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ELEVATED

Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks

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- According to Reuters, frigid weather across the U.S. Southwest knocked out natural gas production equivalent to nearly 5 percent of daily nationwide demand. (See item [3](#))
- The Washington Post reports a mental health specialist recommended the U.S. Army private accused of leaking classified material to WikiLeaks not be deployed to Iraq, according to a military official familiar with a new investigation. (See item [39](#))

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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. *February 4, KMVT 11 Twin Falls* – (Idaho) **Fuel tanker explosion kills one southwest of Picabo.** Crews from the Carey, Wood River, and Friedman Airport Fire Departments in Idaho, along with officials from the Blaine County Sheriff’s Department responded to a fuel truck explosion near Picabo, Idaho, February 3. Two men were working in tandem to transfer fuel between two trucks, when the fuel trailer one man was hauling ignited and exploded. One man was on top of the fuel trailer when it exploded and was killed instantly. The other man was standing between the trucks and was knocked to the

ground by the explosion. His jacket caught fire, but it was quickly extinguished and he was treated at the scene. Fire crews thought they had the situation under control February 3, but the truck re-ignited and firefighters from Carey were sent back to the scene. The investigation into the accident is ongoing.

Source: <http://www.kmvt.com/news/local/Fuel-Tanker-Explosion-Kills-One-Southwest-of-Picabo-115268434.html>

2. *February 4, Santa Fe New Mexican* – (New Mexico) **Natural-gas shortage cuts heat for 25,000.** Some 25,000 New Mexicans were without natural gas February 3 after a freeze in west Texas led to rolling power outages that interrupted electricity to natural-gas compressor stations. “We had natural-gas supplies,” said a spokeswoman for New Mexico Gas Company. “But we couldn’t get the supply on hand out of storage and to customers because it needs to go through compressor stations.” Towns without natural-gas service included Española, Taos, Questa, Red River, Bernalillo, Tularosa, La Luz, Placitas, Santa Clara Pueblo, Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo, Alamogordo, Silver City, and San Ildefonso Pueblo. Many were expected to remain without natural gas through February 4 while crews struggled to re-pressurize the lines. Town emergency personnel and officials worked to set up emergency shelters, and residents rushed to stores to buy food, gasoline, and other supplies. The governor of New Mexico declared a state of emergency and sent home all nonessential employees from state offices February 3 so thermostats could be lowered. Santa Fe Public Schools canceled all after-school activities, and schools were closed February 3. Many other private and government offices closed early in order to lower the heat. Santa Fe’s low of minus 18 degrees February 3 set a record in the state, and caused further problems for those without heat. Source: [http://www.santafenewmexican.com/Local News/Gas-shortage-cuts-heat-for-25-000](http://www.santafenewmexican.com/Local%20News/Gas-shortage-cuts-heat-for-25-000)
3. *February 3, Reuters* – (National) **Cold weather hits US natgas output, processing plants.** Frigid weather across the U.S. Southwest knocked out natural gas production equivalent to nearly 5 percent of daily nationwide demand as wells froze and the cold caused problems for processing plants. At least one storage operator curbed additional draws from storage as utilities grabbed for replacement supplies to meet high heating and power demand as the unusually cold weather forced shut ins across Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. Bentek Energy estimated 2.7 billion cubic feet per day (bcfd) of natural gas output remained offline. Spectra Energy limited additional gas withdrawals above contracted volumes from its Moss Bluff and Egan storage facilities in East Texas and southern Louisiana. At least 1.5 bcfd of production was offline in the East Texas, Fort Worth and Texas Gulf Coast basins, Bentek estimates, with at least 900 million cfd offline in the Anadarko Basin, which lays partly in Texas and Oklahoma. Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/02/03/gas-shutins-cold-idUSN0317361420110203>
4. *February 3, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* – (Wisconsin) **16 million settlement in We Energies plant explosion.** A \$16 million settlement has been reached in connection with a lawsuit brought by eight people who were injured in an explosion at a We

Energies plant in Oak Creek, Wisconsin. A lawyer representing the plaintiffs, announced the agreement February 3, the 2-year anniversary of the explosion. In addition to the electric company, the plaintiffs sued United States Fire Protection Inc. and several other insurance companies and re-insurers. An explosion and fire occurred in a dust collector at the power plant in Oak Creek February 3, 2009. Eight ThyssenKrupp Safway employees who were building scaffolding inside the dust collector were injured, a spokesman said. The Safway employees had been hired by United States Fire Protection to build the scaffolding. After an investigation, federal safety regulators cited the Waukesha scaffolding company and We Energies. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration alleged “willful and serious” safety violations by We Energies and contractor ThyssenKrupp Safway Inc. in the explosion. Source: <http://www.jsonline.com/business/115194649.html>

5. *February 3, Binghamton Press & Sun-Bulletin* – (New York) **Natural gas pipeline had pinhole leak, officials say.** A hole the size of a pin was the source of a leak in January that interrupted natural gas service from Owego to Delaware County, New York, Millennium Pipeline officials said. The company did not say what caused the hole. The leak was discovered January 11 by workers along the Millennium Pipeline, a 186-mile conduit that shuttles natural gas from Corning to Ramapo. As a result, NYSEG customers across most of Broome County and parts of Tioga and Delaware counties were asked to curtail natural gas use while repairs took place January 15 to January 16. A company spokesman said the week of January 30 that Millennium had not determined what caused the breach. “We re-welded that particular pipeline segment together, and then put a repair sleeve — which is sort of like an insurance policy — over the weld,” he said. “It was never a public health risk.” The leak occurred in a wetland near Schneider Road in the Town of Owego. Although the 30-inch-wide pipe has at least 3 feet of ground cover, the spokesman said the company did not know how much gas was released. Under federal guidelines, pipeline operators have 30 days following an unintended release of natural gas to respond to the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration with a written report, including the estimated volume of gas released, the apparent cause, and other information. Source: <http://www.pressconnects.com/article/20110203/NEWS01/102030413/Natural+gas+pipeline+had+pinhole+leak++officials+say>

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Chemical Industry Sector

6. *February 3, ICIS* – (Texas) **Freezing temperatures slow Texas petrochemicals producers.** Freezing temperatures along the Texas Gulf coast led to numerous chemical plant and refinery issues February 3. Afternoon temperatures hovered around the 32 degree Fahrenheit freezing mark in Houston. The region is considered the hub of the U.S. petrochemical industry. The U.S. National Weather Service said snow

accumulations could total from 2-4 inches in Houston, while others along the coast could see up to one-quarter inch of ice. With temperatures near or below freezing since February 1, several chemical and oil facilities in Texas reported issues amid the unusually-frigid conditions. The winter blast also caused several refineries to reduce their operating rates.

