



Homeland Security

Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 31 March 2010

Current Nationwide Threat Level

ELEVATED

Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks

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- The Associated Press reports that an anhydrous ammonia leak possibly caused by methamphetamine makers led authorities to evacuate at least three Taylorsville, Indiana neighborhoods early Tuesday, delay schools, and close a major highway. (See item [6](#))
- CNN reports that a major rainstorm hit the Northeast Tuesday, threatening more flooding in the saturated region and prompting state authorities to close some roads and ready sandbags, trying to prevent rivers, lakes, reservoirs and dams from overflowing. According to the Associated Press, the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency said officials feared Interstate 95 could end up under water in some sections. (See items [26](#) and [65](#))

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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 30, Berkshire Easgle* – (Massachusetts) **Freight train derails in Lee**. A freight train derailment left seven cars off the tracks the evening of March 29, including one car holding thousands of gallons of ethanol, according to Lee police. The incident occurred around 8 p.m., off Pine Street, just past the Oak and Spruce Resort. Seven cars

being pulled by Housatonic Railroad Co. were derailed, with two cars tipping over. One of the cars was holding 20,000 gallons of ethanol, but the materials were not leaking, investigators said. The cause of the accident has not been determined, and there were no injuries related to the accident. There was damage to the track, but it is unclear when it occurred, police said. Housatonic Railroad, a Canaan, Conn.-based company, also operates the Berkshire Scenic Railway. The Berkshire line runs from Connecticut to Pittsfield, where it connects with the national rail system through CSX Transportation. Crews will begin cleaning up the scene this morning. Representatives from the state Department of Environmental Protection and Lee Fire Department are expected to be on hand.

Source: http://www.berkshireeagle.com/ci_14782680

2. *March 29, NBC17 and Associated Press* – (North Carolina) **Storms cause damage from Charlotte to Triad, NWS confirms two tornado touchdowns.** The National Weather Service has confirmed that at least two tornadoes touched down in the western part of North Carolina the evening of March 28. The first occurred around 7:30 p.m. in High Point with maximum winds reaching 138 mph and a path width of 250 yards. The second tornado was confirmed in Person County around 11:55 p.m. with a maximum wind speed of 100 mph. Duke Energy reported that about 11,000 people were without power as of 9:30 p.m. The Davidson County Sheriff said that the chairman of the Board of Commissioners declared a state of emergency there.

Source: <http://wake.mync.com/site/wake/news/Sports/Lifestyles/story/49972/storms-cause-damage-from-charlotte-to-triad-sunday-night>

3. *March 29, West Virginia Record* – (West Virginia) **Putnam plant boiler explosion created health problems, Pa. man alleges.** A Pennsylvania man is accusing a public utility company for health problems he incurred after he was exposed to toxic materials at its Winfield, Putnam County facility almost two years ago. The man named American Electric Power Service Corp., and American Electric Power in a personal injury lawsuit in Putnam Circuit Court. In his complaint filed March 1, he alleges AEP failed to take the necessary precautions in preventing a boiler at the John E. Amos Power Plant from blowing out, resulting in the release of toxic fumes and him scrambling for fresh air. While working on the boiler, he alleges a fan inside failed causing “an unsafe level of pressure to build up.” Eventually, the pressure caused a wall on the boiler to blow out resulting in “dust, ash, arsenic and other toxic materials to released.” He maintains he had to climb four stories to obtain fresh air. The case is the second one in as many months alleging personal injury at John Amos.

Source: <http://www.wvrecord.com/news/225590-putnam-plant-boiler-explosion-created-health-problems-pa.-man-alleges>

4. *March 29, Evansville Courier and Press* – (Illinois) **Weak spot discovered on Illinois oil pipeline.** Routine testing of a section of Marathon Oil Co.’s 20-inch high-pressure crude oil pipeline in Fairfield, Illinois has revealed a weak spot in the line not far from where the line failed 19 months ago causing a massive spill. The pipeline was completed in 1967. “We were conducting pressure tests on the line when workers noted a drop in pressure,” said a spokesman from Marathon’s corporate offices in Findlay,

Ohio. “We have been pressure testing that section of line since early March and discovered the potential problem over the weekend.” He explained that contractors first drained the 138-mile pipeline of crude oil and replaced it with water colored with green dye. Finding the section of pipeline susceptible to failure, he said, prevented an event similar to a spill in August 2008. The potential leak was discovered in a pouring rain the afternoon of March 28 as dozens of workers walked a nearly milelong section of pipeline searching for the green water. The weak spot is on the Galen Fox farm in rural Jasper Township about five miles northeast of Fairfield. The site is less than 10 miles northwest of Golden Gate where the same Marathon line failed in August 2008, spilling 210,000 gallons of crude oil into a nearby wooded area and farmland. Marathon crews and private contractors worked for several weeks to mop up the spill and repair the line. The pipeline remains shut down until repairs can be made to the section that could potentially fail. “Workers have welded a sleeve around that section of pipeline,” he said. “Once the line is pressure-tested again, we hope to be able to reopen the line right away.”

Source: <http://www.courierpress.com/news/2010/mar/29/weak-spot-discovered-on-ill-oil-pipeline/>

5. *March 26, Associated Press* – (National) **‘Smart’ meters have security holes.** Computer-security researchers say new “smart” meters that are designed to help deliver electricity more efficiently also have flaws that could let hackers tamper with the power grid in previously impossible ways. At the very least, the vulnerabilities open the door for attackers to jack up strangers’ power bills. These flaws also could get hackers a key step closer to exploiting one of the most dangerous capabilities of the new technology, which is the ability to remotely turn someone else’s power on and off. The attacks could be pulled off by stealing meters — which can be situated outside of a home — and reprogramming them. Or an attacker could sit near a home or business and wirelessly hack the meter from a laptop, according to a senior security analyst with InGuardians Inc. The firm was hired by three utilities to study their smart meters’ resistance to attack. These utilities, which he would not name, have already done small deployments of smart meters and plan to roll the technology out to hundreds of thousands of power customers, he said. There is no evidence the security flaws have been exploited, although he said a utility could have been hacked without knowing it. InGuardians said it is working with the utilities to fix the problems. He said InGuardians found vulnerabilities in products from all five of the meter makers the firm studied. He would not disclose those manufacturers.

Source:

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20100326/ap_on_hi_te/us_tec_smart_grid_hacking;_ylt=Ai25n5J4kGP5ZWKQFjbzh6gjtBAF;_ylu=X3oDMTJ1bGhiaWZpBGFzc2V0A2FwLzIwMTAwMzI2L3VzX3RlY19zbWFydF9ncmlkX2hhY2tpbmcEcG9zAzQE2VjA3luX2FydGljbGVfc3VtbWFyeV9saXN0BHNsawNhcGV4Y2xlc2l2ZX

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Chemical Industry Sector

6. *March 30, Associated Press* – (Indiana) **Ammonia leak causes evacuation.** An anhydrous ammonia leak possibly caused by methamphetamine makers led authorities to evacuate at least three Taylorsville neighborhoods in the middle of the night, delay schools and close a major highway. One motorist who drove through the ammonia cloud early on March 29 sought medical attention, and medics were dispatched to some locations, said a lieutenant of the Bartholomew County Sheriff's Department. The pre-dawn darkness and fog in the area made it difficult to determine whether the cloud was dissipating as it drifted southward toward Columbus, he said. Some schools delayed opening for two hours as a precaution. A passer-by reported a suspicious vehicle and a noticeable cloud and odor about 2:30 a.m. at a business south of Taylorsville, he said. A deputy in the area immediately arrested one woman, and investigators were searching for two other people possibly involved in making methamphetamine, he said. Authorities went door to door to immediately evacuate one neighborhood of about 75 homes and asked residents of at least two other subdivisions to evacuate. Some chose to remain in their homes but took precautions to reduce their exposure to the ammonia. About 60 evacuees went to the Edinburgh Separate Baptist Church, located north of the ammonia leak, a deacon at the church told the Columbus Republic.
Source: <http://www.wane.com/dpp/news/indiana/Amonia-leak-causes-evacuation>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

7. *March 30, WCAX 3 Burlington* – (Vermont) **More tritium found at Vt. Yankee, NRC plans closed-door meeting.** More tritium has been found on the grounds of the Vermont Yankee nuclear plant in Vernon. On Monday, the Department of Health said that another well, deeper than the other monitoring wells, is showing increased levels of tritium contamination. The well is outside the area officials marked as being contaminated, so it is located in an area they thought was clear. The tritium levels are low but more tests will be conducted. During the week of March 22-26, plant owner Entergy said it had found the source of the tritium leak and plugged it. Next month the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will hold a closed-door meeting to discuss the leak with officials from Vermont, New Hampshire and Massachusetts. The April 14 meeting will be held in Keene, New Hampshire. Officials say the choice of location has to do with Vermont's Right-to-Know Law, which requires that any meeting involving the majority of any elected board be open to the public. NRC officials say they wanted to discuss the situation without the scrutiny of the press or the public. However, an open house is tentatively scheduled earlier in the week in Brattleboro. That meeting will be open to the public and the media.
Source: <http://www.wcax.com/Global/story.asp?S=12225690>
8. *March 30, Associated Press* – (Vermont) **House panel revisits decommissioning Vermont Yankee Plant.** Despite two previous rebuffs, Vermont lawmakers are trying again to get Vermont Yankee nuclear plant's owners to put up more money toward the eventual cost of dismantling the plant. The House Natural Resources and Energy Committee was to take up a new measure related to the plant's decommissioning on

March 30. It is the third time the costs of dismantling the state's lone reactor when it shuts down have been the subject of legislation. The Vermont governor vetoed two previous bills. The bill would require Vermont Yankee's owner, Entergy Corp., to set aside \$50 million to pay the difference between the sort of nuclear cleanup required under federal law and more stringent state requirements.

