



Homeland Security

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Current Nationwide Threat Level

ELEVATED

Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks

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- Federal law enforcement officials announced the arrest of an Ohio man for possessing ricin, a deadly toxin that can be used as a biological weapon, CNN reports. (See item [34](#))
- According to Associated Press, authorities arrested a California man traveling with explosives in his vehicle with the intention of blowing up one of the nation’s largest mosques in Dearborn, Michigan. (See item [56](#))

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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 31, Platts* – (International) **Oil companies evacuate Egypt staff on safety concerns.** International oil companies including BP, Shell, and Russia’s Lukoil have evacuated non-essential staff from Egypt due to the violent anti-government protests that broke out in Cairo and other major cities the week of January 23. Egypt’s oil and gas production based in the Western Desert, Nile Delta, and Gulf of Suez, has not yet been affected by the protests, according to western oil companies. Security staff at BP’s offices in Cairo said the United Kingdom major had begun to evacuate foreign

personnel, adding that most of the company's staffing in Egypt is local. There has been no known impact to BP operations, a company spokesman in London said. Italy's Eni, Egypt's biggest foreign oil and gas producer with an averaged of 230,000 barrels per day of oil equivalent in 2009, is continuing to operate its upstream sites normally, a spokesman said. Meanwhile, Shell has evacuated "non-essential" staff and dependents from Egypt, a company spokesman said January 31 in an e-mailed statement. Local staff have been advised to stay home and the Shell offices are closed, the spokesman said, adding he had no immediate information on how Shell's retail operations and oil and gas production had been affected. Lukoil, Russia's largest privately held oil company, and independent gas producer Novatek also started to evacuate their staff from Egypt, Russia's RIA Novosti news agency reported January 30.

Source: <http://www.platts.com/RSSFeedDetailedNews/RSSFeed/Oil/8475472>

2. *January 31, WRTV 6 Indianapolis and Indianapolis Star* – (Indiana) **Apparent explosions blast manhole covers downtown.** Five manhole covers blew off in an apparent series of explosions in Indianapolis, Indiana, January 30. The Indianapolis Fire Department captain said fire crews were dispatched to the area on reports of a strong gas odor. Moments later, the first of five manhole covers exploded at Massachusetts Avenue and New Jersey Street, "with such significant force as to wake the other firefighters still at the station," he said. "Flames were visible from the manhole for some time before they extinguished." The next four manhole covers exploded within minutes, leaving a large, gaping hole in the middle of the street. Several streets were closed and a window was broken at the Athenaeum. The intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and New Jersey Street, along with the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and North Street, were shut down January 30. Indianapolis Power and Light crews said the power was out at the Athenaeum. IPL crews also shut off the power at The Chatterbox for a short time during the investigation. An IPL spokeswoman said some electrical cables caught fire January 30, but she did not know whether they were the cause or merely a casualty of the explosions.

Source: <http://www.theindychannel.com/news/26667466/detail.html>

3. *January 30, Galveston County Daily News* – (Texas) **Gas leak at Marathon Oil prompts dozen evacuations.** Officials ordered a dozen evacuations January 29, and told other residents to shelter-in-place near Marathon Oil's refinery in Texas City, Texas, after the plant reported a gas leak. Initial reports listed hydrogen gas as the product leaking, but it was later confirmed to be the hydrocarbon isobutane, officials said. The refinery detected the leak about 8:30 a.m. and implemented plans to warn residents. Workers quickly contained the leak and determined at 10 a.m. that the area around the plant was safe. During the episode, Texas City police blocked 14th Street to Eighth Avenue south of Texas Avenue in a neighborhood north of the plant. About 12 houses near the plant were evacuated, and the remaining residents were told to shelter in their homes, the city's homeland security director said. The evacuations were ordered because of hydrogen's highly explosive nature, he said. There were small amounts of hydrogen detected in the neighborhood nearest the refinery, he said.

Source: <http://galvestondailynews.com/story.lasso?ewcd=fa8ef36b122d3af0>

4. *January 29, Shreveport Times* – (Louisiana) **Pipeline malfunction injures 2, prompts temporary evacuations.** Two men were injured and five families were evacuated following a natural gas pipeline malfunction January 28 in the Longstreet, Louisiana, community in west DeSoto Parish. The men’s injuries were not life-threatening, the DeSoto Parish sheriff said. The problem at the well site on Belle Bower Road was reported around 9 a.m. Evacuations of the families on Hogeye and Speights roads were recommended because of the escaping gas. Roads in the area were closed while workers attempted to stem the flow of gas. The state police hazardous materials unit also was on site. The accident occurred while the two men were working on the flange on the riser coming out of the pipeline servicing the Indigo well.
Source: <http://www.shreveporttimes.com/article/20110129/NEWS01/101290321/Pipeline-malfunction-injures-2-prompts-temporary-evacuations>

5. *January 28, WFTV 9 Orlando* – (Florida) **Tanker carrying 2,700 gallons of fuel overturns.** A tanker overturned during a crash January 28 on the Central Florida Parkway and Astronaut Boulevard in Orlando, Florida, according to the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP). The tanker truck, carrying 2,700 gallons of diesel fuel, rolled over on its side after it collided with a light pole, FHP said. Fuel spilled onto the road. Crews arrived on scene and set up a safety perimeter and deployed charged hose lines to protect citizens and exposures, in case the fuel ignited. Orange County hazardous material specialists used a special compound to stop the leak. Due to their quick work, a minimal amount of fuel was spilled. Paramedics treated the driver at the scene for minor injuries. To suppress fuel vapors and prevent ignition, county firefighters used hose lines to apply a foam blanket onto the tanker as a contractor drilled three holes into its belly, so the fuel could be off loaded to an awaiting truck.
Source: <http://www.wftv.com/news/26651292/detail.html>

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Chemical Industry Sector

6. *January 30, WYFF 4 Greenville* – (South Carolina) **3 injured in chemical plant fire.** Firefighters from several departments spent the evening of January 30 working to contain a fire at a chemical plant in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Officials said a fire broke out at the Henkel of America plant on Highway 221 at about 3:42 p.m. Fire departments from Enoree, Cross Anchor, Hobbysville, Woodruff, and Sandy Springs were called to the scene. According to the deputy fire chief, some employees were heating a mix of raw materials used to make an adhesive when then fire started. It also sparked a small grass fire when flames filtered outside through an open vent. The director of operations at the plant said two employees were taken to an area hospital for treatment. Both employees were able to talk and walk when they left. Another person was also injured, but that person refused to be taken to the hospital. The plant makes

industrial adhesives and employs 150 people.