Source: <http://www.icis.com/Articles/2011/02/03/9432290/freezing-temperatures-slow-texas-petrochemicals-producers.html>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

7. *February 3, WLNS 6 Lansing* – (Michigan) **3 injured in fire at Jackson plant.** Three Gerdau MacSteel workers are in the hospital being treated for smoke inhalation after a hydraulic fluid fire at the company's plant in Napoleon Township, Michigan. Several fire crews from throughout Jackson County were called to the plant February 3. Officials said some hydraulic liquid caught fire in the casting area, but there is no word yet on how the fire actually started. MacSteel said in a statement February 3 they are doing an internal investigation into the cause. It was a minor fire and by the time firefighters got to the plant, it was already out. MacSteel said mill production stopped while they take a look at the damage, but it said the plant would still be able to meet customer demands.
Source: <http://www.wlns.com/Global/story.asp?S=13964633>

8. *February 3, Connecticut Post* – (Connecticut) **Collapsed Milford building and its neighbor to be razed.** The industrial building next to the one at 282 Woodmont Road in Milford, Connecticut, that was destroyed in a catastrophic roof collapse has also been condemned and will be razed, city officials said February 3. City fire marshals and building inspectors, the owner, and representatives of the state department of environmental protection met February 3 to develop a plan to handle the hazardous materials inside the two buildings, the fire captain said. One of the condemned buildings was MRH Tool Co. Carbon County Chrome, the metal plating business where the roof collapse began, is a pile of rubble. According to the company's Web site it does polishing, plating and refinishing of brass and copper and other metal plating, working with motorcycles, boats, autos, and antiques. It also works with gold, chromium, and nickel. The fire captain said sulfuric acid and cyanide used in the plating process were in the shop when the building collapsed. Officials said the roof fell in when a wooden support truss failed under the weight of ice and snow.

Source: <http://www.ctpost.com/local/article/Collapsed-Milford-building-and-its-neighbor-to-be-995817.php>

9. *February 3, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **Sunbeam Products Inc. recalls convertible irons due to fire hazard.** Sunbeam Products Inc. of Boca Raton, Florida, issued a recall February 3 of about 5,700 Convertible Clothes Irons. The iron can overheat and cause a fire because of a wiring issue, posing a risk of burn injury to consumers. Sunbeam has received 17 reports of irons overheating and 3 reports of irons catching on fire. No injuries have been reported. The irons were sold at Bed Bath & Beyond stores nationwide from June 2010 to November 2010.

Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml11/11118.html>

10. *February 2, Reuters* – (International) **Australia cyclone shuts copper refinery, coal mines.** Australia's huge Cyclone Yasi forced a copper refinery to shut as it began pounding the northeast coast February 2, threatening to further inflate world copper prices. The edge of the cyclone, one of the most powerful recorded, came ashore in north Queensland state, threatening a 300,000-ton-a-year copper refinery in Townsville. "We've shut everything down and that situation is likely to carry on for several days until a clearer picture emerges," a spokesman for refinery owner Xstrata said. Earlier the week of January 30, a 30,000 ton-a-year nickel refinery at Yabulu shut down ahead of the cyclone. Shipping in and out of the region has come to a standstill, with ports along hundreds of kilometers of coastline closed and bulk carriers retreating from the cyclone zone to safe anchorages. Copper prices climbed to a record high of nearly \$10,000 per ton February 2, fueled by tight supplies and optimism over growing demand. Any further disruptions to supply would only add pressure to the price.

Source: <http://www.cnbc.com/id/41381723>

11. *February 2, Lowell Sun* – (Massachusetts) **Roof collapse leads to evacuation.** A partial collapse of a roof of a metal fabrication firm on Andover Street in Wilmington, Massachusetts, led to the evacuation of workers from the building February 2. The call came into police about 7:45 a.m. from workers inside the building at Markham Metals, the Wilmington fire chief said. A 20-by-60-foot section of the roof caved in after about 5 feet of snow accumulated on top of it. No one was injured. Less than 10 employees work at the company, which is located in a building that has been standing since the 1970s. Also, no hazardous materials were damaged or equipment was lost. The collapse was caused by a drift that blew snow from one part of the flat roof, which was constructed at higher elevation to another part with a lower elevation, according to the fire chief.

Source:

http://www.fireengineering.com/index/articles/Wire_News_Display/1351889952.html

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

12. *February 4, Florida Today* – (Florida) **Officials think ex-USA worker stole, sold shuttle tiles on eBay.** A former United Space Alliance employee whose home in Port St. John, Florida, was raided by federal and local authorities the week of January 30, is a suspect in the alleged theft and resale on eBay of space shuttle tiles, the Brevard County Sheriff’s Office said. The former employee has not been charged, but the investigation is active, according to the sheriff’s office. Authorities alleged the man may have taken tiles destined for disposal off Kennedy Space Center property, and later resold them on eBay, in transactions totaling as much as \$880. The sheriff’s office did not provide specifics on the total number of tiles that may have involved. After a search warrant was issued, “evidence was seized from the house” during a raid, the sheriff’s office said February 3. The authorities declined to elaborate on what was removed. The raid was a joint operation of the Brevard County Sheriff’s Office and NASA’s Office of Inspector General, which conducts independent oversight of NASA programs and operations.

Source:

<http://www.floridatoday.com/article/20110204/NEWS01/102040318/1006/Officials+th+ink+ex-USA+worker+stole++sold+shuttle+tiles+on+eBay>

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Banking and Finance Sector

13. *February 4, KMGH 7 Denver* – (Colorado) **Private-fund manager pleads guilty to \$5.6 million fraud.** A 47-year-old former Boulder, Colorado, private-fund manager and bank chairman pleaded guilty February 1 to several counts of financial fraud in what authorities said was a \$5.6 million scheme. The plea included four counts of making false statements to banks and one count each of wire fraud, bank fraud, and money laundering. Authorities said the man used funds for his own benefit while he was chairman of the Boulder-based Flatirons Bank from January 2009 to last July. He was also accused of defrauding Yost Partnership from 2005 to last July. The charges carry a maximum prison sentence of 30 years, but a plea deal with prosecutors recommends a sentence of between 6 and 14 years. He will be sentenced April 15.