Source: <http://www.burlingtonfreepress.com/article/20100330/NEWS03/100330015>

9. *March 30, Associated Press* – (South Carolina) **2 electrical fires cause shutdown of SC nuke plant.** Two fires in an electrical room have forced Progress Energy to shut down its South Carolina nuclear plant. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission says no workers were injured in the fires Sunday night at the H. B. Robinson site, and the people living around the plant near Hartsville were not in danger. The NRC has sent several investigators to the plant to figure out what caused the fires. Progress Energy says the first fire started around 7 p.m. in a breaker in the turbine building, while the second happened in an adjacent breaker about four hours later. The blazes were put out in minutes. The utility is waiting to hear from inspectors before deciding when the reactor will be restarted. Workers were scheduled to shut it down and refuel it in mid-April.

Source: <http://www.newsobserver.com/2010/03/29/412757/2-electrical-fires-cause-shutdown.html>

10. *March 29, WECT 6 Wilmington* – (North Carolina) **Fire reported at Brunswick nuclear power plant.** Progress Energy's Brunswick Nuclear Plant near Southport reported a fire lasting more than fifteen minutes March 26 to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The fire started shortly before 11 p.m., according to a report on the NRC website, in the Unit 1 Turbine Building. The report states that field personnel working in the condenser bay saw smoke but no flames. The source of the fire is believed to be electric blankets used for heat treatment after welding. Tape holding the blankets together helped spread the fire. Workers de-energized the blankets, which extinguished the fire by 11:10. Progress Energy reports no injuries or damage to the equipment. State and local authorities have been notified.

Source: <http://www.wect.com/Global/story.asp?S=12221607>

11. *March 28, Knoxville News Sentinel* – (Tennessee) **EnergySolutions says cable failure caused Feb. 4 accident at Oak Ridge nuke-waste plant.** EnergySolutions said the company's internal investigation has confirmed that a cable failure caused a 10-ton block of metal to fall during an operation February 4 at the Bear Creek waste-processing plant. A worker was seriously injured in the accident. In an e-mail response to questions, a EnergySolutions spokesman said, "A thorough internal investigation was conducted confirming a cable failure caused the metal block to fall. As with all safety incidents, we implemented corrective actions at the Bear Creek Metal Melt facility. In addition, we have required an Extent of Conditions evaluation of all facilities and projects company wide." The company did not release its reports. "The reports are internal reports from an internal investigation and will not be released to the public," the spokesman said. Earlier this month, EnergySolutions said most activities had returned to normal at the waste-processing plant in Oak Ridge, except for the

metal-melting operations.

Source:

http://blogs.knoxnews.com/munger/2010/03/energysolutions_says_cable_fai.html

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

12. *March 30, Occupational Health and Safety* – (Texas) **Texas tower manufacturer cited for 41 safety, health violations.** OSHA has cited FWT Inc. with alleged willful and serious violations of federal safety and health regulations following an inspection at the company's facility in Fort Worth, Texas. The proposed penalties total \$293,400. FWT manufactures custom steel products for telecommunication and utility applications. The company produces guyed and self-supporting towers, monopoles, transmission and distribution poles, lattice and substation structures, and power mounts at its Fort Worth manufacturing yard and galvanizing plant. "OSHA's standards must be followed to provide a safe and healthful workplace for employees," said OSHA's area director in Fort Worth. "FWT has not followed OSHA standards, putting its workers' safety in jeopardy." The investigation, which began Sept. 30, 2009, has resulted in three willful and 38 serious violations of OSHA standards. The willful violations are for failing to conduct noise monitoring for employees who were exposed to noise levels at or above a time-weighted average of 120 dBA; to identify and evaluate respiratory hazards associated with methylene diphenyl diisocyanate; and to provide a carbon monoxide monitor for employees utilizing compressed air from an oil lubricated compressor as breathing air during blasting operations.

Source: <http://ohsonline.com/articles/2010/03/30/texas-tower-manufacturer-cited-for-41-safety-health-violations.aspx?admgarea=news>

13. *March 29, Avstop.com* – (National) **NTSB makes safety recommendations to the FAA on glass cockpits.** The National Transportation Safety Board adopted a study and concluded that small aircraft that had "glass cockpits" were not safer and had a higher fatal accident rate than similar aircraft with conventional instruments. The Board has recommended that airman knowledge tests include questions regarding electronic flight and navigation displays. Training materials should cover electronic primary flight displays, initial and recurrent flight proficiency requirements should include flight displays requirements for pilots, as well develop and publish equipment-specific guidance. In addition, recommendations call for requiring all manufacturers to include in their approved aircraft flight manual and pilot's operating handbook supplements information regarding abnormal equipment operation or malfunction due to subsystem and input malfunctions, including but not limited to pitot and/or static system blockages, magnetic sensor malfunctions, and attitude-heading reference system alignment failures.

Source:

http://avstop.com/news_march_2010/ntsb_makes_safety_recommendations_to_the_faa_on_glass_cockpits.htm

14. *March 28, Marine Log* – (Alaska) **Alaska sues Derecktor and MTU.** On behalf of the Alaska Marine Highway System, the State of Alaska on March 26 filed a lawsuit against the contractor responsible for the design and construction of the fast ferries Fairweather and Chenega. The suit also named the companies responsible for the vessels' propulsion systems. The lawsuit is against Robert E. Derecktor, Inc., the contractor responsible for the design and construction of the ferries, and against MTU Friedrichshafen, GmbH and MTU Detroit Diesel, Inc., the entities responsible for the vessels' propulsion systems. "Since we accepted delivery of the vessels in 2004 and 2005, the propulsion systems have been subject to recurrent problems," said the deputy commissioner of marine operations with the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. A press release from the office of the Alaska Attorney General asserts that "typical of the problems encountered with the vessels was the massive overhaul required on the Fairweather beginning in February 2006 at Ketchikan Ship and Drydock. All four diesel engines had hairline cracks in their steel sleeves, and there were additional problems with bull gears, shafts and bearings. The initial in-service date was pushed back by months."

Source: <http://www.marinelog.com/DOCS/NEWSMMIX/2010mar00291.html>

15. *March 26, General Motors* – (Missouri; National) **GM recalls 5,000 heavy duty vans for engine fire risk.** General Motors Co. is conducting a safety recall of about 5,000 heavy-duty Chevrolet Express and GMC Savana passenger and cargo vans and halting production and sale of the trucks until a fix for a suspected faulty alternator can be determined. Retail and fleet customers who purchased these vans, which were built in February and March this year, are being urged to stop driving the vans, park them outside away from buildings and other vehicles and, if possible, disconnect both battery cables. Relatively few of the affected vans are in retail customer possession. About 1,300 are in rental and other fleets, and a Stop Sale order was issued March 26, preventing the fleet-owned vans from being rented or those on dealer lots from being sold. Others are being held at dealerships or in ports before being exported. Only the 2500 (three-quarter ton), 3500/4500 (one-ton) Series vans are affected. Light-duty (half-ton) Express and Savana vans use a different alternator. The light-duty vans are still being built and shipped from the plant in Wentzville, Missouri. About 1,400 AC Delco aftermarket parts also are affected by the recall. The affected part numbers are 15263859 and 15847291. Customers who had a heavy duty alternator replaced in February or March in a 2005-2010 heavy-duty Express or Savana van or other 2005-2009 GM truck or SUV also are being urged to check their repair order receipts to determine if a suspect part was involved. If it was, or the part used is unknown, they are urged to stop driving their vehicles, park them away from buildings and other vehicles and, if possible, disconnect both battery cables.

