



Homeland Security

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Current Nationwide Threat Level

ELEVATED

Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks

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- According to Bloomberg, computer hackers working through Internet servers in China broke into and stole proprietary data from the networks of six U.S. and European energy companies, including Exxon Mobil Corp., Royal Dutch Shell Plc and BP Plc. (See item [3](#))
- The Dallas Morning News reports a 20-year-old Saudi Arabian national was arrested by the FBI in Lubbock, Texas for plotting to carry out terrorist attacks against dams, nuclear power plants, and the home of a former U.S. President. (See item [28](#))

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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 24, Galveston County Daily News* – (Texas) **Pipeline rupture forces highway closure.** A Texas City, Texas, pipeline carrying gasoline ruptured at about 3 a.m. February 24 forcing the evacuation of about 15 homes and the closure of state Highway 146. About 6,000 gallons of gasoline spilled before flow to the line was shut off. There was no fire or explosion. The city’s homeland security coordinator said there are currently no readers of high concentrations of fumes, but the concern is fumes could

gather under two nearby highway overpasses. There was no information as to how soon the leak would be plugged. The pipeline is owned by Magellan Midstream Partners LP. Source: <http://galvestondailynews.com/story/213674>

2. *February 24, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Three injured in explosion, fire at gas well.** An explosion and fire at a gas well at the Chesapeake Appalachia LLC Powers site in Avella, Pennsylvania, injured three workers February 23, Washington County emergency officials said. Workers were transferring water used in a gas-extraction process called hydraulic fracturing, and several of the natural gas liquids storage tanks caught fire, said a spokeswoman for the department of environmental protection's southwest region. After the explosion, two workers were flown and another was taken by ambulance to hospitals. The extent of their injuries was not immediately known. The fire was reported extinguished at 9:30 p.m. An investigation began February 24 to determine the cause of the blast. A company spokesman said emergency responders kept the natural gas liquids storage tanks cool. He said the wells had already been completed and there was no danger to the public or the environment. Area fire crews and the county hazardous-materials team battled the flames. Source: http://www.yorkdispatch.com/news/ci_17467893

3. *February 24, Bloomberg* – (National) **Exxon, Shell, BP said to have been hacked through Chinese internet servers.** Computer hackers working through Internet servers in China broke into and stole proprietary information from the networks of six U.S. and European energy companies, February 10, including Exxon Mobil Corp., Royal Dutch Shell Plc and BP Plc, according to one of the companies and investigators who spoke about the incident February 23. The attacks, dubbed "Night Dragon," originated "primarily in China" and occurred during the past 3 years. The list of companies hit also include Marathon Oil, ConocoPhillips, and Baker Hughes Inc. In some of the cases, hackers had undetected access to company networks for more than 1 year, said a chief executive officer of HBGary Inc., a cyber-security company that investigated some of the security breaches. "Legal information, information on deals and financial information are all things that appear to be targeted," the CEO said, summing up conclusions his firm made from the types of documents and persons targeted by the hackers. "This is straight up industrial espionage." Hackers targeted computerized topographical maps worth "millions of dollars" that show locations of potential oil reserves, said an InGuardians Inc. employee, whose company investigated two recent breaches of U.S. oil companies' networks. McAfee Inc., a cyber-security firm, reported February 10 that such attacks had resulted in the loss of "project-financing information with regard to oil and gas field bids and operations." The McAfee report described the techniques used to get into the computers as "unsophisticated" and commonly used by Chinese hackers. The attacks began in November 2009, McAfee said. Two cyber investigators familiar with the probes said the attacks began even earlier, in 2008, and involved several well-financed groups. A former head of U.S. counterintelligence during the Bush and Obama administrations said the thefts of oil company data like those in the McAfee report match the profile of industrial espionage operations that have the backing or consent of the Chinese government.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-02-24/exxon-shell-bp-said-to-have-been-hacked-through-chinese-internet-servers.html>

4. *February 23, Cleveland Plain Dealer* – (Ohio) **Fairport Harbor damages estimated at \$1.2 million in gas explosions.** The natural gas surge that caused explosions around Fairport Harbor, Ohio, last month caused more than \$1.2 million in damage to homes, the Dominion East Ohio gas company estimated in a federal report February 23. Dominion also reported it still has not determined the cause. The simultaneous failure of a pressure valve and its backup in an above-ground regulator station allowed about 75,000 cubic feet of gas to surge into home gas lines and appliances at pressures 17 times the normal pressure, the report said. The incident affected more than 1,500 people. The simultaneous failure of the two regulators is highly unusual, and the company has sent the valves to be tested at a laboratory operated by the Gas Technology Institute in Chicago. The mandatory report to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) and the U.S. Department of Transportation also revealed the regulator station was built in 1999, but it does not say whether the valves were ever replaced or rebuilt. In an interview immediately after the incident, PUCO engineers said simple mechanical valves like the two in question are rugged and can stay in service for years as long as they are properly inspected and serviced. The company previously reported it inspected the valves in the fall of 2010. In the initial inspection of the regulator station, state and company inspectors said they found debris and a liquid in the pipeline. The liquid has not been publicly identified.

Source:

http://www.cleveland.com/business/index.ssf/2011/02/fairport_harbor_damages_estima.html

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Chemical Industry Sector

5. *February 24, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **Judge taps expert to review W.Va. chemical plant.** A federal judge has extended an order temporarily barring Bayer CropScience from using a West Virginia plant to produce the same toxic chemical that killed thousands in India in 1984. In doing so, the judge also appointed a chemical engineering expert to assess safety at the sprawling Bayer chemical plant, which is about 10 miles west of Charleston. A Texas A&M professor has until March 14 to assess the chances of a catastrophe involving methyl isocyanate (MIC) at the plant. The order requires him to inspect records and the plant to decide whether Bayer's processes for making, storing and transporting MIC are safe. It also requires him to assess the risk of a catastrophe involving the chemical. The judge extended the temporary restraining order until March 28 to give the professor time to finish his work. Bayer had planned to resume producing the chemical before residents filed suit this month. A 1984 MIC leak at a Union Carbide plant in Bhopal, India, killed thousands of people.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-02-24/judge-taps-expert-to-review-w-va-chemical-plant.html>

