



# Homeland Security

## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 11 February 2011

**Current Nationwide Threat Level**

**ELEVATED**

*Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks*

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### Top Stories

- The Associated Press reports that McAfee Inc. said hackers operating from China stole sensitive information from Western oil companies in several countries, including the United States. (See item [1](#))
- At least three people were killed, and two others were missing after a natural gas explosion in an Allentown, Pennsylvania neighborhood destroyed 8 houses and damaged at least 16 others. (See item [2](#))

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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 10, Associated Press* – (International) **Report: Hackers in China hit Western oil companies.** Hackers operating from China stole sensitive information from Western oil companies, McAfee Inc. reported February 10. The report did not identify the companies but said the “coordinated, covert and targeted” attacks began in November 2009 and targeted computers of oil and gas companies in the United States,

Taiwan, Greece, and Kazakhstan. It said the attackers stole information on operations, bidding for oil fields, and financing. “We have identified the tools, techniques, and network activities used in these continuing attacks — which we have dubbed Night Dragon — as originating primarily in China,” the report said. The Chinese government has denied it is involved. Security consultants said China’s military or other government agencies might be stealing technology and trade secrets to help Chinese state companies.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2011/02/10/AR2011021001051.html>

2. *February 10, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **3 dead in Pa. natural gas explosion; 2 missing.** A natural gas explosion rocked an Allentown, Pennsylvania, neighborhood, leveling two houses and spawning fires that burned for hours through an entire row of neighboring homes, February 9 into February 10. Three people were killed, including an infant, and at least two others were unaccounted for February 10. A couple in their 70s lived in a 2-story row house that blew up about 10:45 p.m. February 9, the city police chief said. The victims ranged in age from 4 months to 79 years old, the city fire chief said. The cause of the explosion was unclear. The blaze was put out early February 10, delayed by the difficulty of digging through packed layers of snow and ice to a ruptured underground gas line that was feeding the flames. About 500 to 600 people who were evacuated were allowed to return home. The fire chief predicted 8 houses would be lost and another 16 damaged. A routine leak-detection check of the gas main that serves the area on the day before the explosion found no problems, a spokesman for Reading-based UGI Utilities Inc. said. He said there is no history of leaks for that section of 12-inch cast-iron main, and there were no calls about gas odors before the explosion. The utility used foam to seal the gas main on both ends of a 1-block area at about 3:45 a.m. February 10. It took crews some time to cut through reinforced concrete underneath the pavement, the spokesman said.

Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2011/02/10/2059343/explosion-in-pa-city-causes-fires.html>

3. *February 10, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Contract worker confirmed dead in Texas plant fire.** A contract worker has been confirmed dead 1 day after a gas pipeline explosion and fire at a Houston, Texas-area petroleum plant. A February 9 statement from plant contractor Turner Industries said the victim died in the February 8 fire at the Enterprise Products plant in Mont Belvieu. A statement issued by Enterprise said the victim’s remains were found about 6 p.m. February 9, but offers no further details.

Source: <http://www.kvue.com/news/state/Contract-worker-confirmed-dead-in-Texas-plant-fire-115708864.html>

4. *February 9, Reuters* – (International) **Mexico pipeline thieves trigger big fuel spill.** Thieves tapping into a Mexican fuel pipeline triggered a large diesel fuel spill south of the border city of Tijuana in Baja California state February 9, authorities said. A senior source at the state emergencies agency, which has dealt with a number of fuel spills in recent years due to criminal activity, described the incident as serious. “There cannot be less than 50,000 liters (13,000 gallons) spilled,” the official said. “We’ve

never seen anything like this.” A Reuters witness saw a 3-foot stream of fuel flowing on hilly ranch land a few miles from Rosarito, Mexico. Police prevented people from approaching the pipeline but bulldozers could be seen working to build huge piles of earth to contain and absorb the flow of fuel. The odor of petroleum was strong. Gangs of fuel thieves regularly tap into Pemex pipelines to steal gasoline, diesel fuel, and even crude oil. The lucrative trade has attracted Mexico’s drug cartels, which earn money protecting fuel thieves and helping them smuggle oil out of the country. State oil monopoly Pemex said in a press release it was responding to the spill and that it posed no risk to bodies of waters or urban areas. The 10-inch diameter pipeline carries fuel from a Pemex terminal in Rosarito to the city of Mexicali.

Source: [http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/20110209/wl\\_nm/us\\_mexico\\_oil\\_spill](http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/20110209/wl_nm/us_mexico_oil_spill)

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

5. *February 8, Bennington Banner* – (Vermont) **Mace enters guilty plea to unlawfully storing hazardous waste at plant.** Mace Personal Defense Inc. officially entered a guilty plea February 8 to unlawfully storing hazardous waste at its Bennington, Vermont, location, according to a release by the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Vermont. If the plea agreement is accepted by the court at a sentencing hearing May 26, Mace would pay a fine of \$100,000. The company pleaded guilty to a felony under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The company makes tear gas, pepper spray, and other products at the facility on Benmont Avenue. The byproduct is hazardous waste. In January 2008 the U.S. Environment Protection Agency (EPA) ordered an emergency cleanup of this waste. During the EPA inspection, 80 barrels of hazardous materials were found stored without labels in an unmarked area. Mace cooperated with the order and spent over \$780,000 cleaning up the waste.  
Source: [http://www.benningtonbanner.com/local/ci\\_17333771](http://www.benningtonbanner.com/local/ci_17333771)
  
6. *February 7, U.S. Department of Justice* – (International) **Former Dow research scientist convicted of stealing trade secrets and perjury.** A federal jury in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, February 7 convicted a former research scientist of stealing trade secrets from Dow Chemical Company and selling them to companies in the People’s Republic of China, as well as committing perjury. After a 3-week trial, the jury found the man guilty of one count of conspiracy to commit trade secret theft and one count of perjury. According to the evidence presented in court, the man came to the United States from China for graduate work. He began working for Dow in 1965 and retired in 1992. Dow is a leading producer of the elastomeric polymer, chlorinated polyethylene (CPE). While employed at Dow, the man worked as a research scientist at the company’s Plaquemine, Louisiana, facility on various aspects of the development and manufacture of Dow elastomers, including Tyrin CPE. The evidence at trial established he conspired with at least four current and former employees of Dow’s facilities in Plaquemine and Stade, Germany, who had worked in Tyrin CPE production, to misappropriate those trade secrets in an effort to develop and market CPE process

design packages to various Chinese companies.