Source: <http://www.wyff4.com/r/26669267/detail.html>

7. *January 29, TWEAN News Channel of Syracuse* – (New York) **Leak floods basement of Amrex Chemical Plant.** Employees at Amrex Chemical Plant in Binghamton, New York, came to work January 29 to find the building's basement had flooded. Fire crews responded just before 8 a.m. to learn a water main broke. The city immediately shut water off to the building and crews made sure no hazardous chemicals were anywhere near the area of the flood. "Chemicals react to water in different ways; we checked this all out and there is nothing that would react with water that was anywhere near the water leak. It is just a matter of knowing what is in here and what the different qualities of it are," the deputy fire chiefs said. The company will have to make repairs to the damaged water main pipe before water services can be restored at the building.
Source: http://northernny.ynn.com/content/all_news/531780/leak-floods-basement-of-amrex-chemical-plant/

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

8. *January 30, Associated Press* – (Kentucky) **Kentucky lawmakers hope to lift nuclear moratorium.** Western Kentucky lawmakers are hoping to lift a moratorium on new nuclear power plants as the state's general assembly comes to a close. A Republican state senator said lifting the 27-year-old ban is the most important bill for western Kentucky as the session moves towards a finish. An Independent state senator told the Paducah Sun that Senate Bill 34, if passed, would secure local energy jobs. In 1984, Kentucky joined a handful of other states in requiring a permanent federal storage facility become operational before any new plants can be built. The state senator said the moratorium would limit the ability of employees of USEC Inc., a supplier of low enriched uranium for commercial nuclear power plants, to find jobs if the plant closed.
Source: <http://www.courier-journal.com/article/20110130/NEWS01/301300091/Kentucky+lawmakers+hope+to+lift+nuclear+moratorium>
9. *January 29, Citizens Voice* – (Pennsylvania) **Nuclear plant reactor repaired, back in service.** A reactor disabled by a "minor" steam leak at the Susquehanna nuclear plant in Salem Township, Pennsylvania returned to service January 28, PPL said in a news release. PPL employees repaired the leak in a system that preheats water for the reactor. Plant operators shut down the reactor January 25. "While the unit was shut down, we repaired a leaking valve and did several maintenance tasks that can only be done when the unit is shut down," PPL's chief nuclear officer said in a statement. "Unit 1 has resumed safely and reliably generating electricity for the region." Unit 2 at the plant continues to operate at full power, PPL said. There was never any danger to the public and no radioactive material was released, a PPL spokesman previously said. While the leak was not considered an emergency situation, the unplanned shutdown of Unit 1 for maintenance will lead to more oversight from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission

(NRC), an agency spokesman said. Two resident NRC inspectors already work full time at the plant, a standard in the industry, and inspections will now be increased, he said.

Source: <http://citizensvoice.com/news/nuclear-plant-reactor-repaired-back-in-service-1.1096999>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

10. *January 31, Associated Press* – (Tennessee) **2 reported burned in accident at Gallatin plant that makes metal powders.** Two workers were injured in an industrial accident January 31 in Gallatin, Tennessee. The two were taken by ambulance from the Hoeganaes Corp. plant and WSMV-TV in Nashville reported authorities said both sustained burns. People could be seen coming and going from the building and it was not clear whether workers have been evacuated. Hoeganaes makes iron and steel powders for automotive and industrial uses.

Source: <http://www.whnt.com/news/sns-ap-tn--industrialaccident,0.2627430.story>

11. *January 28, Fond du Lac Reporter* – (Wisconsin) **Gas leak forces evacuation at Mercury Marine.** Employees in several plants at Mercury Marine in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, were evacuated January 28 following a report of a gas leak. Firefighters and other emergency personnel were called to the boat enging manufacturing facility on Pioneer Road about 8:45 a.m. “It appears they (employees) were moving some natural gas piping (in Plant 15),” the assistant fire chief said. “One of the shut-offs failed. It started to expel gas into the structure.” Mercury Marine evacuated immediately. Police were called to help with the evacuation of several buildings, the police captain said. Mercury, Alliant Energy, and the fire department developed a plan of attack in case an explosion occurred, he said. “We had natural gas pockets throughout the building we had to ventilate,” he said. “We opened up doors, roof hatches and overhead doors.” Crews were on the scene for about 90 minutes.

Source: <http://www.fdlreporter.com/article/20110128/FON0101/110128041/UPDATE-Gas-leak-forces-evacuation-at-Mercury-Marine>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Banking and Finance Sector

12. *January 31, Help Net Security* – (National) **ATM skimmers don’t even have to be on the ATM.** Careful ATM users know enough to give a hasty visual check to the

machine before using it and to hide the keyboard while entering their PIN. Unfortunately, sometimes even that is not enough to stop fraudsters. A security analyst has discovered a type of attack that can not be detected by users because there's nothing off on the machine or close enough to it to make them suspicious. The analyst said the new tactic is employed to steal data from users who prefer to use ATMs located in the antechamber of a bank or building lobby. Access to these machines is usually controlled by a key card lock that allows customers to enter only after they have swiped their ATM card. The analyst said crooks have devised a way to add a skimmer to these locks, so they record card information. When customers finally access the ATM, those of them who do not take particular care to hide the keyboard from view with the palm of their hand or another object, have their PINs stolen through the use of a zoom-in camera hiding behind a mirror located on the wall above the ATM — which they assume is there to allow them to see if someone is standing behind them.
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=10513>

13. *January 30, TulsaWorld* – (Oklahoma) **Bank robbed minutes after gunman thwarted elsewhere.** Tulsa police are investigating a bank robbery and an attempted bank robbery that happened within a half-hour January 29. Police were called to the Arvest Bank at 2500 E. Edison St. just after 10:45 a.m. after a masked man tried to enter the bank. A teller saw the man approach and locked the front door before he could enter. When he could not open the door, the man fired a shot into the ground before leaving, a police official said. The man was described as black, between 5 foot 7 inches and 5 foot 10 inches tall and weighing between 160 to 175 pounds. He wore a red hooded sweatshirt, black bandanna, black pants and black shoes and carried a small-caliber revolver. Twenty minutes later, a man with a similar description robbed the Arvest Bank at 36th Street and Yale Avenue. The man jumped the counter and demanded money; he ran west from the bank, police said. The suspect wore a multicolored stocking cap, blue nylon rain jacket, black pants and black-and-red shoes. He also carried a small-caliber pistol.
Source:
http://www.tulsaworld.com/webextra/content/2010/crimesite/article.aspx?subjectid=450&articleid=20110130_11_A12_Tlaplc366774

14. *January 30, McClatchy-Tribune Information Services* – (California) **Skimming device at Terra Linda Chase Bank results in thefts.** Chase Bank has confirmed a skimming device attached to an ATM at its Terra Linda, California branch siphoned money from customers' accounts. Customers said perpetrators withdrew money from victims' accounts just after the Martin Luther King Jr. Day weekend, but the bank declined to provide details about the thefts, citing an active investigation. "We investigate all reported skimming activity and are working closely with law enforcement," a JPMorgan Chase spokeswoman said in a statement. "Any customer who sees unusual or suspicious activity on their account should report it to the bank immediately. If we confirm a transaction was not initiated by the customer, the customer has zero liability." Skimming devices often work with cameras and other equipment to record bank account data and personal identification numbers from ATM machines, and from

debit card scanners at gas stations.

Source: <http://robotics.tmcnet.com/news/2011/01/30/5276520.htm>

15. *January 29, San Diego North County Times* – (California) **‘Geezer bandit’ hits bank No. 13.** The “Geezer Bandit” has struck again, this time in Santa Barbara County, California the 13th strike for the notorious bank robber. And it appears he is continuing to work his way north. The latest heist took place in Goleta, near Santa Barbara, at a Bank of America branch on 5892 Calle Real about 6 p.m. January 28. The man believed to be the Geezer Bandit reportedly threatened a teller with a weapon and demanded money, according to a written news release from the FBI. The teller complied with his demand and delivered a sum of money to the robber. Any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the Geezer Bandit still has a hefty reward attached to it. The FBI. has been offering a \$20,000 reward for information on the thief since December 2010.

Source: http://www.nctimes.com/news/local/sdcounty/article_a2f1a2eb-637d-56da-b23d-db84dfc12ed3.html

16. *January 29, United Press International* – (Illinois) **Guards foil robbery attempt, killing one.** The attempted robbery of an armored truck in Chicago, Illinois, left one of the would-be robbers’ dead and the other in critical condition, police said. The two men attempted to rob a Garda armored truck as it was making a pickup at a Family Dollar store January 28, and a guard shot and killed one of the men, the Chicago Tribune reported January 30. The dead man was a 52 year-old from Chicago who had served time in prison for armed robbery in 1990. Police said one suspect held a guard in a choke hold while the second put what turned out to be a fake shotgun to his chin. The guard broke loose and fatally shot one of the suspects in the head. Another guard, who had been inside the armored vehicle, stepped out and shot and critically wounded the second man. He was in critical condition at Mt. Sinai Hospital. Neither guard was injured.

