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Current Nationwide Threat Level

ELEVATED

Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks

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- Associated Press reports that computer hackers broke into a Nasdaq service that handles confidential communications for about 300 corporations. (See item [8](#))
- According to the New York Post, an American Airlines jetliner came within 200 feet vertically and 2,000 feet horizontally of two giant military cargo planes in a near-collision over the Atlantic Ocean. (See item [16](#))

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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 7, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Ohio train fire contained after explosion.** Several tanker cars carrying volatile chemicals continued to burn February 6 after a freight train derailed and caused an explosion in northwest Ohio, a fire official said. Some residents who earlier had been forced to evacuate have returned to their homes. No injuries were reported after about half the cars on the 62-car train derailed in a rural area about 50 miles south of Toledo. About 8 cars — each carrying more than 30,000 gallons of ethanol — exploded and caught fire early February 6. In all, 28 cars

were burned in the fire. The train was headed from Chicago to North Carolina and loaded with ethanol, said a Norfolk Southern Corp. spokesman. The fire was subsiding, and most of the ethanol was expected to be burned off. Three or four cars were still burning, but those were expected to be out as soon as February 7. The railroad company has started removing some of the burned cars from the track. The cars not involved in the derailment have already been taken away from the area. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is monitoring the air quality in the area. Some ethanol got into the mouth of a nearby creek, but was being contained. Carol Hester, a spokeswoman for the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, said absorbent materials were placed into the water to keep the ethanol from moving in the stream. She said the agency was monitoring the waterway.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-02-07/ohio-train-fire-contained-after-explosion.html>

2. *February 6, Associated Press* – (New Mexico) **New Mexico declares emergency.** With tens of thousands of people across New Mexico without natural gas service, the governor February 3 declared a state of emergency, ordered government offices be shut down February 4, and urged schools to “strongly consider” remaining closed for the day. Demand has soared because of extremely cold weather across the state since February 2. New Mexico Gas Company said rolling blackouts in West Texas also impeded the delivery of natural gas to New Mexico. The governor declared a state of emergency for the entire state, urging residents to turn down their thermostats, bundle up and shut off appliances they do not need for the next 24 hours. She later announced all state operations not providing critical services would be closed February 4 to decrease the strain on energy resources throughout New Mexico. New Mexico Gas Company said service was disrupted throughout the state — in Bernalillo, Placitas, Taos, Questa, Red River, and parts of Albuquerque, Silver City, Alamogordo, Tularosa, and La Luz. Emergency shelters were set up in several areas.
Source: <http://newsok.com/new-mexico-declares-emergency/article/3538515>
3. *February 6, Columbia Missourian* – (Missouri) **Coal train derails east of Jefferson City.** Railroad crews have been cleaning up coal that spilled after 40 rail cars derailed in mid-Missouri. A Union Pacific spokesman said the train derailed February 5 east of Jefferson City. No injuries were reported. The Jefferson City News-Tribune reported the train consisted of 136 fully-loaded rail cars and was hauling coal from Wyoming to Kentucky. The cause of the derailment is under investigation. The cleanup was expected to be completed by midnight February 6.
Source: <http://www.columbiamissourian.com/stories/2011/02/06/coal-train-derails-east-jefferson-city/>
4. *February 5, KTSM 9 El Paso* – (Texas) **East El Paso apartment complex, businesses evacuated.** On February 5, 150 people were forced out of their homes after a gas line ruptured in East El Paso, Texas. The gas leak also forced police to shut down several streets and businesses. Police and nearly 60 firefighters worked quickly to make sure the leak did not turn into an explosion after a 5-inch gas line ruptured in the 7800 block of Gateway East. Firefighters wet down the area around the leak, and police evacuated

an entire apartment complex and several businesses. Sun Metro bussed nearly 50 people to the Convention Center to keep them out of the cold, and others turned to family and friends for help. The public information officer for Texas Gas does not believe the rupture was weather related. Some businesses said there is an issue with losing money because of the gas leak. People evacuated because of the gas leak were expected to return home February 5.

Source: <http://www.ktsm.com/news/east-el-paso-apartment-complex-businesses-evacuated>

5. *February 4, Reuters* – (New York) **Harsh winter triggers New York City manhole explosions.** Record snowfall is turning the New York City's mean streets even meaner, with 65 manholes exploding or catching fire since January 1, a utility spokesman said February 4. In the most recent serious case, a fireball erupting from a manhole in Brooklyn engulfed an SUV that had been parked over the opening moments before. It was one of three explosions on the same block that day. On New Year's Day, a manhole blew in Manhattan's West Village, sending a 15-foot column of flames into the air. On January 3, a pair of East Harlem manhole fires spiked carbon monoxide levels at the Shield Institute, a center for people with developmental disabilities, forcing an evacuation, and closing several blocks. About 75 handicapped clients waited it out on buses before being transferred to another facility. On January 18, manhole fires forced evacuations of homes in Queens, Brooklyn, and the Bronx. Consolidated Edison (ConEd), which supplies power to the five boroughs of New York City and Westchester, pointed to a mix of salt, spread on the roads during storms, and melting snow or ice as the culprit. When salty water contacts a corroded cable or underground utility box, fire or explosion can result. "There's a direct correlation between the volume that goes onto the city streets and these incidents," a ConEd spokesman said. ConEd said it is converting some of its 264,000 manhole covers, currently solid, to vented ones, so gasses can escape and pressure is lessened.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/02/04/us-weather-manholes-idUSTRE71374I20110204>

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Chemical Industry Sector

6. *February 7, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Train cars derail in St. Clair County, spilling chemicals.** At least two Canadian National train cars carrying ammonia nitrate derailed in St. Clair County, Michigan. Mussey Township fire officials said the accident happened about 1 a.m. February 7 near Capac. No injuries or evacuations were reported. Emergency management teams were requested from St. Clair County.