Source: <http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2011/February/11-crm-156.html>

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

7. *February 10, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **EPA revokes permit for uranium test well, will draft another.** Opponents of a test well for a proposed uranium mine in northern Colorado won a victory February 9 when the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) withdrew a permit issued in December. However, in taking that action, EPA's Region 8 office in Denver said it plans to draft another permit within the next few weeks and open it up for public comment, according to paperwork filed with the Environmental Appeals Board in Washington D.C. The environmental group Coloradoans Against Resource Destruction and an individual, who lives near the proposed site near Nunn, filed an appeal with the board in January, which temporarily stayed the permit. Their concerns included EPA's failure to review Power tech data from aquifer-pump tests in 2008 in the same geologic formation — one just 500 feet from the currently proposed injection well. They also claimed EPA failed to include a maximum well-injection-pressure requirement in the permit and that the agency did not evaluate the success in plugging other such sites.

Source: [http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci\\_17345725](http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_17345725)

8. *February 10, Homeland Security News Wire* – (National) **Controversial nuclear reactor design moving toward approval.** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) chairman is pushing ahead for approval for a controversial Westinghouse designed nuclear reactor. He announced February 2 the agency will open the proposed reactor design for public comment for 75 days before the panel decides whether to approve the reactor or not. The Westinghouse AP1000 reactor is the top choice of many utility companies seeking to build or expand nuclear power plants. In Georgia, an \$8.3 billion loan guarantee from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has already been awarded to Southern Co, which plans to use two AP1000s for a site. While in South Carolina, SCANA Corp hopes to expand its nuclear station with two AP1000s and obtain a DOE loan guarantee. The two utility companies are awaiting approval of their reactor plans and licenses from the NRC, which has stated it will make a decision by the end of 2011. Critics of the design worry that the reactors containment features are inadequate.

Source: <http://homelandsecuritynewswire.com/controversial-nuclear-reactor-design-moving-toward-approval>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

9. *February 9, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **AmerTac recalls night lights due to fire and burn hazard.** American Tack and Hardware Co. Inc. (AmerTac) of Saddle River, New Jersey, issued a recall February 9 for about 261,000 LED night lights. An electrical short circuit in the night light can cause it to overheat and smolder or melt, which can burn consumers or result in fire. AmerTac has received 18 reports of the night lights smoking, burning, melting, and/or charring, including 3 reports of minor property damage and 1 of a minor burn injury. The night lights were sold at hardware stores, lighting showrooms, and home centers nationwide from March 2009 through January 2011.  
Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml11/11123.html>
  
10. *February 9, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **Hoover recalls WindTunnel canister vacuums due to fire and shock hazards.** Hoover Inc. of Glenwillow, Ohio, issued a recall February 9 for about 142,000 WindTunnel canister vacuums. The power cord between the power nozzle and the wand connector can short-circuit posing fire and shock hazards to consumers. This condition can occur even if the vacuum has been turned off but left plugged in. Hoover has received 69 reports of overheating or electrical malfunction, including 1 report of fire and smoke damage, and 2 reports of carpet damage. There has been one report of a minor injury. The vacuums were sold at mass merchandisers, department stores, and independent vacuum retailers nationwide and online from March 2003 to December 2008.  
Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml11/11124.html>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

11. *February 9, The Register* – (National) **Credit crunch pushes US ID fraud to 8 year low.** U.S. identity fraud losses fell sharply in 2010, bucking a long-running trend. The number of fraud victims decreased 28 percent in 2010 from 11 million to 8.1 million. The total value of fraudulent losses also fell from \$56 billion in 2009 to \$37 billion in 2010, according to an annual study by Javelin Strategy & Research. Javelin reports the figures for losses are the lowest it has seen in the 8 years it has run the study. The average fraudulent losses per victim also declined from \$5,000 in 2009 to \$4,600 in 2010. Javelin reckons a significant drop in reported data breaches goes some way toward explaining the decline in identity fraud. More stringent checks by lenders to “authenticate users and determine credit risk” as well as improved consumer awareness of ID fraud risks and the use of account monitoring tools, are also credited in the decline. “Economic conditions also appear to have contributed to this year-over-year decline, as well as increased security measures and some significant law enforcement

successes,” the president and founder of Javelin said.

Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/02/09/id\\_fraud\\_slump/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/02/09/id_fraud_slump/)

12. *February 9, First Coast News* – (Georgia) **Bank robber in Brunswick uses fake explosive.** A bank robber February 8 in Brunswick, Georgia, used the drive-thru lane at the Southeastern Bank to demand money from the teller. A fake explosive led to an evacuation of the bank. According to the Glynn County Police Department, the suspect drove up about 5 p.m. Bank employees said the man placed a device in the drawer and demanded money from the teller. The teller put money in the drawer and slid it to the driver, who took the money and drove off, leaving the device in the drawer. Bank employees called police, then evacuated the building as the device sat in the drawer. Police determined the device was a fake explosive. Surveillance cameras captures several images of the suspect and his truck, a dark Chevrolet Silverado.  
Source: <http://www.firstcoastnews.com/news/local/news-article.aspx?storyid=190753&catid=3>
  
13. *February 9, WCSC 5 Charleston* – (South Carolina) **Three indicted for Lowcountry bank robbery spree.** The FBI said a 48-year-old male suspect robbed eight banks in Charleston and North Charleston, South Carolina, and had help from a man and woman in several of them. Federal prosecutors said the suspect was indicted in U.S. District Court the week of February 7 on eight counts of armed robbery. The indictments said the suspect robbed the banks between January 14 and June 21 of 2010. Investigators said the suspect robbed two BB&T branches, a Harbor National Bank branch, and a Wachovia and First Citizens branch two times. The targeted banks were located west of the Ashley and in North Charleston. The two people police said helped the suspect in most of the robberies also were indicted. A 26-year-old female from North Charleston was indicted on six counts, and a 38-year-old male was indicted on five counts of bank robbery. So far no trial dates have been set for any of the three suspects.  
Source: <http://www.live5news.com/Global/story.asp?S=13999636>
  
14. *February 9, St. Joseph's News-Press* – (Missouri) **Local suspect may be linked to other robberies.** The suspect in the robbery of Midwest Federal Savings & Loan in St. Joseph, Missouri, February 7 may be a suspect in a series of other bank robberies. A Web site called [BanditTrackerKansasCity\(dot\)com](http://BanditTrackerKansasCity(dot)com), a partnership with the FBI and local law enforcement agencies, identifies the suspect as a potential suspect in three other robberies: Union Bank, 9221 N. Oak Trafficway, in Kansas City, Missouri, July 9, 2010; KCB Bank in Liberty, Missouri, November 5, 2010; and U.S. Bank, 6098 Antioch Road, in Gladstone, Missouri, January 7. The suspect is described as a white male, around 30 years old, between 5 feet, 5 inches and 5 feet, 8 inches tall and between 170 and 190 pounds. He was wearing a black hoodie, blue jeans, and a black and red Minnesota Twins baseball hat when he robbed the Midwest Federal Savings & Loan, February 7 at 2:30 p.m.  
Source: <http://www.newspressnow.com/news/26809158/detail.html>

