture all the potential energy because it does not have the equipment to do so. In the Tennessee River — following a year of above normal rainfall in Chattanooga — an extra 45 billion gallons of water is flowing through the city every day above the minimum flow requirement. That is as much water every day as Atlanta uses from its main reservoir, Lake Lanier, in six months. The additional water has slowed barge traffic on the river. Barge operations have to stop when the river flows above 90,000 cubic feet per second through the narrow Tennessee River Gorge because the current becomes too strong to navigate safely. TVA is spilling water through all of its Tennessee River dams except its Wilson and Wheeler Dams, although the flow rate has been reduced since last week, allowing some barge operators to resume operations.
Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/Business/wireStory?id=9481537>
48. *January 5, Homeland Security Newswire* – (National) **Levee statistics show their importance to U.S. economy.** Counties with levees account for only 28 percent of the U.S. counties and only 37 percent of the U.S. land area — but they contain 55 percent of the U.S. population, more than 156 million people; the total productivity for counties containing levees was nearly 3.3 times greater than it was in those without levees; the average annual income of residents was \$1,500 more, and the rate of poverty was 2

percent lower. Most Americans live in counties that are at least partially protected by earthen and concrete levees, according to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) statistics obtained by the New Orleans advocacy group Levees.org. While those levees do not necessarily protect all the people living in the 881 counties that have them, a study conducted for Levees.org concludes that the levees more than pay for themselves when their cost is compared to the investment they protect. In Louisiana, 37 of 64 parishes contain levees, and those parishes contain 74 percent of the state's population, and 75 percent of its annual total income.

Source: <http://homelandsecuritynewswire.com/levee-statistics-show-their-importance-us-economy>

49. *January 4, WDAY 6 Fargo* – (North Dakota) **Wahpeton leaders consider ways to keep snowmobiles off of levees.** The Wahpeton, North Dakota, Public Works Committee say a snowmobiling ban is a last resort, but something needs to be done to keep snowmobilers off levees. The committee got a complaint about a snowmobile hitting a sign on the south side of town. Right now, the city is talking about what to do: whether it is stepping up enforcement, making tighter rules, putting up fences, or a ban on riding in city limits. “So, instead of having that availability of making that quickest route directly from their garage where the rails are, they’d have to load up the ATV or snowmobile on a trailer and then transport it to that destination.” The Public Works Committee is planning to talk with snowmobile association officials and get their input on how to solve this issue.

Source: [http://www.wday.com/event/article/id/28437/group/Your City/](http://www.wday.com/event/article/id/28437/group/Your%20City/)

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