Source:

http://media.gm.com/content/media/us/en/news/news_detail.brand_gm.html/content/Pages/news/us/en/2010/Mar/0326_gvan

16. *March 23, Consumer Affairs* – (National) **Niles Audio recalls MultiZone Receivers.** Niles Audio Corp. is recalling about 3,800 Niles ZR-6 MultiZone Receivers. A failure in the receiver’s internal components can cause connected loudspeakers to overheat and cause a fire, posing a fire hazard to consumers. The firm has received reports of three incidents of connected loudspeakers overheating. No injuries have been reported. This recall involves Niles ZR-6 MultiZone Receivers. The receivers were sold by audio/video/home theater custom installation professionals nationwide from July 2008 through November 2009 for about \$2,000. They were made in China. Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled receivers and contact Niles for a free repair kit. The repair kit includes a software update for the receivers. Niles is directly contacting consumers who purchased the recalled receivers. The recall is being conducted in cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. Source: http://www.consumeraffairs.com/recalls04/2010/niles_audio.html

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Banking and Finance Sector

17. *March 30, IDG News Service* – (National) **JC Penney tried to block publication of data breach.** Retailer JC Penney fought to keep its name secret during court proceedings related to the largest breach of credit card data on record, according to documents unsealed on March 29. JC Penney was among the retailers targeted by a ring of hackers, which managed to steal more than 130 million credit card numbers from payment processor Heartland Payment Systems and others. The mastermind was sentenced to 20 years in prison on Friday in U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts. In December, JC Penney — referred to as “Company A” in court documents — argued in a filing that the attacks occurred more than two years ago, and that disclosure would cause “confusion and alarm.” However, it was already suspected JC Penney was one of the retailers after the Web site StorefrontBacktalk was the first outlet to accurately report in August 2009 that JC Penney was among the retailers targeted by the mastermind’s group. Source: http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9174363/JC_Penney_tried_to_block_publication_of_data_breach

18. *March 30, Bank Info Security* – (Virginia) **VA bank merger creates security breach.** A bad file that went awry during a bank merger caused a security breach at a community bank in Virginia. Some Union First Market Bank customers found that their

bank account information was accessible to other customers after two banks, Union Bank and Trust Company and First Market Bank, merged on March 22 to become Union First Market Bank. The newly-merged bank is part of Union First Market Bankshares Corp., (\$2.94 billion in assets) based in Richmond, Virginia. Bank officials say that when online bill-pay accounts were transferred from First Market Bank to Union First Market Bank over the weekend of the merger, a bad file containing information of around 1000 customers was sent. That data then was accessible to some other customers. The bank worked last week to fix the problem, and representatives say the institution will offer credit checks and identity theft protection to customers impacted by the glitch. According to the bank, its online banking portal — which was taken offline when the breach was discovered — is now restored and available to use for all “but a limited number” of customers still affected by the bad file.

Source: http://www.bankinfosecurity.com/articles.php?art_id=2351

19. *March 29, U.S. Department of Justice* – (New Jersey) **Pamrapo Savings Bank of New Jersey pleads guilty to conspiracy to commit Bank Secrecy Act violations and forfeits \$5 million.** Pamrapo Savings Bank S.L.A., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Pamrapo Bancorp Inc., based in Bayonne, New Jersey, pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey to conspiracy to violate the Bank Secrecy Act and has agreed to forfeit \$5 million to the United States. According to the criminal information filed on March 29 in U.S. District Court in Trenton, New Jersey, Pamrapo Savings Bank conspired with others to conceal its customers’ illegal or suspicious activities by failing to file currency transaction reports (CTRs) and suspicious activity reports (SARs) and by willfully failing to maintain adequate anti-money laundering programs. Pamrapo Savings Bank admitted that it willfully violated the Bank Secrecy Act to avoid the expenses associated with compliance, despite federal and state banking regulators telling Pamrapo Savings Bank as early as 2004 that its Bank Secrecy Act and anti-money laundering programs contained serious and systemic deficiencies in critical areas required under the law. Specifically, Pamrapo Savings Bank admitted during its guilty plea that it unlawfully failed to file CTRs and SARs related to approximately \$35 million in illegal and suspicious financial transactions, including more than \$5 million in structured currency transactions. The bank acknowledged that its willful failure to maintain adequate Bank Secrecy Act and anti-money laundering programs resulted in numerous and repeated violations of the law.

Source: <http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2010/March/10-crm-335.html>

20. *March 29, KTVB 7 Boise* – (Idaho; Oregon) **Phishing scam hits the Treasure Valley.** A new phishing scam is hitting the Treasure Valley and now the Better Business Bureau is warning people before they fall victim. The scam comes in the form of a text message saying, “BOTC Alert: Your card starting with 4266 has been deactivated. Please contact us at (208) 473-2643 to reactivate your card.” “Technology makes it so easy for the scam artist to set up what looks like a local number,” said the president of Idaho Better Business Bureau, serving Southeast Idaho and Eastern Oregon. “It’s important for folks to realize the Bank of the Cascades, or any bank, is not going to send a text message saying ‘your account has been closed or deactivated and that you need to call in to reactivate it’.” Delete the message if received. A similar

scam happened in January 2009 when a bogus text message was sent around the area that read, “unusual activity has happened on your Bank of the Cascades account.”

Source: <http://www.nwcn.com/news/idaho/Phishing-scam-hits-the-Treasure-Valley-89399837.html>

21. *March 29, Reuters* – (International) **Four charged in \$60 million Ponzi scheme in Canada.** Canadian police laid fraud and money laundering charges on Monday against four people accused of bilking 1,000 investors across North America in a \$60 million Ponzi scheme. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police charged three men and a woman in connection with the business of a company called HMS Financial Inc, which allegedly promised investors returns of 8 percent to 12 percent between 2001 and 2004. The four are from Alberta, where RCMP commercial crime investigators arrested two men last year in connection with a separate scheme that allegedly fleeced investors out of as much as C\$400 million (\$392 million). The four suspects were charged with laundering the proceeds of crime.

Source: <http://ca.reuters.com/article/businessNews/idCATRE62S5ET20100329>

22. *March 29, Reuters* – (Ohio) **West Point grad charged in \$30 mln US Ponzi scheme.** A West Point graduate who claimed his knowledge of physics allowed him to predict “with an uncanny degree of certainty” trends in the futures market was accused on Monday in Ohio of perpetrating a \$30 million Ponzi scheme. Federal prosecutors charged the 47 year old suspect with one count of wire fraud for allegedly scamming 26 investors out of \$29.7 million through the sale and purchase of futures contracts. The suspect is accused of promising investors returns of 8 to 12 percent by using a “Money Market Plus” methodology and by combining his knowledge of physics with a unique “momentum filter,” prosecutors said. The complaint also charged that the suspect did not put promised “stop” orders in place to prevent excessive losses and that he diverted millions of dollars in investor money to fund Rico Latte coffee shops in Ohio, to purchase real estate and to make payments to some investors.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSN2910023520100329>

23. *March 29, WESH 2 Orlando* – (Florida) **Skimmer found on Daytona Beach ATM.** It may not have looked different to bank customers, but an automated teller machine at a Daytona Beach bank was rigged to steal debit card information from customers. A Bank of America employee realized criminals were at work. The employee works at a branch in Flagler County but contacted authorities on Sunday when the device was found attached to the ATM. For nearly seven hours, authorities said any customer using the walk-up ATM at 1550 S. Clyde Morris Blvd. may have been vulnerable to the skimming device. Police said they have surveillance images of a crook attaching the device to the ATM. Another man put an out-of-order sign on the drive-through ATM, so customers would use the other one.

Source: <http://www.wesh.com/news/22992221/detail.html>

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Transportation Sector

24. *March 30, Arizona Daily Sun* – (Arizona) **New train ‘robbers’ cut brakes.** Two Mexican nationals have been arrested in recent days in connection with two burglaries on BNSF trains in the northern Arizona area Friday morning. The first burglary was reported near Williams, said a spokesperson for BNSF. Apparently undocumented aliens from Southern California cut the brake hoses on a train near Williams to disable it in order to offload a shipment of televisions, but were caught in the act. Coconino County Sheriff’s Office deputies spotted a sport-utility vehicle near the scene where the televisions were offloaded and a short pursuit ensued, the spokesman said. The vehicle suddenly stopped and several people scattered into the forest. The second burglary was reported near the Winona area east of Flagstaff. Again, brake hoses were cut on a BNSF train to cause the train to engage emergency braking and stop. This time, the burglars unloaded computer equipment from one of the cars.
Source: http://www.azdailysun.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/article_5b4154ba-80f1-51f1-9511-92c4f402f9b3.html
25. *March 30, Washington Post* – (Virginia) **Flight diverted to Dulles following security concern.** An American Airlines flight from Chicago to Reagan National Airport was diverted to Dulles International Airport late Monday after the crew reported a security concern involving a passenger, authorities said. The nature of the security concern was not immediately disclosed, and officials who searched the plane after it landed found no hazardous materials on board. The allegedly suspicious passenger was not on a watch list, an American Airlines spokesman said. American Eagle Flight 4117 landed safely shortly before midnight with 45 passengers on board, the spokesman said, according to the Associated Press. He said the crew reported a security concern during the flight to the Transportation Security Administration, which advised the pilot to land at Dulles instead of National. Most passengers left the airport on their own, while others were offered transportation, he said. The two airports in Northern Virginia are about 28 miles apart. In a statement Tuesday morning, TSA said it “was notified of a passenger acting unusually” on the flight, which was then rerouted to Dulles at the request of the National Capital Region Coordination Center and “landed without incident at approximately 11:53 pm EDT.” The statement said TSA and law enforcement personnel met the flight and that “all passengers were cleared to proceed.” It did not immediately explain what the passenger did to cause the diversion or provide any further details of the incident. A spokesman for the Washington Metropolitan Airports Authority said the situation was resolved shortly after the American Eagle flight landed and that some passengers were taken by bus to National.
Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/03/30/AR2010033000992.html?hpid=moreheadlines>
26. *March 30, Associated Press* – (Northeast) **Rhode Island expecting worst flooding in over century.** The second major rainstorm of the month pounded the Northeast on Tuesday, pushing rivers over their banks, closing roads and schools, prompting evacuations, and shattering at least one rainfall record. The Rhode Island governor asked residents Tuesday afternoon to get home by dinnertime to avoid traveling in what officials expect to be the worst flooding to hit the state in more than 100 years. Standing water pooled on or rushed across roads in the region, making driving