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## Transportation Sector

15. *February 10, CNN* – (Virginia; District of Columbia) **Trapped baggage handler narrowly escapes becoming passenger.** A baggage handler at Reagan National Airport in Arlington, Virginia, was found locked in a US Airways plane’s cargo hold before takeoff February 7, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) said. Employees were searching for their co-worker when banging was heard outside the fuselage, she said. While loading a departing flight, the employee watched from inside the cargo hold as a co-worker closed the forward bin door from outside. According to the FAA, within “a matter of minutes,” a third employee arrived and questioned where the baggage handler was, because the handler also was expected to tug the plane away from the gate. Upon opening his window, the first officer reportedly heard banging coming from inside the plane. The worker was released and went on to operate the tug. The plane departed ahead of schedule. An investigation by US Airways is under way.  
Source: <http://edition.cnn.com/2011/US/02/09/district.of.columbia.person.cargo.hold/index.html>
16. *February 9, Sarasota Herald Tribune* – (Florida) **Added studies to delay bridge over Manatee.** After waiting 13 years for a new bridge across the Manatee River, another delay is unlikely to faze most East Manatee, Florida, residents. They learned February 8 that work on the proposed \$30 million bridge that is supposed to cross Manatee River near the Fort Hamer boat landing east of the interstate will not begin for 5 months — and even that is uncertain. Federal agencies are reviewing whether existing roadways could meet traffic demands instead of building the 2-lane Fort Hamer Bridge and damaging about 4 acres of wetlands. The bridge would link Fort Hamer Road in Parrish with Upper Manatee River Road/Lakewood Ranch Boulevard on the south shore, providing an alternative to bridges on Interstate 75 and U.S. 301 and 41 in Bradenton. The U.S. Coast Guard must grant a permit for the project before it moves into the construction phase. The URS Corporation, which the county hired for \$2.9 million to design the bridge, updated Manatee County Commissioners February 8. The firm has been working with a citizen panel formed in July to address safety, aesthetic, and environmental concerns.  
Source: <http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20110209/ARTICLE/102091066/-1/news?Title=Added-studies-to-delay-bridge-over-Manatee>
17. *February 9, Associated Press* – (Oklahoma) **Okla soldiers sent to rescue stranded motorists.** Oklahoma National Guard troops have been deployed to help rescue motorists trapped in heavy snow in northeast Oklahoma, February 9. An Oklahoma Emergency Management spokeswoman said several “strike teams” were sent to areas along the Will Rogers Turnpike northeast of Tulsa, and to other areas in the state. More than 2 feet of snow was reported in some parts of Oklahoma. The spokeswoman said soldiers used heavy wreckers to assist several large tractor-trailers that were stuck near Big Cabin, and that Humvees were used to assist some stranded motorists. She said more than 275 National Guard soldiers were positioned the evening of February 8 with

Humvees at armories across the state.

Source: <http://www.koamtv.com/Global/story.asp?S=14000193>

18. *February 9, msnbc.com, Associated Press and Reuters* – (National) **‘Rude awakening’ for central U.S.: 2 blizzards in a week.** A second powerful blizzard in a week roared through parts of the nation’s midsection February 9, bringing biting winds and dumping up to 2 feet of snow on areas still digging out from last week’s major storm. As the system barreled through the Plains toward the Deep South, it blanketed parts of northeastern Oklahoma and northwestern Arkansas. At least two traffic deaths were blamed on the system. And more than 1,200 flights were canceled, the tracking service FlightAware(dot)com said. In South Dakota, a 50-mile section of Interstate 29 north from Watertown was closed down overnight from February 8 into February 9 because snowdrifts blocked a section where up to 200 vehicles had been stranded last week, officials said.

Source: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/41486321/ns/today-weather/>

19. *February 8, Gloucester Times* – (Massachusetts) **Drawbridge sticks during test run.** The Cut drawbridge over the Blynman Canal in Gloucester, Massachusetts, has been under repair for the last 2 days. The bridge was stuck in the down position for 1 hour February 7, but the malfunction did not affect vessel traffic on the Annisquam River, officials said February 8. “It’s fully operational and open,” a bridge tender for the state’s department of transportation said February 8. “They had trouble opening it February 7 but a crew came out at 12:10 p.m. and it was fixed by 12:30 p.m.” The February 7 malfunction was the latest in a series of incidents affecting the 105-year-old bridge.

Source: <http://www.gloucestertimes.com/local/x704273111/Drawbridge-sticks-during-test-run>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

20. *February 10, Des Moines Register* – (Iowa) **Corn supply shrinks to 16-year low.** Demand for corn for ethanol and other uses has shrunk surplus stocks in elevators and farmers’ bins to the lowest levels since 1995, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) said February 9. That surplus amounts to an 18-day supply of corn ready for immediate use, compared with more than 40 days a year ago. As a result, corn prices have doubled from \$3.50 last June. Food makers, meatpackers, and restaurants have

already warned consumers will pay higher prices as a result. The USDA's monthly supply and demand report issued February 9 increased its demand forecast for corn for ethanol by 50 million bushels, to 4.95 billion bushels this year. The use of corn for ethanol has risen about 33 percent since 2008, and will consume almost 40 percent of the 12.4 billion bushels of corn produced in the United States in 2010.

Source:

<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20110210/BUSINESS01/102100329/Corn-supply-shrinks-to-16-year-low?SPORTS12>

21. *February 9, Hartford Courant* – (Connecticut) **Snow damaged at least 300 farm buildings, state says.** More than 300 farm buildings in Connecticut have collapsed, totally or partially, because of heavy snow, the state department of agriculture said February 9. At least 99 farms have been affected, the department said in a written statement. The department is urging farmers to report their losses to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency within 30 calendar days of when they occur. The federal agency may be able to provide assistance, state officials said. Source: <http://www.courant.com/news/connecticut/hc-ct-farm-storm-losses-0210-20110209,0,843851.story>
22. *February 9, Associated Press* – (Kansas) **Waitress gets more than 7 years for tainted salsa.** A former waitress at a Mexican food restaurant in Lenexa, Kansas, has been sentenced to more than 7 years in federal prison for poisoning salsa. The 20-year-old suspect pleaded guilty last year to twice adding a toxic pesticide to salsa at Mi Ranchito restaurant. She was sentenced February 8 to 87 months in prison. The suspect said her husband told her to do it and threatened to hurt her if she spoke with investigators. The first incident happened August 11, 2009, when 12 diners became ill after eating lunch. The second incident was August 30, 2009, when 36 patrons became ill at dinner. Federal prosecutors say sales at the six Mi Ranchito restaurants dropped by \$250,000 in the 2 months after the poisoning. Source: [http://www.stltoday.com/news/state-and-regional/missouri/article\\_785bfa17-7974-526a-b9c3-0fc659b5dc71.html](http://www.stltoday.com/news/state-and-regional/missouri/article_785bfa17-7974-526a-b9c3-0fc659b5dc71.html)

