



# Homeland Security

## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 9 February 2011

**Current Nationwide Threat Level**

**ELEVATED**

*Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks*

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- WTSP 10 St. Petersburg reports a Southwest Airlines flight from Tampa to Milwaukee was quarantined February 7 after about a dozen passengers started feeling sick at the same time. (See item [14](#))
- The GPS industry warned a proposed broadband Internet network could effectively jam GPS signals, according to Aviation Web. (See item [42](#))

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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 8, KGW 8 Portland* – (Oregon) **Van slams into Tualatin gas station, driver claims bomb.** A man drove a van into a Shell gas station at I-5 and Nyberg Road in Tualatin, Oregon, February 7, and told police there was a bomb in his rig. The Portland Police Bureau sent a bomb squad but found nothing. The man, 33, of Lakewood, Washington, was arrested and held on accusations of criminal mischief, reckless endangerment, and DUI, a Tualatin police lieutenant said. He said alcohol and other drugs may be a factor in the incident. The gas station at 7090 Nyberg Road reopened

several hours after the incident. The mostly glass storefront in the market area had been shattered.

Source: <http://www.kgw.com/news/Van-slams-into-Tualatin-gas-station-driver-claims-bomb-115557069.html>

2. *February 8, Pottstown Mercury* – (Pennsylvania) **Some Pottstown streets reopened; earlier manhole explosion shut down center of town.** Power in the center of Pottstown, Pennsylvania, may be out for some time as PECO works to determine the cause of a fire that exploded in a manhole February 8. According to a spokesman at PECO, the energy company was asked to “de-energize” the lines at the request of firefighters and police after a report of a fire at Penn Street and Buttonwood Alley around 7:28 a.m. PECO was informed of the fire around 7:45 a.m.. PECO said they had 313 customers without power and they did not know when it would be restored. The cause of the fire was under investigation, the spokesman said. Penn Street was closed between High and King streets while PECO worked on the underground electrical issue. King and East High Street were reopened to traffic but some traffic lights were not working. Temporary stop signs were set up and police advised caution when driving through the area. Businesses in the 100 and 200 blocks of East High Street were without power.

Source:

<http://pottsmmerc.com/articles/2011/02/08/news/doc4d514310bb12f352244844.txt>

3. *February 6, Reuters* – (International) **Fire at Egypt metering station caused gas cut to Israel: company.** Gas supplies from Egypt to Israel could resume within a week after a fire at a gas metering station, an Israeli partner in the pipeline said February 6, without referring to sabotage as reported in Egypt. Egyptian state television and local government officials said February 5 saboteurs blew up a pipeline that runs through Egypt’s North Sinai, disrupting flows to Israel and Jordan after Islamists called on militants to exploit the unrest that has rocked the government. Jordan said it expects supplies to remain halted for a week. A security source in North Sinai said “foreign elements” targeted the branch of the pipe that supplies Jordan. Ampal-American Israel Corp, a holding company with a 12.5 percent interest in East Mediterranean Gas Co (EMG), which owns the pipeline, said according to EMG, “a metering station in a gas pipeline from Egypt to Jordan caught fire.” Ampal did not attribute the fire to an attack. “Contrary to some media reports, EMG’s gas pipeline from El-Arish, Egypt to Ashkelon, Israel is intact, and was not damaged by the explosion at a gas metering station in Egypt yesterday,” Ampal said in a statement. “The supply of gas to EMG, and therefore to EMG’s Israeli clients, has been interrupted by a fire in a facility not related to EMG. The gas supply to EMG is expected to resume within a week.”

Source: <http://af.reuters.com/article/investingNews/idAFJJOE71502V20110206>

4. *February 5, KeysNet.com* – (Florida) **Fuel leak causes park evacuation.** A leaking fuel truck February 3 led to the Marathon Community Park in Marathon, Florida, being shut for the night so a hazardous-materials crew could clean up the spill. The Marathon fire chief said a Blaylock Oil Co. truck with a 7,500-gallon capacity leaked gasoline as it traveled north on U.S. 1. “I do know the leak started in Big Pine [Key]. We had

reports and they were traveling all the way to Marathon. They pulled them over at the park, but they spilled a lot of gas all over the highway. He was [moving] so it evaporated pretty fast,” he said. According to the Monroe County Sheriff’s Office, dispatchers began receiving calls at 12:11 p.m. from drivers who spotted the leaking truck. Deputies searched for it and fspotted it in Marathon. A deputy pulled the driver over at the park, where it continued to leak gas for a time. “Some gas got into the sod area and into one of the storm drains. We don’t think it was much,” the fire chief said. The leak “was from a hose that had come apart under the truck. They clamped it off when the fire department got there.”

Source: <http://www.keysnet.com/2011/02/05/305941/fuel-leak-causes-park-evacuation.html>

5. *February 3, Reuters* – (National) **Senate bill would improve pipeline safety.** Two U.S. Senators introduced legislation February 3 to boost pipeline safety in an effort to avoid the kind of major pipeline accidents last year that destroyed homes, killed people, and polluted the environment. The bill would increase fines for reckless pipeline operators, hire more federal safety inspectors, and require automatic shut-off valves to prevent oil spills and natural gas explosions. The United States has about 2.5 million miles of pipelines that move oil, natural gas, and other hazardous liquids. There have been an average of 40 pipeline accidents per year since 2006 that have killed or injured people. Many of the safety improvements in the legislation were sought by the Transportation Department’s Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA). The bill specifically reauthorizes the agency through 2014 and strengthens its authority.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/02/03/us-usa-pipeline-legislation-idUSTRE7129JF20110203>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

6. *February 8, New York Daily News* – (New York) **Tanker truck hauling carbon dioxide crashes on Thruway in Bronx, sparks fire, brief evacuation.** A tanker truck hauling carbon dioxide veered off the New England Thruway in the Bronx, New York February 8 and landed on a tree-lined slope, sparking a fire and forcing some residents to evacuate their homes briefly. The accident occurred shortly before 3 a.m. when a truck traveling north on the Thruway (I-95) near the Hutchinson Parkway turnoff in Pelham struck something — possibly ice — and careened off the road, authorities said. The crash ignited a tree, and fire crews arrived quickly to battle the blaze. A hazardous materials team emptied the gas from the container as a precaution, a source at the scene said. The truck’s driver was taken to Jacobi Medical Center for treatment of minor injuries.