treacherous and forcing closures. A spokesman for the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency said officials feared Interstate 95, a major East Coast thoroughfare, could end up under water in some sections. In Maine, a dam in Porter let loose Tuesday morning, sending a torrent of water down country roads. One road ended up covered with 2 feet of water, but no evacuations or injuries were reported. On Long Island, rain coupled with tides inundated a 20-mile stretch of oceanfront road in Southampton. Weather-related delays averaged three hours at Newark Liberty International Airport, and two hours at New York's La Guardia Airport, according to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. In New York City, a mudslide caused some interruptions on a commuter rail line in the Bronx.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2010/03/29/flooding-threatens-storm-weary-east-coast/>

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27. *March 29, Associated Press* – (Oregon) **Boat headed to Hermiston explodes.** A Hermiston-bound boat exploded in the Columbia River in Portland, sending three people to the hospital Friday, authorities said. A Multnomah County sheriff's deputy says the boat was pulling out of the dock near Donaldson Marina when the explosion occurred. The boat then burst into flames. The owner of a fueling station at the marina told the Oregonian newspaper he had just sold fuel to the two men and a woman who were setting off for a 190-mile trip to Hermiston. He says the explosion sounded "like a bomb going off." A spokesman for Portland Fire & Rescue says people on boats and bystanders pulled the victims from the water. The injuries were said to be non life-threatening.

Source: <http://www.thenewstribune.com/2010/03/27/1127905/boat-headed-to-hermiston-explodes.html>

28. *March 29, SecurityInfoWatch.com* – (National) **Report: Body scans to become primary airport screening by 2011.** Despite concerns over the cost and benefits, privacy, reliability and safety of airport body scanners, the United States federal government plans to deploy 500 advanced imaging technology units this year, roll out 500 more in 2011 and operate a total of 1,800 units by 2014, according to testimony last week at a House Transportation Security and Infrastructure subcommittee hearing. The plan represents a "more than two-fold increase from the initial planned buy of 878 units," noted the Government Accountability Office's director for Homeland Security and Justice issues. "Second, the Transportation Security Administration now plans to use this technology as a primary rather than secondary screening measure." TSA last week deployed two of its new backscatter X-ray AIT units at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport and Boston's Logan International and in 2009 "deployed 40 of the millimeter-wave AIT's at 19 airports nationwide and procured 150 backscatter X-ray units," according the director's statement published by the GAO.

Source: <http://www.securityinfowatch.com/node/1315445>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report

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Agriculture and Food Sector

29. *March 30, Washington Post* – (National) **FDA pressured to combat rising ‘food fraud’.** “Food fraud” has been documented in fruit juice, olive oil, spices, vinegar, wine, spirits and maple syrup, and appears to pose a significant problem in the seafood industry. Victims range from the shopper at the local supermarket to multimillion companies, including E&J Gallo and Heinz USA. Such deception is getting new attention as more products are imported and a tight economy heightens competition. And the U.S. food industry says federal regulators are not doing enough to combat it. “It’s growing very rapidly, and there’s more of it than you might think,” said a senior partner at A.T. Kearney Inc., which is studying the issue for the Grocery Manufacturers Association, which represents the food and beverage industry. An expert on food and packaging fraud at Michigan State University estimates that 5 to 7 percent of the U.S. food supply is affected but acknowledges the number could be greater. “We know what we seized at the border, but we have no idea what we didn’t seize,” he said. The job of ensuring that food is accurately labeled largely rests with the Food and Drug Administration. But it has been overwhelmed in trying to prevent food contamination, and fraud has remained on a back burner.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/03/29/AR2010032903824.html>

30. *March 30, KMTV 3 Omaha* – (Nebraska) **Homemade bomb found in Hormel Plant.** Federal authorities are investigating after somebody stashed a homemade bomb at a place with more than one-thousand workers. That place is the Hormel plant in Fremont, Nebraska. After a call to police, deputies with the Dodge County Sheriff’s Office found a homemade bomb in an employee locker and the discovery put the plant into lock down. The state patrol removed the explosive and disarmed it in a parking lot across the street from the plant. The operation closes roads and access to the plant for most of the day. The ATF is handling the investigation and says it identified a suspect who is currently the subject of a criminal investigation.

Source: <http://www.action3news.com/Global/story.asp?S=12224832>

31. *March 30, WSB 2 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **Molotov cocktail thrown into Atlanta business.** Employees of a southwest Atlanta business evacuated after someone threw a Molotov cocktail through the front window Tuesday morning, witnesses said. Employees of the West End Stop and Shop convenience store believe an elderly man may have intentionally set the fire stating that the man was disgruntled. They are hoping that security cameras mounted outside the store may have captured whoever threw two Molotov cocktails at the business and torched the store. Police fear that the fire may have destroyed the recording machine connected to the security cameras. No

one was injured.

Source: <http://www.wsbtv.com/news/22996544/detail.html>

32. *March 30, Winona Daily News* – (Minnesota) **Driver injured, cheese destroyed in I-90 truck wreck, fire.** An Iowa man escaped serious injury in a fiery wreck Monday morning when his semitrailer, which was filled with cheese, crashed along Interstate 90 in Warren Township near St. Charles, according to the Minnesota State Patrol. The 58-year-old man was airlifted to Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center in La Crosse, Wisconsin, with minor injuries after he crashed near Wyatville, Minnesota, according to the state patrol. The wreck forced clean-up crews to close portions of the interstate's westbound lanes for several hours. The driver was eastbound on the interstate when his truck crossed the median and both westbound lanes about 6:45 a.m., struck the County Road 25 bridge and went down an embankment where it crashed on County Road 25, according to the state patrol and Minnesota Department of Transportation. A Winona County sheriff said the semi, which was carrying blocks of cheese, caught fire and was destroyed, though the driver managed to escape before it was engulfed in flames. Both westbound lanes were closed until 7:50 a.m. as crews worked to put out the flames and clean up the site, according to the state patrol. One lane was opened, while the other remained closed until about 9:30 a.m. Department of Transportation officials inspected the bridge and did not find any major damage, according to MnDOT. The sheriff said the truck caught the corner of the bridge.

Source: http://www.winonadailynews.com/news/local/article_9d872062-3bb9-11df-9670-001cc4c002e0.html

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Water Sector

33. *March 30, Dayton Daily News* – (Ohio) **Water service restored, boil advisory for residents on Elsmere Avenue.** Water service has been restored this morning, Tuesday, March 30, to the seven residences on Elsmere Avenue who lost service on Monday due to a water main break that sent millions of gallons of water rushing down their street, flooding basements, blocking driveways, and trapping residents for a while. A boil advisory is in effect for those seven residences for the next 24 hours, said the water distribution manager for the city of Dayton's water department. A 16-inch water main on Elsmere Avenue at McCleary Avenue was shattered around noon Monday by an excavator operator digging around a sewer at the new Fairview PK-8 School. At one time the water in a city water tower blocks away dropped 15 feet below its normal level, he said. The water level in the tank directly relates to the water pressure that the nearby area will receive, he said. The elevated tank sent water flowing through a 24 inch line that fed directly into the 16-inch main which created the huge volume of water. The system has a redundancy built in, he said, so additional pumps at the water supply and treatment plant were turned on to maintain the water pressure in the system to assure an adequate pressure should an emergency arise. The workers were able to isolate the area of breakage at about 7 p.m. Monday night, shutting off valves at both ends of Elsmere Avenue. They were then able to excavate the site and get to the broken

pieces, he said. The work to fix the main by city crews from the Water Department, Division of Water Distribution took until about 2 a.m. He said the water was initially allowed to gush up so Good Samaritan Hospital would not be put out of water service. Source: <http://www.daytondailynews.com/news/dayton-news/water-service-restored-boil-advisory-for-residents-on-elsmere-avenue-627634.html>