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## **Water Sector**

23. *February 9, ONE News* – (International) **Thieves dig tunnel to steal water treatment gear.** Thieves in Hamilton City, New Zealand, dug a tunnel under concrete to steal tens of thousands of dollars worth of equipment from the Hamilton City Council's water treatment plant. The city deployment manager said thieves cut through a neighboring fence and dug a tunnel under concrete to get past an electrified security fence as they broke into the plant to steal 10 bronze water pump impellers. "I'm not going to go into other security arrangements in place at the plant other than to say they were more than adequate. This appears to have been a professional burglary that was well planned," she said. Two of the larger impellers, valued at \$60-80,000, were taken, while three medium and five smaller devices were missing as well as the castings. She said the

water pump impellers were very distinctive and were only used in the specific pumps operated by the city council. “To that end we’re not ruling out the items may have been stolen for scrap metal value so we are liaising with scrap metal dealers not only in Hamilton but across the country.” While the theft of such specialized equipment was a disappointment, the city council’s general manager of works and services said the loss had not affected their ability to deliver high quality water to the city.

Source: <http://tvnz.co.nz/national-news/thieves-dig-tunnel-steal-water-treatment-gear-4018714>

24. *February 9, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Guam) **EPA acts to strengthen stormwater pollution controls in Guam.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) February 9 announced a decision to require all dischargers of urban stormwater in Guam to obtain permits to control pollution in runoff from urbanized areas of the island. The action designates all current and future municipal stormwater sources in Guam to follow Clean Water Act permitting requirements. Municipal stormwater is a leading cause of water quality problems in Guam, and the requirements will help protect Guam’s marine environment from polluted runoff from urban areas, military bases, and road systems. Within 1 year, EPA plans to issue permits to facilities that will specify controls necessary to prevent and control polluted runoff from urban and military sources. The permits will also create requirements to minimize pollution into existing storm drain systems throughout the island.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/FF95EC65148DCCA58525783200601837>

25. *February 8, Agence France-Presse* – (International) **Hungarian plant still releasing toxic mud.** A Hungarian alumina plant that caused a massive toxic sludge spill in October, is releasing poisonous substances straight into the surrounding area, Greenpeace revealed February 8. “The Hungarian company MAL AG is now dispersing its waste water directly into the environment,” the Hungarian branch of the environmental protection organization said in a statement. Greenpeace said it had discovered an “illegal wastewater disposal pipe” from the MAL plant that was delivering red mud straight into the nearby river Marcal. Citing an analysis by the Environmental Protection Agency in Vienna, it also noted levels of toxic chemicals such as arsenic, aluminum, and organic carbon in the sludge were far above legal limits — in some cases up to 100 times higher. According to MAL, a lack of storage capacity for the new waste had caused it to disperse the toxic mud into the environment, Greenpeace said. Ten people were killed and a state of emergency was declared last October after a breach in the retaining walls of a reservoir at the alumina plant in Ajka in western Hungary sent 38.8 million cubic feet of toxic red mud cascading into surrounding villages.

Source: <http://www.mnn.com/earth-matters/wilderness-resources/stories/hungarian-plant-still-releasing-toxic-mud>

26. *February 8, El Paso Times* – (Texas) **Frozen equipment affected ability to watch water levels.** A day after blaming most of the water crisis on rolling electricity blackouts, water officials in El Paso, Texas, backtracked some February 7, saying their

equipment froze, leaving them blind to what was happening to water reservoir levels. It was not until February 5, when a visual inspection of every water tank was done, that El Paso Water Utilities officials realized that 15 of their 55 tanks were empty or had less than 5 feet of water. The other tanks were also low. That discovery prompted the utility to implement voluntary restrictions February 6 before declaring a water emergency the same day.

Source: [http://www.elpasotimes.com/news/ci\\_17323278?source=rss](http://www.elpasotimes.com/news/ci_17323278?source=rss)

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

27. *February 9, Help Net Security* – (National) **Protected health information breach analysis.** Redspin released an analysis of all protected health information breaches publicly recorded between August 2009 and the end of 2010, as per the interim final breach notification of the HITECH Act. A total of 225 breaches of protected health information affecting 6,067,751 individuals have been recorded since the interim final breach notification regulation was issued in August 2009 as part of the HITECH Act. These numbers only include breaches that affected more than 500 individuals. According to the report, 43 states, Washington D.C., and Puerto Rico have suffered at least 1 breach affecting over 500 individuals. Also according to the report, 78 percent of all records breached are the result of 10 incidents, 5 of which are the result of theft of common storage media; 61 percent of breaches are a result of malicious intent; 66,000 individuals, on average, are affected by a single breach of portable media; and 40 percent of records breached involved business associates.  
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=10560>
28. *February 9, Global Security Newswire* – (National) **Synthetic biology industry poses security challenges, experts say.** The rate of technological change produced by the rapid growth of the synthetic biology field could outpace government restrictions intended to ensure extremists cannot acquire or produce biological warfare materials, experts said at a conference February 3. Synthetic pathogens are man-made infectious agents created either from the manufacture or adaptation of DNA, cells, and other biological structures. While scientists have been tweaking genetic sequences for decades, recent breakthroughs such as the production from scratch of cells that do not exist in nature have some security experts worried the technology could be exploited by terrorists to create or redesign biological weapons.  
Source: [http://www.globalsecuritynewswire.org/gsn/nw\\_20110209\\_8875.php](http://www.globalsecuritynewswire.org/gsn/nw_20110209_8875.php)
29. *February 9, WWLP 22 Chicopee* – (Massachusetts) **Greenfield ctr. for disabled evacuated.** More than 50 people had to be evacuated February 9 from a Greenfield, Massachusetts center that helps people with disabilities. The Greenfield fire chief said around 10:20 a.m. the fire department was notified there was some buckling in the ceiling tiles at Lifeskills Inc. Once firefighters got there, they heard creaking and decided to evacuate the building. Some of Lifeskills' clients were taken away by caretakers, but others were brought to the Greenfield Senior Center. Because many of

the clients are in wheelchairs, buses had to be called in from the Franklin Regional Transit Authority and Baystate Franklin Medical Center.