Source: [http://www.nydailynews.com/ny\\_local/2011/02/08/2011-02-08\\_tanker\\_truck\\_hauling\\_carbon\\_dioxide\\_crashes\\_on\\_thruway\\_in\\_bronx\\_sparks\\_fire\\_brie.html](http://www.nydailynews.com/ny_local/2011/02/08/2011-02-08_tanker_truck_hauling_carbon_dioxide_crashes_on_thruway_in_bronx_sparks_fire_brie.html)

7. *February 3, Needham Times* – (Massachusetts) **Snow causes roof collapse on Fremont Street in Needham.** The combination of snow, rain, sleet, and ice caused the roof of the Sud-Chemie manufacturing office in Needham, Massachusetts, to collapse February 2. Nobody was hurt when the roof came down because, according to the Needham Fire chief, the company was working with a skeleton crew due to the weather conditions. He estimated the collapse did \$100,000 to \$200,000 worth of damage. The roof collapse caused a gas pipe to break, but firefighters were able to quickly shut the gas off to the building. According to the company’s Web site, Sud-Chemie is a German-based chemical company. Their initial concern was the gas causing a fire and reacting to the chemicals. The chief estimates that the building will need at least 1 month of work before it is fully repaired.  
Source: <http://www.wickedlocal.com/needham/news/x1864248889/Snow-causes-roof-collapse-on-Fremont-Street-in-Needham>

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## **Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector**

8. *February 8, WFAA 8 Dallas-Fort Worth* – (Texas) **West Texas facility ready for nuclear waste.** A new landfill in West Texas is allowed to accept radioactive waste from 36 other states, and a Dallas, Texas, billionaire is behind the project. But opponents worry about the long-term effects of burying low-level radioactive waste in the Lone Star State. If there is such a thing as a “good” place to build a massive radioactive waste landfill, it might be 30 miles outside of Andrews, Texas. This comes pretty close to the middle of nowhere. “It’s a very safe facility, and it should last for tens of thousands of years,” the president of Waste Control Specialists said. Opponents of burying nuclear waste in Texas point out that this a long time to keep a promise. In January, the Texas commission regulating radioactive material voted to let the site accept low-level waste shipped in from 36 states.  
Source: <http://www.wfaa.com/news/texas-news/West-Texas-facility-ready-for-nuclear-waste-115543929.html>
9. *February 8, New London Day* – (Connecticut) **NRC identifies minor violations at Millstone in year-end inspection.** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has cited Dominion, the owner of the Millstone Power Station in Waterford, Connecticut, for three minor violations in last year’s quarterly inspection. All three violations are considered to be “of very low safety significance,” according to the inspection report.  
Source: <http://www.theday.com/article/20110208/BIZ02/302089981/1044>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

10. *February 7, Anniston Star* – (Alabama) **Deputies arrest suspects who allegedly threatened to blow up Alexandria bank.** Two women are in police custody under suspicion of robbing a Noble Bank branch in Alexandria, Alabama, February 7. The two Calhoun County residents are each charged with first-degree robbery. The Calhoun County Sheriff said one of the women entered the bank and demanded money from an employee just after 1 p.m. Deputies said the woman — it was unclear at 5 p.m. February 7 which one — threatened to blow up the bank if she did not receive the money. That same suspect told the bank employee she was holding the employee's family hostage, had snipers nearby ready to shoot at the bank, and had the building wired with explosives to persuade the employee to give her money, the chief deputy said. None of the threats turned out to be true. The employee complied with the suspect's demands, and the woman and her accomplice left in a white Dodge van with Champagne-colored stripes, witnesses told deputies.

Source: [http://www.annistonstar.com/view/full\\_story/11304638/article-Deputies-arrest-suspects-who-allegedly-threatened-to-explode-Alexandria-bank?instance=home\\_news](http://www.annistonstar.com/view/full_story/11304638/article-Deputies-arrest-suspects-who-allegedly-threatened-to-explode-Alexandria-bank?instance=home_news)

11. *February 7, Help Net Security* – (International) **Russian hacker steals \$10 million.** A 27-year old Russian hacker pleaded guilty to stealing \$10 million from a former Royal Bank of Scotland division back in 2008, and he's awaiting a verdict and sentencing at the end of this week or at the beginning of the week of February 14. The trial is being held in Novosibirsk in Siberia, and the man has admitted that he was part of the international hacking ring that executed the cyber heist. According to Reuters, the ring hacked into the accounts of the bank's customers, raised the limit that regulated the maximum withdrawal of funds that could be executed in one day, and organized a simultaneous withdrawal of the funds from ATMs located in Europe, the United States, and Asia.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=10543>

12. *February 7, Las Vegas Sun* – (Nevada) **Man accused of skimming credit card information at 3 businesses.** Metro Police investigators in Las Vegas are asking patrons of three Southern Nevada businesses to look over their bank and credit card information following the arrest of a man in a fraud investigation. The 53-year-old male was arrested at his home and charged with fraudulent use of a credit card of more than \$100. Police said several credit card skimming devices, about 350 credit cards, ATM cards and gift cards that contained compromised account information were

recovered at three businesses associated with the suspect. Police said he had an “ownership interest” in the businesses, and state business records show the suspect is the president of Mask, Inc., which operates out of Carson City. Metro, the FBI and Homeland Security investigators served search warrants February 2 at The Cigarette Box, 5891 W. Craig Road; Colton’s General Store, 675 U.S. Highway 95 in Searchlight; and The Cigarette Box, 2311 S. Casino Drive in Laughlin. Police said the suspect allegedly obtained credit card information from existing accounts and then transferred the information to other cards. The investigation is ongoing and more charges are expected, police said. Police are asking patrons of the businesses who notice anything suspicious with their bank account information to contact their bank or financial institution.