Source: http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2011/01/29/Guards-foil-robbery-attempt-killing-one/UPI-72411296314792/

17. *January 29, BankInfoSecurity.com* – (National) **4 banks close on Jan. 28.** First Community Bank, Taos, New Mexico, is the largest of four banks to fail January 28. The \$2.31 billion institution was subsequently acquired by U.S. Bank, National Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota. It was the 11th failed bank so far in 2011. FirstTier Bank, Louisville, Colorado, was closed by the Colorado Division of Banking, which appointed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) as receiver. To protect depositors, FDIC created the Deposit Insurance National Bank of Louisville (DINB), which will remain open until February 28, to allow depositors access to insured deposits and time to open accounts at other insured institutions. As of September 30, FirstTier Bank had \$781.5 million in total assets and \$722.8 million in total deposits. FDIC estimates the cost to the Depositors Insurance Fund (DIF) will be \$242.6 million. Evergreen State Bank, Stoughton, Wisconsin, was closed by the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions, which appointed FDIC as receiver. FDIC entered into a purchase and assumption agreement with McFarland State Bank,

McFarland, Wisconsin, to assume all of Evergreen deposits. As of September 30, Evergreen had about \$246.5 million in total assets and \$195.2 million in total deposits. McFarland assumed all of Evergreen's deposits and agreed to purchase all assets. FDIC estimates the cost to the DIF will be \$22.8 million. The First State Bank, Camargo, Oklahoma, was closed by the Oklahoma State Banking Department, which appointed FDIC as receiver. FDIC entered into a purchase and assumption agreement with Bank 7, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to assume all deposits of First State. As of September 30, First State had about \$43.5 million in total assets and \$40.3 million in total deposits. Source: http://www.bankinfosecurity.com/articles.php?art_id=3307

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Transportation Sector

18. *January 31, Associated Press* – (International) **Cairo airport a scene of chaos as foreigners flee.** Cairo's international airport was a scene of chaos and confusion January 31 as thousands of foreigners sought to flee the unrest in Egypt and countries around the world scrambled to send in planes to fly their citizens out. Nerves frayed, shouting matches erupted and some passengers even had a fistfight as thousands crammed into Cairo airport's new Terminal 3 seeking a flight home. The airport's departures board stopped announcing flight times in an attempt to reduce tensions — but the move backfired, fueling anger over canceled or delayed flights. Making matters worse, check-in counters were poorly staffed because many EgyptAir employees were to get to work due to a 3 p.m.-to-8 a.m. curfew, and traffic breakdowns across the Egyptian capital. A U.S. military plane landed at Larnaca Airport in Cyprus, Greece, January 31, ferrying 42 U.S. Embassy officials and their dependents from Egypt. The U.S. Embassy in Nicosia said at least one more plane was expected January 31 with about 180 people — most of them U.S. citizens. U.S. officials have said it will take several flights over the coming days to fly out the thousands of Americans who want to leave Egypt.
Source:
http://www.salon.com/news/egyptian_protests/?story=/news/feature/2011/01/31/egypt_airport_evacuations_foreigners
19. *January 30, KFDM 6 Beaumont* – (Texas) **All lanes of I-10 reopen following truck crash, fire.** All lanes of Interstate 10 West and East reopened at about 3:45 p.m. January 30 following a tractor trailer crash and fire near Beaumont, Texas. The driver of a 2002 Freightliner carrying carpet hydroplaned in the rain and jackknifed at about 10:45 a.m. on I-10 West near MLK. The cab straddled the wall on its fuel tanks while the rig slid west several hundred feet along the top of the retaining wall. The fuel tanks ruptured and the diesel ignited. The fire spread to both sides of the freeway. Once the rig stopped, the driver was able to get out. He wasn't hurt. The rig took out two light poles while it was sliding. Debris, including concrete, and at least one of the light poles, struck a second vehicle. A passenger received minor injuries and was transported to the hospital. I-10 East reopened at about 1 p.m. I-10 West reopened about two and a half

hours later.

Source: <http://www.kfdm.com/articles/-41213--.html>

20. *January 28, KGO 7 San Francisco* – (International) **Computer crash causes delays for travelers at SFO.** Hundreds of international passengers arriving at San Francisco International Airport in San Francisco, California, faced delays clearing customs January 28 after a government computer system crashed. Travelers started to emerge from the customs screening area once Homeland Security was able to get a slower, back-up system online. Many of the delayed travelers had just spent 10-11 hours sitting aboard flights from London and Paris before the glitch forced them to stand still for up to another hour. The computer system helps customs and border protection agents screen people trying to enter the United States.

Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/local/peninsula&id=7926656>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

21. *January 31, Aurora Sentinel* – (Colorado) **Former CCA worker sentenced to six years for mail threats.** A former employee of Community College of Aurora in Aurora, Colorado, has been sentenced to serve 6 years in federal prison for sending white powder and threatening mail to governmental offices across the country. The suspect was sentenced in a Denver court the week of January 24 for sending threatening mail to the offices of Colorado elected officials, as well as to other offices, consulates and embassies nationwide. According to federal officials, agents tracked down the former CCA director of library services in February 2010 from information obtained on Web sites containing contact information for Alabama congressional representatives. The suspect resigned his post as library director at CCA weeks after his arrest last year.

Source: http://www.aurorasentinel.com/hp_recent_headlines/article_e9051aac-2cfa-11e0-b6bb-001cc4c002e0.html

22. *January 29, KTVU 2 Oakland* – (California) **Building evacuated after woman receives mortar in mail.** Several apartment buildings near the Hayes Valley neighborhood in San Francisco, California, were evacuated January 27 after a woman received an antiaircraft mortar projectile in the mail instead of the cooking mold she ordered online, a police sergeant said. Police responded to the 400 block of Linden Street at about 5:20 p.m. when a woman called and said she found an explosive in packaging that should have had a cooking mold she ordered from eBay, a police spokesman said. Arriving officers found a vintage 40-millimeter antiaircraft mortar projectile and evacuated the woman's building. The two buildings on either side of the woman's were also evacuated, and an ambulance was parked down the street as a precaution, a police spokesman said. Investigators determined the device was essentially harmless. "The projectile didn't have insides that would cause it to

explode,” the police spokesman said. The U.S. Postal Service was conducting its own investigation into the issue January 28. No arrests were made. No one was injured in the incident.

Source: <http://www.ktvu.com/news/26658610/detail.html>

23. *January 29, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (California) **Claremont man arrested for sending threatening letters to L.A. county office.** Special Agents with the FBI and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service arrested a Claremont, California man January 29 on federal charges of sending threatening letters containing a powdery substance to multiple offices of the Department of Children and Family Services and the Los Angeles County Children’s Courthouse over a period of 18 months. The 48-year-old man was taken into custody at his residence without incident after being indicted by a federal grand jury January 25. The indictment charges the suspect with 13 counts of making threats and hoaxes. The arrest of the suspect was announced by the Assistant Director in Charge of the FBI in Los Angeles; the Postal Inspector in Los Angeles; and a U.S. Attorney. According to the indictment, the suspect sent a series of envelopes through the U.S. Postal Service to various offices of the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and the Edmund D Edelman Children’s Court in Monterey Park.