Source: <http://www.wvlp.com/dpp/news/local/franklin/Greenfield-ctr.-for-disabled-evacuated>

30. *February 8, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (Florida) **Florida man pleads guilty to health care fraud.** A 46-year-old Florida man pleaded guilty February 4 to two counts of health care fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1347. He faces a possible maximum prison sentence of 10 years. As part of the plea agreement, he agreed to pay restitution to Medicare and to forfeit about \$104,959. According to officials, the man purchased Physical Therapy and Fitness (PT&FI), located in Martin County in December 2009. PT&FI received reimbursement from Medicare Part A for the treatment of patients referred by physicians for physical therapy. Once the suspect purchased PT&FI, fraudulent billing to Medicare Part A began to occur. Medicare records show PT&FI received about \$528,094.27 from Medicare from January 3, 2010 through August 13, 2010. Officials said the man also purchased Ebenezer Medical Services, Inc., located in Miami-Dade County. Ebenezer was at one time a pharmacy that received reimbursement from Medicare Part D plan for prescription drugs. However, it was not actually functioning as a pharmacy when it was purchased. Medicare records show Ebenezer received about \$587,843.06 from Medicare between May 14, 2010 and August 13, 2010.

Source:

[http://7thspace.com/headlines/372157/florida\\_man\\_pleads\\_guilty\\_to\\_health\\_care\\_fraud.html](http://7thspace.com/headlines/372157/florida_man_pleads_guilty_to_health_care_fraud.html)

31. *February 6, New York Post* – (International) **Three city residents went to the Dominican Republic and brought back cholera - but health officials see no need to worry.** Three New York City residents contracted cholera while attending a wedding in the Dominican Republic in January, according to test results received February 5. City health officials insist there's no chance of an outbreak. The three patients, all adults, visited the Caribbean nation on the weekend of January 22. None required hospitalization, and all have recovered. "This is not an outbreak," said a department spokeswoman. "There is no need for New Yorkers to worry about cholera in New York."

Source:

[http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/manhattan/return\\_to\\_ny\\_with\\_cholera\\_PNIvDHL3XJO2vqfLLdFqI](http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/manhattan/return_to_ny_with_cholera_PNIvDHL3XJO2vqfLLdFqI)

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

32. *February 9, Associated Press* – (Oklahoma) **Oklahoma school evacuated after ceiling buckles.** School officials had to evacuate students from a Beggs Elementary School building February 8 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, because the ceiling began to buckle. The school's superintendent told the Tulsa World officials evacuated about 520

students to the high school gym after emergency management officials could not guarantee the school in eastern Oklahoma was structurally sound. A structural engineer was trying to determine the cause and extent of the damage. February 8 was the first day back at school since a winter storm dumped more than a foot of snow on the area in the past week. Workers were trying to get the snow off the roof. Officials are still evaluating when the building can be made safe again and whether they will have school February 9.

Source: <http://enidnews.com/state/x1569784850/Oklahoma-school-evacuated-after-ceiling-buckles>

33. *February 9, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **2 teens charged in Waterloo library explosion.** Two teenage boys were charged recently with felony arson, accused of building a small chemical bomb that they detonated January 22 at the Waterloo Public Library in Iowa. No one was injured in the blast, which damaged the floor and caused an odor. The device was described as household substances reacting after being mixed in a pop bottle. One of the suspects is a 16-year-old charged as an adult; the other is 13 and is charged as a juvenile. Police said the two have acknowledged making the device and setting it off on the library's first floor.  
Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/chi-ap-ia-waterloo-explosio,0,2157213.story>
34. *February 9, WPXI 11 Pittsburgh* – (Pennsylvania) **2 pregnant teachers among those sickened by fumes at school.** An overheated battery from a floor scrubber released a strong sulfuric acid odor in Franklin Regional Middle School in Murrysville, Pennsylvania, prompting an evacuation February 9, school officials said. School leaders said students were sent to the high school when the problem was discovered shortly after 7 a.m. "These are large batteries, like a car battery, and there are a pair of them that operate these units," the director of public relations for Franklin Regional said. "(The) units are used each evening to clean the hallways." A district spokeswoman said most students had not arrived at the school by the time of the evacuation. Unaffected teachers and arriving students were taken to Franklin Regional High School's auditorium until the middle school was cleared for re-entry at about 11 a.m. In all 36 teachers, including 2 who were pregnant, were treated and released from Forbes Regional Hospital in Monroeville for inhalation issues.  
Source: <http://www.wpxi.com/news/26804047/detail.html>
35. *February 9, Associated Press* – (Missouri) **KC school evacuated after students fall ill from apparent carbon monoxide poisoning.** A charter school in Kansas City, Missouri, was evacuated February 9 after several students reported symptoms consistent with carbon monoxide poisoning. A Kansas City Fire Department spokesman said 10 students ranging in age from 12 to 16 were taken by ambulance to hospitals for treatment. The students were all in the same classroom at Brookside Frontier Math and Science School when they complained of headaches, dizziness, and nausea. Firefighters did not find elevated carbon dioxide readings. Missouri Gas Energy representatives also checked the building. After the building was emptied, students were placed on idling buses to escape the cold. The state education

department's Web site shows the school serves about 190 students in grades 6 to 12. The building holds about 230 students.

Source: <http://www.kspr.com/sns-ap-mo--schoolevacuated,0,3902249.story>

36. *February 7, NextGov* – (National) **White House gets tough on ID card reader requirements.** Beginning October 1, the White House will penalize agencies that fail to outfit facilities and information technology systems with electronic identity card readers by withholding funds for other programs, according to a new White House memo. Federal employees and contractors are required to carry ID badges embedded with digital fingerprints and photos to access federal buildings and networks, under the 2004 Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12. But agencies have long struggled to employ the electronic features of the badges. The February 3 Office of Management and Budget guidance directs agency heads to submit implementation policies by March 31 on required uses of the smart cards, and stipulates that funds be frozen at offices that do not follow the rules. The memo stops short of restricting bonuses and awards at agencies that have not fully complied with HSPD-12, a penalty that the nonprofit Center for Strategic and International Studies recommended during the Presidential/Vice Presidential transition. The IDs — mentioned in the U.S. President's 2009 comprehensive cyber policy review, are to be issued following standard security checks on individuals.