6. *February 23, KMOV 4 St. Louis* – (Illinois) **Crews called to hazmat situation in Caseyville, IL.** Crews were called to the scene of a haz-mat situation on California Drive at Highway 157 in Caseyville, Illinois. Fairview Heights Fire Department confirmed the incident was at Illini Environmental Inc. The company owner said employees were mixing two drums of chlorine bath tablets (toilet bowl cleaner) with latex paint to prepare them for shipment to a landfill when they gave off a lot of vapor. The white smoke/chemical cloud was so thick it was first thought to be a fire. An employee called police to report a chemical spill but a passerby called 911 and reported a fire. The owner said the smoke should not be hazardous, but as a precaution the business was evacuated and residents in two nearby homes were told to shelter in place, stay in home with windows shut and ac/heat turned off. Hazmat teams were testing the air and mixed materials determine what was mixed and to ensure it didn't pose any further threat to workers or neighbors. Illini gets non-hazardous waste ready for landfills.

Source: <http://www.kmov.com/news/local/Hazmat-situation-in-St-Clair-County-116771829.html>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

7. *February 23, Quincy Patriot Ledger* – (Massachusetts) **Plymouth's Pilgrim nuclear plant prepares to restart after leak.** The Pilgrim nuclear power plant in Plymouth, Massachusetts, was back in business February 24 following a 3-day shutdown to repair a leak in a tube that carries salt water used for its cooling system. Operators started a controlled shutdown of the 685-megawatt plant February 20 and notified the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Entergy Corp., which operates the facility, said in a report "this event had no impact on the health and/or safety of the public." The report said a section of a reactor building was "declared inoperable" and could not be repaired within 72 hours, prompting the shutdown.

Source: <http://www.patriotledger.com/business/x678656094/Pilgrim-nuclear-plant-shut-down-due-to-leakage#axzz1Et37IALu>

8. *February 22, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Audit faults Hanford plan to treat sludge.** A new federal audit said a project planned to treat K Basin radioactive sludge at the Hanford nuclear reservation in Hanford, Washington, cost \$43 million without producing any results. The audit by the Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Inspector General (OIG) said the money was spent on engineering and purchasing of equipment from 2004 to 2007. The Tri-City Herald said the audit released February 22 found that an initial feasibility study was not done, and laboratory and demonstration scale testing were not done in a timely fashion. The audit said the project was dropped after safety concerns were raised and the cost of improving the design proved prohibitive. DOE has told the OIG it is working on a new approach to treat the sludge.

Source:

http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2014303430_apwahanfordsludgeaudit.html

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

9. *February 24, Associated Press* – (National) **Toyota recalling 2.17 million vehicles in U.S.** Toyota Motor Corp. recalled 2.17 million vehicles in the United States February 24 to address accelerator pedals that could become entrapped in floor mats or jammed in driver’s side carpeting, prompting federal regulators to close its investigation into the embattled automaker. The U.S. Department of Transportation said it had reviewed more than 400,000 pages of Toyota documents to determine whether the scope of the company’s recalls for pedal entrapment was sufficient. “As a result of the agency’s review, (the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration[NHTSA]) asked Toyota to recall these additional vehicles, and now that the company has done so, our investigation is closed,” an NHTSA administrator said. Toyota has now recalled more than 14 million vehicles globally to fix gas pedals and other safety problems since 2009. U.S. regulators said earlier in February 2011 that electronic flaws were not to blame for reports of sudden, unintended acceleration.

Source: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/41756436/ns/business-autos/>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Banking and Finance Sector

10. *February 24, WGHP 8 Sophia* – (North Carolina) **‘Ball cap bandit’ wanted in 3 Triad bank robberies.** Detectives in High Point and Thomasville in North Carolina believe a man labeled the “Ball Cap Bandit” by the FBI is responsible for robbing 3 local banks over the past 2 weeks. Detectives with High Point Police Department and Thomasville Police Department believe the suspect who robbed the High Point Bank and Trust on Eastchester Drive might be the same suspect that robbed the BB&T on Randolph Street in Thomasville, and the State Employees’ Credit Union in Asheboro. The suspect in all three robberies is described as a white male, approximately 50 years old, short, about 150 lbs and with a “scruffy” beard. The suspect was reportedly wearing blue jeans, a light green or blue jacket, tan colored camouflage hat, and sunglasses.

Source: <http://www.myfox8.com/news/wghp-story-ball-cap-bandit-110224,0,2436322.story>

11. *February 24, Bucks County Courier Times* – (Pennsylvania) **Man charged in bank robberies.** A Bensalem, Pennsylvania man is in jail on a \$1 million bail, accused of robbing two Bucks County banks February 18 and February 19, netting him more than \$26,000. The suspect was arraigned February 23 in connection with the robberies at the TD Bank at 624 S. Oxford Valley Road in Bristol Township February 18, and the Bank of America at 381 Easton Road in Warrington February 19, according to court documents. In both robberies, investigators said the suspect asked for a withdrawal slip and wrote on it that he wanted money, then he handed the note to the teller.
Source: <http://www.phillyburbs.com/news/local/courier-times/courier-times-news-details/article/28/2011/february/24/man-charged-in-bank-robberies.html>
12. *February 23, H Security* – (International) **Online banking trojan attacks Windows Mobile smartphones.** According to reports from F-Secure and Kaspersky, fraudsters are using a special trojan for smartphones to target users who use mTANs for online banking. As well as a Symbian version, there is now a version which specifically targets Windows Mobile. It uses the same trick as the September 2010 wave of trojans which targeted Symbian mobiles. After infecting a PC, the Zeus trojan displays additional fields on online banking Web sites, into which the victim is requested to enter the number and make of his or her mobile phone. The victim then receives a text containing a URL for what claims to be a certificate update. After installation, this turns out to be a trojan which secretly forwards texts containing mTANs to a phone number in the United Kingdom.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Online-banking-trojan-attacks-Windows-Mobile-smartphones-1195623.html>
13. *February 23, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **Credit card fraud investigation leads to four arrests.** An organized group of 16 suspects illegally acquired more than \$250,000 in goods by taking credit cards from more than 100 people, a Louisiana State Police (LSP) superintendent said February 23. Individuals in the French Quarter and Central Business District of New Orleans have been the primary target of the bandits whose reach extended far beyond the area, a LSP spokesman said. Four of the 16 suspects have been arrested. Warrants have been issued for the others. Two of the people arrested are charged with access device fraud. The other two arrested are charged with attempted device fraud. All four suspects live in New Orleans. A task force of the members of the LSP, the New Orleans Police Department, and the U.S. Secret Service have been investigating the organized group. Police said the 16 suspects shared stolen cards with each other.
Source: <http://www.nola.com/crime/index.ssf/2011/02/law-enforcement-team-goes-after.html>
14. *February 23, IDG News* – (International) **Belarus man pleads guilty to running identity theft site.** A 26-year-old Belarusian man entered a guilty plea February 23 to