Source:

http://7thspace.com/headlines/371242/claremont_man_arrested_for_sending_threatening_letters_to_la_county_office.html

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Agriculture and Food Sector

24. *January 30, LancasterOnline.com* – (Pennsylvania) **Restaurant emptied by bomb threat.** Police in East Hempfield Township, Pennsylvania, responded to a bomb threat January 28 at the Columbia Diner. According to police, an employee at the restaurant received a telephone call from an unknown person who warned her of a bomb on the premises. The restaurant was immediately evacuated, as was the neighboring Wheatland Beer Distributors. The building was searched by a K-9 unit from the Lancaster County Sheriff’s Department with negative results. Manor Township police assisted at the scene. The investigation is ongoing.

Source: <http://articles.lancasteronline.com/local/4/344906>

25. *January 28, Reuters* – (National) **U.S. farmers get approval to plant GMO alfalfa.** The United States said January 27 farmers could proceed with planting genetically altered alfalfa without any of the restrictions opponents said are crucial to protect organic and conventional farm fields from contamination. The decision, closely watched by supporters and protesters around the world for its potential implications on biotech crop regulation, was seen as a boon to biotech crop developers and comes as research into additional biotech crops accelerates. But opponents of biotech crops were disappointed. The U.S. Department of Agriculture said the decision, made by its Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, was made after analysis of various

economic and environmental factors, and allows GMO farmers to get their crop in the ground this spring. Alfalfa is the fourth-largest U.S. field crop grown, worth roughly \$8 billion to \$10 billion and grown on about 20 million acres as food for dairy cattle and other livestock.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/01/28/us-gmo-alfalfa-usda-idUSTRE70R3UP20110128>

26. *January 28, KHQA 7 Quincy* – (Illinois) **First rabid domestic animal in Illinois since 2005.** The Illinois Department of Public Health and Illinois Department of Agriculture reported a bull tested positive for rabies. The bull was pastured in east Macon County and developed signs of rabies January 24. The owner did not report any known exposure to odd acting wild animals, but said many wild animals are sighted on his property. The Katherine Road Animal Hospital said it has been decades since rabies has been seen in Adams County. The last domestic animal with rabies in the state was reported in 2005 in a cow that had been pastured in both Bureau and LaSalle counties. Source: <http://www.connecttristates.com/news/story.aspx?id=573637>

27. *January 28, WAOW 9 Wausau* – (Wisconsin) **Moldy sweet potatoes believed to be the killer of 200 steers.** Veterinary scientists at the University of Wisconsin-Madison said they believe moldy sweet potatoes are to blame for the death hundreds of steers on a Portage County farm in Wisconsin. An associate director of the Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory said scientists analyzed samples from two steers that died on a Town of Stockton farm. They found there were no viral pathogens. However, scientists discovered changes in tissue they believe are comparable with mold toxicity syndrome. Tests on feed samples also revealed the presence of ipomeanol, a mycotoxin found in moldy sweet potatoes. Previously, a spokesperson with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer reported the steers were killed by pneumonia. Testing ruled out a bovine virus that causes respiratory and reproductive problems in cows. Source: <http://www.waow.com/Global/story.asp?S=13927563>

28. *January 27, KNXV 15 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **Ranchers' plan to secure border introduced as bill in state legislature.** An Arizona cattle rancher is spearheading a new plan to secure the border and put out the word about border risks. Everyday, he said, he finds cut fences — a sign there have been people on his land. Every morning, when he wakes up, he has to check for people. An Arizona state senator has asked ranchers to testify about what is happening in that area since another rancher was killed in March 2010. An Arizona Cattle Growers' Association group, the cattle rancher, and others have put together an 18-point plan, which has been reworked in the format of a bill. The plan addresses how the border should be secured. The ranchers want 3,000 National Guard troops, increased border patrol, infrastructure and technology in the Tucson-border area. They are also calling for Forward Operating Bases. The idea is to put more Border Patrol agents closer to the border in rural areas. The state senator will introduce the bill the week of January 31. Source: <http://www.abc15.com/dpp/news/state/ranchers'-plan-to-secure-border-introduced-as-bill-in-state-legislature>

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Water Sector

29. *January 31, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Cleanup continues at derelict barge leaking oil, PCBs in Columbia River near Camas, Wash.** The Coast Guard said workers are trying to stabilize a derelict vessel leaking oil in the Columbia River near Camas in southwest Washington, so divers can remove all remaining oil. More than 50 responders from agencies that include the Washington Department of Ecology and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality are on the scene. The *Columbian* reports about 1,200 gallons of oil have been recovered since work began the week of January 24. Washington Ecology officials measured a small amount of PCB, about three parts per million, in oil from the engine room but said it is not an immediate health threat. The 431-foot Davy Crockett is a World War II Liberty ship that was converted to a barge.
Source: <http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/wire/sns-ap-us-grounded-barge,0,5872315.story>
30. *January 30, Media Newswire* – (Virginia) **Coast Guard continues response to oil spill in Potomac.** The Coast Guard and local agencies continue to respond January 28 to a mineral oil spill that occurred January 23 in the Potomac River near Alexandria, Virginia. Approximately 1,500 gallons of an estimated 5,500 gallons have been recovered from the waters of the Potomac River after a transformer at the Pepco substation began leaking January 23 with a remaining 4,000 gallons currently unaccounted for. Coast Guard Sector Baltimore's Incident Management Division members, who were notified January 23 by the National Response Center, have been working with Pepco and the hired contractors, Triumvirate Environmental and Clean Harbors, to continue efforts to contain and collect the oil. Currently 2,000 feet of hard containment boom, 1,700 feet of absorbent boom and 750 feet of sweep, which consists of pads strung together, have been deployed to the affected area. The oil sheen is reported to extend approximately 2,000 yards north of the Pepco substation and as far south as the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. The Coast Guard will continue to monitor the cleanup and investigate the cause of the spill.
Source: http://media-newswire.com/release_1140733.html
31. *January 28, Associated Press* – (New Hampshire) **NH towns still ordered to boil water.** A boil water order remains in effect for residents of the New Hampshire towns of Pembroke and Allenstown, and a few homes in Hooksett. The order follows a water main break earlier the week of January 24. Officials said the problem has been fixed, but they are waiting for bacteria tests before the boil-water order can be lifted. The order is precautionary.
Source:
http://www.boston.com/news/local/new_hampshire/articles/2011/01/28/nh_towns_still_ordered_to_boil_water/

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

32. *January 31, CNN* – (Arizona) **Fire kills at least 1 at Phoenix senior center.** A fire at a senior living center in Phoenix, Arizona, killed at least one person January 30, authorities said. “Firefighters found within a minute of arriving an elderly woman dead on the scene inside an apartment who appeared to have been overcome by smoke and fire,” said a captain with the Phoenix Fire Department. He said a number of people had to be rescued from balconies at the 3e-story facility. One or two people were expected to be transported to a local hospital for treatment, he said. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Source: <http://edition.cnn.com/2011/US/01/30/arizona.senior.center.fire/>

33. *January 29, KTVZ 21 Bend* – (Oregon) **Computers stolen from Bend Ophthalmology.** Five desktop and laptop computers were stolen from Bend Ophthalmology in Bend, Oregon after the close of business January 26 and before opening the following morning, Bend police said January 28. A police officer said the suspect or suspects threw a lava rock through a sliding glass door in the back of the business, then unscrewed the exterior light fixture to avoid being seen. Then, police said, thieves took off with three Dell laptops and two Dell desktops from the offices, which is housed inside the Pilot Butte Medical Clinic in Bend. Police said they had no suspects yet.