Source: <http://www.freep.com/article/20110207/NEWS06/110207007/Train-cars-derail-St-Clair-County-spilling-chemicals?odyssey=nav/head>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

7. *February 6, Toronto Star* – (International) **Bruce Power critics say fight is ‘not over’; decision to license shipment of generators to spur protests, appeals.** A controversial decision to allow Bruce Power to ship 16 radioactive, school-bus sized generators through the Great Lakes will be met with protests and appeals to the the Canadian government, critics said. “This is not over,” the mayor of Sarnia, Ontario, Canada, said. The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission announced February 4 its decision to grant a license to Bruce Power to move the decommissioned steam generators to Sweden, where they will be recycled. A timeline for the move is yet to be set. A license still must be granted by Transport Canada and the U.S. Department of Transportation. Bruce Power must also receive permission from the United Kingdom, Norway, and Demark to move the generators through their waters. Seven U.S. Senators have written letters to Washington D.C., to try and stop the generators from being shipped through the Great Lakes. First Nations representatives have also raised concerns about the lack of consultation with them through the process. The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities initiative - representing 73 cities, on both sides of the border, from Thunder Bay to Rimouski, Quebec — said its own analysis of the proposed shipment shows that it violates safety regulations. The Sarnia mayor said he called on the the Canadian government to challenge the commission’s ruling.

Source: <http://www.powergenworldwide.com/index/display/wire-news-display/1354122468.html>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Banking and Finance Sector

8. *February 5, Associated Press* – (New York) **Nasdaq hackers reportedly penetrated computer network multiple times.** Hackers broke into a Nasdaq service that handles confidential communications for about 300 corporations, the company said February 5 — the latest vulnerability exposed in the computer systems Wall Street depends on. The intrusions did not affect Nasdaq’s stock trading systems, and no customer data was compromised, Nasdaq OMX Group Inc. said. Nasdaq is the largest electronic securities trading market in the United States, with more than 2,800 listed companies. A federal official told Associated Press the hackers broke into the service repeatedly over a period of more than 1 year. Investigators are trying to identify the hackers, the official

said. The FBI and Secret Service are investigating. The targeted service, Directors Desk, helps companies share documents with directors between scheduled board meetings. It also allows online discussions and Web conferencing within a board. Since board directors have access to information at the highest level of a company, penetrating the service could be of great value for insider trading. A Nasdaq OMX spokesman said the Justice Department had requested the company keep silent about the intrusion until at least February 14. However, the Wall Street Journal reported the investigation on its Web site February 4, prompting Nasdaq to issue a statement and notify its customers.

Source: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/02/05/nasdaq-hackers-reportedly_n_819068.html

9. *February 5, Sumter Item* – (South Carolina) **Pipe bomb ignites at bank ATM.** Police in Manning, Illinois, are looking for a man who ignited an explosive device February 3 at a local ATM. A detective said at about 2:30 a.m., an unidentified man attached a pipe bomb to Bank of Clarendon's drive-thru automatic teller machine at 106 S. Brooks St. in Manning. The device exploded and damaged the ATM but was unsuccessful in cracking the machine's lock box. A detective said the man looked to be trying to break into the automatic teller machine's money safe. Surveillance video show the masked man picking up pieces of the exploded device. The man left the scene on foot. The detective said the ATM looked functional, but he did not know how much damage was done. The detective said the department is looking for connections that may lead to the man's identity and have contacted the FBI. He said the bomber is thought to be a white male, about 6 feet tall and weighs between 180 and 190 pounds.

Source: http://www.theitem.com/news/article_edf6fc73-60d8-5bf2-916e-c18aa6a73ae5.html

10. *February 4, The H Security* – (International) **Investigation into black market prices for stolen online banking data.** Panda Security reports it infiltrated a criminal network for trading stolen financial data and hawking services. Panda explored 50 online forums and shops and surveyed a variety of prices for stolen data. Costs for credit card details, for example, range from \$2 to \$90, depending on the card's credit limit. Criminals can also get physical credit cards made up for about \$30 for a single color card or a less suspicious full color card for \$90, plus the cost of the credit card details. Users can use a transaction service for between \$30 and \$300 to purchase a television from a stooge using stolen data; having it sent to one's own address costs \$100. The shops also offer accessories for card skimmers — card cloners for attaching to Diebold and NCR ATMs cost around 3,000 pounds. A complete fake ATM machine is \$35,000. The online crooks can be contacted via IM or social media.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Investigation-into-black-market-prices-for-stolen-online-banking-data-1183686.html>

11. *February 4, Belleville News Democrat* – (Illinois; National) **Madison County deputies probe ID thefts: 'The crooks are taking information in cyberspace'.** Police are investigating a series of identity thefts in Madison County, Illinois. According to the Madison County Sheriff's Department, a computer virus might have compromised card

and PIN information for “numerous” people in the Alton and Godfrey areas, with multiple reports filed since November. “It’s not a bank problem, it’s a software problem,” a police spokesman said. “The crooks are taking information in cyberspace and downloading credit cards and PINs.” False charges have been made in New York, New Jersey, Virginia, Texas, California, and other places with the stolen numbers, the police spokesman said. “The common denominator among the victims is their geographic location in northern Madison County,” he said. “We think there’s a pattern to it, but it’s still under investigation.” They also believe fake credit cards have been made with the stolen information and have been used for fraudulent charges. Images were captured at a restaurant in Bridgeton, Missouri, and a Kmart in Springfield, Missouri, of two men who might be using the cards, the police spokesman said. These cards are often made using preloaded cards reprogrammed with stolen information, the police spokesman said.