running an identity theft Web site designed to thwart the antifraud measures used by many banks. Until he was arrested in April 2010, the man had been the mastermind behind CallService(dot)biz, a Web site that helped more than 2,000 identity thieves commit fraud. CallService employed a network of English and German speakers who would call up banks, pretending to be ID theft victims, and confirm fraudulent transactions rung up by the criminals. This enabled them to skirt antifraud measures put in place by many U.S. banks, which often ask cardholders to phone in to confirm suspicious transactions. The man would make sure his callers were the correct gender, and then tell them exactly what to say to ensure the bogus purchases went through. He'd give his callers a dossier on the victim, including the name, e-mail address, Social Security number and answers to security questions such as "What city were you married in?" and "What is the name of your oldest sibling?" In online advertisements, CallService(dot)biz claimed to have done over 5,400 of these confirmation calls. The suspect faces a maximum sentence of nearly 38 years in prison on wire and credit card fraud charges, and is set to be sentenced May 26.

Source:

http://www.pcworld.com/businesscenter/article/220506/belarus_man_pleads_guilty_to_running_identity_theft_site.html

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Transportation Sector

15. *February 24, Los Angeles Times* – (International) **LIBYA: U.S.-chartered ferry still blocked in Tripoli, 285 still on board.** The ferry chartered by the U.S. government to evacuate Americans wanting to leave violence-wracked Libya remains docked at Tripoli harbor for a second day, the U.S. State Department reported February 24. The U.S. government statement said 285 passengers were on board, including 167 U.S. citizens, down from the 575 reported to have boarded the vessel February 23. It was not immediately clear when or why about half the passengers had disembarked. But concerns have been expressed by analysts observing the chaotic scene in Tripoli that the regime of the embattled Libyan leader may be holding up the ferry's departure to deter any United States or allied action against him. The State Department said the government expected the ferry to depart "in the next several hours," a forecast similar to the one made 24 hours earlier.
Source: <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/babylonbeyond/2011/02/libya-protests-ferry-blocked-us-citizens.html>

16. *February 24, Associated Press* – (International) **Pirates reinforcing ships with ammo, men after 4 US deaths.** Pirates in Somalia said February 23 they were ferrying ammunition and men to the 30 hijacked vessels still under their control, and they threatened to kill more captives after the violent end to a hostage standoff that left four Americans on a hijacked yacht dead. The U.S. military said the 15 pirates detained after the Americans were slain February 22 could face trial in the United States. The military, FBI, and Justice Department are working on the next steps.
Source:

http://www.boston.com/news/world/africa/articles/2011/02/24/pirates_reinforcing_ships_with_ammunition_after_4_us_deaths/

17. *February 23, CNN* – (International) **Global accident rate is lowest ever for Western-built jets.** Last year was the safest in aviation history for passengers flying on Western-built jets, an international aviation trade group said February 23. The 2010 global accident rate was 0.61 per million flights, a rate equating to one accident for every 1.6 million flights, according to the International Air Transport Association. That is just below the previous historic low rate of 0.65 rate in 2006, and a “significant improvement” over the rate of 0.71 recorded in 2009. There were 17 plane accidents — or hull losses, in the lingo of the business — involving Western-built jet aircraft in 2010, compared to 19 the previous year. A hull loss is an accident where a plane is destroyed or damaged beyond repair.
Source: <http://edition.cnn.com/2011/TRAVEL/02/23/plane.accidents/?hpt=T2>

18. *February 23, Agence France-Presse* – (International) **High seas off Tripoli delay US ferry evacuation.** American nationals and other foreigners evacuating Libya have boarded a U.S.-chartered ferry in Tripoli, but their departure has been delayed by high seas, officials said February 23. Countries and companies were scrambling to pull foreign citizens out of the fractured north African country amid widespread unrest as the increasingly isolated Libyan leader clings to power. “The ferry departure from Libya to Malta is delayed due to high seas. Citizens are safe on board. It will leave when the weather permits,” a State Department spokesman wrote in a Twitter message. The ferry, chartered by the United States to evacuate embassy staff and other nationals due to the difficulty of organizing charter flights, can hold up to 575 passengers. The spokesman said at least 35 American diplomats or family members of diplomats were on board along with an unknown number of other U.S. nationals and citizens of other countries.
Source:
<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5gRU70X5GZTB8BCgKqI740q8GAhBg?docId=CNG.500422060628702d0c7179bcd0174e76.91>

19. *February 20, Oshkosh Northwestern* – (National) **Canadian National Railroad plans to replace aging bridge in Oshkosh.** A plan to replace the Canadian National rail bridge over the Fox River aims to minimize the impact on boaters and train traffic through the Oshkosh, Wisconsin, area during a 3-year construction period. It could also reduce the time motorists have to wait at east-side railroad crossings. A Canadian National spokesman said trains must slow down to 25 mph to cross the 112-year-old bridge due to its age and condition. He said the railroad’s goal is to move trains through Oshkosh at 40 mph once a new lift bridge is completed 40 feet east of the existing swing bridge. The Oshkosh city manager said the condition of the bridge could force trains to go as slow as 10 mph through the city if the company does not get its plans approved by the city, U.S. Coast Guard, and state agencies. The plans call for construction of a lift bridge with a massive counterweight that raises a 125-foot span into the air to allow boaters to pass through. Construction of the foundation would begin this fall, followed by utility replacement in the spring of 2012 before actual

construction of the new bridge. Final work and changing train traffic over to the new bridge would occur in 2013.