Source: <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/26742235/detail.html>

14. *February 4, St. Tammany News* – (Louisiana) **Multiple arrests made in credit card fraud ring.** Louisiana State Police believe a 19-year-old McDonald’s employee from Lacombe, Louisiana, was recruited by a criminal network to “skim” credit card numbers using a separate credit card swiping device from drive-thru customers at the Mandeville restaurant. The employee would swipe cards once on the restaurant’s machine and then on a separate machine used by the network, and then pass on the electronic credit card information to members of the criminal organization who transferred the information to counterfeit credit cards. Once transferred to the counterfeit cars, members of the criminal network, which is now believed to have operations far beyond this area, used the credit card information on shopping sprees across Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Texas, purchasing a variety of merchandise. In addition, four others have been arrested in connection with

this operation, and warrants have been cut for two more. The arrest comes after members of the Louisiana Financial Crimes Task Force concluded a 3-month investigation into numerous credit card fraud complaints from St. Tammany Parish residents. It was discovered that all of the victims had one thing in common, they had all used their card at the same McDonald's Restaurant. So far the investigation has revealed 57 victims with an estimated financial loss of more than \$50,000, but numbers are likely to climb along with the numbers of individuals arrested as the investigation continues.

Source:

<http://www.slidellsentry.com/articles/2011/02/04/news/doc4d4b40a59b449128368465.txt>

15. *February 4, NorthEscambia.com* – (Alabama; Texas; Mississippi) **Tax preparer indicted on tax, mortgage fraud charges; \$68 million scheme.** A former Alabama tax preparer has been indicted by a federal grand jury on 80 counts charging her with conspiracy, preparing and filing false tax returns, mortgage fraud, and wire fraud in connection with the filing of false tax returns through her business, Preyear Tax and Check Cashing, LLC, located in Monroeville with offices in Atmore and Thomasville. She also is charged for her work with two other businesses, Kimble and Preyear Tax Service in Greenville, Mississippi and Henry's Tax Service in Longview, Texas. Federal court documents show FBI and IRS agents seized more than \$300,000, boxes of tax documents, computers, and vehicles after they raided her businesses and Monroeville home. The scheme involved filed tax returns claiming some \$68 million in tax refunds, largely for earned income credit and other tax credits, according to the Department of Justice (DOJ). She would falsely claim dependent credits, and either charged her clients an extra fee for using the false dependents or pocketed the extra funds herself. She also "split" dependents, using the identity of some children on one return to obtain the earned income credit, and on other returns to obtain the child and dependent care credits. Her firm also prepared returns which claimed business tax deductions for businesses which did not exist, and farm tax deductions for clients who did not have farms, DOJ said. She was also charged with mortgage fraud and wire fraud in connection with fraud in regard to applications she made for mortgages to CitiBank and Wells Fargo.

Source: <http://www.northescambia.com/?p=43649>

16. *February 4, Washington Post* – (Virginia) **Va. banker accused of stealing \$8 mil.** A 25-year-veteran Wells Fargo bank business relationship manager in Loudoun County, Virginia, has been arrested and held in federal custody without bond after allegedly embezzling nearly \$8 million from one customer's account. One of her longtime clients, identified in the affidavit as "MDM," opened a "wealth management account" in 2003 that would allow MDM to avoid federal taxes on its earnings. Periodically, MDM instructed the manager to transfer funds from a checking account to the wealth management account, in amounts ranging from \$600,000 to \$2.2 million. But beginning in January 2010, the manager would instead transfer the funds into one of several accounts controlled by herself and her husband. Last month, a Wachovia employee grew suspicious of the \$2.2 million transfer and contacted MDM, the

affidavit states. MDM acknowledged requesting the transfer and produced her wealth management account statement. The bank determined the statement was phony. The bank and federal agents found the manager transferring hundreds of thousands of dollars to accounts with names such as Majestic Premo Enterprises, Virginia Gentleman Auctioneering Firm, and Sight, Sound & Smile Angel Association. MDM had never heard of any of these groups. The suspect was arrested last week at Dulles International Airport in Dulles, Virginia, and ordered held without bond, federal authorities said.

Source: <http://voices.washingtonpost.com/crime-scene/tom-jackman/loudoun-woman-accused-of-steal.html>

17. *February 3, Orange County Register* – (California) **‘Stick figure bandit’ suspected in 6 robberies.** A thin man who robbed an Aliso Viejo, California, bank is believed to be a serial bank robber whom authorities have dubbed the “stick figure bandit.” The bandit is believed to have hit two Orange County banks, as well as four other banks in the Inland Empire. The robber showed tellers a handgun in his waistband during the robberies and counted down, an FBI special agent said. The latest robbery occurred at School’s First Credit Union inside a Stater Bros. supermarket in Aliso Viejo. The FBI is investigating whether he may be connected to the four other bank robberies that occurred in January. All six robberies have occurred in bank branches inside supermarkets.

Source: <http://www.ocregister.com/news/bank-286881-robber-robberies.html>

18. *February 3, KTXL 40 Sacramento* – (California) **Man accused of ripping off real estate investments.** An Elk Grove, California, man has been indicted for wire fraud for a Ponzi Scheme involving \$11 million. The U.S. Attorney in Sacramento said the man ran a company, Genesis Innovations, that took \$11 million from 75 people for real estate investments, but only invested \$2.5 million. The case was investigated by the FBI. The maximum penalty for a violation of wire fraud is 20 years in prison and a \$25,000 fine. The man is facing 6 counts.

Source: <http://www.fox40.com/news/headlines/ktxl-man-accused-of-ripping-off-real-estate-investments-20110203,0,7323410.story>

19. *February 3, San Diego Union-Tribune* – (California) **Suspected ‘Drywaller Bandit’ arrested in Encinitas.** The “Drywaller Bandit” suspected in 11 bank robberies was chased and caught by sheriff’s deputies within minutes of a holdup at Chase bank on North El Camino Real in Encinitas, California, February 3. The robber, wearing what was described by authorities as a dust mask, had been seen walking into the bank, where he displayed a pistol and demanded cash from a teller. He left walking east as a witness relayed his direction to deputies. They chased him to Village Square Drive and Encinitas Boulevard and took him into custody, authorities said. The robber, also known for wrapping his lower face in a black cloth, was nicknamed the “Drywaller Bandit” by the FBI. Authorities believe he robbed two banks in Pasadena in August, then three in Oceanside and six in Encinitas in subsequent months.