Source: <http://www.ktvz.com/news/26656618/detail.html>

34. *January 28, CNN* – (Ohio) **FBI charges Ohio man with possessing toxin.** Federal law enforcement officials announced the arrest of an Ohio man for possessing a toxin that can be used as a biological weapon January 28. FBI officers arrested the man after tests showed a substance removed from the Coventry Township man’s home was ricin. Ricin is a poison manufactured from castor beans. The suspect was charged with one count of unlawful possession of a biological agent. Authorities do not believe the substance was to be used in a terrorist act. The arrest took place 3 days after special FBI hazardous materials teams from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Quantico, Virginia, Summit County sheriff’s deputies, and firefighters from three Ohio departments responded to the suspect’s home, which was in foreclosure. Tests conducted at the National Bioforensic Analysis Center in Maryland confirmed the substance was ricin, an FBI special agent said. “Ricin is a very poisonous toxin that certainly can be fatal if it’s injected or you breathe it in or you eat it,” he said.

Source: http://articles.cnn.com/2011-01-28/us/ohio.ricin.arrest_1_castor-beans-ricin-ohio-man?s=PM:US

35. *January 28, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Fort Worth clinic evacuated after reports of gunman.** A dozen employees were safely evacuated from a Texas health clinic after hiding in locked offices for several hours January 28 following reports a gunman was inside, police said. No one was injured in the incident at a JPS Health Network clinic in

Fort Worth, and a police officer said no gunman had been found by that afternoon. “We believe he left at some point during the incident, and we don’t know who he is or why he was there,” he said. A woman called 911, saying a man with a gun entered before the clinic opened and made eye contact with her but did not speak. The woman ran out and a dozen or so employees hid in offices for the next few hours as tactical officers arrived and developed a plan to get them out. Officers talked on the phone to the workers to determine their locations, and eventually helped them leave the building one-by-one through different doors. Traffic had to be re-routed for much of the morning as nearby roads were blocked off. Authorities later cleared the immediate area around the office complex, but patrol cars and a police helicopter planned to continue a searching for the suspect based on a detailed description from the clinic worker.

Source: <http://lubbockonline.com/filed-online/2011-01-28/fort-worth-clinic-evacuated-after-reports-gunman>

36. *January 28, Safety.BLR.com* – (New Jersey) **EPA halts use and sale of disinfecting product.** Concerned that using the Zimek Micro-Misting System could be hazardous to users, the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Region 2 has ordered a New Jersey ambulance company to stop using it to disinfect ambulances. EPA issued a Stop Use, Sale, or Removal order to the Monmouth-Ocean Hospital Service Corporation (MONOC). As a result, the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) is advising affiliates to ensure their departments also stop using the technology and product. The EPA order states the disinfectants used in the MONOC ambulances are likely to cause harm to humans when applied using the Zimek system.

Source: <http://safety.blr.com/workplace-safety-news/hazardous-substances-and-materials/hazardous-materials/EPA-Halts-Use-and-Sale-of-Disinfecting-Product/>

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Government Facilities Sector

37. *January 31, Shelbyville Times-Gazette* – (Tennessee) **No-contact order lifted, no-drink order still in effect at AEDC.** The commander of Arnold Air Force Base has lifted the no contact order for the base water supply after glycol levels dropped below one part per million throughout the base effective mid-day January 30, according to a news release at the base Web site. The base is home to Arnold Engineering Development Center (AEDC). Late January 28, the AEDC commander issued the no drink/no contact order for employees based on ethylene glycol contamination detected throughout the base water supply. The building with the highest concentrations was quickly isolated and crews began flushing the building water systems throughout the base. There was never any danger to surrounding communities, AEDC’s Arnold Village housing area, UTSI, or the Tennessee National Guard range because their water sources are separate from the industrial area, according to the news release.

Source: <http://www.t-g.com/story/1699228.html>

38. *January 30, Los Angeles Times* – (International) **U.S. Embassy to begin voluntary evacuation flights Monday.** The U.S. Embassy in Cairo, Egypt, planned to begin

flying Americans out of Egypt on chartered planes January 31, according to a statement January 30. The announcement came hours after the embassy advised Americans in Egypt to consider leaving as soon as possible. The statement said the State Department is making arrangements to provide those who want to leave with flights to “safe-haven locations in Europe.” The U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs told CNN the government-chartered flights will continue after January 31. Americans were advised to limit travel in Egypt and urged those with relatives in Egypt to convey flight information to them directly, since access to the department’s Web site is limited within Egypt. The department earlier moved to reduce diplomatic staff in Egypt, authorizing the voluntary departure of diplomats and nonessential workers. Britain recommended its citizens leave Cairo, Suez, and Alexandria, “where it is safe to do so.” An accountant at the Azerbaijani Embassy in Egypt was among those killed in street clashes in Cairo January 29 on his way home from work, an Azerbaijani Foreign Ministry spokesman told Reuters.

Source: <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/babylonbeyond/2011/01/egypt-us-embassy-to-begin-evacuating-.html>

39. *January 29, Waynesboro Record Herald* – (Pennsylvania) **Bomb threat phoned to Waynesboro Area School District.** A district-wide bomb threat made in a telephone call January 27 led to the evacuation and search of all six schools January 28 in the Waynesboro Area School District in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania. The voicemail recording was received January 28 when staff arrived at the Clayton Avenue administration building, the superintendent said. The district followed its emergency policy and first contacted the Waynesboro Police Department, he said. Although police ruled the threat was not believable, children were evacuated from each school. Schools were cleared like a typical fire drill, then police and school district personnel searched them. Nothing suspicious was found. The middle and high schools were evacuated first, while the four elementary schools were staggered afterward. Parents of students in the school district were notified by automated message January 28, after school was over for the day.

Source: <http://www.therecordherald.com/features/x286172895/Bomb-threat-phoned-to-Waynesboro-Area-School-District>

40. *January 28, Austin Daily Herald* – (Minnesota) **Albert Lea school fire deemed arson.** The cause of the fire that damaged a classroom in Albert Lea, Minnesota, January 27 has been confirmed as arson. An Albert Lea fire investigator said the fire originated on a desk in a Lakeview Elementary fourth-grade classroom, located on the lower level of the school. Officials do not know what was used to start the fire. Samples from the scene are being tested in a lab for accelerants. Authorities were alerted to the fire at about 11:15 p.m. by fire alarms. While the fire was contained to a 5-foot-by-5-foot space, sprinklers caused water damage to nearby classrooms and hallways. The Albert Lea Police Department is also investigating. School administrators are hoping to resume class January 31.

Source: <http://www.austindailyherald.com/2011/01/28/albert-lea-school-fire-deemed-arson/>

41. *January 28, WFSB 3 Hartford* – (Connecticut) **Montville school evacuated.** School officials in Montville, Connecticut, said Mohegan Elementary students were evacuated January 28 after question arose about the schools structural integrity. The school was evacuated as a precaution, and everyone was transported to the Oakdale School while experts checked out cracks that developed. An alert teacher was credited for spotting the cracks on a classroom wall inside the school and alerting officials. The school secretary described the unexpected move to the Oakdale School as “orderly and organized.” While the school was empty, the structural engineers who designed the new addition were brought in and determined the stress was normal settling and not due to the accumulated snow on the roof. “Mohegan School is safe,” the superintendent said. “Any kind of superficial cracks that we observed [Friday] were deemed just that. Just requiring some patching but nothing that’s compromised the structure or the roof.” Source: <http://www.wfsb.com/news/26652202/detail.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