Source:

<http://www.thenorthwestern.com/article/20110221/OSH0101/102210353/0/OSH020507/Plan-replace-bridge-aims-minimize-impact-boaters-train-traffic-construction?odyssey=nav|head>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

20. *February 24, Daytona Beach News-Journal* – (Florida) **Police probe explosive device hoax in Edgewater.** Edgewater, Florida police officials are investigating why someone put a hoax explosive device in a Riverside Drive mailbox. A police spokesman said his agency was called out to the 1300 block of South Riverside Drive after the suspicious package was uncovered February 23. “I was told it looked like it was haphazardly made,” he said. “But because of past situations, we were not going to take any chances.” The Volusia County Sheriff’s Office bomb squad responded and — after almost 6 hours — the all-clear was issued.

Source: <http://www.news-journalonline.com/news/local/southeast-volusia/2011/02/24/police-probe-explosive-device-hoax-in-edgewater.html>

21. *February 22, Lewiston Sun Journal* – (Maine) **Suspicious package found at post office.** A Maine State Police bomb team was called February 20 to check out a suspicious package found at the East Dixfield Post Office in Wilton, Maine. After X-raying the package, they determined it was harmless, according to a Wilton Police Department statement. When a Wilton police officer first arrived at the post office at about 10 a.m., he investigated the package and secured the area. The bomb team was then notified and arrived at about 1 p.m. They X-rayed it and decided it was harmless.

Source: <http://www.sunjournal.com/franklin/story/989477>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

22. *February 23, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (National) **Chicken and noodle product recall.** Cedarlane Natural Foods, Inc., a Los Angeles, California, establishment, recalled about 1,050 pounds of chicken and noodle products, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced February 23. These products are misbranded because the USDA mark of inspection does not appear on the package labels available to consumers. The products subject to recall include: Cases containing six 16-ounce trays of “Wholesome Home Chicken & Noodles.” The sell-by date “09/21/11” is ink jetted on the side of each case, and the Julian date “10264” can be found on the label of each 16-ounce tray. The

distributor discovered the problem and notified Cedarlane, who then notified FSIS. It was determined the USDA mark of inspection was dropped from labels for this particular production day due to a printing error.

Source:

http://imperialvalleynews.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=9577&Itemid=1

23. *February 23, KSAZ 10 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **Phoenix Fire arrests suspected Safeway arsonist.** Phoenix Fire investigators in Phoenix, Arizona, arrested the person who allegedly started a fire at a Safeway supermarket February 16. The 18-year-old suspect is accused of setting fire to the Safeway located on E. Thunderbird Road. His next court hearing is March 8. Video surveillance helped investigators make the arrest. “The store manager had video of the subject going in and out of the fire origin area multiple times,” the Phoenix fire captain said. The fire caused more than \$100,000 in damage. The fire started in a storage area near stacked cardboard. Customers and employees were evacuated while firefighters extinguished the flames. The store had a sprinkler system in place. The motive for the arson is not known.

Source: <http://www.myfoxphoenix.com/dpp/news/crime/safeway-arsonist-arrest-2-23-2011>

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Water Sector

24. *February 24, KMVT 11 Twin Falls* – (Idaho) **Jerome city officials puzzled where a calcium slime is coming from causing the wastewater treatment system to fail.** Members of the Jerome, Idaho city council held a special meeting February 18 to discuss what they are calling a “crisis” at the wastewater treatment plant. According to city officials, an unknown substance consisting of calcium slime has appeared. As a result, officials said the plant’s membrane filtration system has been compromised for nearly two 2 meaning the plant is unable to properly separate and treat incoming flows. City officials said they are still unsure where the sticky, calcium slime is coming from. They said samples have been sent off for testing. In the meantime, city officials said they are working on a system to prevent sewage overflows from getting into the Northside Canal system.

Source: <http://www.kmvt.com/news/local/Jerome-city-officials-puzzled-where-a-calcium-slime-is-coming-from-causing-the-wastewater-treatment-system-to-fail-116657899.html>

25. *February 22, Associated Press* – (Kentucky) **State issues violation to water plant.** Kentucky environmental regulators have issued a violation notice to a water treatment plant after problems surfaced during a diesel spill into the North Fork of the Kentucky River. The Kentucky Department of Environmental Protection gave the notice February 18 to Whitesburg’s water treatment plant. A division of water spokeswoman said the notice said actions that could have stopped the fuel from passing through the plant were not taken, and that there were problems with the proper

operation of the facility. The Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet said the source of the February 15 leak was identified as Childers Oil Bulk Facility, where a remote underground pipeline associated with an above-ground storage tank leaked due to equipment malfunction.

Source: <http://www.wlky.com/news/26950405/detail.html>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

26. *February 23, Madison Badger Herald* – (Wisconsin) **UW Health professional receives threat.** Following controversy stemming from University of Wisconsin (UW) Health professionals allegedly writing medical notes to excuse protesters from work the week of February 14, threats have been reported against some of the involved physicians. According to a UW School of Medicine and Public Health statement, at least one of the accused physicians has recently received a threat in response to the alleged actions. He said the threat of violence is of great concern to the school, and all threats are currently being investigated. A UW Health spokeswoman said police were notified of the reported threat. Although the threat was received at the physician's home through a phone call, the spokeswoman said UW has been flooded with calls from the public. Clinic leaders were also "very concerned" with reports that incorrectly blamed some UW Health employees for writing the notes. The school has launched a formal investigation of the other UW physicians who have been identified for wrongfully writing medical notes claiming some of the thousands of protesters who gathered at the Capitol were unable to attend work because of stress or similar conditions warranted by the Wisconsin governor's budget repair bill.
Source: http://badgerherald.com/news/2011/02/23/uw_health_profession.php