Source: <http://www.bnd.com/2011/02/04/1578201/madison-county-deputies-investigate.html>

12. *February 4, Softpedia* – (International) **US hosts the highest percentage of ZeuS command and control servers.** According to statistics gathered by Trusteer, the highest number of ZeuS command and control servers are hosted in the United States. The United States is usually at the top of malware charts, either as top hoster, the country with largest number of infected computers, or the primary source for spam. Given the major crackdown on ZeuS-related fraud in the United States in 2010 and the amount of damage suffered by companies in the country as a result of this banking trojan, expectations were to see a decrease in the number of ZeuS C&Cs hosted there. However, Trusteer reports that almost 40 percent of the global ZeuS infrastructure is still based in the United States.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/US-Hosts-the-Highest-Percentage-of-ZeuS-Command-and-Control-Servers-182723.shtml>

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Transportation Sector

13. *February 7, Southwest Riverside News Network* – (California) **Banning police evacuate charter bus after bomb threat; no one injured.** A woman claimed a parcel she accidentally left on a charter bus would explode, prompting Banning, California, police to evacuate it and call in the bomb squad, police said February 7. The woman, whose name was not released, was not arrested and is cooperating as police continue the investigation, officers said. The woman rode a charter bus and got off at her stop in Indio February 5. As the bus rolled west on Interstate 10, the passenger called the bus company to say she had accidentally left a package on the bus filled with liquids that could potentially explode. Banning police spotted the bus, ordered passengers off, and closed streets down on Ramsey Street between 4th and 8th streets. Several local businesses in the area were also evacuated. A bomb squad was sent to the scene but no package was found. Streets were reopened at about 10 p.m February 5.

Source: <http://www.swrnn.com/southwest-riverside/2011-02-07/news/banning-police-evacuate-charter-bus-after-bomb-threat-no-one-injured>

14. *February 5, Minneapolis Star Tribune* – (Minnesota) **Airplane evacuated due to smoke.** The smell of smoke permeated the cabin of a Delta jet after it landed February 5 at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, leading to the speedy exit of its 34 passengers. “We expeditiously got them off the aircraft,” a Delta spokeswoman said. She said no one on the flight from Boston, Massachusetts was injured. Airport firefighters responded and discovered the smoke was caused by the auxiliary power generator the plane was using after its landing, she said. The plane was unplugged so Delta mechanics could repair the generator, an airport spokesman said.
Source:
http://www.startribune.com/local/115395544.html?elr=KArks:DCiUHc3E7_V_nDaycUiD3aPc:Yyc:aUoD3aPc:2yc:a_ncyD_MDCiU
15. *February 5, WFTV 9 Orlando* – (Florida) **Officials: No bomb found on cruise ship.** Officials said no bomb was found on a Norwegian Sun cruise ship after several hours of security sweeps and searches in Port Canaveral, Florida. Law enforcement from the U.S. Coast Guard, Port Canaveral police, and the Brevard County Sheriff’s Office spent most of the day February 5 investigating a bomb threat. About 1,800 passengers were on board the cruise ship when the call came in before 9 a.m. An anonymous person called an employee on the ship and said there was a bomb on the 11th deck. The Brevard County Sheriff’s Office bomb squad, the FBI, and Coast Guard crews evacuated passengers. Travelers trying to start their vacation got caught in the chaos. The bomb squad searched the ship for 2 hours but never found a bomb. Passengers were eventually allowed to board the ship around 2 p.m. Coast Guard officials said they were working with the FBI to determine who made the call and why.
Source: <http://www.wftv.com/news/26759762/detail.html>
16. *February 4, New York Post* – (New York) **NY jetliner in near-miss with military cargo planes over Atlantic.** An American Airlines jetliner barely missed two giant military cargo planes in a harrowing near-collision over the Atlantic Ocean January 20, investigators said February 4. Authorities suspect errors by Long Island-based air controllers and the jetliner’s pilot in the incident, an air control source told the New York Post. American Flight 951 took off around 9:30 p.m. from John F. Kennedy International Airport in Queens, New York. An hour later, about 80 miles southeast of New York, the American Boeing 777 came within 200 feet vertically and 2,000 feet horizontally of two military C17 cargo planes heading toward McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey, the air controller source said. The planes were close enough to trigger a traffic collision avoidance system, or TCAS, alert on the American Airlines jet, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) said. The incident also triggered automatic alerts to the Federal Aviation Administration’s New York Center, which oversees that area of the Atlantic. With the TCAS alert and the controllers’ guidance, the planes avoided a collision, NTSB said. NTSB noted it has interviewed the controllers involved, and is still gathering information from the Air Force and the airline.

Source:

http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/jet_barely_misses_military_cargo_1ZdQmDxDfE_pFOkVcKkNsMI

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report

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Agriculture and Food Sector

17. *February 6, United Press International* – (California) **California firm recalls 3,000 lbs. of beef.** About 3,170 pounds of fresh ground beef patties and other beef products distributed to Southern California restaurants has been recalled, federal officials said. The U.S. Agriculture Department (USDA) said in a release February 5 that the beef from American Food Service in Pico Rivera may be contaminated with E. coli O157:H7. The USDA said the products were produced January 31 and bear the establishment number “EST. 1913” inside the USDA mark of inspection. The departments said there is a concern some product may be frozen and in restaurant freezers.
Source: http://www.upi.com/Health_News/2011/02/06/California-firm-recalls-3000-lbs-of-beef/UPI-12411296971022/
18. *February 4, Dothan Eagle* – (Alabama; Louisiana) **41,350 pound meat theft leads to Geneva County.** Alabama and federal authorities are on the trail of a meat thief who took 41,350 pounds of ground hamburger meat worth about \$95,000. A Geneva police lieutenant said police started the investigation the week of January 31 after a local business owner reported a tractor trailer parked behind his business for a long period of time. Police found what later turned out to be an empty tractor trailer behind the Martin Farms businesses on West Magnolia Avenue in Geneva. Investigators found the 18-wheeler, from Grand Coteau, Louisiana, empty of its entire load of 22 pallets of United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) approved ground beef. The lieutenant said investigators found 14 pallets of the stolen meat at a Hartford, Alabama, grocery store. Any criminal involvement from the grocery store was ruled out. Hartford police, agents with the USDA, and other federal authorities are involved in the investigation. Police have a suspect. Police believe more than one person was likely involved in the theft.
Source: <http://www2.dothaneeagle.com/news/2011/feb/04/2/43350-pound-meat-theft-leads-geneva-county-ar-1425685/>
19. *February 4, Hunterdon County Democrat* – (New Jersey) **Woman treated at HMC after suffering chemical burns to legs at Johanna Foods in Raritan Twp.** A woman