Source: <http://www.lasvegassun.com/news/2011/feb/07/man-accused-skimming-credit-card-information-3-bus/>

13. *February 7, Softpedia* – (International) **Zeus development might continue as source code offered for sale.** The source code of the Zeus banking trojan is being offered for sale on the underground market suggesting the malware might continue to be developed independently from SpyEye. Security researchers from Trend Micro found some of the first versions of the new SpyEye which borrows several components from Zeus, earlier in February. An independent security reporter, revealed the week of January 30 that the source of the Zeus crimeware toolkit is being offered for sale by someone calling themselves “nem” on an underground trading forum. “Full Zeus Source code of last v2.0.8.9 (includes everything). Requires MSVC++ 2010. You can create your own HWID licenses and much more,” the sales pitch reads. Looking at the seller’s forum stats it appears he is a member since mid-2009 and has a very good reputation, which makes it likely the offer is legitimate. The price is not shown and is probably up for negotiation.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/ZeuS-Development-Might-Continue-as-Source-Code-Offered-for-Sale-182791.shtml>

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## **Transportation Sector**

14. *February 8, WTSP 10 St. Petersburg* – (Wisconsin; Florida) **Pilot declares medical emergency on flight from Tampa.** A Southwest Airlines flight from Tampa, Florida, to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was quarantined for more than an hour February 7 after about a dozen passengers all started feeling sick at the same time. Emergency crews, including ambulances, were waiting for Southwest flight 703 when it arrived at Milwaukee’s General Mitchell International Airport February 7. About a dozen passengers started feeling flu-like symptoms. One passenger “had blue lips, but I don’t think anybody was throwing up — a couple needed oxygen,” the passenger said. That’s what led the captain of the plane to declare a medical emergency and take it to an isolated gate. Hazardous materials crews and experts from the Milwaukee Health Department were called out. The jet was quarantined on the ground for an hour. Two of the passengers were taken to the hospital. The other ill passengers did not require

medical attention. A Milwaukee TV station reported the plane was sterilized by Southwest and is back in service.

Source: <http://www.wtsp.com/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=173681&catid=8>

15. *February 7, King 5 News Seattle* – (International) **Anti-Israeli ad campaign had Metro Transit worried about terrorist attack.** A lawsuit against King County, Washington, is revealing new concerns about a possible terrorist attack on Metro buses in the Seattel area. The response to the campaign was so heated, county leaders feared for the safety of bus drivers and passengers. The anti-Israeli ad campaign featuring a bus billboard that said: “Israeli war crimes — your tax dollars at work.” It was paid for by SeaMAC, the Seattle Mideast Awareness Campaign. At first Metro said it had no grounds to refuse to post the paid ad, but then changed its mind. SeaMAC protested, then sued. Court documents reveal the county was flooded with e-mails about the proposed advertisement. Many of the responses were emotional and some were threatening. One person slipped disturbing photos of bombed buses and dead bus riders under the door at the Metro Customer Service Center. The U.S. attorney advised Metro that “public transportation systems are targets of choice for terrorists,” referring to the Madrid commuter train bombings and the subway bombings in London. The county also claimed information about the Metro ad controversy was found posted on a Web site for Ezzedeem Al Qassam, the armed branch of Hamas. Both sides are set to argue the motion for preliminary injunction February 14 at 10 am in U.S. District Court.  
Source: <http://www.king5.com/news/local/Anti-Israeli-ad-campaign-had-Metro-worried-about-terrorist-attack--115539259.html>
  
16. *February 7, CNN* – (New York) **Amtrak train derails after leaving New York station.** A Boston, Massachusetts-bound Amtrak train derailed February 7 just east of New York City’s Penn Station, the rail service said. No injuries were reported among the approximately 147 passengers and an unspecified number of crew members, Amtrak said in a news release. It called the accident, which occurred at 12:25 p.m., a “low-speed derailment.” The passengers were taken back to Penn Station in Manhattan, where arrangements were made to “provide them travel on another train,” Amtrak said. The line also is used by the Long Island Railroad. But Amtrak said the East River tunnels, which take trains from Manhattan to Long Island, “are not blocked and Amtrak and Long Island Railroad trains are operating through the area with minimal delays.”  
Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2011/US/02/07/new.york.train.derailement/index.html>
  
17. *February 6, Agence France-Presse* – (International) **Police comb Moscow railway stations for explosives.** Moscow, Russia police February 6 were combing city’s nine railway stations for explosives after receiving a telephoned bomb threat 2 weeks after a suicide bomber killed 36 people at a Moscow airport. AFP reported an unidentified man called police saying bombs had been laid at three of Moscow’s nine railway stations and they would soon go off, a transport police spokeswoman said. She said police were also searching the other six stations for explosives. Moscow has been on edge since a suicide bomber wreaked carnage at its biggest airport Domodedovo killing 36 and wounding more than 150 January 24, the second bombing attack with heavy casualties in the capital in less than a year. Authorities called on Muscovites to be

vigilant and Agapova said transport police had been receiving bomb threats nearly daily in the past 2 weeks. But February 6 was the first time since the airport attack that police had to check all nine railway stations simultaneously, the spokeswoman said. Source: <http://www.eturbonews.com/20982/police-comb-moscow-railway-stations-explosives>