27. *February 23, Miami Herald* – (Florida) **Police raid South Florida pill mills.** Narcotics agents across South Florida descended on more than a dozen pain clinics February 23, arresting at least 20 people — including 5 doctors — in the most dramatic effort yet to curb the region's booming business of illegal prescription narcotics. The raids were the culmination of a 2-year investigation by a task force of federal, state, and local investigators, an operation dubbed "Operation Pill Nation." Undercover agents were dispatched to storefront pain clinics to buy painkillers such as oxycodone without any medical justification, investigators said. The Broward sheriff called the raids a new front in a "new kind of drug war": A war on the massive trafficking of prescription drugs through pain clinics operating with the outward appearance of legitimacy, where doctors hand out pills without taking medical exams, and armed guards patrol the lobbies. In Broward alone, the number of clinics grew from 4 to 130 in less than 4 years — making South Florida the prime supplier of illegal pills in the eastern United States. The clinics attract drug couriers posing as patients who travel from Kentucky, Ohio, and West Virginia, where an oxycodone pill can sell for 10 times the price charged by a South Florida doctor. In the first 6 months of 2010, the amount of oxycodone sold in Florida was 9 times more than the oxycodone distributed in the rest of the United States, said a Drug Enforcement Administration agent in the Miami field office.

Among those charged, a Delray Beach doctor accused of prescribing 387,000 oxycodone tablets in the first 6 months of 2010.

Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2011/02/23/v-fullstory/2081378/police-raid-south-florida-pill.html>

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Government Facilities Sector

28. *February 24, Dallas Morning News* – (Texas; Colorado; California) **FBI: Lubbock college student from Saudi Arabia targeted Bush’s Dallas home in bombing plot.** A 20-year-old Saudi Arabian national arrested by the FBI in Lubbock, Texas, for allegedly plotting to carry out terrorist attacks, also allegedly targeted the Dallas home of the 43rd U.S. President, documents show. The Saudi citizen was arrested February 23 and was scheduled to appear before a federal judge in Lubbock February 25. Agents also found lists of various targets, including reservoir dams in Colorado and California, and nuclear power plants. According to an arrest warrant affidavit, FBI agents learned of the man’s alleged plotting February 1, when a chemical supplier reported a suspicious attempted purchase of concentrated phenol. Phenol can be used to make explosives. The suspect had successfully purchased concentrated nitric and sulfuric acids in December. He also allegedly purchased many other items, including a gas mask, a haz-mat suit, a soldering iron kit, glass beakers and flasks, wiring, a stun gun, clocks, and a battery tester. A spokesman said the terrorism investigation is ongoing, but “the federal complaint contains no allegations that he received direction from or was under the control of a foreign terrorist organization. We are confident that we have eliminated the alleged threat by [the accused],” he said. The suspect was lawfully admitted into the United States in 2008 on a student visa, and is enrolled at South Plains College near Lubbock. In online blog entries agents found, the man allegedly wrote of his plans to carry out violent jihad, or holy war, in the United States. The affidavit also alleged he conducted research indicating he considered using infant dolls to conceal explosives, and considered targeting of a nightclub with an explosive concealed in a backpack. A search of his Lubbock residence revealed a journal, which showed he had been allegedly plotting for years.

Source: <http://www.dallasnews.com/news/state/headlines/20110224-fbi-lubbock-college-student-from-saudi-arabia-targeted-bushs-dallas-home-in-terror-plot.ece>

29. *February 24, Softpedia* – (International) **Phishers target EDU email users.** Phishers are targeting university students with e-mails that pose as notifications from the system administrator claiming their (dot)edu e-mail accounts have exceeded the allowed storage quota. According to researchers from M86 Security, the attack was timed to coincide with students returning to school. An exceeded storage limit might sound plausible for students who have not checked their (dot)edu mailboxes in a while and left e-mails and spam to pile up. One phishing e-mail intercepted by the vendor read: “Your mailbox has exceeded the storage limit set by the administrator, you may not be able to send or receive new mail until you Re-validate your mailbox. To Re-validate and upgrade your mailbox please click here.” Another one is more targeted and

specifies the name of the university's Web service and how big the storage quota is. The actual phishing page suggests an inexperienced attacker. It displays a form created with an automatic tool, asking for full name, e-mail address, user name and password. According to the M86 researchers who also uncovered the unprotected admin panel, despite the poor quality of the phishing page, the attack still managed to claim many victims.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Phishers-Target-EDU-Email-Users-186067.shtml>

30. *February 23, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Teen sentenced for plot to attack VA high school.** A teenager convicted of plotting to attack a high school in Virginia Beach, Virginia will spend 12 years in prison. Media outlets reported a 19-year-old was sentenced February 23 in Virginia Beach Circuit Court. A jury convicted the former Landstown High School student last November on 18 felony charges related to a plot to attack the school with explosives and sawed-off shotguns. Jurors rejected the teen's insanity defense. A judge sentenced the teen to 68 years, and then suspended all but 12 years of the term. The convict will serve the sentence in a juvenile facility until he is 21. He then will be transferred to an adult facility. He told the judge there was not anything he could say or do to excuse his actions.

Source:

[http://www.whsv.com/virginiaap/headlines/Teen Will be Sentenced for Plot to Attack VA High School 116749454.html](http://www.whsv.com/virginiaap/headlines/Teen_Will_be_Sentenced_for_Plot_to_Attack_VA_High_School_116749454.html)

31. *February 23, Associated Press* – (New York) **NYC plans to remove school lights leaking toxins.** New York City will remove public school lighting fixtures leaking toxic chemicals known as PCBs, the city announced February 23. More than \$700 million in city money has been set aside for the project, which also would replace heaters and improve energy efficiency. The city said the timeline could be accelerated after a review in 2014. "Given that both the EPA and the Department of Health have said there is no immediate health threat to students in these buildings, we believe this is the most responsible way to proceed," the schools chancellor said in a statement. "PCBs don't pose an immediate risk. But the concern is that they do build up in the body over a period of time," a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) spokeswoman said February 23. She said the agency applauded the city for a "step in the right direction," but noted it is reviewing the proposed timeline.