suffered chemical burns to her lower legs in an incident February 1 at the Johanna Foods plant in Raritan Township, New Jersey. The Flemington-Raritan Rescue Squad and Raritan Township police responded to the incident, reported shortly before 4 p.m. at the business on Johanna Farms Road. According to the township emergency management coordinator, the squad treated the victim at the scene and took her to Hunterdon Medical Center since the burns were relatively minor. Emergency personnel called in the county haz-mat unit because of the potential hazard. According to a township police lieutenant, cleaning materials may have caused the burns. The Johanna Foods chilled juice facility produces the brands of Tree Ripe, Ssips and Earth Wise, as well as private-label and national-branded products for distribution across the United States. Johanna is also a yogurt manufacturer, producing private label and retail yogurt brands including the LaYogurt line.

Source: http://www.nj.com/hunterdon-county-democrat/index.ssf/2011/02/woman_treated_at_hmc_after_suf.html

20. *February 4, Fish Information & Services* – (Maine) **Maine oysters suffer MSX outbreak.** A deadly pathogen spurred an outbreak of disease in Maine oyster farms for the first time in 2009. The spore-forming protozoan Haplosporidium nelson (MSX) is jeopardizing the \$3 million industry in the northeast states. MSX is harmless to humans and can exist in small numbers without damaging oysters. The protozoan impairs oysters' feeding and reproduction, weakening and eventually killing the mollusk. "In July, we started to notice a troubling sign," said a spokesman of Pemaquid Oyster Company and director of the Maine Aquaculture Innovation Center. "Two or three oysters in each basket were dead when we returned to collect them, their shells cracked." By mid-August, they sent 60 oysters to a laboratory for testing, and found MSX was the culprit. Oyster growers on the river tested each growing area for the pathogen and worked with the Maine Department of Marine Resources to impose quarantine on transferring oysters from the Damariscotta River to other waters to contain the outbreak. MSX nearly wiped out the oyster population in the Chesapeake Bay several years ago. How MSX spreads remains unknown, but researchers surmise that it uses a third-party host to infect the mollusks, making eradication from the local environment impossible.

Source: <http://fis.com/fis/worldnews/worldnews.asp?monthyear=2-2011&day=4&id=40395&l=e&country=&special=&ndb=1&df=0>

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Water Sector

21. *February 7, Davidson County Dispatch* – (North Carolina) **Thomasville reports 10,000-gallon wastewater spill.** The City of Thomasville, North Carolina, reported a 10,000-gallon spill of untreated wastewater February 4. The wastewater came from a wet well of the North Side Pump Station on West Cooksey Drive and spilled into Hanks Branch Creek in the Yadkin/Pee Dee River Basin, according to a press release from the City of Thomasville. Inflow and infiltration from heavy rains, February 4 caused the spill, the release said. The division of water quality was notified and is

reviewing the matter.

Source: <http://www.the-dispatch.com/article/20110207/NEWS/110209964/1005/news?Title=Thomasville-reports-10-000-gallon-wastewater-spill&tc=ar>

22. *February 7, Ironton Tribune* – (Ohio) **Water main break closes school, boil advisory.** A boil-water advisory is in effect after a water main break in Rome Township, Ohio, February 7. The break also caused Fairland Local Schools and Collins Career Center to close for the day. The advisory affects any Hecla Water customer in Rome and anyone in along State Route 243 between State Routes 7 and 378. An engineer for Hecla Water said the break occurred around 2 a.m. at the intersection of Williams Street and White Avenue. He said crews were notified around 2:30 a.m. and did not begin work on the 16-inch main transmission line that runs from the water plant until about 6 a.m., when they located the break. He estimated about 1 million gallons of water was lost, and that the break affects about 2,400 customers. He said most customers have some water, but with very low pressure.
Source: <http://www.irontribune.com/2011/02/07/water-main-break-closes-school-boil-advisory/>
23. *February 5, KITV 4 Honolulu* – (Hawaii) **Force main break hits wastewater station.** The City of Honolulu’s Department of Environmental Services said there was a force main break at the Pearl City Wastewater Pump Station February 4. Department officials said a call came in regarding ponding near the Leeward Community College bike path. Officials said the 36-inch force main seeped through tens of thousands of gallons of untreated wastewater up from the ground with some making its way into Pearl Harbor’s Middle Loch. Department trucks were on site recovering wastewater and redistributing it downstream near the Waipahu Pump Station. The force main has been secured and the spill into Middle Loch stopped, officials said. A contractor will begin repairs February 7.
Source: <http://www.kitv.com/r/26761096/detail.html>
24. *February 4, Odessa American* – (Texas) **Cold weather aggravates problems with old city pipes.** Utility workers were busy February 4 working on broken water-mains throughout Odessa, Texas, as temperatures climbed after days of freezing cold weather. The situation illustrates a problem with Odessa’s infrastructure; the city’s water and sewer pipes are old and in need of repair. After more than 2 years of work, the city is chipping away at the problem, but there is still a lot left to do. In 2007, the Odessa City Council approved a \$69.4 million bond, with more than \$42 million going to rehabilitate water and sewer pipes and more than \$14 million to put in new pipelines. Odessa has more than 600 miles of water lines and nearly 500 miles of sewer lines. Almost 60 percent of the water pipes are 30 to 60 years old. Almost half of the sewer lines are 40 to 50 years old. In some cases, city workers cannot determine the age of the pipe or the material in it.
Source: <http://www.oaoa.com/news/water-59724-breaks-structure.html>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