42. *January 31, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* – (Washington) **Prison guard killed in chapel.** A corrections officer who had raised concerns about being the only guard in the chapel of a Washington state prison was strangled there January 29, and an inmate serving a life sentence is the primary suspect, authorities said January 30. The 34-year-old woman was found dead in the chapel at Monroe Correctional Complex about 30 miles northeast of Seattle, a department of corrections spokesman said. She had been strangled with a microphone cord. The male inmate, whose identity has not been released by authorities, was reported missing during a routine count at 9:14 p.m. He was found 3 minutes later in the chapel lobby and told officers he had planned to escape. “He is our primary suspect,” a Monroe police spokeswoman said. The suspect is serving a life sentence without parole after being convicted of first-degree rape and kidnapping in 1997. He was being housed in a medium-security unit at the Monroe complex, which has five units with varying security levels. Source: <http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/11031/1121832-84.stm>
43. *January 30, Allentown Morning Call* – (Pennsylvania) **Miscommunication, glitch delayed Forks fire response.** Miscommunication and incomplete address information in a 911 computer database led to a delay in dispatching crews to a Forks Township, Pennsylvania fire that destroyed a two-story house, according to an investigation released January 26 by Northampton County emergency management officials. A 911 call from a cell phone about a fire on N. Delaware Dr. next to the Mineral Springs Hotel bounced off a tower site in Harmony Township before being routed to Warren County’s 911 center in Franklin Township. Calls to 911 from cell phones are sent to the service provider’s closest cellular tower, the director of Northampton’s emergency management services said. Emergency calls along the eastern shore of the Delaware River frequently go to Warren’s dispatch center. Warren then relays the information to

Northampton. Warren dispatchers called the Northampton County 911 Center on the non-emergency line to relay information on the N. Delaware Drive address “next door to the bar,” with no mention of the hotel. When Northampton received the information on the fire, the 4340 N. Delaware Drive address showed up in its 911 database as being in Upper Mount Bethel; Forks addresses on the road stopped at 4335 N. Delaware Drive. Dispatchers sent crews to Upper Mount Bethel. The misdirection delayed the response by about 15 minutes.

Source: <http://www.mcall.com/news/breaking/mc-forks-fire-911-call-mineral-spring20110130,0,6436261.story>

44. *January 30, Hartford Courant* – (Connecticut) **Injured Portland firefighter was caught in gas fireball.** Two firefighters were hospitalized — one with serious burns — following a weekend explosion at a duplex, a fire official said January 30. One firefighter remained in Bridgeport Hospital January 30, where he was listed in fair condition in the intensive care unit with burns to his head, face, and neck, hospital and fire officials said. The second was released January 30 from Middlesex Hospital, where he was treated for burns to his hands. The Portland fire chief said the two men were standing 8 feet apart when gas spread by a propane leak January 29 blew apart a duplex building at 194-196 Summer St. and caused a fireball to flash across part of the yard behind the property where they were standing. The propane leak is believed to have been caused when a backhoe operator removing snow from a driveway that circled to the rear of the building accidentally damaged equipment used to fill and provide access to a buried propane tank. The duplex was destroyed.
Source: <http://www.courant.com/community/portland/hc-propane-explosion-0131-20110130,0,4185090.story>
45. *January 30, CalCoastNews.com* – (Texas) **Crime stopper chief indicted.** A Dallas, Texas Crime Stoppers veteran was indicted for allegedly collecting at least \$250,000 in reward money for bogus tips over about a 5-year period. FBI agents escorted a Dallas Police Department senior corporal from police headquarters January 27. She and her alleged partner were indicted for wire fraud. Crime Stoppers is a nationwide program that provides cash to anonymous callers who provide tips that lead to the arrest and indictment of criminals. Questions about the suspect first arose in April after a man discovered that someone else had claimed a reward to which he was entitled.
Source: <http://calcoastnews.com/2011/01/crime-stopper-chief-indicted/>
46. *January 30, WRTV 6 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **Jail fire sends inmates, officials scrambling.** A clothes dryer caught fire in the basement of the Madison County Jail in Anderson, Indiana, around 10:45 a.m. January 29, firefighters said, forcing jailers to move inmates to other parts of the building. The fire sent heavy smoke throughout the jail. Deputies called in extra personnel to help secure the areas surrounding the jail. The Madison County sheriff said the Madison County 911 dispatch center is also located inside the jail, so when the fire broke out, dispatchers had to be evacuated. Maintenance crews brought in large fans to ventilate the building. Firefighters were able to quickly put out the fire, but the lingering smoke created a health hazard. Authorities ran air quality tests to ensure the safety of the inmates. More than 200 people were being

housed in the jail, so SWAT teams had to be called in to help secure the facility. Inmates were then moved to areas of the jail less affected by the smoke.
Source: <http://www.theindychannel.com/news/26661647/detail.html>

47. *January 29, KTVB 7 Boise* – (Idaho) **Suspicious device turned out to be cellphone taped to flare.** Law enforcement officials investigated a possible improvised explosive device found at the southwest corner of the sheriff’s office campus in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, January 29. About 9:15 a.m., sheriff’s labor program personnel were performing clean up around the sheriff’s office campus when one of the participants found the device partially protruding out of a drain pipe that drains a grassy swale into a drywell area. The device turned out to be a cellphone taped to a flare with a battery attached. Coeur d’Alene Police called out the Spokane County Bomb Squad to assist.
Source: <http://www.ktvb.com/news/regional/114865454.html>

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Information Technology Sector

48. *January 31, H Security* – (International) **New critical vulnerability in VLC Media Player.** Update 1.1.6, released the week of January 23, fixed a critical vulnerability in the VideoLAN project’s VLC Media Player. Now the project has reported a new vulnerability that can be exploited using specially crafted MKV (Matroska Video and WebM) films to inject malicious code onto a system and execute that code with the user’s privileges. All versions up to and including 1.1.6 are affected. The root of the problem lies with insufficient input validation in the MKV demuxer plugin (libmkv_plugin.*). The update consists of swapping a single line within a macro. The change has already found its way into the Git repository. An official update, version 1.1.7, is expected to be released shortly.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/New-critical-vulnerability-in-VLC-Media-Player-1180905.html>
49. *January 31, H Security* – (International) **Data theft vulnerability in Android 2.3 not plugged.** A security vulnerability in the Android browser that could be exploited to steal data, and was disclosed back in November 2010, is still exploitable in the latest version of the smartphone operating system (version 2.3, “Gingerbread”). A security researcher from the University of North Carolina (UNC) reports that it is possible to bypass the patch that was supposed to fix the vulnerability. He said he informed the Android Security Team of the problem January 26, and provided them with exploit code tested on a Nexus S. He stressed that it is not a root exploit. It runs within the Android sandbox and consequently only has access to some data, such as that stored on the SD card. No exploit for the vulnerability has been observed in the wild.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Data-theft-vulnerability-in-Android-2-3-not-plugged-1180183.html>

50. *January 29, Softpedia* – (International) **SourceForge resets all passwords following security breach.** SourceForge, the world’s largest open source software repository, has reset the password for all of its users following a successful attack against its infrastructure. The SourceForge team discovered the security breach January 27 when exploits were found uploaded on several servers. A preliminary investigation revealed the attack originated on the CVS hosting server, but the actual attack vector has not been identified yet. As a result of the incident, some functionality was suspended, including CVS hosting, Web-based source code browsing (ViewVC), the capability to upload new releases, and the Interactive Shell services. A subsequent update posted on the site’s official blog did not reveal any more information except the team better understands what happened and how it can prevent it in the future. An e-mail went out to all users January 29, notifying them their passwords had been reset. SourceForge is operated by Geeknet, a firm that also owns and runs Slashdot, freshmeat, and ThinkGeek.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Sourceforge-Servers-Compromise-Leads-to-Service-Downtime-181335.shtml>