Source: <http://online.wsj.com/article/APfc769ea8482949d380b76f0338fd8f5e.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

32. *February 24, Associated Press* – (California) **LA sheriff's helicopter damaged during training.** A Los Angeles, California county sheriff's helicopter was damaged during a training flight. The pilot and co-pilot of the A-Star 350 helicopter were not

hurt. A sheriff's captain said in a news release that the helicopter was damaged at about 4:29 p.m. February 23 during a training sequence simulating hydraulic failure. The flight training was taking place at the March Air Reserve Base in the Moreno Valley area of Riverside County.

Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/news/ci_17470628?nclick_check=1

33. *February 24, WBAL 11 Baltimore* – (Maryland) **17 city officers charged with extortion.** Seventeen Baltimore, Maryland Police Department officers and two brothers who own a car repair shop were charged with conspiring to commit extortion. The U.S. Attorney's Office said the charges are in connection with a scheme where the owners of the Majestic repair shop in Rosedale paid police officers to arrange for their company to tow vehicles from accident scenes and make repairs. "The criminal complaint alleges that the officers were secretly working for a private auto repair business when they were supposed to be working for the police department and the citizens of Baltimore," a U.S. attorney said. The 17 officers had their badges taken away February 23 by the police commissioner. Another 14 officers will be suspended. According to an affidavit, the officers told car owners Majestic provided all services, including towing, repair, and help with insurance claims. Majestic then towed the cars, but the officers falsely reported car owners arranged for their own towing. The documents said the officers would meet with Majestic's owners to get paid by check or in cash. It said they received about \$300 for each vehicle they steered to the company. Fifteen of the officers were released on their own recognizance February 23 after being stripped of their badges, weapons, and passports. Two more officers have yet to be arrested. The body shop owners are also free, and all parties are due back in court in March.

Source: <http://www.wbaltv.com/news/26966123/detail.html>

34. *February 24, FoxNews.com* – (National) **U.S. lawmakers consider ways of arming U.S. agents in Mexico after killing of ICE agent.** U.S. lawmakers on both sides of the aisle are weighing actions to allow U.S. agents working in Mexico to be armed after a drug gang killed an unarmed U.S. immigration agent and wounded another. U.S. agents have not been allowed to carry weapons in Mexico since a 1990 agreement. But their safety has been increasingly in jeopardy ever since the Mexican president declared war on the drug cartels when he took office in December 2006. Two U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents were shot on a federal highway while traveling in the northern state of San Luis Potosi en route to Mexico City February 15. The area is at the center of a power struggle between two rival drug gangs. One agent was killed, the first murder of a U.S. agent in the line of duty during Mexico's drug war.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2011/02/23/lawmakers-consider-proposal-arming-agents-mexico-ice-attack/>

35. *February 22, Philadelphia Inquirer* – (New Jersey) **NJ city feels the effects of fire department layoffs.** Five weeks after Camden, New Jersey's fire department laid off a third of its firefighters, the department was cut to such bare bones that a structure fire on any given day requires all seven companies to respond, leaving none to attend to any other fire or rescue emergencies in the city. Suburban fire companies — most staffed

by volunteers — are filling the void in the densely populated, 9-square-mile city. Between January 18 and February 15, fire companies throughout Camden County were dispatched 84 times to aid the city. Close to half those calls were serious enough that three or four fire vehicles were sent to Camden. The city already had gone from 11 companies a few years ago to between seven and nine. That arrangement lasted from May 2009 through the January 18 layoffs. The department went from seven engine trucks, three ladder trucks, one heavy rescue truck, a tour commander, and two deputy chiefs at all times to five engine trucks, two ladders, and one battalion chief per shift. One dangerous impact has been the delay in response time. The National Fire Protection Association recommends career fire departments, such as Camden's, be able to send an engine within 6 minutes 90 percent of the time. Before the layoffs, most of Camden's fire engine response times were within the 6-minute mark. Since the layoffs, the times have ranged from 3 to 8 minutes, according to a full list of calls from December and January. Lawmakers have been fighting to increase the budget, and a recent \$5.1 million federal grant will help the city rehire some firefighters over the next 2 years.

Source: <http://www.firerescue1.com/fire-department-management/articles/977559-NJ-city-feels-the-effects-of-fire-department-layoffs/>

36. *February 21, KOAT 7 Albuquerque* – (New Mexico) **Manpower reduced at New Mexico border.** While New Mexico's neighbors to the east and west are cracking down on border crossings, the state has been cutting back on agents who patrol the border. The Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department in Lordsburg is the small agency dealing with the huge problem of keeping the border safe. A border security sheriff said he lost two deputies last year when a federal grant ended, and that federal cuts have slashed the National Guard unit on the border from 130 members to 30. New Mexico's governor said right now she is teaming up with a U.S. Senator from New Mexico to try and get some of that money back.

Source: <http://www.koat.com/r/26944052/detail.html>

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Information Technology Sector

37. *February 24, The Register* – (International) **Man admits hacking into NASA, e-commerce servers.** A man from Houston, Texas, has admitted hacking into servers owned by an e-commerce company and making off with about \$275,000. The man also admitted to charges of breaking into servers maintained by NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland and causing \$43,000 in damages. The hacking spree spanned a 10-month stretch starting in December 2008 with the breach of systems owned by SWReg. A subsidiary of Digital River of Minnesota, the company manages royalties for independent software developers. "[The man] hacked into SWReg's system, created the money by crediting the SWReg accounts, and then caused that money to be wire transferred to his bank account instead of the accounts of several developers," a press release issued by the U.S. Attorney's office in Minnesota said. The NASA servers the man hacked gave paying members of the scientific community access to oceanic data

being sent to Earth from satellites. Eventually, the data was made available to everyone.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/02/24/nasa_hacker_guilty/