18. *February 6, WOFL 35 Orlando* – (Florida) **OIA terminal evacuated, flights delayed.** A suspicious bag found at Orlando International Airport (OIA) in Orlando, Florida brought out the bomb squad and caused congestion at the airport for hours. It all unfolded at Terminal A around 5 p.m February 6. An OIA spokesperson said the suspicious bag was found at America Airlines at the service office. That entire terminal was evacuated and the bomb squad was called out. The scare also caused 12 flights to be delayed, and shut down area roads. In all, the suspicious package investigation tied up the airport and the roads for more than 2 hours. Source: [http://www.myfoxorlando.com/dpp/news/orange\\_news/020611-oia-terminal-evacuated-flights-delayed](http://www.myfoxorlando.com/dpp/news/orange_news/020611-oia-terminal-evacuated-flights-delayed)

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

19. *February 8, Washington Post* – (Maryland) **Meat packaging facility evacuated.** About 100 employees were evacuated from the Smithfield Packaging Co. in Cheverly, Maryland, February 8 because of an ammonia leak, fire officials said. The refrigeration system in the food packaging company started leaking about 12:15 a.m., releasing an irritant into the air. It took fire officials about 4 hours to get the leak under control, a spokesman for the Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department said. Smithfield Packaging packages fresh pork, smoked meats, bacon, cooked hams, and hot dogs for retail, according to a company Web site. Source: <http://voices.washingtonpost.com/crime-scene/allison-klein/md-meat-packaging-co-evacuated.html>
20. *February 8, SecurityInfoWatch.com* – (National) **ADT to expand food defense strategy.** ADT announced February 8 it is expanding its efforts in the food defense sector to help food manufacturers and suppliers meet new regulations outlined in the Food Safety Modernization Act. Signed into law in January by the U.S. President, the legislation requires food suppliers to identify potential problems that could affect the safety of their products, and outline steps they can take to prevent these issues from

occurring. To help food suppliers keep up with the new mandates, ADT said it will provide them with security expertise to help them develop food defense strategies. ADT has been active in continuing education within the food processing and manufacturing industry, hosting a 2-day food defense event last year. The company has also teamed up with remote video auditing and software fire Arrowsight, at the Food Defense Demo Lab in Huntsville, Alabama, to show food processors new technologies and solutions in a real world setting.

Source: <http://www.securityinfowatch.com/adt-expand-food-defense-strategy>

21. *February 8, Fort Worth Star-Telegram* – (Texas) **Massive fire burns warehouse in Grand Prairie.** A massive warehouse fire lit up the Grand Prairie, Texas sky overnight February 8 and produced a billowing cloud of smoke that could be seen for miles. Five area fire departments responded to fight the fire. The fire was first reported at about 8:30 p.m. February 7 in a warehouse complex that housed multiple businesses. By 3 a.m. February 8, the fire grew to four alarms and departments from Dallas, Dallas/Fort Worth Airport, Arlington, and Irving assisted in putting out the fire. The fire apparently started in a warehouse building that contained Monster energy drinks and Dr. Pepper canned drinks. Other businesses in the complex included a freight trucking company and a direct mail advertising company.  
Source: <http://www.star-telegram.com/2011/02/08/2831563/massive-fire-burns-warehouse-in.html>
22. *February 7, Marshall Independent* – (Minnesota) **Fire at elevator near Walnut Grove.** A fire reported at 7:45 a.m. February 7 at the Meadowland Farmers Co-op elevator just east of Walnut Grove, Minnesota, is the second at that location in less than a year. A previous fire at the elevator occurred February 17, 2010, when a dryer containing about 7,000 soybeans ignited. This time, the fire is believed to have started in the leg of the elevator. No grain occupied the leg at the time of the fire, the Walnut Grove fire chief said. The quick response by the Walnut Grove, Tracy, Lamberton, and Marshall fire departments helped to contain the fire to that area. Because of the sub-zero temperatures and bitter windchill, firefighters had to deal with ice. Gages froze and the ground was quickly covered with a thick layer of ice, making maneuvering around the scene difficult.  
Source: <http://www.marshallindependent.com/page/content.detail/id/526230/Fire-at-elevator-near-Walnut-Gro---.html>
23. *February 7, FoxNews.com* – (National) **No oink about it, feral pig problem spreading.** Huge, ever-growing packs of feral pigs are running rampant, destroying crops, killing wildlife and spreading disease everywhere they go, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reported recently. They have been spotted all the way from Texas to California to Michigan and in New York. “It’s estimated there are at least 4 million of them nationwide, but its impossible to count them all so there may be much more,” a USDA Wildlife Services spokeswoman said. Officials said the pigs cause more than \$8 million worth of damage every year. One disease humans can get, she said, by coming in contact with the beasts bodily fluids is called “swine brucellosis.” The pigs are most prevalent in the South, because it has the climate they favor. Texas is

said to have the largest population.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/scitech/2011/02/07/oink-feral-pigs-growing-problem/>

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## **Water Sector**

24. *February 7, KVIA 7 El Paso* – (Texas) **Mandatory water restrictions for El Paso extended until further notice.** On February 7, the mayor of El Paso, Texas, declared a water emergency in the city pursuant to the city’s drought and water emergency code, title 15.13.120 which allows El Paso Water Utilities (EPWU) to enforce mandatory water restrictions currently in effect. If car washes, laundromats, and industrial users do not comply, their water supply will be shut off. El Paso Water Utilities has refined its citywide mandatory water restrictions so water can now only be used for drinking, according to an El Paso Emergency Alert sent out through the city’s alert system February 6. EPWU also is extending the water restrictions, originally set to last for only 24 hours starting the afternoon of February 5, until further notice.  
Source: <http://www.kvia.com/news/26762982/detail.html>
  