Source: <http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/2011/feb/03/possible-drywaller-bandit-arrested-encinitas/>

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Transportation Sector

20. *February 4, Associated Press* – (North Carolina) **Virginia man charged in NC bus hijacking.** Police in North Carolina have identified a Virginia man they said hijacked a Greyhound bus traveling from Richmond, Virginia, to Raleigh, North Carolina. The North Carolina Highway Patrol said the 32-year-old suspect was taken into custody February 3 near Norlina. Police said the suspect pulled a gun on a bus with 35 passengers and ordered the driver to relinquish the bus. Police surrounded the bus after it pulled into a gas station. The man was arrested after he was hit with a stun gun. Police have not discussed a possible motive. The Warren County Sheriff's Office is handling the case. Jail officials said the man is charged with kidnapping.
Source: <http://www.wset.com/Global/story.asp?S=13969908>

21. *February 4, KZTV 10 Corpus Christi* – (Texas) **Icy conditions shut down airport.** Officials at the Corpus Christi International Airport in Corpus Christi, Texas, shut down the facility just after 8 p.m. February 3 because of ice on the runways. Commercial flights had ceased coming in and out of the airport earlier in the day. Airport officials said ground crews inspected the runways February 4 morning but icy conditions continued. They said the airport would remain closed until the ice is gone and conditions are determined safe. There was no word on when commercial air traffic would resume.
Source: <http://www.kztv10.com/news/icy-conditions-shut-down-airport/>

22. *February 3, NY1 News* – (National) **FAA lets Jet Blue planes use satellite-based technology.** Federal officials announced February 2 that JetBlue planes would begin using new satellite-based technology, so air traffic controllers could keep tabs on equipped planes at all times using a GPS-based system, rather than World War II-era radar technology. The "Next Generation" flight control system should help to boost on-time performance and avoid sky gridlock. The agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration will equip as many as 35 planes beginning in 2012, with the hope to install GPS nationwide to meet growing demand and eliminate blind spots in flight control.
Source: http://www.ny1.com/content/news_beats/transit/133345/faa-lets-jetblue-planes-use-satellite-based-technology/

23. *February 3, Lansing State Journal* – (Michigan) **CATA center in Lansing reopens after bomb threat.** Lansing police gave the all clear February 3 at the Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA) transportation center in Lansing, Michigan, after a bomb threat interrupted service. The center was evacuated, and buses that were currently on routes were instructed not to return to the transportation center while it was being searched. Police with dogs searched the building found nothing suspicious, a Lansing police lieutenant said.

Source:

<http://www.lansingstatejournal.com/article/20110203/NEWS01/302030012/1001/NEWS>

24. *February 3, Associated Press* – (National) **Senate would criminalize laser targeting of planes.** Pointing hand-held lasers at aircraft — a growing problem aviation officials warned could lead to a crash — would become a federal crime punishable by up to 5 years in prison under an amendment proposed for a larger bill, approved by the U.S. Senate February 3. A Democratic Senator from Rhode Island and the sponsor of the amendment said he was responding to a surge in incidents where people have pointed at aircraft powerful lasers capable of temporarily blinding pilots. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) said the number of incidents in which people pointed lasers at planes and helicopters nearly doubled last year, from 1,527 in 2009 to 2,836 in 2010. The FAA Administrator said that in some instances, pilots have had to relinquish control of their aircraft to another pilot because they could not see. Dozens of people in the United States and around the world have been arrested for pointing lasers at aircraft cockpits, most often near airports during takeoffs and landings.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2011/02/03/senate-criminalize-laser-targeting-planes/>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

25. *February 3, Northwest Florida Daily News* – (Florida) **Crude bomb threat found near bank.** A crude bomb threat scrawled on the back of a First National Bank and Trust deposit slip was found stuffed in a mailbox near a bank in Fort Walton Beach, Florida, February 3. A man found a note about 9:30 a.m. crumpled in the back of his mailbox next to the bank on Eglin Parkway, according to the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office. According to a sheriff's office report, the note read: "This is a bomb no police I have dented in my pocket if I hear sirens in 15 mins I w blow it." The man took the note to the bank, which then reported the bomb threat. Sheriff's deputies evacuated the building, but did not find any explosives. No suspects had been identified as of February 3, according to the report.

Source: <http://www.nwfdailynews.com/news/beach-37272-threat-bomb.html>

26. *February 2, WRAL 5 Raleigh* – (North Carolina) **Cosmetics blamed for Raleigh mailbox bomb scare.** A state bomb squad detonated a suspicious object found in a Raleigh, North Carolina mailbox February 2, but found no explosives inside, authorities said. Several people trying to mail letters found what was described as a soft-cover case, similar to a laptop bag, in the slot of the mailbox on North Street, near Wilmington Street, at about 10:45 a.m., said a spokeswoman for the state department of crime control and public safety. The case later fell into the mailbox, she said. State Capitol Police (SCB) blocked off several downtown streets to investigate, and first used

the agency's bomb-detection dog before calling in the state bureau of investigation's bomb squad and the U.S. Postal Inspector for help. The bomb squad detonated the case, and SCB said it appeared to contain cosmetics and toiletries. The mailbox is near offices for the state Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and the Bath Building, which contains offices for the state department of public health. Workers said they were asked to move to the interior of the building, and the entrance to DPI offices was blocked. The mailbox has been removed from the street. Authorities are still investigating the incident.

Source: http://www.wral.com/news/news_briefs/story/9045237/

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Agriculture and Food Sector

27. *February 3, Associated Press* – (Connecticut) **Conn. coop falls under snow, killing 85,000 hens.** Connecticut agriculture officials said the collapse of a farm building because of heavy snow killed 85,000 egg-laying hens. The department of agriculture commissioner said February 3 the chicken coop collapsed January 27 at the Kofkoff Egg Farm in Bozrah, a small town southeast of Hartford. The number of hens killed was reported to the state recently. The dead birds were incinerated. The state said back-to-back snowstorms and a recent ice storm have brought down the roofs of more than 130 barns, greenhouses, equipment buildings and other farm buildings. More than a dozen dairy cows, two horses, and a calf have been killed in building collapses.
Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/Business/wireStory?id=12837162>
28. *February 3, Albany Times-Union* – (New York) **Barn collapse crushes at least 25 cows.** The roof of a snow-covered barn collapsed about 6:30 p.m. February 2, killing at least 25 cows and injuring at least twice that at King Ransom Farm near Northumberland, New York. About half of the barn fell onto mature and young livestock, many of which were resting, one of the farmers said. About 200 neighbors, friends, farmers, three fire departments, and four veterinarians responded to the scene. Volunteers stayed through the night shoveling snow off the barn roof, pulling steel and wood beams apart and setting up a triage area for the injured cows. Fire companies from Gansevoort, Schuylerville, and Wilton stayed on the Northumberland farm throughout the night February 2, along with others that participated in the rescue through about 4:30 a.m. February 3, one of the farm owners said.
Source: <http://www.timesunion.com/local/article/Barn-collapse-crushes-at-least-25-cows-994929.php>
29. *February 3, Bergen County Record* – (New Jersey) **Leonia vitamin company evacuated after fire.** About 100 employees of Solgar Vitamin and Herb Inc. were evacuated February 3 after a flash fire broke out at the plant in Leonia, New Jersey, a fire official said. A worker was treated at the scene for minor burns to a hand, the deputy fire chief said. No other injuries were reported. The fire broke out around 2:30 p.m. after a static charge from a worker's arm ignited a spark in an industrial-sized mixing machine. The fire was extinguished before firefighters arrived, he said. The

Bergen County Health and Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Team was called in to assist with the cleanup. The workers were allowed back inside the Willow Tree Road building shortly before 5 p.m. A representative from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration is investigating the incident.