38. *February 24, H Security* – (International) **The unintended kill switch in Bind.** The developers of the Bind server software have warned of a security problem that could prevent DNS servers from responding to requests. This is a serious problem, as many of the central DNS servers on the Internet use Bind, and hardly anything works without domain name resolution. However, the developers said no public exploits have so far been found. A domain's master servers are vulnerable while they are performing an incremental zone transfer — a type of DNS zone transfer – or a dynamic update. The relevant security advisory lists versions 9.7.1-9.7.2-P3 as being affected.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/The-unintended-kill-switch-in-Bind-1196567.html>
39. *February 24, Help Net Security* – (International) **Malware-driven pervasive memory scraping.** Reports are coming in of a new trend in hacking techniques. Known as “pervasive memory scraping,” the technique relies on the fact certain areas of Windows memory are only occasionally overwritten, meaning data from software that has been closed down on the PC can still remain for some time after. “The SANS Institute is reported to have spotted evidence of this type of attack methodology on an increasing basis. This means that, where a Windows PC user loads a secure application to view data, views that data and then closes the application, there is a chance that the data may continue to reside in the computer's memory for some time after,” the CEO of Lieberman Software said. “Put simply, this means that, even if the secure software checks for the presence of trojans and similar credential scanning malware — and locks down the malware whilst it is loaded - once the application is closed, the contents of the computer memory can still be subsequently lifted by a remote scanning piece of malware,” he added.
Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=1641
40. *February 24, The Register* – (International) **Security shocker: Android apps send private data in clear.** Cellphones running the Android operating system fail to encrypt data sent to and from Facebook and Google Calendar, shortcomings that could jeopardize hundreds of millions of users' privacy, a computer scientist said. In a simple exercise for his security class, a professor at Rice University in Houston, Texas connected a packet sniffer to his network and observed the traffic sent to and from his Android handset when he used various apps available for Google's mobile platform. The official Facebook app transmitted everything except for the password in the clear, the professor blogged February 22. This meant that all private messages, photo uploads, and other transactions were visible to eavesdroppers, even though the account had been configured to use Facebook's recently unveiled always-on SSL encryption setting to prevent snooping over insecure networks. Google Calendar showed a similar carelessness in the experiment by also sending and receiving data in the clear. That makes it possible for hackers to see users' schedules when the service is accessed on

unsecured networks.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/02/24/android_phone_privacy_shocker/

41. *February 24, Softpedia* – (International) **Fake YouTube pages serve trojan via malicious Java applets.** Security researchers from antivirus vendor BitDefender warn of scams that make use of fake YouTube pages to install trojans via a malicious Java applet. The scammers worked to make the pages look as close as possible to the real YouTube Web site. When visitors land on these rogue sites, a Java applet is launched automatically and they are prompted to run it. The dialog appears because the applet is unsigned and since Java is rarely used for mainstream Web services, users unfamiliar with it might be tempted to hit “run” to see the video they have been promised. The applet uses the OpenConnection Java method to download and executes a trojan. The malware has botnet capabilities and connects to an IRC server from where it receives commands. It is mainly used as a distribution platform for additional threats. Among those seen by BitDefender is a trojan that can use the Facebook accounts of its victims to send spam and record conversations from the most popular IM clients. There is also a worm with DDoS capabilities that can spread via removable USB drives, and a click fraud trojan that hijacks searches performed in Firefox, Internet Explorer, and Chrome on Google or Bing.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Fake-YouTube-Pages-Serve-Trojan-via-Malicious-Java-Applets-186033.shtml>

42. *February 23, IDG News Service* – (International) **Microsoft fixes a security bug in its virus-scanner.** Microsoft has patched a bug in its malware scanning engine that could be used as a stepping stone for an attacker looking to seize control of a Windows box. The bug is fixed in an update to the Microsoft Malware Protection Engine that was pushed out to users of Microsoft’s security products February 23. The bug is classified as an elevation of privilege vulnerability — something that could be used by an attacker who already has access to the Windows system to gain complete administrative control. Microsoft has not seen anyone take advantage of the bug yet, but the company thinks hackers could develop code that reliably exploits the issue.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9211059/Microsoft_fixes_a_security_bug_in_its_virus_scanner

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Communications Sector

43. *February 23, WUSF 89.7 FM Tampa* – (Florida) **Classical WSMR 89.1 broadcasting at full-power after delays.** WSMR 89.1 FM began full-power broadcasts February 22 evening after a crew installed new equipment designed to prevent interference with a Coast Guard emergency system. As for the listeners in some areas who are not receiving a clear signal for WSMR, the program director said the station is waiting for Federal Communication Commission approval of a translator located near the University of South Florida's Tampa campus that should help reception in Pasco County and northern Hillsborough and Pinellas counties.

Source:

http://www.wusf.usf.edu/news/2011/02/23/classical_wsmr_89.1_broadcasting_at_full-power_after_delays

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Commercial Facilities Sector

44. *February 24, OzarksFirst.com* – (Missouri) **Apartments evacuated when active meth lab found.** Several families in Springfield, Missouri, were evacuated February 24 after an active meth lab was discovered outside their apartments. A police spokesman said officers were called about 1 a.m. to the 600 block of South Jefferson, just west of the Missouri State University campus. They found the components of a working meth lab behind a garage in the yard of the apartments. People living in several apartments were evacuated as haz-mat crews and the fire department arrived. They said the lab was reacting and there was a high risk of explosion. Springfield police said they did not have any suspects yet.

Source: http://ozarksfirst.com/fulltext?nxd_id=410606

45. *February 23, Associated Press* – (Florida) **Officer shoots man reportedly wielding knife.** A police officer in South Florida shot a man reportedly wielding a knife inside Luther Memorial Lutheran Church February 23. Someone in the church called authorities for help saying a man with a knife was inside a classroom. Authorities said an officer who feared for his life shot the man once in the torso. The man was taken to a hospital. His condition was not known.

Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2011/02/23/2081609/officer-shoots-man-reportedly.html>

46. *February 23, New England Cable News* – (Massachusetts) **Police search for suspects in Lynn home-made bomb plot.** Four home-made bombs went off in Lynn, Massachusetts, February 21, and now police are looking for those responsible. The one bomb police did manage to recover was 5 inches long, and had the strength of a stick of dynamite. Police believe as many as three other bombs have yet to be found. All the bombs went off within a span of about 15 minutes of each other. Lynn police and fire departments are working on the case along with the state fire marshal's office.