25. *February 7, KTVU 2 Oakland* – (California) **Explosion, fire at EBMUD pumping plant under investigation.** The East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) in California is investigating an explosion and fire that occurred at a water pumping plant in Walnut Creek February 7, a EBMUD spokesman said. The incident was reported at 7:09 a.m. on Geary Road, a Contra Costa County Fire Protection District spokesman said. Seventeen firefighters responded to the one-alarm blaze and police shut down Geary Road between Buena Vista Avenue and Hall Lane. Firefighters had to confirm with PG&E that power to the plant was off before they could start spraying water. The fire was out by 7:57 a.m. No injuries were reported and no other structures were threatened, the fire spokesman said. He said that although the blaze was initially reported as a transformer fire, it actually involved a switch gear used to transfer power from PG&E to EBMUD. The transformer at the pumping station sustained smoke damage but appeared to be intact.  
Source: <http://www.ktvu.com/news/26777944/detail.html>
  
26. *February 5, Toledo Blade* – (Ohio) **City: Water plant needs fix now.** The city of Toledo, Ohio, wants approval to spend \$210,000 for “emergency repairs” to the roof of the city’s water treatment plant, which engineers said is crumbling. “It has been a slow deterioration over time,” a city engineer said. “As the steel supports expand over time, the concrete cracks.” The water plant was built in two phases: an 80-million-gallon-a-day portion in 1941 and a 40-million-gallon-a-day section in 1956. He said precast concrete roof panels over the filter and holding basins in the Collins Park Water Treatment Plant are deteriorating so badly that nets must be installed to protect people and machinery. Exposure to humidity the last six decades has caused corrosion of the panels’ reinforcing steel. Temporary shoring to support some of the damaged panels will also be installed in some areas. The city’s deputy mayor of operations said the roof is scheduled to be replaced for \$3.65 million with money from a proposed water and

sewer rate increase. The city council the week of January 31 rejected the proposed hikes in water and sewer rates.

Source: <http://toledoblade.com/article/20110205/NEWS16/110209571/0/RSS04>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

27. *February 8, KAJ 18 Kalispell* – (Montana) **Man arrested after alleged threats at Bozeman hospital.** Law enforcement checked out reports of a man with a gun who was threatening to harm someone at Bozeman Deaconess Emergency Room in Bozeman, Montana, February 7. Officers took a man in a wheelchair out and put him in a police car at around 7:30 p.m. A Bozeman police sergeant said the man has been arrested on a disorderly conduct charge, plus criminal mischief charges for allegedly damaging some fire sprinklers at the detention center after he was taken in from the hospital. There may be more charges filed. According to officers, they were called out on a male who had gone to the emergency room with a gun threatening to harm people. Police said it appears the man had been in possession of a firearm earlier and the investigation is continuing. No firearm was found on him when he was arrested, but he did have ammunition on him. Officers from the Bozeman Police Department, Gallatin County Sheriff's Department, and Montana State University Police responded.

Source: <http://www.kaj18.com/news/man-arrested-after-alleged-threats-at-bozeman-hospital/>

28. *February 7, WFXT 25 Boston* – (Massachusetts) **Dozens evacuated before roof collapses in Norwood.** Dozens were evacuated from 1400 Providence Highway in Norwood, Massachusetts, February 7 after a partial roof collapse. Moments after emergency crews arrived, a 100-foot by 100-foot portion of the roof collapsed. Just before the collapse, crews were clearing snow from the roof. A Norwood fire captain was inside the building when the roof collapsed, and he was pinned briefly until another responder helped free him. The collapse happened over the Life Works unit of the building, where disabled and mentally challenged adults learn work skills. The president of Life Works said the staff evacuated everyone safely.

Source: <http://www.myfoxboston.com/dpp/news/local/dozens-evacuated-before-roof-collapses-in-norwood-20110207>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

29. *February 8, Help Net Security* – (Arizona) **US legislators targeted by identity thieves and account hijackers.** Facebook accounts of four Missouri state representatives and

one staffer have been compromised and are sporting mortifying messages. The affected politicians agree on one thing: they have been using the free Wi-Fi network instead of the protected account for legislators. Even though the legislators have been made aware that they should be using the dedicated protected Internet access when doing official work or performing other sensitive assignments and that there is an inherent risk in using the public wireless Internet, many still fail to do so because they ignore the warning, forget to use it, or simply do not know how. And while the founder of the company that provides wireless Internet to the Arizona Capitol speculates the account compromises may be the result of the use of the Firesheep extension, a representative from the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington D.C. thinks that it is possible that the malicious individual behind the attack has simply guessed the passwords.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=10552>

30. *February 8, Sarasota Herald-Tribune* – (Florida) **Man held after bomb threat to local IRS.** A man threatened local IRS workers when he walked into an office in Sarasota, Florida, February 7 and said he would detonate a bomb, authorities said. The man is in police custody and is being interviewed by Sarasota County sheriff's detectives. The building was evacuated; no one was hurt and a bomb squad later found the man was not carrying any explosives in a package he brought in. The man threatened the office shortly after 11 a.m. and told workers that he would blow them up. Deputies were able to arrest the man without incident.  
Source:  
<http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20110208/ARTICLE/102081027/2055/NEWS?Title=Man-held-after-bomb-threat-to-local-IRS&tc=ar>
31. *February 8, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **Carbon monoxide leak at Dickey Hill school in Baltimore hospitalizes 6.** Five adults and one child were hospitalized for evaluation after a carbon monoxide leak early February 8 at Dickey Hill Elementary and Middle schools in Baltimore, Maryland, a Baltimore fire spokesman said. The evaluations were a precautionary measure, according to the fire captain. "It doesn't appear to be anything life-threatening," he said. The source of the leak, reported just after 8 a.m., was identified by Baltimore Gas and Electric Co. crews and contained, he said. The building was ventilated, and classes were canceled for the day.  
Source: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/bs-md-school-carbon-monoxide-20110208,0,4703769.story>
32. *February 7, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **Suspicious toilet outside MD county offices wasn't explosive device.** Police said a suspicious toilet bearing a cell phone and a radio or TV transmitter were left outside a local government building in Towson, Maryland, but authorities said it proved harmless and did not contain an explosive device. A Baltimore County police spokesman said they have a lead to a possible suspect after the toilet was found February 7 on a sidewalk outside the offices of the county executive and county council. The toilet was decorated with images and notes, but the spokesman did not elaborate on the content. He said the toilet and materials were arranged in a way that raised suspicion. A hazardous device team, a bomb sniffing dog, and crime lab personnel were summoned.