34. *March 29, Associated Press* – (National) **BPA’s environmental impact investigated.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) said Monday it will investigate the impact of the chemical Bisphenol-A on the U.S. water supply and other parts of the environment. Federal regulators have been ramping up their scrutiny of the controversial plastic-hardener at the behest of scientists and activists who say it can interfere with infant growth and development. The EPA said in a statement it will begin measuring levels of BPA in drinking and ground water. More than 1 million pounds of BPA are released into the environment each year, according to the agency. The EPA will also “look for ways to reduce unnecessary exposures, including assessing substitutes.” BPA is found in canned food linings, water bottles, CDs and hundreds of other household items. “We share FDA’s concern about the potential health impacts from BPA,” said an assistant administrator with EPA. The FDA has set aside \$30 million to study BPA’s safety over the next 18 to 24 months. While the FDA gathers more information, consumer safety advocates have urged the EPA to push ahead with tighter regulation of the chemical. The EPA has authority to restrict the use of chemicals that pose risks to the environment and public health. The FDA regulates ingredients and packaging of processed foods and drugs. Source: http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/36085874/ns/health-more_health_news/

35. *March 29, USA TODAY* – (National) **Cities slap fees on storm runoff.** New environmental regulations are prompting cities to impose fees on property owners for the cost of managing storm water runoff, the leading cause of water pollution in most of the nation. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has started issuing a series of limits on storm water pollution that will require local governments to spend large amounts of money on water quality and soon start slowly reshaping America’s roads, housing developments and even the traditional lawn. The EPA for the first time is placing specific limits on how much storm water pollution can flow into the nation’s streams, rivers, lakes and bays. Federal courts have ruled that the Clean Water Act requires more stringent regulations. Most local governments pay for storm water systems from general tax revenue. Faced with budget gaps, cities and counties are moving to storm water fees — like water and utility bills — based on how much rainwater flows off a property. The fees have generated stiff opposition in some places. Seminole County commissioners in Florida rejected a fee after 500 people attended a hearing to protest. “It’s a tax on rain,” says an anti-tax activist who led a successful effort to have Colorado Springs voters repeal a storm water fee. Fees typically range from \$2 to \$10 a month for an average home. The amount depends on how much space is consumed by roofs, driveways and other surfaces. Large retail stores, schools and airports can pay thousands of dollars a month. Source: http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/environment/2010-03-28-runoff-fees_N.htm

36. *March 29, Detroit News* – (Michigan) **Harrison Township water main break repaired.** Harrison Township Officials have repaired a massive break in the main that supplies the township's water but are recommend residents boil their water for about 48 hours. The Harrison Township supervisor said a 20-inch pipe from Grosse Pointe repaired a 3-foot hole in the township's main water line by midnight. He estimates 12,000 to 14,000 homes were affected by the break that diverts water to the township from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. The break occurred on the westbound Interstate 94 ramp off eastbound 16 Mile around noon. He said residents should monitor the township's Web site and cable access channel for updates.
Source: <http://www.detnews.com/article/20100329/METRO/3290405/1409/Harrison-Township-water-main-break-to-be-repaired-tonight>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

37. *March 30, Hartford Courant* – (Connecticut) **Griffin Hospital reports breach of 957 patients' records.** Medical information for 957 patients at Griffin Hospital in Derby, Connecticut, was breached by a radiologist who broke into a computer archive system over a period of several weeks after he was terminated in February. The hospital announced the security breach Monday on its website. The doctor worked for a radiology group contracted by Griffin Hospital. His job ended February 3, although it's not clear if he was fired. His archive password was revoked when he lost his job, but he continued to access the system using passwords of other employees without their knowledge between February 4 and March 5, the hospital said. The hospital's Digital Picture Archiving and Communication System (PACS) has medical images, patients' names, exam dates, exam descriptions, gender, age, medical record numbers and dates of birth. It does not have either Social Security numbers or patient financial information. The radiologist looked over a directory listing of 957 patients and downloaded medical images, such as X-rays, for 339 of them. In late February, some patients called Griffin Hospital to say they had been contacted by the doctor, who was offering his professional services at a different hospital in the area. The inquires prompted a hospital investigation.
Source: <http://www.courant.com/business/hc-griffin0330.artmar30,0,1191216.story>
38. *March 30, Medpage Today* – (Georgia) **Georgia H1N1 cases spike; CDC blames low vaccination rates.** Health officials are carefully watching a spike in cases of the pandemic H1N1 flu in the Southeastern United States. Doctors test how transferable the virus is. Georgia is particularly worrisome, with 40 people admitted to hospital for the flu last week — more than in any other state, according to the director of the CDC's National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases. Georgia has outpaced the rest of the nation in laboratory-confirmed H1N1 flu cases admitted to hospitals for the past three weeks, she said in a telephone press conference Monday. The press conference — the first in several weeks to discuss the pandemic — was called largely

because of the situation in Georgia, she said. The rate of H1N1 disease overall nationally is lower on average than last fall. She added that the number of hospital cases in the state is higher now than it was in early October, and since many cases of influenza-like illness are not tested for the virus, it's possible that the number is underestimated. She said most of the people affected by the flu in Georgia have not been vaccinated, and indeed the state had one of the lowest vaccination rates in the country. Although investigation of the spike is still under way, she said, the CDC decided to call attention to it in order to reinforce the message that vaccination remains an important preventive measure.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/Health/SwineFluNews/georgia-h1n1-cases-spike-low-vaccination-rates-blamed/story?id=10238235>

39. *March 30, Palm Beach Post* – (National) **Too much radiation? The FDA wants to know.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is holding two days of meetings on what should be done to increase the safety of increasingly popular imaging procedures. Specifically, the agency is seeking ideas to get manufacturers of the devices used for CT scans and fluoroscopy to set higher standards for their equipment and increase the amount of training they offer those who use the equipment. The aim is to “help reduce unnecessary patient exposure to ionizing radiation” during these procedures, the FDA said in announcing the Tuesday and Wednesday sessions. The imaging techniques, which are two of the top three contributors to total radiation exposure among Americans, use much higher radiation doses than standard X-rays, dental X-rays and mammography, potentially increasing the lifetime risk for cancer. In addition, accidental radiation exposure can result in injuries, such as burns, hair loss and cataracts.

Source: <http://www.palmbeachpost.com/health/too-much-radiation-the-fda-wants-to-know-483871.html>

40. *March 27, Southern Oregon Mail Tribune* – (Oregon) **Old mortar round forces evacuation.** A bomb scare forced the partial evacuation of the Southern Oregon Rehabilitation Center and Clinics Thursday when a man brought a World War II-era munition to the front gate, officials said. The man found what turned out to be a nonexplosive mortar round on his property on East Evans Creek Road and decided to take it to the Department of Veterans Affairs site. “He thought because we are a federal building that we would deal with it,” said a public affairs specialist. Bomb technicians with Oregon State Police and the Jackson County Sheriff’s Department arrived at the facility and loaded the shell into a blast-proof enclosure for safe transport.

Source:

<http://www.mailtribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20100327/NEWS/3270305>

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Government Facilities Sector

41. *March 30, Washington Post* – (Virginia) **Pennsylvania man arrested for alleged threats to kill Rep. Cantor.** A Philadelphia man was charged Monday with

threatening to kill a Republican Representative from Virginia and his family in the first such arrest since an outbreak of harassment and vandalism began against members of Congress more than a week ago. The 33 year-old suspect posted a YouTube video last week in which he threatened to shoot the Congressman, who is the second-ranking Republican in the House, and his family. An affidavit released Monday did not say why the suspect allegedly wanted to harm the Congressman, the only Jewish Republican member of Congress, but in the video, he calls the Congressman “pure evil.”

“Remember. . . our judgment time, the final Yom Kippur has been given,” he says in the profanity-laced video. “You are a liar, you’re a pig . . . you’re an abomination. You receive my bullets in your office, remember they will be placed in your heads. You and your children are Lucifer’s abominations.”

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/03/29/AR2010032903815.html>

42. *March 29, Reporter News* – (Texas) **Stamford City Hall to beef up security.** The mayor of Stamford, Texas, vowed Monday to enhance security at City Hall, particularly on water cutoff days in the wake of an alleged assault of three city employees last Thursday by a man angry over his water bill. “We are going to do some research and make changes in operations at City Hall,” the Mayor told council members during a special called meeting. “I apologize to the city employees involved in the totally unconscionable actions that took place last Thursday.”

Source: <http://www.reporternews.com/news/2010/mar/29/stamford-city-hall-to-beef-up-security/>

43. *March 28, Gannett News Company* – (Louisiana) **Bomb scare prompts library evacuation.** A bomb scare prompted the evacuation of a West Monroe library and rerouted traffic on Cypress Street early Saturday afternoon. Emergency responders from Monroe and West Monroe closed streets one block in all directions from the Ouachita Parish Public Library on Cypress Street. Less than two hours after police received the call, a Monroe Police Department bomb unit staged a control detonation of a suspicious packaged and nullified any possible threat.