Source:

http://www.northjersey.com/news/020311_Leonia_vitamin_company_evacuated_after_fire.html

30. *February 2, West Central Tribune* – (Minnesota) **No injuries or livestock lost in Villard pig farm explosion.** No one was injured and no livestock lost in an explosion and a fire reported around 5:40 p.m. February 1 at a pig farm in rural Villard, Minnesota. According to the Stearns County Sheriff's Office, the Sauk Centre, Melrose, and Villard fire departments, plus the Sauk Centre Ambulance and sheriff's office, responded. A maintenance/storage shed was destroyed and several other pig barns were damaged in the explosion. The explosion is under investigation.

Source: <http://www.wctrib.com/event/article/id/77968/group/homepage/>

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31. *February 3, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Massachusetts) **Mt. Tom Power Station will pay penalty for Clean Water Act Violations.** The Mt. Tom Generating Company, LLC, has agreed to a settlement of \$40,814 for violations of the federal Clean Water Act (CWA). The company violated its federally issued permit over a 5-month period when it was conducting construction work at its coal-fired power plant facility, located in Holyoke, Massachusetts. The company discharges its wastewater to the Connecticut River. Discharges of muddy stormwater resulting from construction work in violation of a federal CWA discharge permit had prompted the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to file an enforcement action seeking penalties against the company. The company has since terminated the discharge to the river.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/E96FF45A86AA4BBE8525782C006754EB>

32. *February 2, Chatham Star-Tribune* – (Virginia) **Study says uranium mining could put Virginia Beach water supply at risk.** Virginia Beach, Virginia's water supply could be at risk if uranium mining and milling occurs in Pittsylvania County, a new study found. The report, "Preliminary Assessment of Potential Impacts of Uranium Mining in Virginia on Drinking Water Sources," was presented to the Virginia Beach City Council February 1. The study was done by the Michael Baker Corp., a professional engineering and consulting firm. Virginia Uranium Inc. announced plans 3 years ago to explore mining uranium at Coles Hill, about 6 miles northeast of Chatham. Discovered in the early 1980s, the uranium deposit is worth an estimated \$7 billion and large enough to fuel all of the nuclear reactors in the United States for 2 years. Coles Hill is upstream from the Banister and Roanoke (Dan) rivers. Both flow into John H.

Kerr Reservoir, also known as Buggs Island Lake, and Lake Gaston, which supplies Virginia Beach with drinking water. The study concluded “a catastrophic failure of a uranium tailings containment structure could significantly increase radioactivity concentrations in the river-reservoir system and exceed the MCL (maximum contaminate level) established for radiological contaminants for drinking water for an extended period of time.” It also concluded a “significant amount of radioactivity” would remain in the river and reservoir 1 year after a catastrophic tailings dam failure. Source: <http://www.wpcva.com/articles/2011/02/03/chatham/news/news46.txt>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

33. *February 4, KBOI 2 Boise* – (Idaho) **Early morning fire evacuates Boise St. Luke’s maternity ward.** An early morning fire at the St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center in Boise, Idaho caused the evacuation of the maternity ward. While firefighters responded, 29 moms and 18 babies were moved to another floor in the hospital. Flames started in a utility closet on the eighth floor. A hospital spokeswoman said the flames were contained to that room. Sprinklers put the fire out right away. Staff took them to empty rooms on the second floor. St. Luke’s said there are procedures in place to help contain and prevent the flames from spreading. There is some water damage to the sixth, seventh and eighth floors. There were no injuries and it’s unclear when the families will be able to move back to the maternity ward. The Boise fire department is investigating the source of the fire.
Source: <http://www.kboi2.com/news/local/115271279.html>
34. *February 3, Southwest Riverside News Network* – (California) **ER patients evacuated after fire breaks out at Kaiser Moreno Valley Community Hospital.** Four people were treated February 3 for minor smoke inhalation resulting from a fire that forced the evacuation of the emergency room at Kaiser Moreno Valley Community Hospital in Moreno Valley, California, fire officials said. The two-alarm blaze broke out for unknown reasons about 10:50 a.m. and was contained to a control room on the first floor near the hospital’s emergency room entrance within about 30 minutes. Five patients and four employees who were in the emergency room when the fire started were evacuated. The patients were transported to other local medical centers for treatment of ailments unrelated to the fire. The four treated at the scene for smoke inhalation were not employees.
Source: <http://www.swrnn.com/southwest-riverside/2011-02-03/news/er-patients-evacuated-after-fire-breaks-out-at-kaiser-moreno-valley-community-hospital>
35. *February 3, Herald Democrat* – (Texas) **MHMRST roof-ceiling collapses, residents evacuated.** Seven residents at Mental Health Mental Retardation Services of Texoma in Sherman, Texas, were evacuated February 3 after part of the roof and ceiling of the building collapsed. No one was injured in the collapse and the seven residents went to Texas Health Presbyterian — WNJ until the building can be repaired. The Sherman fire chief said ice accumulation on a portion of the pitched roof caused it to collapse, which

triggered a commercial fire alarm at 4:18 p.m. “It was fortunate that it triggered the fire alarm,” the chief said, “Because when we got there to investigate, we found a strong smell of natural gas and believe that there could be a gas leak. The gas and electricity to the building have been shut off. At first we didn’t realize the roof had collapsed.” No one was in the area when the collapse happened. The center has about 900 non-resident mental health, mental retardation clients, 100 of whom are children.