25. *February 6, KOSA 7 Odessa* – (Texas) **Odessa hospital with no electricity, patients evacuated 2/7/11.** An Odessa, Texas hospital is without electricity for at least 1 week after a car crashed into the building's electrical room February 6 around 1:45 a.m. The CEO of the Basin Healthcare Center said this is the worst timing considering the hospital planned to celebrate its 1-year anniversary February 7. The hospital's backup generator is down, and they bought a generator from the Lowes Department Store in Odessa. "The car just veered off and ran through the building," the CEO said, "It hit square into our transformer and emergency switches." Four patients were transferred to surrounding Odessa hospitals. Eighty employees will not be working, but some staffers will help with maintenance on the building. There will be staff and security on standby directing anyone needing emergency care to go to the Odessa Regional Medical Center. Source: <http://www.cbs7kosa.com/news/details.asp?ID=23761>
26. *February 4, Associated Press* – (Nebraska) **113 evacuated after small fire at Omaha hospital.** Some 113 patients have returned to their rooms after a small fire forced an evacuation at the Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska, February 4. A hospital spokesman said the patients were moved to other areas of the hospital for about 90 minutes. The fire broke out about 1:30 p.m. in University Tower and was quickly put out. The spokesman said there are no patient rooms in that part of the hospital. No injuries were reported. All incoming trauma cases were diverted to Creighton University Medical Center for a short time. Source: http://www.siouxcityjournal.com/news/state-and-regional/nebraska/article_30d19086-30bb-11e0-996d-001cc4c002e0.html
27. *February 4, Wall Street Journal* – (National) **HHS now has its own most-wanted list — for health-care fraud.** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Inspector General (IG) has a first-ever list of the most-wanted health-care fugitives, featuring 10 of the 170 people wanted on health fraud and abuse charges. Only 8 of the 10 are still at large. Two were captured while the new Web site was being developed, a spokeswoman for the IG's office said. Their replacements will be selected soon, she said. The people on the list are not necessarily the worst offenders in terms of dollars or harm, though; she said they represent a cross-section of the types of fraud and offenders. Still on the list are three brothers who allegedly defrauded Medicare of \$110 million with an HIV infusion scam, and another man accused of collecting \$525,000 in fraudulent claims for motorized wheelchairs, scooters, and other durable medical equipment. In total, the 10 allegedly cost taxpayers \$124 million, with the full list representing "hundreds of millions of dollars," the spokeswoman said. Some estimates put the amount lost to Medicare fraud each year as high as \$60 billion. Source: <http://blogs.wsj.com/health/2011/02/04/hhs-now-has-its-own-most-wanted-list-for-health-care-fraud/>

Government Facilities Sector

28. *February 7, Washington Examiner* – (District of Columbia) **Fire breaks out at Smithsonian building.** A fire broke out February 7 in Washington D.C. at a building next to the Smithsonian’s Museum of Natural History that houses the facility’s cooling tower, D.C. fire officials said. Around 7:30 a.m., D.C. firefighters were dispatched to the museum, and heavy smoke pouring from a detached building at Ninth Street and Constitution Avenue NW. Maintenance workers had been in the area when a fire started in the interior of the cooling tower, a D.C. Fire spokesman said. A hazardous materials unit was called in because the interior components of the unit contained plastic and various chemicals. Museum officials said no smoke entered the green-domed building that houses millions of artifacts and collections. Officials planned to open the museum later in the day after completion of the fire investigation.
Source: <http://washingtonexaminer.com/blogs/capital-land/2011/02/fire-breaks-out-smithsonian-building>

29. *February 5, Vallejo Times-Herald* – (California) **Small acid bomb explodes at Vallejo Middle School’s amphitheater area; no one injured.** No one was hurt February 4 when a small acid bomb exploded at Vallejo Middle School in Vallejo, California, fire officials said. The incident happened at about 8:30 a.m. at the school’s amphitheater area. Not many students were on campus at the time. The device was in a soda bottle. Arriving firefighters found the remnants of the bottle surrounded by a small puddle of the acid, fire officials said. No students were in the immediate area. The initial call suggested two explosions, though firefighters found no evidence of a second incendiary device. By the time they finished their check, school had begun and students were in class, fire officials said. No suspects had been identified by the afternoon of February 4.
Source: http://www.timesheraldonline.com/news/ci_17302777

30. *February 4, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Cincinnati-area college evacuated after threat.** A Cincinnati, Ohio, area-college was placed on lockdown and evacuated February 4 after a threatening letter was sent to an administrator. A Mount St. Joseph spokeswoman said the letter threatened violence to the college. No injuries were reported. Authorities put the school on lockdown around noon, beginning with the main building’s lobby, and canceled classes. Most of the campus had been evacuated by mid-afternoon. About 2,400 students are enrolled at the private Catholic college. Police from neighboring townships are assisting college police with the investigation.
Source: <http://www2.nbc4i.com/news/2011/feb/04/cincinnati-area-college-evacuated-after-threat-ar-386823/>

31. *February 4, Associated Press* – (Kansas) **Fire officials say fire at Olathe elementary school apparently arson set by burglars.** Fire and police officials said a fire at a Green Springs Elementary School in Olathe, Kansas, apparently was set February 2 by burglars. The fire occurred while the school was closed because of severe weather. An Olathe police sergeant said after the blaze was extinguished, investigators discovered

the school had been burglarized. Police have no suspects and a damage estimate was not available. Olathe's superintendent said damage was limited to five classrooms and a support area, although ceiling tiles throughout the school will be replaced. The Kansas City Star reported students in the damaged classrooms will be relocated in the school, but preschoolers will temporarily go to another school.