Source: <http://www.thenewsstar.com/article/20100328/NEWS01/3280316>

44. *March 28, Beaufort Gazette* – (South Carolina) **More courthouse security upgrades set for approval.** The Beaufort County Council is expected to vote today on a contract to install more than \$90,000 in additional security upgrades at the County Courthouse in Beaufort. The county’s Public Facilities Committee has recommended that the council approve a \$94,046 contract with Technology Solutions of Charleston to install surveillance cameras, a new public address system and other security upgrades. The firm was the only bidder before the March 16 deadline, according to county records. Its bid was about \$25,000 less than the county’s estimate. The County Council is scheduled to vote today on the contract at its meeting in the Hilton Head Island library, said a county spokeswoman. Technology Solutions of Charleston is the same firm tapped by the county more than a year ago to complete the first phase of courthouse security upgrades. For \$138,000, the firm installed more than 40 surveillance cameras and built a command center inside one of the former law libraries to allow sheriff’s

deputies to monitor activity inside and outside the building. The security upgrades were installed after the South Carolina Supreme Court Chief Justice urged counties statewide to improve courthouse security.

Source: <http://www.islandpacket.com/2010/03/28/1188267/more-courthouse-security-upgrades.html>

45. *March 26, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Ferris State looks into attempt to hack server.** Ferris State University is investigating an apparent attempt to hack into one of the school's computer servers and has notified the FBI. The Big Rapids school tells The Grand Rapids Press on Friday there is no evidence student information on the server was compromised, but letters were sent out to anyone who had information on the server. The newspaper says staff learned Monday that an unauthorized user ID was created that day. The server was removed from the computer network and quarantined while staff at Ferris State investigated.

Source: <http://www.wlns.com/Global/story.asp?S=12213552>

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Emergency Services Sector

46. *March 30, Washington Post* – (District of Columbia) **D.C. emergency radio communication system shuts down.** The radio communications system used by the D.C. police and fire departments shut down Monday night, but officials said that public safety was not jeopardized. No cause could be determined for the sudden halt in radio transmissions, which began about 7:15 p.m. and continued late into the night. Police and fire department officials said they had patched together backup systems to send messages, and a statement from the mayor's spokeswoman said, "All 911 calls were handled in a timely and professional manner." Another police official said officers were communicating through cellphones, computers and e-mail.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/03/29/AR2010032904028.html>

47. *March 29, Orlando Sentinel* – (Florida) **Fla. jail chief resigns after escapes, security lapses.** After three major incidents at his facility — including the escape of a Bloods gang leader — the chief of the Osceola County Jail resigned Monday. The chief, who took over the facility less than two years ago, tendered his resignation the same day 16 other jail employees were notified they would be fired as a result of the February 19 escape of the gang leader, who is still on the run. Osceola County's manager announced the personnel developments at an afternoon press conference. In all, disciplinary action will be taken against 30 corrections employees as a result of the county's investigation into the man's escape. Two of the corrections employees have already resigned. One employee will be suspended for five days, and four other employees will be suspended for three days. Several other employees will receive written or verbal disciplinary action.

Source: <http://www.correctionsone.com/escapes/articles/2031209-Fla-jail-chief-resigns-after-escapes-security-lapses/>

48. *March 29, Kansas City Star* – (Missouri) **Stolen police officer's gun recovered from KC shooting victim.** Kansas City police recovered a stolen police officer's gun from a shooting victim's car on Sunday. The 23-year-old victim arrived at a hospital about 2:45 a.m. Sunday and said he was shot in the thigh as he was leaving a nightclub. Police reports said the victim was "extremely intoxicated" and would not provide additional details about the shooting. He underwent surgery and was in serious condition. Police found a bullet hole in the driver's side door of his car. They also found two guns and multiple shell casings in the back seat. One of the guns, a 40-caliber Glock, had been stolen from a police officers' house in south Kansas City in August. Also stolen during the burglary were the officer's pepper spray, handcuffs and night stick.
Source: <http://www.kansascity.com/2010/03/29/1844518/stolen-police-officers-gun-recovered.html>
49. *March 29, MyWabashValley.com* – (Indiana) **5 arrested in connection to stolen police weapon.** Indiana State Police and Conservation Officers arrest 5 people in connection to a stolen police weapon. The weapon was stolen March 24th from a Conservation Officer's department-issued vehicle. The vehicle was parked at the officer's Vigo County residence, which was also burglarized. Other items stolen include other department-issued equipment, three laptops, a purse, a wallet, and a backpack. A suspect admitted to the break-ins and stealing the items from both the officer's vehicle and home.
Source: http://mywabashvalley.com/fulltext/?nxd_id=109885

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Information Technology Sector

50. *March 29, Computerworld* – (International) **Apple delivers record monster security update.** Apple today patched 92 vulnerabilities, a third of them critical, in a record update to its Leopard and Snow Leopard operating systems. Security Update 2010-002 plugged 92 holes in the client and server editions of Mac OS X 10.5 and Mac OS X 10.6, breaking a record that has stood since March 2008. The update dwarfed any released last year, when Apple's largest patched 67 vulnerabilities. The March 29 security roll-up fixed flaws in 42 different applications or operating system components in Mac OS X, from AppKit and Application Firewall to unzip and X11, the Mac's version of the X Window System. Eighteen of the vulnerabilities were specific to the older Leopard operating system, while 29 were specific to Snow Leopard. The remaining 45 affected both, which are the only editions that Apple currently supports. Users running Leopard will patch 63 vulnerabilities, while Snow Leopard users face a total of 74 flaws.
Source: http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9174337/Apple_delivers_record_monster_security_update

51. *March 29, Help Net Security* – (International) **Office photocopiers brimming with corporate secrets.** Most people fail to realize that modern, multi-purpose photocopiers contain hard drives that - if not erased when decommissioned - could prove to be a treasure trove of confidential information for a person who knows how to extract it. Hard copies of important documents are shred and computer disks are securely wiped, but it is rare when the same is done with the drive of the copy machine, because most people don't think of it as of a computer - which it in fact is. "The whole system is controlled by a computer, it has a hard disk. It scans images and they are stored on the disc," says a computer science professor with the University of Toronto. That also means that a hacker that knows the password can hack into the photocopier and collect all the data stored on the drive by simply connecting a laptop to the machine and downloading it. Copy machines that are part of an insecure network can be accessed online even by people who don't know how to hack. But machines that are leased to companies and that are taken back after a few years can do some serious damage to their former "owners."

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=9070>

52. *March 29, eWeek* – (International) **Microsoft to release IE security patch.** Microsoft is planning to patch a zero-day bug in Internet Explorer in March 30 with an out-of-band emergency fix. The patch plugs a security hole Microsoft first warned about March 9 after attackers began targeting the vulnerability in IE 6 and 7. IE 8 is unaffected. The driving force behind the release is the zero-day, which is caused by an invalid pointer reference. Under certain conditions, the invalid pointer can be accessed after an object is deleted, and in attempting to access a freed object IE can open itself to remote code execution, Microsoft reported. According to the company's advisory, attackers can exploit the situation by tricking a user into clicking on a malicious or compromised Web page. There are however some workarounds to mitigate the vulnerability, including changing Internet security zone settings to High. In addition, users can modify the access control list on iepeers.dll.

Source: <http://www.eweek.com/c/a/Security/Microsoft-to-Release-IE-Security-Patch-600179/>

53. *March 29, DarkReading* – (International) **Windows 7 less vulnerable without admin rights.** Taking away the administrative rights from Microsoft Windows 7 users will lessen the risk posed by 90 percent of the critical Windows 7 vulnerabilities reported to date and 100 percent of the Microsoft Office vulnerabilities reported last year. It will also mitigate the risk of 94 percent of vulnerabilities reported in all versions of Internet Explorer in 2009 and 100 percent of the vulnerabilities reported in Internet Explorer 8 during the same time period. Finally, it will reduce the danger posed by 64 percent of all Microsoft vulnerabilities reported last year. These findings come from a study conducted by BeyondTrust, which perhaps unsurprisingly sells software that restricts administrative privileges. The company argues that companies need its software to protect themselves, particularly during the time between Microsoft's publication of vulnerability information and the application of Microsoft's fixes.

Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/insiderthreat/security/app-security/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=224200601&subSection=Application+Security>

54. *March 29, PRESCIENT-Project* – (International) **European Commission launches new privacy project.** Emerging technologies offer significant benefits but also risks to our privacy. How to deal with these risks is the subject of a new three-year project funded by the European Commission. Called PRESCIENT, the project will be considering the privacy implications of emerging technologies such as new identification and surveillance technologies, biometrics, on-the-spot DNA sequencing and technologies for human enhancement. The project will identify and analyze ethical issues posed by new technologies and discuss them with interested stakeholders and, in due course, provide scientifically based recommendations to policy makers on how to address privacy issues of emerging technologies. The PRESCIENT project is being undertaken by a consortium of four partners. In addition to Fraunhofer ISI in Germany, the other partners are Trilateral Research & Consulting (UK), the Centre for Science, Society and Citizenship (Italy) and the research centre Law, Science, Technology & Society at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Belgium).