Source: [http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng\\_20110207\\_9583.php?oref=topnews](http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20110207_9583.php?oref=topnews)

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

37. *February 10, Hartford Courant* – (Connecticut) **Vernon fire station closed because of heavy snow load on roof.** The Nye Street firehouse in Vernon, Connecticut has been closed and the fire equipment stored there moved to other firehouses as an engineer evaluates the building's structural integrity February 10. The problem is a heavy snow load on the roof, officials said. A firefighter told town officials that he heard unusual noises in the building and said a wall appeared to have shifted. Crews were on the firehouse roof earlier in the week trying to clear snow, but could not do it safely because of the roof's slant, the mayor said. The engineer examining the building is also concerned removing snow one section at a time could increase the load on the building and damage it. The engineer plans to do computer modeling to develop a snow removal plan.

Source: <http://www.courant.com/community/vernon/hc-vernon-firehouse-closed-0211-20110210,0,6817889.story>

38. *February 10, Associated Press* – (Minnesota) **2 police cars collide responding to Roseville call.** A police officer was injured when two Roseville, Minnesota squad cars responding to a bank robbery collided February 10. A Ramsey County sheriff's spokesman said one of the squad cars rolled over. He said the officers were responding to a robbery at InterBank when they collided at the bank entrance. He said the other officer was not hurt. A spokesman from Allina Hospitals and Clinics said an ambulance

took one person to Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis. The sheriff's spokesman said the officer is in stable condition. The Minnesota State Patrol is reconstructing the accident.

Source:

<http://www.sctimes.com/article/20110210/NEWS01/102100016/1009/news01/2-police-cars-collide-responding-to-Roseville-call>

39. *February 9, Homeland Security News Wire* – (Oregon) **Oregon's new budget may kill interoperability system.** The governor of Oregon has proposed budget cuts that would temporarily halt and possibly jeopardize the \$600 million Oregon Wireless Interoperability Network (OWIN). The state project plans to design and construct a reliable public safety radio system for emergency responders, comply with the FCC's 2013 deadline to transition state radios, consolidate four existing independent state radio systems, and create a network that all public safety radio users in Oregon can access. The existing OWIN project called for building or refurbishing nearly 300 radio towers, many on remote mountaintops across Oregon. As proposed, the new system would be "interoperable," beaming signals that any public safety agency in Oregon could someday use. A spokesman for the governor said he is not reversing the state's policy to seek interoperable public safety radio systems, nor has he decided what happens to the OWIN project after the 2011-13 budget.

Source: <http://homelandsecuritynewswire.com/oregon-s-new-budget-may-kill-interoperability-system>

40. *February 9, Allentown Morning Call* – (Pennsylvania) **Allentown: Hand grenade turned into police brings bomb squad downtown.** A World War II-era hand grenade turned into the Allentown, Pennsylvania Police Department February 9 around 9 a.m. has been rendered safe and will be turned over to the U.S. military, according to city officials. The Allentown police captain said a city resident brought the item to the police station, and police requested the fire department's bomb squad to assess the potential danger. The fire department took the grenade outside onto W. Court Street and closed streets in the immediate area of the police station while it X-rayed the item and rendered it safe for transportation, the assistant fire chief said. It will be up to military personnel to retrieve the grenade and determine if it was live or inactive.

Source: [http://articles.mcall.com/2011-02-09/news/mc-allentown-bomb-squad-court-street-20110209\\_1\\_hand-grenade-bomb-squad-police-station](http://articles.mcall.com/2011-02-09/news/mc-allentown-bomb-squad-court-street-20110209_1_hand-grenade-bomb-squad-police-station)

41. *February 9, InformationWeek* – (National) **FEMA loses lessons learned data.** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has been without access to years' worth of lessons-learned data for 9 months, unable to recover access to it since a server failure in May 2010, according to a newly issued report by the DHS inspector general. While the data was recovered by November 2010, the software needed to read it has not been restored, meaning FEMA personnel are not able to access certain historical data stretching back to 2004, before Hurricane Katrina, California wildfires, and other major recent disasters. The database was run by FEMA's Remedial Action Management Program (RAMP), the purpose of which is partially to identify lessons learned from major disasters and other FEMA operations and distribute that

information throughout the agency. That database was accessible by an average of 70 users, according to FEMA, which then disseminated the information to other FEMA employees. However, in May 2010, FEMA's deputy administrator for protection and national preparedness told employees to stop using the database because FEMA was no longer supporting the server on which it was housed. At the time, FEMA was working to implement a data-archiving plan for the RAMP system. But days after the announcement, the server failed.

Source: <http://www.informationweek.com/news/government/enterprise-apps/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=229209496&subSection=News>

42. *February 9, KTVU 2 San Francisco* – (California) **Napa State Hospital patient burned in jail fire.** A Napa State Hospital patient was badly burned February 9 in a fire at the Napa County Jail in Napa, California, a sheriff's sergeant said. The patient was airlifted to the University of California, Davis medical center to be treated for second- and third-degree burns to the hands, arms, abdomen, and legs, the sheriff's sergeant said. The sheriff's office received reports of a structure fire in the jail at about 7:35 p.m., he said. Firefighters had put out the fire by about 8:30 p.m., but it was not clear then how it started or how much damage it caused.  
Source: <http://www.foxreno.com/news/26814419/detail.html>
  
43. *February 7, WDEL 1150 AM Wilmington* – (Delaware) **DE Homeland Security wants to increase 911 dispatchers.** The Delaware Department of Homeland Security has released its fiscal year 2012 budget request as it asks for \$154 million before the joint finance committee. The state homeland security secretary said the state faces a critical staffing shortage in 911 centers. "We've had a 40 percent increase in the calls for service, yet we have not increased the number of dispatchers since 1996. In addition, the population of Delaware has gone up, and the total number of calls has gone up," the secretary said. In his budget request, he is asking for the money to hire 12 new dispatchers. The secretary is also seeking to replace the buildings for Troops 3 and 7 in Camden and Lewes, respectively, citing costly ongoing maintenance.  
Source: <http://www.wdel.com/story.php?id=32255>
  
44. *February 7, Land Line Magazine* – (Mississippi) **Charges filed in Mississippi for CDL, hazmat test falsification.** A retired high-ranking Mississippi State Trooper and a retired state department of public safety employee have been charged in federal court following an investigation over the falsifying of commercial driver's license (CDL) test scores, according to a report issued February 7. Mississippi has seen a series of state troopers face charges for CDL and ticket scams in the past year. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation Office of Inspector General (OIG), the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation worked with the OIG, and the FBI to examine allegations state troopers had "aided and abetted others in creating false commercial driver's license test scores to obtain CDLs." The investigation also looked at claims troopers helped applicants add hazmat and other endorsements without going through state and federally mandated testing requirements, and changed CDL driving records to reduce speeding infractions as well as guilty judicial records in the state's computer system.