Source: <http://www.fox4kc.com/news/sns-ap-ks--schoolfire-arson,0,2382394.story>

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Emergency Services Sector

32. *February 7, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **Phoenix DPS building evacuated after bomb threat.** The Arizona Department of Public Safety's (DPS) headquarters in Phoenix, Arizona has been deemed safe after being evacuated because of a bomb threat February 6. A DPS spokesman said the Phoenix police dispatch center received the threatening call around 9 p.m. Police said the call came from a cell phone. The complex was evacuated, and the agency's 911 calls were diverted to Phoenix police. Tucson and Flagstaff dispatch centers took over DPS dispatch responsibilities for the Phoenix metro area until 10:30 p.m. The spokesman said DPS' explosive and ordinance disposal team conducted a sweep of the complex, and "all was found safe and secure." Source: <http://www.kswt.com/Global/story.asp?S=13980717>
33. *February 7, San Diego Union-Tribune* – (California) **Emergency response times slower with brownouts.** The average emergency response time in the city of San Diego, California, has increased by 7 seconds in the year since city leaders, in order to solve a budget crisis, enacted a "brownout" policy that idles up to eight fire engines a day, according to a city analysis. Now the mayor and city council must decide if the increase in response time is reason enough to reverse a policy that saves the city \$11.5 million annually. The brownouts began 1 year ago February 6. They were part of the first significant cuts to public safety in the city's recent history. Fire officials said even a relatively minor increase in response time matters because every second counts in life-and-death situations, especially for a city that already lags well behind national standards. Source: <http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/2011/feb/07/emergency-response-times-increase-with-brownouts/>
34. *February 6, Ashland Current* – (Wisconsin) **Time running out on Ashland fire station.** The inability to secure a grant to build a new fire station could force the city council of Ashland, Wisconsin, to address problems with the Ellis Fire Station, including black mold in its basement and structural problems with the flooring. Councilors plan to discuss the mold situation February 8, which led to the removal of exercise equipment from the basement after the mold's discovery following a 2002 inspection by the Wisconsin Department of Commerce, according to a 2007 report conducted by McGrath Consulting. The 2002 inspection found several health and

safety violations, including concerns about the stability of the station's floor — the fire department is unable to store a fire engine filled with water due to a fear of a floor collapse. The fire station's size requires the storage of emergency vehicles at separate locations, reducing the department's response times, according to the fire chief. He and other city officials had applied for a \$5 million federal grant to pay for the construction of a new station, but learned in June that the city would not be receiving the money.

Source: <http://ashlandcurrent.com/article/11/02/06/time-running-out-ashland-fire-station>

35. *February 5, WFSB 3 Hartford* – (Connecticut) **Roof buckles, firehouse evacuated.** Firefighters in Meriden, Connecticut, had to leave their firehouse February 4 after a portion of the roof started to come down. The fire chief said crews were sitting down to dinner when they heard loud popping noises and found visible damage in the ceiling where the fire trucks were housed. Fire officials said the equipment had to be moved to another firehouse on Pratt Street until the building could be inspected and repaired. The roof completely collapsed around 9:30 p.m. Fire officials said utilities were turned off to the building.

Source: <http://www.wfsb.com/news/26763065/detail.html>

36. *February 4, Reuters* – (California) **Border police nab migrants with dive scooters.** U.S. border police nabbed two wet-suit clad illegal immigrants from Mexico February 2, who used self-propelled underwater “dive scooters” to enter California, authorities said. The two males, aged 38 and 16, were spotted by a U.S. Customs and Border Protection helicopter crew as they walked up Imperial Beach, California, a few miles south of San Diego, clutching the dive scooters, the border patrol said. “These devices can be used to come north along the coastline and steer into shore ... where they can meet someone who will pick them up in a vehicle and further their entrance into the United States,” a border patrol agent said. Agents arrested the two men as they tried to hide in the sand, and took them to a local Border Patrol station for processing.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/02/04/us-usa-mexico-immigrants-life-idUSTRE7134LU20110204>

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Information Technology Sector

37. *February 7, Softpedia* – (International) **Anonymous hacks into security firm's network and steals confidential data.** Members of the Anonymous collective have broken into the network of HBGary Federal and exposed its internal communications after it claimed to know the identity of the group's founders. The week of January 30, the CEO of the information security firm told the Financial Times the company's researchers infiltrated Anonymous and managed to learn who the group's leaders are. Over the weekend of February 5 and 6, Anonymous supporters hacked into HBGary's network to learn what information the company has gathered about the group. In the process they managed to extract more than 60,000 business e-mails, they hacked the CEO's Twitter account and posted personal information about him, and they defaced

the company's Web site. The hackers said they found evidence the CEO was planning to sell the details about the so called Anonymous "leaders" to the FBI at a meeting February 7. However, they claim the data is false, except for the publicly available nicknames lifted from the group's IRC network. To prove that it has no value, the hackers published the 23-page document online, as well as the company's e-mail database which contains sensitive information about customers.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Anonymous-Members-Hack-into-Security-Firm-and-Steal-Confidential-Data-182861.shtml>

38. *February 7, Softpedia* – (International) **MHTML 0-day vulnerability won't be patched tomorrow.** Microsoft is expected to provide fixes for two zero-day vulnerabilities February 8, but they will not cover a vulnerability in the MHTML (MIME Encapsulation of Aggregate HTML) protocol handler for which proof-of-concept exploit code has been published. The flaw received the CVE-2011-0096 identifier and was confirmed by Microsoft at the end of January. It was originally disclosed in a Chinese-language hacking Webzine. It can be exploited to access potentially sensitive information both server-side and locally, as well as in combination with other programs.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/MHTML-0-Day-Vulnerability-Won-t-be-Patched-on-Tuesday-182792.shtml>