51. *January 29, Softpedia* – (International) **Former Kaspersky employee responsible for leaked source code.** The Kaspersky source code that recently made its way onto public Web sites was leaked by a former employee of the antivirus vendor who received a suspended prison sentence for intellectual property theft. Russian technology publication CNews quotes a Kaspersky Lab spokesperson, according to whom a former employee with legitimate access to the source code stole it in early 2008. It is not clear if he did it out of revenge or entirely for profit, but he ended up offering it for sale on the black market. Kaspersky issued a statement January 31 noting its former employee received a 3-year suspended prison sentence for his actions, and warning everyone against downloading the publicly available source code. Kaspersky claims the security of its current products is not at risk because they only contain a small part of the leaked code that does not concern protection functions. It is likely that having knowledge of the leak for almost 2 years, the company rewrote the most critical parts of the code and made significant changes to its technology.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Former-Kaspersky-Employee-Responsible-for-Leaked-Source-Code-181367.shtml>

52. *January 28, Computerworld* – (International) **Microsoft warns of new Windows zero-day bug.** Microsoft warned Windows users January 28 of a new unpatched vulnerability attackers could exploit to steal information and dupe people into installing malware. In a security advisory, Microsoft said a bug in its MHTML (MIME HTML) protocol handler can be used by attackers to run malicious scripts within Internet Explorer. “The best way to think of this is to call it a variant of a cross-site scripting vulnerability,” the director of security operations at nCircle Security said. Cross-site scripting bugs (XSS), can be used to insert malicious script into a Web page that can then take control of the session. “An attacker could pretend to be the user, and act if as he was you on that specific site,” the security director said. “If you were at Gmail.com or Hotmail.com, he could send e-mail as you.”

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9206999/Microsoft_warns_of_new_Windows_zero_day_bug

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Communications Sector

53. *February 1, SC Magazine* – (International) **Egypt cuts off Internet to starve protests.** Week-long protests against the Egyptian government have resulted in the state cutting Internet and mobile phone data services. US news organization National Public Radio said Egypt's four primary Internet providers: Link Egypt; Vodafone/Raya; Telecom Egypt; and Etisalat Misr all stopped moving data in and out of the country at 12:34 a.m. January 31. Telecom experts said Egyptian authorities could have engineered the cut-off with a simple change to the instructions for the companies' networking equipment. A statement by Vodafone Egypt said: "All mobile operators in Egypt have been instructed to suspend services in selected areas. Under Egyptian legislation, the authorities have the right to issue such an order and we are obliged to comply with it. The Egyptian authorities will be clarifying the situation in due course." Those still able to access social media confirmed "Egypt now is a total black hole." An Egyptian based in South Africa said: "We should be prepared for total mobile phone blackout tomorrow also (or at least in protest hotspots)." Source: <http://www.securecomputing.net.au/News/246580,egypt-cuts-off-internet-to-starve-protests.aspx>
54. *January 31, IT Pro* – (National) **AASIP gives IPv6 as standard.** Internet service provider (ISP) Andres and Arnold (AAISP) has confirmed it will be offering IPv6 capabilities as standard to customers. The ISP has been offering IPv6 as an opt-in choice for more than 8 years but, in light of the news IPv4 addresses are soon to run out, it has decided to bundle in IPv6 ability at no extra cost. "With the announcement that the final blocks of IPv4 address space have been allocated, it is clear that all ISPs, business and home users alike have to get themselves IPv6 ready," the company said. Although it will be automatic for new customers, existing ones need to ask AAISP's support to turn on the capability. Business customers should already have an IPv6 capable router but consumers may not. However, AAISP confirmed it hoped to have these available by the end of February. IPv4 is the Internet protocol numbering system in use since 1995, but a number of industry experts have warned it could be a matter of weeks before the allocation runs out. Back in November, one of the fathers of the Internet, called for government incentives to make people migrate to the new IPv6

system.

Source: <http://www.itpro.co.uk/630505/aasip-gives-ipv6-as-standard>

55. *January 31, Fierce Government IT* – (National) **White House supports D block reallocation to public safety.** The Presidential administration will now support efforts to grant public safety license to a 10 megahertz swath of spectrum known as the D block, the DHS Secretary said January 27. She spoke at George Washington University, delivering what she said was the first of an annual address on the state of homeland security. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is under congressional mandate to auction the D block, which is located in the 700 MHz band, with the proviso the commercial licensee give public safety priority access to the band during emergencies. Many public safety groups have said that without them controlling the D block license, plans for a national broadband wireless network would not come to fruition. FCC's position has been that public safety's existing 10 MHz broadband license in the 700 MHz band is sufficient, and that failure to hold an auction would make the network unattainably expensive for many public safety agencies. FCC has envisioned growth of a private sector market for end-user devices that would be compatible with the D block and public safety's existing 10 MHz license. If that market doesn't materialize, due to there being no customers, costs of building out the network infrastructure would increase by billions of dollars, and that would "create a patchwork system across the country of haves and have-nots," the chief of the FCC's public safety and homeland security bureau has said.

Source: <http://www.fierceregovernmentit.com/story/white-house-supports-d-block-reallocation-public-safety/2011-01-31>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

56. *January 31, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Man arrested with explosives at Michigan mosque.** A 63-year-old Southern California man who was traveling with explosives in his vehicle with the intention of blowing up one of the nation's largest mosques where mourners had gathered for a funeral was arrested in the Detroit suburb of Dearborn, Michigan, authorities said January 30. Dearborn police said the man was arraigned January 26 on one count of making a false report or threat of terrorism, and one count of possessing explosives with an unlawful intent. He had a large but undisclosed quantity of class-C fireworks including M-80s, which are outlawed in Michigan, a police chief said. He was arrested January 24 without incident in the parking lot of Islamic Center of America, while a large group was gathered inside. He said police received a 911 call from a resident. The police chief said authorities believe he was acting alone but still take him "very seriously." He said the suspect has "a long history of anti-government activities." The police chief said he called the mosque leader January 25 to let him know of the arrest, and later met with mosque board members. He said members shared concerns about copycat crimes if the arrest was

- publicized. The suspect remained jailed January 30 on a \$500,000 bond. A preliminary examination is scheduled for February 4.
Source: <http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5iOXULcE-kwqDvZ3kAHtVJhIRgLtA?docId=949fec1a2202400bb04855d3b943d1ca>
57. *January 31, Associated Press* – (New York) **6 injured in Long Island apartment building fire.** Police said six people have been injured in an apartment building fire on Long Island in New York. Nassau County police said the fire erupted at 4:45 a.m. January 31 in Valley Stream. Four residents and two firefighters were removed to area hospitals. The extent of their injuries was not immediately available. The Red Cross is on the scene assisting 40 other people to find shelter. The fire has been brought under control.
Source: <http://online.wsj.com/article/AP7f980d8cafd045eca5504c2802d69476.html>
58. *January 31, WVIT 30 New Britain* – (Connecticut) **State officials warn to clear snow from house roofs.** With more snow on the way February 1 and 2, the Connecticut governor and the state department of emergency management and homeland security asked residents and business owners to clear the buildup of ice and snow from buildings, especially from flat or low-pitch roofs and decks. “Over the next few days while we’re not expecting to get any accumulating snow, I’d urge Connecticut residents to prepare for the next six weeks or so and clear off snow from unstable structures and their roofs — this is especially important for buildings that have anything close to a flat roof,” the governor said January 29. In the days since the last big storm, several barns and roofs have collapsed. He also asked residents to clear snow from side-vented heating systems, mailboxes, and fire hydrants.
Source: <http://www.nbcconnecticut.com/news/local-beat/State-Officials-Warn-to-Clear-Snow-from-Roofs-114924209.html>
59. *January 29, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **28 taken to hospital after Flagstaff gas leak.** Twenty-eight people, including many children, got carbon monoxide poisoning January 29 because of a gas leak at a Flagstaff, Arizona church lodge. The Flagstaff Fire Department battalion chief said firefighters were called to the lodge at about 8:30 a.m. and found that 28 people were experiencing symptoms including nausea, dizziness, headaches, and stomach aches. He said many of them were younger than 16. A Flagstaff Medical Center spokeswoman said no one has had to be admitted to the hospital, and that it appeared everyone would be fine. The fire chief said the problem likely was caused after someone at the lodge cranked up the heater to 90 degrees, causing it to run all night,. He noted the heater had dirty air filters that were choking the system.
Source: <http://www.kvoa.com/news/28-taken-to-hospital-after-flagstaff-gas-leak/>
60. *January 29, Oklahoma City Oklahoman* – (Oklahoma) **Electrical explosion, fire reported at Oklahoma City building near Broadway Extension, Britton.** An exploding air conditioner, an electrical fire, and water damage caused an evacuation of dozens of employees January 28 from One Benham Place, Broadway Extension in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. No injuries were reported. The deputy chief of the