Source: <http://www.heralddemocrat.com/hd/News/2-3-11-MHMRST-roof-ceiling-collapses-residents-evacuated>

36. *February 2, DataBreaches.net* – (Texas) **Texas Children’s Hospital informed they may have had security breach.** On December 29, Texas Children’s Hospital (TCH) was notified by the Harris County, Texas District Attorney’s Office that its accounts payable system may have suffered a security breach. Names and Social Security numbers of some employees and vendors who received checks between 1999 and 2011 may have been accessed by an unauthorized third party and the information misused to open electricity accounts. In a letter dated January 28 to the New Hampshire Attorney General’s Office and to those potentially affected, TCH reported they had not (yet) confirmed there had been a breach, but in light of the concerns, were notifying all those potentially affected and offering them 2 years of free credit monitoring, fraud resolution, and identity theft insurance. Four New Hampshire residents were among those being notified of the concern. Not all employees or vendors are potentially affected; only those who received checks sent from the accounts payable department. Source: <http://www.databreaches.net/?p=16626>

37. *February 1, WTKR 3 Norfolk* – (Virginia) **Health department investigating tuberculosis scare at local Walmart.** The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) has launched an investigation into a possible exposure of tuberculosis at a Henrico County, Virginia Walmart. A doctor with the VDH said January 31, that several weeks ago, the department received a report that an employee at the store had tuberculosis. The doctor said the VDH immediately contacted Walmart, and on January 28 investigators met with employees. Tuberculosis is transmitted through the air in confined areas, and the doctor said that only employees who might have come into contact with the worker in the break room or other confined space could have been exposed. All 400 workers attended information sessions regarding the incident. VDH said testing for tuberculosis began January 31. Source: <http://www.wtkr.com/news/wtvr-walmart-state-health-tuberculosis,0,1271058.story>

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Government Facilities Sector

38. *February 3, WCVB 5 Boston* – (Massachusetts) **Students evacuated after partial school roof collapse.** Students and staff were safely evacuated from Perley Elementary School in Georgetown, Massachusetts, after part of its roof collapsed from heavy snow and ice buildup. It was one of several schools across Massachusetts threatened by the

heavy snow and ice. All Georgetown schools were closed February 4 as inspectors assessed the buildings' safety and so crews could continue to clear snow. Students in several other Massachusetts communities were also out of the classroom for another day as the safety of many school structures loaded down with heavy snow was addressed. Students at the South Shore Charter School in Norwell were sent home early due to roof concerns. Peabody schools remained closed after 2 days of snow as administrators, engineers and maintenance crews assessed the danger of roofs overburdened with weeks of heavy, wet snow and ice accumulation. In Hingham, a middle school was closed after the principal discovered a crack in some of the beams supporting the ceiling of one section of a 50-year-old building. Finally, the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School district canceled school because of concerns about snow weight on the buildings' roofs.

Source: <http://www.thebostonchannel.com/r/26726404/detail.html>

39. *February 2, Washington Post* – (National) **Mental health specialist recommended WikiLeaks suspect not be deployed to Iraq.** A mental health specialist recommended the U.S. Army private accused of leaking classified material to WikiLeaks not be deployed to Iraq, but his immediate commanders sent him anyway, according to a military official familiar with a new Army investigation. The investigation concluded the commanders' decision not to heed the specialist's advice and their failure to properly discipline the Army private may have contributed to one of the most high-profile classified military network breaches in decades, the military official said. The investigation, which is separate from an ongoing criminal inquiry, found the private's immediate supervisors did not follow procedures for overseeing the secure area where the classified information was kept, greatly increasing the risk of a security breach. A source familiar with the private's mental health records indicated the stress that led the soldier to seek help was caused primarily by a faltering personal relationship. At Fort Drum, he balled up his fists and screamed at higher-ranking soldiers in his unit. In Iraq, a master sergeant who supervised the private was so concerned about his mental health he disabled his weapon in December 2009. Also in Iraq, in May 2010, the private was demoted a rank for assaulting a fellow soldier, the Army said. The master sergeant charged with overseeing the private's day-to-day activities kept extensive records of his alleged outbursts and shortcomings as a soldier, but did not discipline him properly or compel him to get help, said the military official familiar with the non-criminal Army investigation.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2011/02/01/AR2011020106858.html>

40. *February 2, Rockdale Citizen* – (Georgia) **Odor forces evacuation of Heritage.** School and county fire officials evacuated Heritage High School, in Conyers, Georgia, February 2 after school officials noticed an a suspicious odor coming from the school's HVAC system. Two engines, a squad, an EMS unit, battalion officer, and hazmat truck responded. Crews ventilated hallways and classrooms and reversed the air flow. After investigating, school officials discovered a student released pepper spray into the air, causing the cayenne pepper-based irritant to enter the air system.

Source: <http://www.rockdalecitizen.com/news/headlines/115110954.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

41. *February 4, London Daily Mail* – (Texas) **US seize stash of deadly weapons at Texas-Mexico border crossing.** U.S. customs agents in Texas seized 14 high-powered assault rifles when they searched a car heading into Mexico February 1, according to authorities. The cache of weapons was discovered in a vehicle that was searched as it attempted to cross the border at the state’s Del Rio International Bridge. The stash included several Kalashnikov and AR-15-type assault rifles hidden in the trunk of the car. The Customs and Border Protection agency said in a news release the driver had been arrested. According to the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, about 90 percent of the crime guns seized and traced in Mexico last year were initially sold in the United States.
Source: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1353266/US-seize-stash-deadly-weapons-Texas-Mexico-border-crossing.html>

42. *February 3, New York Times* – (New York) **F.D.N.Y. to replace faulty protective gloves.** The New York City Fire Department has determined its new fire-retardant gloves do not adequately protect firefighters from burns. The Blaze Fighter protective gloves were found to be faulty. Since November, six firefighters have suffered second-degree burns on the backs of their hands fighting house fires around the city, fire officials said. All were wearing the new Blaze Fighter gloves; in each instance, the gloves themselves were not damaged. The department is quickly moving to replace the gloves, made by the Glove Corp. They are now being worn by 6,500 firefighters in the 11,500-member force, at a total cost of about \$850,000. The department bought the gloves in September, after a successful trial run. Officials hailed them for their state-of-the-art design and tapered fit; they met National Fire Protection Association standards. But after the series of injuries, officials from the department’s safety command began an inquiry, using an “independent, outside expert” to determine if the physical make-up of the gloves were a factor. The analysis revealed the manufacturer had changed one of the materials used in the gloves. The change from a cotton fiber to a polyester blend made the gloves noncompliant with the national safety standards a fire official said.
Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2011/02/04/nyregion/04gloves.html?_r=1

43. *February 2, Associated Press* – (New Mexico) **Los Alamos lab, county bomb teams join forces.** Los Alamos National Laboratory and the police department in Los Alamos, New Mexico, are working to re-establish a partnership between their bomb squads. The head of the police department’s bomb squad said the effort has been under way for several months. He said the lab’s team has a depth of experience that the police department’s team does not, and the police team has the law enforcement and jurisdictional authority. He said working together is the best of both worlds. The teams tried separate operations for a couple of years but found it is better to work as one large team. He said that together, the teams have five robots and other resources as well as

more manpower.