39. *February 4, Softpedia* – (International) **Number of malicious PDFs on the rise.** Security vendor GFI Software warned that the number of malicious PDF files detected in the wild significantly increased in January with two detections making it into the top 10. According to data gathered by the company's ThreatNet system, two PDF exploits detected as Exploit.AbobeReader.Gen and Exploit.PDF-JS.Gen, finished in February in eighth and ninth place as far as malware detections go. No Java exploit made its presence in the GFI's list. Seven of the top 10 threats detected by GFI in January were trojans, including all malware that finished in the first five positions. These seven threats accounted for four of all detection registered by the security company's products. The other threat in the top 10 is a variant of the Conficker worm, which still remains strong even if abandoned by its creators a year ago. GFI researchers are also concerned about a spike in the number of scareware applications detected in January.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Number-of-Malicious-PDFs-on-the-Rise-182722.shtml>

40. *February 4, Softpedia* – (International) **Adobe prepares critical Reader and Acrobat security updates for next Tuesday.** Adobe is preparing to release the first security updates for the new Adobe and Acrobat X product line February 8, which will address critical vulnerabilities. The announcement was made by the Adobe Product Security Incident Response Team and a prenotification security advisory was published. "Adobe is planning to release updates for Adobe Reader X (10.0) for Windows and Macintosh, Adobe Reader 9.4.1 and earlier versions for Windows, Macintosh and UNIX, Adobe Acrobat X (10.0) for Windows and Macintosh, and Adobe Acrobat 9.4.1 and earlier versions for Windows and Macintosh to resolve critical security issues," the advisory

noted. Since updates for the X (10.0) and 9.4.1 versions will be bundled together in the upcoming security bulletin, it is unknown whether the critical rating is for vulnerabilities in just one of these branches or both.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Adobe-Prepares-Critical-Reader-and-Acrobat-Security-Updates-for-Next-Tuesday-182719.shtml>

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Communications Sector

41. *February 6, New York Times* – (National) **F.C.C. to propose expanding broadband service to underserved areas.** The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) February 8 will propose the first steps toward converting the \$8 billion fund that subsidizes rural telephone service into one for helping pay to provide broadband Internet service to underserved areas, according to commission officials. The chairman of the FCC was expected to call for a consolidation of existing methods of supporting rural phone service into a new pool of funds. The chairman was expected to outline the proposal in a February 7 speech. Most of the money under discussion involves a longstanding subsidy known as the Universal Service Fund, which is paid for through fees tacked onto most consumers' phone bills and distributed among telephone companies to subsidize the high costs of providing service to rural areas. The chairman will propose phasing out the payments between phone companies, which he said create "inefficiencies and perverse incentives" that result in waste in the fund. The FCC will also propose consolidating existing methods of paying for rural phone service into a new pool to be called the Connect America Fund, to be used for helping pay for making broadband available to underserved areas.

Source:

http://www.nytimes.com/2011/02/07/business/07fcc.html?_r=1&partner=rss&emc=rss

42. *February 4, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **Ariz. man accused of putting porn in TV broadcast.** An Arizona man has been arrested on charges that he used a computer to interrupt a local telecast of the 2009 Super Bowl with a 37-second pornography clip. The FBI and Marana police took the suspect into custody February 4 on suspicion of fraud and computer tampering. Authorities said someone cut into the Comcast cable broadcast of the game between the Arizona Cardinals and Pittsburgh Steelers that went to viewers in the Tucson area. Comcast ended up offering a \$10 credit to all of its 80,000 subscribers, whether they saw the brief X-rated clip or not, and the investigation

was turned over to the FBI. Authorities did not say what led them to the suspect.

Source:

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20110205/ap_on_sp_ot/us_computer_tampering_arrest;_ylt=AgRLXzQrRJSTgld8mLdJaAYsQE4F;_ylu=X3oDMTMzN2tyY3VmBGFzc2V0A2FwLzIwMTEwMjA1L3VzX2NvbXB1dGVyX3RhbXB1cmZ19hcnJlc3QEcG9zAzEyBHNIYwN5bl9wYWdpbmF0ZV9zdW1tYXJ5X2xpc3QEc2xrA2FyaXp

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Commercial Facilities Sector

43. *February 7, KMGH 7 Denver* – (Colorado) **54 stricken by carbon monoxide at Gunnison hockey tournament.** Fifty-four people were treated for varying degrees of carbon monoxide poisoning that occurred during a youth hockey tournament in Gunnison, Colorado, February 6, a hospital official said. Eight people, including adults, teens, and children, were hospitalized in serious condition, including two who were transported to Denver for hyperbaric oxygen chamber treatment, the chief executive officer at Gunnison Valley Health Hospital said. None of the hospitalized patients face life-threatening injuries. The rest of the people who were hospitalized were treated and released. There is no information on what may have caused the carbon monoxide leak. Source: <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/26770176/detail.html>

44. *February 7, CNN* – (Ohio) **Party ejection led to Ohio frat house shooting, police say.** Two men were accused of shooting into a Youngstown State University (YSU) fraternity house in Youngstown, Ohio, February 6, killing 1 and wounding 11, including six YSU students. According to a police statement February 7, the two men were apparently angry because they were thrown out of a party there. Police identified the suspects as a 22-year-old man and 19-year-old man. Both are residents of Youngstown. A 25-year-old man died in the shooting. He was shot once in the back of the head and several times in the lower body, said a forensic pathologist at the Mahoning County Coroner's Office. All but three people hurt in the shooting had been treated and released by the afternoon of February 6, a spokeswoman for St. Elizabeth Health Center in Youngstown said. The shooting happened early in the morning during an impromptu party at the off-campus fraternity house of Omega Psi Phi, police said. Of the people who remained hospitalized, one was in critical condition with a head wound. Those injured in the shooting ranged in age from 17 to 31. Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2011/CRIME/02/07/ohio.students.shot/>

45. *February 6, KDFW 4 Dallas-Forth Worth* – (Texas) **NFL workers recovering from falling ice at Cowboys Stadium.** Six people, including contracted NFL workers who were injured by falling ice at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas, February 4 were recovering as of February 7. The most seriously injured was hit in the head and remained at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth. The unidentified patient was upgraded from critical to fair condition. Five others were treated and released from Arlington Memorial Hospital. One of them was a photographer for Getty Images, the company said. The photographer was not seriously hurt and returned home to be

assessed by his doctor. The group was hurt at about 1:15 p.m. while prepping the stadium February 6 for the Super Bowl. Melting ice on the roof of the facility that was leftover from ice and snow storms the week of January 30 began sliding off in sheets, striking the workers.