Source:

<http://www.darkreading.com/security/privacy/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=224200678&subSection=Privacy>

55. *March 29, eSecurity Planet* – (International) **Facebook mulls privacy implications for location-based data.** As it looks ahead to a new crop of products and features, Facebook has revised its privacy policy and governing document once again, and is now inviting its users to review and comment on the changes. Facebook's deputy general counsel said the revisions clear the path for new features to the site, many of which are still in the concept or development stages, but will include more location-based data. Instead of simply including a piece of geographical information with a post, as the original privacy policy had envisioned, the deputy general counsel said the location-aware rules are being broadened to apply to include interactions with other Facebook pages, such as those of a local restaurant or business. He said that more details and explicit privacy controls for the location-based features and other updates will be announced as the products roll out. Many of the updates seek to expand or clarify language in the previous version of the privacy policy without altering its substance. Other changes contain stipulations revising the way data is shared and collected through activities on the third-party applications and Web sites tied to the Facebook Platform. For instance, the rules now assert Facebook's right to automatically share general information, such as a user's name and profile picture, to "pre-approved" third-party Web sites, but offer users mechanisms to opt out or block certain sites.

Source: <http://www.esecurityplanet.com/features/article.php/3873386/Facebook-Mulls-Privacy-Implications-for-Location-Based-Data.htm>

56. *March 26, DarkReading* – (International) **SaaS apps may leak data even when encrypted, study says.** Applications delivered via the software-as-a-service (SaaS) model could be leaking data, according to a research paper published recently. The paper, which was prepared by researchers at Microsoft Research and Indiana University, offers a detailed look at the behavior of SaaS-delivered applications and how their use of networks can cause "side-channel" leaks that might enable attackers to glean even the most sensitive data — even when the SaaS offerings are encrypted.

“Specifically, we found that surprisingly detailed sensitive information is being leaked out from a number of high-profile, top-of-the-line Web applications in healthcare, taxation, investment, and Web search,” the paper says. The leaks don’t happen in every SaaS application, the researchers say, and some are worse than others. But the network-oriented behavior of SaaS applications means that the side-channel flaw could be present even in environments that use strong encryption.

Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/securityservices/security/app-security/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=224200457>

57. *March 26, The H Security* – (International) **US-CERT: Broadcom NetXtreme network cards vulnerable.** The US-CERT warns of a security hole in the firmware of certain Broadcom NetXtreme network cards. According to the relevant advisory, a buffer overflow can be triggered during the processing of Alert Standard Format (ASF) messages, which are exchanged when systems are managed remotely. The flaw allows attackers to take full control of the network interface and, for instance, disrupt or redirect network traffic. The security hole can only be exploited if remote management using the Remote Management and Control Protocol (RMCP) over the RMCP Security Extensions Protocol (RSP) has been enabled. Broadcom say that the vulnerability affects models BCM5751, BCM5752, BCM5753, BCM5754, BCM5755, BCM5756, BCM5764 and BCM5787 with firmware up to and including v8.04, BCM57760 with firmware up to and including v8.07, and BCM5761 with firmware up to and including v1.24.0.9. As a workaround, the vendor recommends that users disable ASF or restrict the access to the 623/udp and 664/udp management ports to trusted IPs. Updating to the Broadcom NetXtreme 14.0 software release upgrades the firmware to a corrected version.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/US-CERT-Broadcom-NetXtreme-network-cards-vulnerable-965135.html>

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Communications Sector

58. *March 30, Salisbury Daily Times* – (Maryland) **Ospreys disrupt Public Radio signal.** Public Radio Delmarva is experiencing signal disruption as ospreys re-emerge to their prior perching place. The osprey, also known as the sea hawk, has taken flight back to Salisbury University’s campus for spring. The birds and their young are beginning to practice flight from the antenna that connects to Public Radio Delmarva’s signal, creating frequent interruptions for the station and its listeners. Residing on this particular antenna for several years, the birds have augmented the issue more this

spring than ever before.

Source:

<http://www.delmarvanow.com/article/20100330/NEWS01/3300344/1002/Ospreys-disrupt-Public-Radio-signal>

59. *March 29, Associated Press* – (Florida) **Miami-Dade inmates involved in collect call scheme.** Inmates at Miami-Dade jails have been charging tens of thousands of dollars in collect calls to unsuspecting victims by forwarding calls from fax lines to friends. Corrections officials say the inmates forward the calls through AT&T from a victim's fax line to friends and relatives who can accept the call and do not have to pay the bill. Victims include a South Florida federal judge and a Miami Herald columnist. The Alabama-based Global Tel Link has reimbursed customers nearly \$200,000 over the last two years. Officials say there is little they can do, since the forwarding is done through AT&T. An AT&T spokeswoman says the company is investigating.
Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2010/03/29/1553051/miami-dade-inmates-involved-in.html>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

60. *March 29, Seattle-Tacoma News Tribune* – (Oregon) **Loud explosion was pipe bomb, Portland police say.** A pipe bomb was the likely source of a mysterious "loud explosion" late Sunday night in Portland that was heard in Battle Ground, Felida and as far away as the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. About 20 Vancouver residents tagged their location on an online map of those who say they heard the 8 p.m. explosion that circulated the Web. Initial attempts by Portland police and fire personnel to identify the cause of the explosion were unsuccessful. But investigators today discovered a large pipe bomb in Powers Marine Park that appeared to have gone off. They believe the sound was amplified because of the bomb's placement near the river and low cloud cover. There were no injuries or property damage reported, according to a press release from the Portland Police Bureau.
Source: <http://www.thenewstribune.com/2010/03/29/1128495/loud-explosion-was-pipe-bomb-police.html>

61. *March 29, Chattanooga* – (Tennessee) **Mayor says "flash mob" involved in Coolidge shootings.** The recent shootings in Coolidge Park in Chattanooga have been attributed to a flash mob incident. This was the account the mayor, along with the chief of police, city IT director, and parks and recreation director, gave at a press conference held Monday afternoon in the park. The mayor stated of the incident in which five people were shot, "This is a problem going on all across the country. It actually started out as fun, but has recently turned dangerous, as in Philadelphia. I was just on the phone with [the mayor of Philadelphia], where they have had six flash mob incidents including a woman who was knocked down and kicked." "Fortunately," the mayor said, "Chattanooga has had no fatalities." "It was handled properly and by the book. It started out as a crowd gathering following a day of texting and emailing among a group

of young people. When park police noticed some of the group beginning to act unruly they acted within procedures and called for Chattanooga Police.” The mayor went on, “By the time the gunshots were fired police had been on the scene for one and a half hours, dispersing the crowd. It should be noted that the alleged perpetrators were arrested and in custody within minutes of the shots being fired.” The mayor concluded with, “We want families to feel safe in using our parks...We will be increasing police patrols, as well as bike patrols just as we do every year at this time.”

Source: http://www.chattanooga.com/articles/article_172216.asp

62. *March 28, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Mayor, police mass to deter Philly mobs of teens.** A popular nightlife district of Philadelphia has been free of disorderly mobs of teenagers this weekend due to the presence of police. Police crowded the South Street area on Saturday night, joined by the mayor and his family along with other officials trying to send a message that the kind of violence of the weekend before would not be tolerated. On March 20, hundreds of teens thronged the narrow sidewalks of the 10-block strip of bars, stores, and restaurants, jumping on cars and roughing up bystanders. There have been several other social media-fueled gatherings of young people on the street and in other parts of Center City in recent months. Officials are concerned that the outbursts will drive away visitors and hurt businesses.

Source: http://www.ldnews.com/news/ci_14774699

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

Nothing to report

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Dams Sector

63. *March 30, KMOX 1120 St. Louis* – (Illinois) **Army Corps takes steps to shore up Wood River Levee.** With a permanent solution still in the works, the Army Corps of Engineers has begun taking interim steps to shore up the leaking levee north of the Melvin Price Locks and Dam. The Mississippi River is continuing to rise, so the Corps is bringing in air compressors, which are used to increase groundwater flow from relief wells. A spokesman says that allows ponding in the wetlands behind the levee. “What happens when the river comes up on the outside of the levee, is that it produces hydrostatic pressure under the levee,” he says. “We want to relieve that pressure because left controlled that can cause some damage to the foundation of the levee.” He says if the river continues to rise, the Corps is prepared to install rock dikes which would allow more ponding to even out the pressure, while protecting Alton’s combined sewer system. He says there is no indication of imminent failure of the levee.