Source: [http://www.landlinemag.com/todays\\_news/Daily/2011/Feb11/020711/020711-05.shtml](http://www.landlinemag.com/todays_news/Daily/2011/Feb11/020711/020711-05.shtml)

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## **Information Technology Sector**

45. *February 10, IDG News Service* – (International) **iPhone attack reveals passwords in six minutes.** Researchers in Germany say they have been able to reveal passwords stored in a locked iPhone in just 6 minutes and they did it without cracking the phone's passcode. The attack, which requires possession of the phone, targets keychain, Apple's password management system. Passwords for networks and corporate information systems can be revealed if an iPhone or iPad is lost or stolen, said the researchers at the state-sponsored Fraunhofer Institute Secure Information Technology. It is based on existing exploits that provide access to large parts of the iOS file system even if a device is locked. The attack works because the cryptographic key on current iOS devices is based on material available within the device and is independent of the passcode, the researchers said. This means attackers with access to the phone can create the key from the phone in their possession without having to hack the encrypted and secret passcode. Using the attack, researchers were able to access and decrypt passwords in the keychain, but not passwords in other protection classes.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9208920/iPhone\\_attack\\_reveals\\_passwords\\_in\\_six\\_minutes](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9208920/iPhone_attack_reveals_passwords_in_six_minutes)

46. *February 10, Help Net Security* – (International) **400,000 e-mail addresses stolen in Irish job website breach.** Names and e-mail addresses of some 400,000 job seekers were harvested by hackers who breached the RecruitIreland(dot)com site and its systems. The site was taken offline for a while, and the server and the database were shut down to prevent further access. "The present indicators are that our database was breached to get e-mail addresses and names for spamming," it said in a notice posted on the main page of the site. They notified the data protection commissioner and the Gardai about the breach, and internal and external investigations are under way. The external investigation is being handled by the founder and head of Ireland's CERT and owner of BH Consulting, and the Gardai. Sophos reported the e-mails that have been landing into in-boxes belonging to the users confirm the theory the e-mail addresses have been harvested for spamming purposes and recruiting money mules.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=10567>

47. *February 10, Softpedia* – (International) **Trojan-rigged software keygens aggressively distributed in January.** Serial key generators carrying trojans have made it to the number two spot in BitDefender's malware detection statistics for January, suggesting that this infection vector was aggressively used in January. Trojan(dot)Crack(dot)I accounted for 5.82 percent of all detections seen by BitDefender in January and was only surpassed by a generic signature for AutoRun malware. "This application is a keygen, a binary file designed to defeat the commercial

protection of shareware software products by generating false registration keys. Its emergence on the second place is an indicator of the fact that the worldwide software landscape is affected by piracy and the subsequent threats posed by this practice,” the BitDefender security researchers wrote. The keygen appears harmless, but it actually has a trojan attached that steals registration data for other applications and games installed on the systems. Therefore, users looking to use a commercial product without paying might end up becoming a victim of piracy themselves if they also have legitimate software installed on their computers.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Trojan-Rigged-Software-Keygens-Aggressively-Distributed-in-January-183465.shtml>

48. *February 9, Softpedia* – (International) **Microsoft moves to kill AutoRun malware propagation vector.** Microsoft released an optional software update February 8 that restricts the AutoRun functionality on older Windows operating systems, therefore blocking a common malware propagation vector. AutoRun is the feature responsible for automatically parsing autorun(dot)inf files found on removable media devices, such as USB memory sticks, external HDDs, portable audio players, mobile phones, and optical discs. For years, security experts have campaigned against AutoRun, because it poses more security risks than usability benefits and is constantly abused by malware. Microsoft recognized the dangers and limited the functionality by default in Windows 7 and Windows Server 2008 R2. However, for older versions of Windows, such as XP, Vista, Server 2003, and Server 2008, the company only provided a fix that needed to be manually downloaded and installed. That changed February 8, when KB971029 was released as optional through Windows Update.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/AutoRun-Malware-Propagation-Vector-Finally-Killed-183380.shtml>

49. *February 9, Help Net Security* – (International) **List of top e-threats points to computer use trends.** BitDefender issued its monthly top 10 list of e-threats, which offers some insight into security and computer use trends. The list (for January) is as follows: 1. Trojan.AutorunINF.Gen — 7.40 percent; 2. Trojan.Crack.I — 5.82 percent; 3. Win32.Worm.Downadup.Gen — 5.78 percent; 4. Gen:Variant.Adware.Hotbar.2 — 4.26 percent; 5. Java.Trojan.Downloader.OpenConnection.AI — 3.56 percent; 6. Win32.Sality.OG — 2.24 percent; 7. Gen:Variant.Adware.Hotbar.1 — 2.23 percent; 8. Exploit.CplLnk.Gen — 2.19 percent; 9. Win32.Sality.3 — 2.00 percent; and 10. Win32.Worm.DownadupJob.A — 1.92 percent. Comparing it to previous lists, they noticed that the Downadup/Conficker worm has dropped from the first to the third place and concluded that computer users have finally recognized the need of regularly applying patches to their Windows and that possibly some of them have migrated from the XP to version 7 of the OS. The bad news is that the list also reflects that software piracy is on the rise.

Source: [http://www.net-security.org/malware\\_news.php?id=1625](http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=1625)

50. *February 9, Softpedia* – (International) **Oracle releases fix for dangerous Java denial of service bug.** Oracle has released a fix for a serious vulnerability in the Java Runtime Environment that could allow attackers to execute remote denial of service attacks

against Java-based applications and servers. The bug, which was recently documented, triggers an infinite loop in the runtime when trying to convert the decimal number 2.2250738585072012e-308 to a double-precision binary floating-point. Reports of the same issue, but described a bit differently have been found going back to 2001 and according to a computer expert, equivalent forms of the number trigger the same problem at all. Oracle has published a Security Alert regarding this vulnerability, which has received the CVE-2010-4476 identifier and has a CVSS base score of 5.0. According to the company, the affected products are Java SE 6 Update 23 and before, 5.0 Update 27 and before and 1.4.2\_29 and before.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Oracles-Release-Fix-for-Dangerous-Java-Denial-of-Service-Bug-183463.shtml>

51. *February 8, Reuters* – (International) **Cellphone security threats rise sharply: McAfee.** In its fourth-quarter threat report, released February 8, McAfee said the number of pieces of new cellphone malware it found in 2010 rose 46 percent over 2009's level. "As more users access the Internet from an ever-expanding pool of devices — computer, tablet, smartphone or Internet TV — Web-based threats will continue to grow in size and sophistication," the report said. McAfee attributed the trend to Adobe's greater popularity in mobile devices and non-Microsoft environments, coupled with the ongoing widespread use of PDF document files to convey malware. Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/02/08/us-security-mobile-idUSTRE7170LO20110208>