Source:

[http://www.whsv.com/nationalap/headlines/Suspicious Toilet Outside MD County Offices Wasnt Explosive Device\\_115514464.html](http://www.whsv.com/nationalap/headlines/Suspicious_Toilet_Outside_MD_County_Offices_Wasnt_Explosive_Device_115514464.html)

33. *February 7, Janesville Gazette* – (Wisconsin) **Police make arrest in Lake Geneva bomb threat.** Police in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, have arrested a 15-year-old Badger High School boy they believe is responsible for e-mailing a bomb threat to administrators the week of January 31. Lake Geneva School District closed five schools January 31 after receiving an e-mail saying a bomb was located in Badger High School and others, according to a Lake Geneva Police Department press release. All the buildings were searched and nothing was found. The FBI assisted in the investigation. Police said the student admitted to sending the message and told them he acted alone. He said he “never thought this incident would cause such a commotion,” the release said. Lake Geneva police referred charges to the district attorney’s office. There was no indication as to when the student was arrested or why he sent the e-mail.

Source: <http://gazettextra.com/weblogs/latest-news/2011/feb/07/police-make-arrest-lake-geneva-bomb-threat/>

34. *February 7, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **College student charged with making false threat.** A Wayne State University student is charged with making false threats of violence against the school in Detroit, Michigan, via the Internet. The FBI said the suspect of Dearborn wrote in November he was planning to take an AK-47 to the General Lectures building and kill more than the 32 people who died at Virginia Tech University in 2007. The FBI said the suspect pledged to set up a Web cam to record it December 1 and wrote, “Be sure to tune in.” Nothing happened, and the suspect told an agent he did not intend to attack anybody. The suspect appeared in federal court February 4 and was released. He is also charged with possessing child pornography.

Source: <http://www.victoriaadvocate.com/news/2011/feb/07/bc-mi-university-threat/?news&nation-world>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

35. *February 7, Executive Gov* – (National) **FCC sets stage for nationwide presidential alerts.** The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) took the first steps in implementing the first-ever presidential alert for the national Emergency Alert System (EAS), when it voted the week of January 30 to run a full test of the system and to provide rules for its use. The concept of a presidential alert system has been hampered by the lack of an official test of the system, which FCC said now will happen. “The primary goal is to provide the president with a mechanism to communicate with the American public during times of national emergency,” a deputy chief of FCC’s public safety and homeland security bureau said. The revamped alert system will allow presidential announcements to be transmitted from Washington, D.C., to television and

radio broadcasters nationally. The test will help the FCC, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the National Weather Service, to assess the current system and determine what improvements must be undertaken. No official date for the test has been set. The FCC said the national test will require cable and satellite providers that participate in the EAS program to transmit a live code that includes a presidential alert message.

Source: <http://www.executivegov.com/2011/02/fcc-sets-stage-for-nationwide-presidential-alerts/>

36. *February 5, Washington Post* – (National) **White House delays gun reporting requirement along Mexican border.** White House budget officials dealt federal firearms investigators a setback February 4 when they rejected an emergency request for a rule meant to help catch gunrunners to Mexico. The decision delays a proposed requirement that gun dealers along the Mexican border report anyone who buys two or more assault weapons in 5 days. That proposed requirement is now delayed for at least 2 months. White House officials said the delay will give the public until February 14 to comment on the proposal. The delay marks the second time that the rule, which is strongly opposed by the gun industry and the National Rifle Association, has been put on hold. The idea was shelved by the White House Chief of Staff in 2010 and was not reconsidered until after the midterm congressional elections. Officials with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosive (ATF) had hoped the reporting requirement would help them track potential gunrunners. ATF officials requested the rule on an emergency basis after more than 30,000 people have been killed and more than 65,000 guns from the United States have been seized during the Mexican government's war with the drug cartels.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2011/02/04/AR2011020406858.html>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

37. *February 8, Help Net Security* – (International) **Malware increases by 46% in only one year.** There is a steady growth of threats to mobile platforms, according to a new McAfee report. The number of pieces of new mobile malware in 2010 increased by 46 percent compared with 2009. The report also uncovered 20 million new pieces of malware in 2010, equating to nearly 55,000 new malware threats every day. Of the almost 55 million total pieces of malware McAfee Labs has identified, 36 percent was created in 2010. Concurrently, spam accounted for 80 percent of total e-mail traffic in Q4 2010, the lowest point since the first quarter of 2007.