Source: <http://www.kmox.com/Corps-takes-steps-to-shore-up-Wood-River-Levee/6688569>

64. *March 30, Associated Press* – (North Dakota; Minnesota) **Moorhead homeowners can remove sandbag dikes.** Homeowners in Moorhead, Minnesota, may now begin removing sandbag dikes from their property as the flood-swollen Red River continues to recede. The city engineer has authorized homeowners to remove their dikes. Sandbags should be placed in the street, leaving the gutter near the curb unobstructed for drainage. City crews will pick up the sandbags. The Red crested in Moorhead and neighboring Fargo, North Dakota, on March 21. By Monday, the Red had dropped to just over 31 feet, about a foot over major flood stage. Moorhead's mayor and city council will discuss assistance for homeowners removing sandbag dikes at the council's April 12 meeting.

Source: <http://www.wday.com/event/article/id/31560/>

65. *March 30, CNN* – (Northeast) **Northeast braces for new round of floods.** A major rainstorm walloped the Northeast Tuesday, threatening more flooding in the saturated region and prompting state authorities to close some roads, ready sandbags, and prepare residents. For the past three days, 700 members of the Massachusetts National Guard have been filling sandbags around the clock, trying to prevent rivers, lakes, and reservoirs from overflowing, said the public information officer from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency. "We're trying to get the pumps going and distribute the tens of thousands of sandbags we filled," the officer said. "We haven't fully recovered from the storm two weeks ago, and now this. It's a challenge." Clinton, in east-central Massachusetts, is hit particularly hard when there is severe rain, said the town administrator. The town is situated beside the Wachusett Reservoir, which serves as one of Boston's major water suppliers. "The reservoir is overflowing," he said. "And there's just nowhere to put the water." The state's senior U.S. senator visited a nearby neighborhood on Sunday because a number of homes near the reservoir suffered major damages from previous storms. In Connecticut, the weather service placed the entire state under a flood watch through Tuesday, and an evacuation was under way in one part of Stonington. A Stonington First Selectman said water was close to overtopping a dam in Pawcatuck, one of the villages in Stonington, in southeastern Connecticut. City officials have opened a shelter, blocked off a number of roads and were also monitoring two dams, he said. Connecticut already has a stockpile of 180,000 sandbags, but the governor has directed the state Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security to secure an additional 300,000 sandbags.

Source: <http://www.wibw.com/nationalnews/headlines/89525817.html>

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66. *March 30, Mississippi Live* – (Mississippi) **Corps finishes pumping 350,000 cubic yards of sand onto Pascagoula beach.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers workers finished pumping roughly 350,000 cubic yards of sand onto the beach onto Pascagoula beach on Sunday, signaling the end of a \$12 million corps project that began September 23. Workers are now burying geotubes — imagine giant socks full of sand — about 5 feet underground to help prevent erosion, according to the corps' manager of

Mississippi Coastal Improvements. The project is one of 15 the corps took on after Hurricane Katrina destroyed south Mississippi beaches in 2005, she said. “This is not a recreational beach,” she pointed out. “It’s being put there to protect the sea wall.” However, people can go to the beach, and the city plans a promenade with a walking path, benches and landscaping to go along with other improvements, such as a concession-restroom facility nearing completion across from Beach Park. In the next few weeks, corps workers plan to start removing the dredge pipe, which will be used in other projects, she said. They also plan to install about three or four concrete ramps so county workers will be able to drive onto the beach for maintenance. In the next two months, the corps plans to meet with city and county officials to come up with a plan to add rip rap — rock, concrete or other material used to protect shorelines — to further armor the sea wall.

Source: http://blog.gulflive.com/mississippi-press-news/2010/03/pas_beach_dredging_complete.html

67. *March 29, Waste and Recycling News* – (Tennessee) **Federal judge allows some civil lawsuits against TVA.** A federal judge has allowed portions of civil lawsuits filed by residents and business owners around the site of the Kingston Fossil Plant fly ash spill to proceed, while dismissing requests for jury trials and punitive damages against the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). A U.S. Judge of Eastern District of Tennessee ruled Friday the TVA is not exempt from lawsuits as Congress had waived sovereign immunity when creating the federal agency under the TVA act, but as an arm of the federal government it is exempt from punitive damages and from demands of a jury trial. The plaintiffs are allowed to seek redress for the TVA’s “use, maintenance and upkeep” of the impoundment pond, the judge ruled. The Tennessee Valley Authority’s coal ash containment pond at its Kingston Fossil Fuel facility failed in December 2008, sending 5 million cubic yards of water and coal fly ash of coal sludge into the surrounding area, destroying three homes and damaging nine others. So far, the TVA has spent \$231 million to clean up the spill from the coal ash pond. Cleanup costs for the spill are currently estimated to be between \$933 million and \$1.2 billion. In its annual report, the TVA noted 14 lawsuits connected to the spill have been filed in federal court.

Source:

<http://www.wasterecyclingnews.com/headlines2.html?id=1269875574&allowcomm=true>

68. *March 29, Voice of America News* – (International) **Giant Ethiopian Dam said to threaten indigenous groups.** A coalition of international human rights and environmental groups have launched a campaign to halt construction of a dam they argue will disrupt natural flood cycles and seriously impact the lives of more than 200,000 indigenous people. The dam is expected to produce 1,800 megawatts of electricity, nearly doubling the current output in the Horn of African country. International human rights groups, including British-based Survival International, that fight for the rights of indigenous people, say the construction of the Gibe III Dam in southwestern Ethiopia threatens the livelihood of eight distinct tribes in the surrounding area. Indigenous tribes rely upon the fertile silt deposits left by seasonal flooding for

the cultivation of subsistence crops in the semi-arid Omo Valley. Survival International says the people in the Omo Valley have not been informed about the project and remain largely ignorant of the effect it could have on their lives. The Ethiopian government maintains the Gibe III project is necessary for the country. The government argues that adverse effects on the local environment and population will be minimal and short-term. Ethiopia's largely rural population has little access to electricity. Ethiopia's capital, Addis Ababa, also experiences frequent blackouts. If the dams are built, Ethiopia expects to become an exporter of electricity. The Gibe III is being built by an Italian company that built the smaller Gibe II Dam, a project that came under scrutiny in January when part of the dam collapsed just 10 days after it began operations.

Source: <http://www1.voanews.com/english/news/africa/east/Giant-Ethiopian-Dam-Threatens-Indigenous-Groups-89468347.html>

69. *March 29, Jamestown Sun* – (North Dakota) **LaMoure spillway deemed stable.** The emergency spillway at Lake LaMoure has been deemed stable by the North Dakota State Water Commission representatives on site, said the director of emergency services for LaMoure County. Flows over the emergency spillway have gone down considerably over the last few days, she said. Total flows going out of the lake now exceed the flows coming into the lake, which means the lake level should be dropping steadily over the next few days. The area around the emergency spillway remains closed to the general public for safety and security reasons. The city of LaMoure and the North Dakota Game and Fish Department are asking lake lot renters to make every attempt to remove or secure debris at their lake site within the next few days. Debris includes things such as picnic tables, water toys, garbage cans, etc. If debris is not removed or secured, owners may be charged with a fine of up to \$250, and the items will be confiscated by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department. The concern is that the debris may eventually move over the principal spillway pipe, which could restrict the flow of water out of the lake and put the emergency spillway back in jeopardy, she said. As a safety precaution, Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative shut off power to the entire lake. If any electrical equipment (breaker/fuse panel, receptacles, etc.) was submerged by floodwaters, it will need to be replaced before power can be restored.

Source: <http://www.jamestownsun.com/event/article/id/107938/group/News/>

70. *March 29, New Jersey Star Ledger* – (New Jersey) **Flood watch issued for much of N.J., Rahway installs wall to control river.** Flood-weary residents in New Jersey are bracing for another strong, slow-moving storm that has much of the state under a flood watch until late Tuesday. Between 1 and 2 inches of rain fell overnight on New Jersey, and flooding was already occurring this morning. Some residents in Pequannock Township are already being warned that evacuations could be necessary. The National Weather Service issued flood warnings. On March 29 in Rahway, public works employees stood by a five-foot metal wall along the Rahway River with a rubber liner at the bottom, kept in place by sand bags. They erected the barrier at 8 a.m. on East Hazelwood Avenue between Main Street and Leesville Avenue. "They're expecting 3 to 5 inches," said a Department of Public Works worker. Forecasters say most areas will see about 2 to 4 inches of rain, and some places as much as 6 inches. Anticipating

a second round of moderate to major flooding, Fairfield officials advised residents along the Passaic River and other areas affected by the flood two weeks ago to begin moving their cars to higher ground. If deemed necessary, the Office of Emergency Management may issue an evacuation order to those living in the most flood-prone parts of the township, officials said. Officials are clearing roadways of any debris leftover from the flood earlier this month in case emergency vehicles need to get through. Sand bags are available 24 hours a day in the parking lot behind town hall at 230 Fairfield Road.

Source:

http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2010/03/flood_warnings_issued_for_nj_c.html

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