Source: <http://www.myfoxdfw.com/dpp/news/020511-NFL-Workers-Recovering-from-Falling-Ice-at-Cowboys-Stadium>

46. *February 5, WESH 2 Orlando* – (Florida) **Bomb scare shuts down office park.** Police blocked off an office park in Orlando, Florida, after a suspicious device was found February 5. A citizen called police at about 4:15 p.m. to report what appeared to be a grenade in a driveway at the Airport Business Center on Semoran Boulevard. The caller said he has served in the military and believed the device was real. The office park was locked down and a bomb squad was called. After an investigation, Orlando police cleared the scene. They did not say what the device was.

Source: <http://www.wesh.com/r/26761838/detail.html>

47. *February 5, Los Angeles Fire Department* – (California) **Fast-moving fire heavily damages church in South Los Angeles.** Eleven companies of Los Angeles, California, Fire Department (LAFD) firefighters, 6 ambulances, 1 arson unit, 1 urban search and rescue unit, 1 hazardous materials team, 3 EMS battalion captains, 3 battalion chief officer command teams, and 1 division chief officer command team, a total of 85 Los Angeles fire department personnel, responded to a greater alarm structure fire at 4321 South Long Beach Avenue in Los Angeles February 5 at 2:14 p.m. Los Angeles firefighters found heavy smoke showing from a 50-foot by 50-foot 1-story commercial building converted to a Visions of Heaven Church of God in Christ center for worship. Part of the roof collapsed during the fire. One firefighter sustained non-life threatening second-degree burns to his face. In fair condition, he was taken to an area hospital, where he was expected to be treated and released. Fire loss to the structure is estimated at \$150,000. The cause of the fire has been categorized as accidental and remains under investigation.

Source: <http://lafd.blogspot.com/2011/02/fast-moving-fire-heavily-damages-church.html>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

48. *February 7, Associated Press* – (District of Columbia) **Construction truck dumps diesel fuel on Pennsylvania Ave. in front of White House.** A tanker truck February 7 dumped part of its load of diesel fuel on Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House. A Secret Service spokesman said the fuel did not pose any danger, and crews were in the process of cleaning it up. A spokesman said the truck was leaving the White House grounds when it sprang a leak. A hazardous materials team from the District of Columbia arrived soon after and ensured the scene was safe. Workers poured sand and

gravel on the fuel to soak it up, then used brooms to collect the residue. The spill took place ahead of a late-morning speech by the U.S. President at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, across the avenue — and Lafayette Park — from the White House.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/politics/wire/sns-ap-us-white-house-fuel-spill,0,4422333.story>

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Dams Sector

49. *February 7, Colorado Spring Gazette* – (Colorado) **Overseers face threats to dams.** Colorado dam safety overseers said they face about a dozen security incidents each month at water storage facilities around the state. These range from reports of suspicious activity, such as a person spotted on a downstream face of a dam taking photos, to people threatening to blow up dams with explosives, said the chief of dam safety in the Colorado Department of Natural Resources. “On a weekly basis, I get about three or four suspicious-activity reports,” he said. He represents Colorado on a U.S. Department of Homeland Security dam safety coordinating council meeting the week of February 7 in Washington, D.C. Most recently, a bomb threat was reported at a dam near South Fork in southwestern Colorado. The threat was made “by a disgruntled resident of South Fork who wanted to get back at the sheriff’s department for giving him a DUI,” he said.
Source: http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_17314477

50. *February 4, Idaho Falls Post Register* – (Idaho) **Palisades Dam security upgrades up for review.** The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation has taken the next step toward bomb-proofing the Palisades Dam in Bonneville County, Idaho. As part of the federal government’s post-9/11 protocol for securing infrastructure throughout the nation, the bureau has published a series of options for protecting Palisades from terrorist attacks. They are listed in a draft version of an environmental assessment published last month. According to the draft assessment, the dam’s greatest vulnerability is to vehicles carrying explosives traveling across the crest. Explosives delivered by divers, boats or airplanes are less of a concern because of the dam’s gently sloping sides. Here is a quick look at the alternatives the bureau has proposed: Widen the dam’s crest and move traffic flow 21 feet upstream. This would protect the dam’s most vulnerable area from a potential blast. Projected cost: \$4.7 million. Raise the crest — and the surface that vehicles drive on — by 5 feet. This action would provide a buffer for any explosion occurring on the top of the dam. Projected cost: \$5.8 million. Build a 10-foot-wide barrier in the middle of the dam’s crest, leaving 12-foot lanes for each direction of travel. Bureau officials have suggested this would work only temporarily because it does not fully address the dam’s vulnerabilities. Projected cost: \$2.8 million. Close the dam’s crest to public traffic and build a bridge a half-mile downstream of the dam that accesses popular recreation areas on the west side of the Palisades Reservoir and South Fork of the Snake River. This option would completely remove potential threats from

the dam's vicinity, but it could disrupt a park downstream of the dam and lead to traffic problems on the other side of the river. Projected cost: \$3.7 million. The bureau has yet to settle on a preferred alternative.

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