Source: [http://www.net-security.org/malware\\_news.php?id=1622](http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=1622)

38. *February 8, IDG News Service* – (International) **HP delays shipments of laptops with Intel's new chips.** Hewlett-Packard (HP) said February 7 it had delayed plans to launch new laptops with Intel's latest Core processors, just a few days after HP stopped making PCs that previously paired the chips with Intel's faulty chipset. HP originally

planned to make new Pavilion DV6 and DV7 consumer laptops available in the United States February 27, which has now been delayed to spring. The laptops will include the latest Core i5 and i7 chips based on the Sandy Bridge microarchitecture, which started shipping in January. During the week of January 30, Intel revealed a problem in a chipset tied to the new Core processors, which it said could delay laptop and desktop launches by weeks. The chipset flaw prompted companies such as HP, Dell, Lenovo, and MSI to stop selling certain desktops and laptops.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9208600/HP\\_delays\\_shipments\\_of\\_laptops\\_with\\_Intel\\_s\\_new\\_chips](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9208600/HP_delays_shipments_of_laptops_with_Intel_s_new_chips)

39. *February 7, Homeland Security News Wire* – (International) **Arab Silicon Valley plan raise fears of CPU shortages, security risks.** GlobalFoundries, originally part of CPU manufacturer AMD — the second largest in the United States — plans to spend \$7 billion on a new chip fabrication facility in Abu Dhabi, the first in the Middle East. Business and security experts said it is not a good idea to have a large segment of the United States and world economy depend on chips manufactured in an unstable, turmoil-prone region. The worry is not only that a hostile government coming to power would cut off computer components necessary for economic activity and national security, but that foreign governments could build software or hardware into chips that could transmit confidential information.  
Source: <http://homelandsecuritynewswire.com/arab-silicon-valley-plan-raise-fears-cpu-shortages-security-risks>
40. *February 7, Homeland Security News Wire* – (International) **More than half of iPhone apps track users.** A recent study found that more than half of all iPhone apps could track users and collect data without an individual’s knowledge. Researchers analyzed more than 1,400 iPhone apps to determine how they handle sensitive data, and found that more than half collect an individual’s unique device ID or track a user’s location. When combined with links to a Facebook account, the app could gain a lot of sensitive data. Researchers found that 36 apps blatantly violated privacy rights by accessing an individual’s location without informing the user, while another 5 went so far as to take data from the user’s address book without first seeking permission.  
Source: <http://homelandsecuritynewswire.com/more-half-iphone-apps-track-users>
41. *February 7, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Fake iPods and iPhones are seized from downtown warehouses.** More than \$10 million in counterfeit iPods, iPhones, and other items have been seized from a sophisticated downtown warehouse operation in Los Angeles, California, port police announced February 7. “This was a well-funded operation, and the counterfeits looked very authentic,” the port police chief said. Investigators said they thought the shipment was designed to get Apple Inc. lookalike products into the market during the recent buzz over the Consumer Electronics Show. Some of the products were designed to look like older Apple products. The seized items were shipped from Asia, the port police chief said. The case stems from a stolen-cargo investigation that led port police to several downtown Los Angeles and Vernon locations in December and January. During searches of the locations, port police

discovered counterfeit products with an estimated street value of more than \$1.4 million; stolen electronics, toys, and blankets worth about \$2.5 million; and bank account receipts that indicate the operation generated more than \$7 million in profits. Source: <http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-fake-apples-20110207,0,4342503.story>

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### Internet Alert Dashboard

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## Communications Sector

42. *February 5, Aviation Web* – (National) **G broadband may jam GPS.** The GPS industry warned that a proposed broadband Internet network could effectively jam GPS signals. Further, it said it has data showing that any of the anticipated 40,000 transmitters can make a Garmin 430 go dark at a range of 5 miles. GPS World calls the proposal by LightSquared “disastrous” and warns of major problems for all kinds of GPS-reliant devices. The publication said a study by GPS-industry stakeholders, including Garmin, determined the LightSquared network “will create a disastrous interference problem for GPS receiver operation to the point where GPS receivers will cease to operate (complete loss of fix) when in the vicinity of these transmitters.” That, says the report, “will deny GPS service over vast areas of the United States.” The industry told the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) of the potential problem but the FCC approved the multibillion-dollar effort, which will carry 4G broadband throughout the country.

Source:

[http://www.avweb.com/avwebflash/news/4G\\_Broadband\\_May\\_Jam\\_GPS\\_204069-1.html?](http://www.avweb.com/avwebflash/news/4G_Broadband_May_Jam_GPS_204069-1.html?)

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

43. *February 8, North Andover Eagle-Tribune* – (Massachusetts) **Workers evacuated from building on brink of collapse.** More than 60 workers were evacuated about 8 a.m. February 8 from an industrial building off Route 125 in North Andover, Massachusetts, that was in danger of collapse under a load of snow and ice. A supervisor of electronics for OSI Electronics at 25 Commerce Way, said he called 911

and was told to evacuate the building immediately after one of OSI's employees noticed the ceiling was buckling. About 60 employees were at work at the time. Workers were also evacuated from three other companies in the building. The companies employ about 150 to 200 workers in all. The fire chief and building inspector arrived to look at the building, and determined the entire structure was unsafe and shut it down. The building inspector said the roof was so overloaded there were "sprinkler heads pushing through the ceiling" and said the building was "imminent to collapse."

Source: <http://www.eagletribune.com/local/x2072624906/Workers-evacuated-from-building-on-brink-of-collapse>

44. *February 6, Associated Press* – (Tennessee) **Tenn. park closed as police investigate pipe bomb found in portable toilet.** Police in Nashville, Tennessee, shut down a Cedar Hill park in a northeastern suburb after finding a pipe bomb in a portable toilet February 6. The explosive turned up at about 1:30 p.m., prompting officers and a bomb squad using a robot to check out the device. WSMV 4 in Nashville reported the robot removed the device from the portable toilet. Officers destroyed the device. Police said a man walking with his child discovered the bomb while getting tissue. The investigation continued late February 6.