Source: http://www.necn.com/02/23/11/Police-search-for-suspects-in-Lynn-home-landing_newengland.html?blockID=416265&feedID=4206

47. *February 23, Computerworld* – (Kansas) **Hacker claims credit for knocking church’s site offline.** A Twitter message February 21 suggested a self-proclaimed “hacktivist” using the handle The Jester may have been responsible for knocking the Topeka, Kansas-based Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) offline. In the message, the hacker claimed to have temporarily taken down the public Web site of the church “for celebrating the death of U.S. troops.” The message, however, made no direct mention if The Jester (atth3j35t3r on Twitter) was also responsible for the unavailability February 23 of several other Web sites affiliated to the WBC. The week of February 14, someone purporting to be from the hacking collective known as Anonymous, posted a letter on an Anonymous site, warning WBC members of attacks against their church public Web sites if they did not stop their protests. That letter was later dismissed as a hoax by Anonymous. All of the church’s sites were unavailable February 23.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9211038/Hacker_claims_credit_for_knocking_church_s_site_offline

48. *February 22, Orange County Register* – (California) **Object used in GPS treasure hunt closes Downtown Disney.** Downtown Disney in Anaheim, California, was reopened after about 90 minutes February 22 following a report of a suspicious object that turned out to be part of a high-tech treasure-hunt. An Anaheim police sergeant said police received a call of a suspicious object in Downtown Disney at 11:07 a.m. Assisted by Disney security, the object was located on a box on a walking bridge east of the ESPN Zone and west of the House of Blues, and the Orange County Sheriff’s Department Bomb Squad was called. A Disneyland Resort spokeswoman said about half of the shops and restaurants in Downtown Disney were evacuated at 11:30 a.m. At 12:38 p.m., the sergeant said the object was discovered to be a “geocaching” site — a location for high-tech scavenger hunters, who use GPS devices to find objects left at specific locations.

Source: <http://www.ocregister.com/news/suspicious-289321-object-downtown.html>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

49. *February 23, Newsmax.com* – (National) **Feds seeking missing national treasures.** Federal agents are on the hunt for national treasures that have gone missing from 44 government facilities and presidential archives. The agents are showing up at Civil War shows and employees’ homes looking for such things as a former president’s telegrams, a former president’s Coast Guard class ring, and target maps for the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the Washington Post reported. The effort is being undertaken by a special Archival Recovery Team operating out of the National

Archives' Office of the Inspector General. The move was undertaken to address lax security, the Post said. The inspector general assigned 8 of his 24 agents to the team to look for missing items. The collection includes 10 billion items such as letters, photographs, recordings, and maps, housed in facilities from the Washington to the Reagan Library in California. The inspector general said an item-by-item inventory has never been taken, likening such a task as "counting grains of sand."

Source:

<http://www.newsmax.com/InsideCover/FedsSeekingMissingNationalTreasures/2011/02/23/id/387098>

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Dams Sector

50. *February 24, Charleston Post and Courier* – (South Carolina) **Lock at Pinopolis Dam reopens after repairs.** The lock at the Pinopolis Dam on Lake Moultrie in Moncks Corner, South Carolina reopened February 23, 1 week ahead of schedule following a 36-day outage for repairs. Workers replaced a malfunctioning valve on the passage for boaters and fish between the lake and the Tailrace Canal.
Source: <http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2011/feb/24/lock-pinopolis-dam-reopens-after-repairs/>

51. *February 24, Waterbury Republican-American* – (Connecticut) **Army Corps will add 30 feet to Hop Brook after dam repairs.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers could start raising the water level at Hop Brook Lake in Middlebury, Connecticut by nearly 30 feet later the week of February 21. The move was scheduled after repairs were completed at the Hop Brook Dam off Route 63 in January. Small seepage cracks were discovered after pressure tests and core samples were taken from bedrock below the dam in May 2007. The bedrock had fractured in some places and allowed water to push out from beneath the dam. Repair work, which costs nearly \$6.3 million, started in 2009 with Layne GeoConstruction Inc. of Virginia. The firm used several drilling rigs to post holes into the ground to fill the cracks with a mixture of cement and high-pressure water.
Source: <http://www.rep-am.com/articles/2011/02/24/news/local/541812.txt>

52. *February 24, Coshocton Tribune* – (Ohio) **Officials worry rivers in Coshocton area might flood this week.** The water level in the reservoir behind Wills Creek Dam in Coshocton, Ohio, rose 2 feet in 24 hours, putting County Roads 410 and 106 within 1 foot of the flood stage late the afternoon of February 23. With the pool level at more than 745 feet above sea level, Township Road 145 and County Roads 119 and 120 could be affected next. The deputy director with Coshocton County Emergency Management and Homeland Security, said people who live in those areas have adapted and usually have alternate routes to get to and from their homes. If they are stranded for longer than the usual period of time, the county emergency management agency will check with them. Areas behind Wills Creek and Mohawk dams fall into flood easements, which are under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The

easement is to restrict the building of structures that could be damaged by reservoirs behind dams that are exercising flood control for downstream areas. More precipitation was in the area's forecast for February 24 and 25, and he said the office was in contact several times with the National Weather Service (NWS), trying to determine whether the weather would affect areas downstream of the dams, including the Tuscarawas River. A flood watch is in effect through February 25 for Coshocton, Muskingum and Guernsey counties, the NWS said.

Source:

<http://www.coshoctontribune.com/article/20110224/NEWS01/102240303/Officials-worry-rivers-Coshocton-area-might-flood-week?odyssey=tab/topnews/text/Frontpage>

53. *February 23, Associated Press* – (Oregon) **Judge recommends rate hike to pay for Klamath dam removal.** An administrative law judge has recommended granting PacifiCorp a temporary 2 percent rate increase for its 45,000 electric customers in California to help pay the costs of removing dams on the Klamath River. Filed February 22, the proposed ruling will be taken up by the California Public Utilities Commission after a month of public comment. The \$13.8 million raised by the surcharge over 9 years would go into trust funds against the day federal authorities approve removing the Portland, Oregon-based utility's four hydroelectric dams on the Klamath River in Oregon and California. Projected to begin in 2020, removing the dams is part of a landmark agreement to help salmon, give farmers better assurances of irrigation, and restore the ecology of the Klamath basin. Oregon authorities have approved a similar surcharge.

Source: http://www.oregonlive.com/pacific-northwest-news/index.ssf/2011/02/judge_recommends_rate_hike_to_pay_for_klamath_dam_removal.html

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