Source: <http://www.newswest9.com/Global/story.asp?S=13957372>

44. *February 2, Network World* – (National) **FBI set to unwrap advanced security search engine.** The FBI says it is set to roll out its N-DEx search engine and information sharing program to a wider swath of the federal, state, and local law enforcement community. The FBI has been developing N-DEx since 2008 and says that once this latest round of development is complete, law enforcement agencies will be able to search, link, analyze, and share information such as case reports on a national basis to a degree never before possible, the agency stated. With the system, law enforcement officers will be able to search databases for information on everything from tattoos to cars, letting them link cases that previously seemed isolated. They will be able to see crime trends and hotspots, access threat level assessments of individuals or locations, and use mapping technology. N-DEx will help law enforcement connect dots and connect law enforcement agencies from coast to coast, the FBI stated. Raytheon is the prime contractor for N-DEx and is helping the FBI develop and deploy the system nationwide.

Source:

http://www.pcworld.com/article/218555/fbi_set_to_unwrap_advanced_security_search_engine.html

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Information Technology Sector

45. *February 3, Computerworld* – (International) **Microsoft to patch 22 bugs, 3 zero-days next week.** Microsoft February 3 said it will issue 12 security updates the week of February 6 to patch 22 vulnerabilities in Internet Explorer (IE), Windows, its Internet server, and Visio, the company's data diagramming tool. The company also announced it will provide patches February 8 for three bugs it has already acknowledged, including one that has been exploited by criminals for several weeks. Of the three unpatched-but-admitted vulnerabilities, one is in IE, a second is in Windows' rendering of thumbnail images, and the third is in Internet Information Server, Microsoft's popular Web server software.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9208038/Microsoft_to_patch_22_bugs_3_zero_days_next_week

46. *February 3, Softpedia* – (International) **Several vulnerabilities fixed in newly released Google Chrome 9 stable.** Google has released the first stable build of Chrome version 9 which, in addition to enhancements and new features, contains patches for several vulnerabilities. In total, there are nine security issues addressed by the new Chrome 9.0.597.84, six of which have a low severity rating, two high, and one critical. Both high-impact vulnerabilities were discovered by a member of the Oulu University Secure Programming Group, a regular security contributor to the Chromium project. Flaws consist of an use-after-free memory error in image loading and an

exploitable crash in the PDF event handler related to printing. Two of the low-rated flaws affect the Mac version of Chrome only. They consist of a minor sandbox leak via stat() discovered by a member of the Chromium development community, and a crash in the Mac OS 10.5 SSL libraries. Two other low-impact crashes, one due to an extension with missing key and one due to a bad volume setting, were discovered by external researchers. The other two vulnerabilities with low severity ratings were credited to members of the Google Security Team or the Google Chrome Security Team and involve restrictions to cross-origin drag & drop, and a more graceful merging of autofill profiles.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Several-Vulnerabilities-Fixed-in-Newly-Released-Google-Chrome-9-Stable-182480.shtml>

47. *February 3, H Security* – (International) **Mailing list application Majordomo reveals file content.** A bug in the way path names are evaluated means it is possible to view the content of arbitrary files on a Majordomo mailing list system using the help command. The vulnerability can be exploited via both the web and e-mail interfaces in Mojordomo2. According to a security advisory, simply sending an e-mail with the content help ../../../../../../../../../../../../../../etc/passwd to the Majordomo account is sufficient to receive a response containing the content of the /etc/password file. The bug is fixed in snapshot versions majordomo-20110125 (direct download) and later. Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Mailing-list-application-Majordomo-reveals-file-content-1183034.html>

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Communications Sector

48. *February 4, Radio-info.com* – (Tennessee) **Vandals cause \$1 million damage to Tennessee radio station.** Nashville’s WVOL-AM (1470) was taken off the air after vandals cut the transmission lines to all six of their towers, causing an estimated \$1 million in damage. The station is back on, but only one of the six towers has been repaired. Both the local police and the FBI were contacted to investigate. There was concern that the vandalism may be tied into on-air discussions about the U.S. President, health care and religion, regular topics on some shows. One poster on the Nashville Board of Radio-Info.com heard the vandal “took all the coils and busted all the capacitors at all six towers.” Source: <http://www.radio-info.com/news/vandals-cause-1-million-damage-to-tennessee-radio-station>

49. *February 4, Reuters* – (International) **Internet addresses depletion reflects wired world.** The transition to a new version of Internet addresses under IPv6 is already well under way and should occur without even being noticed. At a special ceremony in Miami, Florida, February 3, the organization that oversees the global allocation of Internet addresses distributed the last batch of so-called IPv4 addresses, underscoring the extent to which the Web has become an integral and pervasive part of modern life. The explosion of Web-connected gadgets, and the popularity of Web sites from Google Inc to Facebook, means the world has now bumped up against the limit of roughly 4 billion IP addresses that are possible with the IPv4 standard introduced in 1981. Under IPv6, there are 340 undecillion addresses available. That's 340 trillion, trillion, trillion addresses.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/02/04/us-internetaddresses-idUSTRE7128AH20110204>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

50. *February 4, Homeland Security Today* – (New York) **Emergency preparation upgrades needed in Times Square.** The May 1, 2010 attempted car bombing in Times Square, New York City has brought to light concerns that existing emergency preparedness and evacuation plans and procedures present a workplace safety hazard and are in need careful reexamination, according to a new report from the New York state assembly. The report, titled Emergency Preparedness in New York City's Theater District and its Impact on Workplace Safety, contains a number of recommendations on topics, including the application and enforcement of existing emergency preparedness rules and regulations under the federal Occupational Safety and Health Act and the New York City Fire Code; the development of new fire code provisions related to emergency preparedness in places of public assembly, including theaters; the need for upgraded life safety training conducted by theater owners and/or production companies; and improved communication between the city and theaters, and within theaters among theater owners and production companies during an emergency.

Source: <http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/emergency-preparation-upgrades-needed-in-times-square/b2040fcde6a0d4fb82f8e656b8dacac2.html>

51. *February 4, Associated Press* – (Illinois) **Snow suspected in roof collapses at garden center and shuttered roller rink.** The heavy snow from this week's blizzard may have had a delayed effect with a pair of commercial building roof collapses in the Chicago, Illinois suburbs. Authorities in Naperville said the garden center roof at a Kmart partially collapsed February 3 under the weight of heavy snow. Although shoppers and employees were in the center at the time, no injuries were reported. Officials told the Arlington Heights Daily Herald the store sustained about \$200,000 in damage. The roof collapsed on a vacant roller rink in Round Lake Park. The rink is not operational so no one was inside at the time of the collapse, and no one was injured.