Source: <http://www.wreg.com/news/sns-ap-tn--park-pipebomb,0,5470566.story>

45. *February 4, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Target to pay \$22.5 million to settle hazardous-waste dumping case.** Target Corp. has agreed to pay \$22.5 million to settle a multiyear government investigation into the alleged dumping of hazardous waste by the retail chain, according to court documents filed the week of February 1. Under the tentative agreement, the Minneapolis, Minnesota-based retail giant admits no wrongdoing but will pay about \$3.4 million to the California attorney general's office. Smaller sums will go to city attorneys in Los Angeles and San Diego as well as district attorney's offices in 20 counties, including Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Orange. Target has also agreed to implement a statewide program to enforce compliance with waste disposal laws, train employees in legal ways to handle hazardous sludge, and pay an independent auditor to check compliance for 3 years. The investigation began in 2005. Violations included improper storage, transportation and disposal of bleach, paint, pesticides, batteries, light bulbs and other hazardous materials. Prosecutors accused Target of cutting corners for the bottom line. Chemicals returned by customers or found to be defective were poured down the drain, tossed into dumpsters and trucked to landfills not equipped for hazardous waste. Stores also kept incompatible and combustible liquids like ammonia and bleach side-by-side on shelves and poured them into dumpsters mixed together, creating fire and other safety hazards, prosecutors said.

Source: <http://articles.latimes.com/2011/feb/04/local/la-me-target-settlement-20110205>

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

46. *February 7, KBZK 7 Bozeman* – (Montana) **Backcountry avalanche warning in effect for Bozeman area mountains.** A backcountry avalanche warning was issued February 7 for the Bridger and northern Gallatin Range and the mountains outside Cooke City, Montana, according to the Gallatin National Forest Avalanche Center (GNFAC). “Heavy snowfall since Saturday has been deposited on a weak snowpack. Strong winds at all elevations are loading slopes further. Continued and intense snow through tonight will create very unstable conditions through February 8,” according to a GNFAC news release. The avalanche danger is rated high on all slopes with dangerous avalanche conditions in these ranges. Travel in avalanche terrain is not recommended, and avalanche runout zones should be avoided. The warning will either terminate or be updated by 6:30 a.m. February 9.  
Source: <http://www.kbzk.com/news/backcountry-avalanche-warning-in-effect-for-bozeman-area-mountains/>
47. *February 7, Roanoke Times* – (Virginia) **Crew battling Botetourt County wildfire.** Sixteen firefighters expected to complete containment the night of February 7 of a 13-acre wildfire in Botetourt County, Virginia, on Caldwell Mountain in the Jefferson National Forest — about 5 miles west of Fincastle. The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and Virginia Department of Forestry were cooperating to fight the fire February 7. The fire was reported around noon February 6. USFS has not yet determined its cause. The Forest Service said the fire is in “extremely steep, open terrain and difficult to access.” As of the afternoon of February 7, the blaze posed no danger to residences or buildings.  
Source: <http://www.roanoke.com/news/breaking/wb/276284>

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## **Dams Sector**

48. *February 8, Queensland Courier Mail* – (International) **Dam release may not have helped.** In Australia, claims that Brisbane’s floods could have been lessened by increasing the size of Wivenhoe Dam’s flood storage were hit by preliminary modelling. The modelling, likely to be the center of any legal defense mounted by the state government against negligence claims, showed emptying some of Wivenhoe’s drinking supplies to expand the amount of room for floodwater would not have had a “noticeable” impact on river levels. The natural resources minister said the modelling was based on reducing Wivenhoe to 90 percent of storage capacity. “Some of the work that’s already been done shows that if you reduce Wivenhoe Dam by certain amounts that, modelled against the flooding event that we saw last month, it wouldn’t have had a noticeable impact,” he said. “There was so much water coming downstream but also at the same time it was coming in lower from Wivenhoe through the Lockyer and Bremer, which the Wivenhoe doesn’t control.” Critics have claimed Wivenhoe’s operators should have been better prepared for the summer storms given a La Nina weather pattern was likely to herald significant rain.  
Source: <http://www.couriermail.com.au/ipad/dam-release-may-not-have-helped/story-fn6ck51p-1226001782788>

49. *February 7, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **Colorado has more ailing dams, less money to fix them.** Colorado has so many deficient dams restricted from holding water that, if owners were to fix them, the state would gain four Chatfield Reservoirs worth of water-storage capacity. A review of state dam safety records also showed a breach at any of 21 “high hazard” dams would likely kill people living or working nearby. Failures at another 33 deficient “significant hazard” dams would cause major property damage. But dam repairs can cost millions of dollars, and Colorado Department of Natural Resources officials said they lack funds to help owners make repairs. The state’s approach to the worsening problem is to send out inspectors and, whenever they find deficiencies, impose restrictions on how much water safely can be held in reservoirs — to prevent blow-outs. Meanwhile, Colorado water supply authorities are struggling to increase water storage to avert projected water shortages. Building new dams and reservoirs can cost even more than making repairs and typically requires at least a decade to meet regulatory requirements. Over the past 5 years, state water officials loaned dam owners \$50.8 million to complete 35 dam rehabilitation projects.  
Source: [http://www.denverpost.com/commented/ci\\_17314534?source=commented-](http://www.denverpost.com/commented/ci_17314534?source=commented-)

50. *February 7, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies* – (International) **Sri Lanka: Over one million affected in further wave of deadly flooding.** Another wave of severe flooding has wreaked havoc in the Eastern, North and North Central Provinces of Sri Lanka where heavy monsoon rains have caused 11 deaths and affected more than 1.2 million people. During the first week of February, more than 2,000 people were displaced in Dutuwewa, after a dam in the Kiwulkadawela tank in Polonnaruwa burst, unleashing 55,000 cubic acres of water. Coconut trees in the area were uprooted by the water gushing from the broken dam. By February 6, almost 250,000 people had been displaced from their homes. Families are being housed in more than 600 temporary evacuation centers established by the government in 11 districts across the island. Since December, heavy and persistent rains have deluged roads, agricultural lands and towns. So far 18 of Sri Lanka’s 25 districts have been affected by what some are calling the worst floods that the country has experienced in the past 100 years. Several major tanks (reservoirs) have overflowed causing extensive flooding of downstream villages with over 8,000 homes reportedly damaged or destroyed.  
Source: <http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/rwb.nsf/db900sid/EDIS-8DUL8D?OpenDocument>

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