Oklahoma City Fire Department said a water pipe broke, causing water to flood the electrical and mechanical tower. The water caused an air-conditioning unit to explode and, in turn, caused an electrical fire with heavy smoke on the sixth and seventh floors. Water could be seen on bricks on the rear of the building between the sixth, seventh, and eighth floors. More than a dozen firefighting vehicles lined the road near the building at 9400 N Broadway for about an hour, starting just before 3 p.m. Firefighters send units from five stations whenever there is a possible fire in a high-rise because of the potential danger. He said much of the building's electrical system had been damaged, and it would be hours or longer before anyone would be allowed back inside the building.

Source: <http://newsok.com/explosion-fire-bring-high-rise-evacuation/article/3536482>

61. *January 28, Minnesota Public Radio* – (Minnesota) **Roseville building evacuated, 9 sick in natural gas leak.** Up to 200 people were evacuated and 9 reported flu-like symptoms after a suspected natural gas leak in Roseville, Minnesota, January 28, authorities said. The Roseville fire chief said firefighters could smell gas outside the building located off of County Road C near Fairview Avenue. No dangerous levels of gas were registered on the firefighters' testing meters after they shut off the gas and toured the building. Nine people reported symptoms such as headaches and nausea. Seven were treated with oxygen on site and reported feeling better, but two people were taken to the hospital after vomiting, he said. Firefighters were not able to determine what was causing the gas smell. Xcel Energy and the building managers were working to find the possible leak. Meanwhile, 150 to 200 employees of Progressive Insurance, Allied, and a Walgreens corporate office were sent home for the day.

Source: <http://minnesota.publicradio.org/display/web/2011/01/28/roseville-gas-leak/>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

62. *January 28, Abilene Reporter-News* – (Texas) **Grass fire burns about 185 acres near Albany.** Firefighters January 28 battled a grass fire about 2 miles southwest of Albany, Texas, that scorched about 185 acres, according to the Texas Forest Service, which helped contain the blaze. No injuries were reported and no structures were damaged. The forest service dispatched equipment and a supervisor shortly after being advised of the fire about 1:10 p.m., assisting firefighters from Hamby, Albany, and Shackelford County. The fire was near One Mile Hill, and its cause was unknown. By 5 p.m., the fire was contained.

Source: <http://www.reporternews.com/news/2011/jan/28/grass-fire-burns-about185-acres-near-albany/>

63. *January 28, Yakima Herald-Republic* – (Washington) **Rain, snowmelt wash out bridge on Forest Service road.** Snowmelt from warm weather and rains washed out a bridge on a U.S. Forest Service road to a popular trail into the Goat Rocks Wilderness

area in Washington. “The unexpected runoff washed away material from under the primary cement abutment, leaving one end of the bridge to appear dangling in the air,” said an engineer with the Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest. “One side of the bridge is unsupported at this time, and with the creek still running high, additional damage is certainly a possibility. For that reason we’ve closed the road to everyone until we can look at options for repairing or replacing the bridge.” The Miriam Creek Bridge is about 2.4 miles from the junction of the Tieton Road (No. 1200) on the North Fork Tieton Road (No. 1207) which leads to Scatter Creek Trailhead, a highly popular access point to the Goat Rocks Wilderness for hikers and stock users. During winter months, the North Fork Tieton is used by cross-country skiers and snowshoers who hike the groomed trail that crosses the bridge. Engineers will assess the damage over the next several weeks, looking for a solution and funding for repairs.

Source: <http://www.yakima-herald.com/stories/2011/1/28/rain-snowmelt-wash-out-bridge-on-forest-service-road>

64. *January 28, Community Newspaper Holdings Inc.* – (Kentucky) **Hand grenade found in Fleming woods.** Kentucky State Police (KSP) in Morehead were contacted January 24 by a forestry officer about a hand grenade that had been found by a hunter in a wooded area on Johnson Road in Fleming County. A KSP trooper, U.S. Forestry, and Rowan County fish and wildlife officers accompanied the hunter in the woods and found a small camp site with military gear and what appeared to be a live grenade. Investigators from KSP Special Operations Hazardous Materials and Explosives Division went to the site and rendered the hand grenade safe.

Source: <http://themoreheadnews.com/local/x54036190/Hand-grenade-found-in-Fleming-woods>

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65. *January 31, Fargo Inforum* – (Minnesota) **Flood-proofing the metro: Moorhead’s improved defense includes new dikes, floodwalls.** Projects completed since 2009 in Moorhead, Minnesota, should make one easier to handle, officials said. The city built 3 miles of new dikes and floodwalls and raised the height of existing dikes. The improvements were built to a height of 43.5 to 44 feet, providing protection in those areas to a river stage of 41.5 to 42 feet. The 2009 flood reached a record 40.84 feet in Fargo-Moorhead. Last year, the river reached 36.95 feet, the sixth-highest crest on record. The latest flood forecast sees a 50 percent chance the river will reach 37.3 feet, and a 10 percent chance it could reach 42.6 feet in the metro area. Moorhead could not build its flood mitigation projects higher than it did because of things such as riverbank instability and the presence of nearby structures. Nonetheless, the work means much less effort and materials will need to be expended to fight future floods, a city engineer said. Moorhead has reduced its sandbag needs by a third to a half, depending on the neighborhoods involved. Thanks to the work completed since 2009, some areas no longer have to sandbag at all. Officials said no sandbags will be needed to protect

public property, freeing up all sandbag resources for private homes.

Source: <http://www.inforum.com/event/article/id/306877/>

66. *January 28, WJBF 6 Augusta* – (Georgia) **Army Corps Of Engineers releases Augusta Levee rating.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has rated the condition of the Augusta, Georgia Levee as “Unacceptable,” following a physical inspection of the levee completed in March 2010, according to a letter the City received from the Savannah District. The rating is based on the original levee design flood from the 1930s, which is now approximately the 1,000-year flood event (which has a 0.1 percent chance of occurrence in any year). City engineers have been working with the Corps staff to resolve these issues. On vegetation, the city submitted a vegetation variance request in September, and its review status is pending. Augusta expects to continue discussions on the details of the vegetation variance, with a goal of reaching an agreement with the Corps about what vegetation can remain, what has to be removed, and what remedial actions must be taken. Most of the structural encroachments cited by the Corps, such as the Marriott and Riverwalk improvements, were originally made with prior approvals from the Savannah District Corps during the past 30 years. The city plans to repair the other minor deficiencies as necessary.

Source: <http://www2.wjbf.com/news/2011/jan/28/army-corps-engineers-releases-augusta-levee-rating-ar-1397222/>

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