Source: <http://www.wqad.com/news/sns-ap-il--winterstorm-illinois-roofcollapses,0,3014097.story>

52. *February 4, KTVU 2 Oakland* – (California) **Two-alarm SJ fire forces evacuation of over 200.** Power has been restored to a housing complex in San Jose, California, following a 2-alarm fire that caused the evacuation of 215 residents February 4, a fire captain said. The fire, reported at 1:58 a.m., ignited in the laundry room of the emergency housing consortium, a fire official said. Because the building's sprinkler system partially extinguished the flames, firefighters had the fire "extinguished fairly fast" thanks to the additional manpower provided by its second alarm status. The first firefighters arrived on the scene at 2:06 a.m., and the second alarm was added at 2:11 a.m. No injuries were reported. The cause of the fire had not yet been determined as of 5 a.m., and preliminary estimates indicated the fire caused approximately \$5,000 in damage.

Source: <http://www.ktvu.com/news/26743102/detail.html>

53. *February 3, Middletown Press* – (Connecticut) **14 buildings in Middletown deemed unsafe, evacuated.** Fourteen out of 20 buildings inspected across Middletown, Connecticut have been deemed unsafe for occupants and were evacuated February 3, city officials said, a day after a building collapsed on Main Street. The condemned buildings included one private home, and eight condominium units from a 14-unit building. A building official said the buildings were not necessarily in danger of collapse, but were unsafe for occupants due to structural concerns. Firefighters have been working to evaluate building roof-tops. Teams have been utilizing ladder trucks to inspect roof tops and quantify how much snow is behind the decorative parapets on Main Street and across the city.

Source:

<http://www.middletownpress.com/articles/2011/02/03/news/doc4d4b5283a5d29020146314.txt>

54. *February 3, WTMJ 620 AM Milwaukee* – (Wisconsin) **Fire on East Side, building evacuated.** A fire broke out around 8 p.m. February 3 in a 7-story apartment building in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. A supervisor with the Red Cross said one resident and two firefighters were injured. The Red Cross said the fire started in the kitchen of a sixth floor apartment, likely inside a stove. Everyone who lives on floors 4 to 7 was evacuated and will not be allowed back into their homes overnight. The Red Cross provided a county bus for warmth and helped residents find a place to stay.

Source: <http://www.620wtmj.com/news/local/115246684.html>

55. *February 3, San Diego Union-Tribune* – (California) **3 injured by rigged pepper spray can in Hillcrest.** A maintenance worker in a Hillcrest, California movie theater complex suffered a minor chemical burn and two people were nearly overcome by fumes from a can rigged to spew pepper spray February 3, fire officials said. The 8-ounce can's trigger was "deliberately configured" to keep spraying the irritating chemical, said a San Diego Fire Rescue Department spokesman. The canister, with its label obscured by paint, had been dropped into a trash can near a parking garage

elevator at the Hillcrest Cinemas complex of restaurants, businesses, and apartments on Fifth Avenue. The 45-year-old maintenance man picked up the canister and suffered a minor chemical burn to one hand. Paramedics who were summoned about 11:50 a.m. washed the man's hand and took him to a hospital as a precaution. A woman said she and a friend stepped into the elevator to go to lunch when the odorless chemical hit them. She said she took a breath and felt a burning in her chest, nose, and mouth, and became dizzy.

Source: <http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/2011/feb/03/3-injured-rigged-pepper-spray-can/>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

56. *February 4, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **Historic West Side church damaged in storm.** The blizzard February 1 damaged a historic West Side church, where two Gothic-style towers came down, sending bricks and parts of the truss roof of the church into the sanctuary in Chicago, Illinois. The senior pastor of First Baptist Congregational Church said damage appeared extensive. The towers on the southeast side of the church toppled sometime overnight February 1 into February 2 in high winds and lightning, he said. The church was named a state landmark in 2006, and a National Historic Landmark the following year, he added.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/chibrknews-historic-west-side-church-damaged-in-storm-20110204,0,2065189.story>

57. *February 3, Spokane Spokesman-Review* – (Idaho) **Historic school building burns in DeSmet.** A historic brick building once used as a boarding school on the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation in DeSmet, Idaho, was destroyed by fire February 3. The 3-story building was a total loss, said the superintendent of the Coeur d'Alene Tribal School, which is adjacent to the fire scene. Firefighters from surrounding communities responded. Coeur d'Alene tribal police are investigating. The building had been used for storage by the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. Because of its height and location on a hill, the building also held telecommunications equipment. Authorities do not believe anyone was inside the building. The Tensed Fire Protection District and Plummer Gateway Fire Protection District responded. The mission is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Source: <http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2011/feb/03/historic-school-building-burns-desmet/>

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Dams Sector

58. *February 3, Wired News* – (Arizona; Nevada; National) **No, hackers can't open Hoover Dam floodgates.** The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation is shooting down a key legislative talking point: that the Internet "kill-switch" legislation is needed to prevent

cyberterrorists from opening the floodgates of the Hoover Dam on the Arizona/Nevada border. The brouhaha started the week of January 31, when legislative aides on the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs committee offered Threat Level examples of why the Protecting Cyberspace as a National Asset Act was needed. The bill, one aide said, would give the U.S. President the power to force “the system that controls the floodgates to the Hoover Dam” to cut its connection to the net if the government detected an imminent cyberattack. But all the Hoover Dam doomsaying does not sit well with Bureau of Reclamation, which runs the power-generating facility. “I’d like to point out that this is not a factual example, because Hoover Dam and important facilities like it are not connected to the Internet,” a bureau spokesman said in an e-mail. “These types of facilities are protected by multiple layers of security, including physical separation from the Internet, that are in place because of multiple security mandates and good business practices.” He said in a telephone interview the bureau recently contacted backers of the legislation to set the record straight. The legislation is expected to be introduced soon to the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee. That panel approved the bill in December, but it expired when a new Senate took office last month.

Source:

[http://www.wired.com/threatlevel/2011/02/hoover/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+wired27b+\(Blog+-+27B+Stroke+6+\(Threat+Level\)\)](http://www.wired.com/threatlevel/2011/02/hoover/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+wired27b+(Blog+-+27B+Stroke+6+(Threat+Level)))

59. *February 3, Riverside Press-Enterprise* – (California) **Final test set for Seven Oaks Dam.** A test that will peak with the largest-ever release of water from the Seven Oaks Dam near Highland, California, is scheduled to begin February 8. At its highest flow, water will shoot out of the floodgates at 6,000 cubic feet per second (cfs). The test to provide final certification for the dam construction will run through February 10. The dam was dedicated in 2000. The last trial of its release capacity was in July, when 2,500 cfs was sent rushing down the Santa Ana River. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers declared that test a success, unlike a similar run in 2005 that had to be halted because of crumbling sections of concrete. Repairs cost more than \$2 million. After they were finished in 2006, officials had to wait through 3 years of drought until there was enough water behind the dam to make the release. Runoff from recent storms has been held behind the dam in preparation for the test.

Source:

http://www.pe.com/localnews/stories/PE_News_Local_D_dam04.2740b80.html

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