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

52. *February 10, WSBT 22 South Bend* – (National) **Hundreds evacuated during fire at Merrillville theater.** About 1,800 people were evacuated from a theater in Merrillville, Indiana when a fire broke out on stage February 9. The Ross Township fire chief said a curtain on the right side of the stage caught fire about 8:10 p.m. during a performance at northwest Indiana's Star Plaza Theatre. He said the audience and performers were safely ushered out of the building and the sprinkler system put out the fire. The cause of

the fire is under investigation, but it could have been a stage light or audio equipment.  
Source: <http://www.wsbt.com/news/wsbt-hundreds-evacuated-during-fire-at-merriville-theater-20110210,0,3290312.story>

53. *February 9, WSMV 4 Nashville* – (Tennessee) **Man catches fire In meth lab explosion.** A Clarksville, Tennessee hotel methamphetamine lab explosion landed one man in the hospital with severe burns. Officials with the Montgomery County Fire Department said a one-pot meth lab exploded February 8 at the Value Place Inn on Kennedy Street. “The hotel was almost 98 percent occupied, so you’re talking about an almost fully occupied building right here and how one person’s actions can affect the whole, entire building,” said an official with the Montgomery County Fire Department. Officials said the fire alarms sounded, and the sprinkler system activated as the man, still on fire, went running down 3 flights of stairs, outside the hotel and into the snow, where he tried to put out the flames. The man suffered burns on his face, neck, chest and both arms and had to be taken by helicopter to Vanderbilt’s burn center.  
Source: <http://www.wsmv.com/news/26806278/detail.html>
54. *February 9, WABI 5 Bangor* – (Maine) **Empire Beauty School evacuated, 12 taken to hospital.** For the second time in 3 months, students at a beauty school in Bangor, Maine, have been taken to the hospital because of a carbon monoxide scare. The Bangor assistant fire chief said they got a call around 9:40 a.m. February 9 from Empire Beauty School saying there was a gas odor in the building. The school was evacuated, and 12 people wound up in local hospitals with symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning. In November, a similar incident sent some of the school’s students to hospitals. The school has carbon monoxide detectors. Fire officials believe a heating unit is to blame for the carbon monoxide leak.  
Source: <http://www.wabi.tv/news/17757/update-empire-beauty-school-evacuated-12-taken-to-hospital>

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

55. *February 10, St. Louis Post-Dispatch* – (Missouri) **Worker injured by tram inside Gateway Arch.** A 55-year-old worker at the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Missouri, was seriously injured February 9 while repairing the tram inside the monument’s south leg, officials said. The National Park Service employee from Robertsville, was doing electrical work about 11 a.m. when he was briefly pinned between the moving tram and the internal structure of the Arch, a captain with the St. Louis Fire Department said. The worker was trapped for about 30 seconds before co-workers freed him. He was in serious condition that evening. At the time of the accident, the south tram was being controlled by a person at a work platform below, but the deputy park superintendent of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, which includes the Arch, said it is unclear whether mechanical or human error caused the accident. The worker was in radio contact with the person in control of the tram. Paramedics treated the worker at the top of the Arch, brought him down on the north leg tram, and rolled him out on a stretcher

about 11:35 a.m. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration is investigating. Source: [http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/article\\_9f3b5873-7763-593f-aaa4-74a65ef09f59.html](http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/article_9f3b5873-7763-593f-aaa4-74a65ef09f59.html)

56. *February 10, Macon Telegraph* – (Georgia) **Ocmulgee National Monument fire ruled arson.** A 154-year-old house that survived a Civil War raid was nearly destroyed in an arson fire February 9 at the Ocmulgee National Monument in Georgia. Macon police arrested a man with cuts on his hands who was watching the commotion as crews battled the blaze. Just before 3:40 a.m., a fire alarm alerted firefighters, who arrived to find the back side of the superintendent's house on fire near the entrance to the park. The man who used to live there moved his family off the property more than 4 years ago. The house had been vacant since the fall when a law enforcement ranger left. A 57-year-old Macon man was charged with arson, burglary, and criminal trespass, according to the Bibb County Sheriff's Office. He is being held at the Bibb County jail without bond. The sheriff's office, federal law enforcement rangers, and the Macon-Bibb County Fire Department are investigating. Source: <http://www.macon.com/2011/02/10/1445829/ocmulgee-national-monument-fire.html>

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## **Dams Sector**

57. *February 10, Eureka Times-Standard* – (California) **Jacobs Avenue group moving forward to maintain levee.** In an effort to get a handle on an 80-year-old Eureka, California, levee, Jacobs Avenue property owners will pool resources to have an engineer assess its status, the group decided February 9. It will cost about \$15,000 to hire an engineering firm to assess the mile-long levee. The handful of owners who went to the February 9 meeting will talk with other owners about raising funds. The levee had been keeping Jacobs Avenue businesses and homes out of the 100-year flood plain, which indicates a 1 percent chance of a flood every year. Built in the 1930s, the levee is split into 33 sections and jointly owned by many property owners. That area will be put into the 100-year flood plain at the end of this year as a result of a 2009 department of water resources reassessment of local flood plain maps, as it was not certified to meet federal standards. The Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Plain Insurance Map will take Jacobs Avenue from the protected zone C designation to unprotected zone A, which would require some property owners to obtain flood insurance. Source: [http://www.times-standard.com/localnews/ci\\_17348593](http://www.times-standard.com/localnews/ci_17348593)
58. *February 10, Pueblo Chieftan* – (Colorado) **Levee repair work under way.** The Arkansas River soon will take a detour through Pueblo, Colorado, as work began on a diversion to repair the levee through the Downtown Whitewater Park. Construction crews started work the week of January 31 on moving the river away from the levee to place drains at its base. The drains are needed because when the fish ladder and kayak course were built, river flows changed and water began undercutting the dirt at the base of the concrete wall on the north side of the river. The repairs must be made before

water levels increase in March, and are considered critical to prevent leakage into the Union Avenue district and downtown. The diversion is the first step of the \$500,000 project. A minilevee will be built to divert water to the south side of the Arkansas River. After that, contractors will repair the damage already done to the base of the levee, while installing pipe that will prevent further erosion of soil under the levee.

Source: [http://www.chieftain.com/news/local/article\\_07f5ba1a-34db-11e0-b662-001cc4c002e0.html](http://www.chieftain.com/news/local/article_07f5ba1a-34db-11e0-b662-001cc4c002e0.html)

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