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- Animal rights activists took credit for and described in great detail how they set fire to and destroyed 14 cattle trucks at California's largest beef producing, feeding, and marketing ranch. – *Fox News* (See item [28](#))
- A security researcher found a variant of the Sykipot trojan that allows it to hijack U.S. Department of Defense smart cards to access restricted resources. – *IDG News Service* (See item [37](#))

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: LOW, Cyber: LOW

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) - <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *January 13, Carmi Times* – (Illinois) **Train carrying ethanol derails in central Illinois.** A train carrying ethanol derailed in central Illinois, slipping off railroad tracks near Gibson City, January 12. The Gibson City fire chief said three tanker cars derailed but no ethanol spilled or leaked. Traffic on a 1 mile stretch of Illinois 9 was diverted around the scene of the derailment, near the One Earth Energy ethanol plant. No injuries were reported but emergency workers evacuated nearby businesses as a precaution. Norfolk Southern Railroad officials are investigating the incident.

Source: <http://www.carmitimes.com/newsnow/x713186923/Train-carrying-ethanol-derails-in-central-Illinois>

2. *January 13, Cleveland Plain Dealer* – (Ohio) **Gasoline line leak causes evacuation in Wellington.** A gasoline pipeline rupture spilled more than 10,000 gallons of gasoline in Wellington, Ohio, January 13, forcing the evacuation of dozens of people from 30 homes in a nearby trailer park. Wellington Fire Department firefighters and workers from the Sun Pipeline Co. were at the scene vacuuming up pools of gasoline from a containment ditch. The cause of the spill remains under investigation.

Source: http://blog.cleveland.com/metro/2012/01/gasoline_line_leak_causes_evac.html

3. *January 13, Cherry Hill Courier Post* – (New Jersey) **Large fuel spill threatens SJ streams.** State and county officials were working to contain a large fuel spill that contaminated parts of Timber Creek and surrounding lakes near the Gloucester Township and Washington Township borders in New Jersey, January 13. A Camden County official said about 25,000 gallons of diesel fuel spilled from a New Jersey Transit facility in Washington Township after an underground fuel line ruptured. The fuel has since spread through the soil to Grenloch and Blackwood lakes. State and county haz-mat teams were spreading boom in the water to try to stop the spread of the fuel.

Source:

<http://www.courierpostonline.com/article/20120112/NEWS01/120112005?odyssey=mod|mostcom>

4. *January 12, Edmond Sun* – (Oklahoma) **Official: Dust cloud, heater caused Edmond plant explosion.** A dust cloud and a kerosene heater caused an explosion that injured four employees January 12 at an Edmond, Oklahoma business that coats pipes for the oil-drilling industry with corrosion prevention material, a fire official said. A Edmond fire major said one of the machines at NOV Tuboscope became clogged and maintenance workers were attempting to clear it. A pipe became disconnected and the polymer was released, creating a dust cloud. The cloud reached an industrial space heater that runs on kerosene and had an open flame, he said. Four employees suffered burns from the fire. One has been released from the hospital while the other three remain hospitalized with severe burns. The entire facility has been shut down pending the outcome of the company's own investigation.

Source: <http://www.edmondsun.com/local/x1929695096/Official-Dust-cloud-heater-caused-Edmond-plant-explosion>

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Chemical Industry Sector

5. *January 13, Atlanta Business Chronicle* – (Georgia) **OSHA fines Canton, Newnan companies.** The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) fined NuTech Powder Coaters LLC of Newnan, Georgia, for 20 alleged violations, and fined the company \$55,200, the Atlanta Business Chronicle reported January 13. NuTech performs powder coating of metals for products such as brackets and shelves for the

grocery store industry. The OSHA began an inspection of the company in August. Among other things, it cited the company with failing to ensure employees used eye, face and hand protection while working with cleaners and products containing phosphoric acid, calcium carbonate and carbon black; and not training workers in the use of proper personal protective equipment.

Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/atlanta/news/2012/01/12/osha-fines-canton-newnan-companies.html>

6. *January 12, City of Midland* – (Texas) **Crews working to put train cars back on track.** At 9:18 a.m. January 12, units from the Midland Fire Department, county fire marshal/emergency management office, and county sheriff's office responded to a rail car derailment at a chemical plant in Midland, Texas, west of County Rd. 1285 and County Rd. 127. Crews reported five tankers carrying the flammable chemicals, Methanol, Xylene, and Ethylene Glycol were off the rails of a small spur line that intersects with 127. All rail cars were upright and undamaged. Preliminary examination by emergency crews confirmed there were no leaks, and no requirement to evacuate surrounding businesses. The rail cars were being moved from NEXEO Solutions on 127 to the main rail line north of the facility. Several roads in the area were closed, and were expected to remain closed for 10 to 20 hours while the chemicals were transferred from the derailed cars.

Source: <http://www.cbs7kosa.com/news/details.asp?ID=31786>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

7. *January 13, Associated Press* – (South Carolina) **Duke Energy restricts water flow from 2 lakes.** Duke Energy said January 13 it is working with water systems in Greenville and Seneca, South Carolina, to manage water flow from three lakes, one of which supplies backup water to its Oconee Nuclear Station. The plan announced January 12 affects lakes Jocassee, Wateree, and Bad Creek. Lake Jocassee is the backup for Lake Keowee, which supplies Oconee Nuclear Station. Low rainfall has resulted in the second of four possible drought stages. That has prompted the water systems in Greenville and Seneca to reduce withdrawals from Lake Keowee by up to 10 percent. If conditions worsen, the plan calls for the water systems to reduce withdrawal from the lake by up to 30 percent. Duke Energy is limiting water withdrawal from lakes Keowee and Jocassee for irrigating lakeside properties to no more than 2 days per week, starting February 1.

Source: <http://www.live5news.com/story/16513291/duke-energy-restricts-water-flow-from-2-lakes>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

8. *January 13, Elyria Chronicle-Telegram* – (Ohio) **Elyria firefighters extinguish fire at foundry.** A molten iron furnace explosion at the Elyria Foundry in Elyria, Ohio, January 13 left one worker with minor injuries and triggered an explosion about 50 to 75 feet high and wide. The fire was caused by wet scrap getting into molten ore in the furnace, triggering the explosion, according to a fire department lieutenant. The lieutenant said the explosion severed hydraulic lines to the three burners in the meld shop so the lids could not be closed, and the fire spread to an approximately 70-foot-high “aging” and “somewhat porous” roof in the rear of the foundry. The roof, which was considered too weak to walk on, was near high-voltage lines that could not be turned off without shutting down all plant operations. The lieutenant said firefighters had to be extremely careful to avoid water from their hoses getting through holes in the roof and into the burners, causing another explosion.
Source: <http://chronicle.northcoastnow.com/2012/01/13/elyria-firefighters-extinguish-fire-at-foundry/>
9. *January 13, WLUC 6 Marquette* – (Michigan) **Escanaba ship yard fined by OSHA.** Basic Marine Incorporated shipyards in Escanaba, Michigan, face fines of nearly \$150,000 after being cited for violations of health and safety standards, WLUC 6 Negaunee reported January 13. The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) said inspections found 32 violations, including five repeat ones. According to the OSHA, the most serious violations included failure to provide workers adequate fall protection and proper equipment training.
Source: <http://www.uppermichiganssource.com/news/story.aspx?id=707127#.TxA-DoH2KSI>
10. *January 12, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **Kaz USA recalls Honeywell portable electric heaters due to burn hazard.** The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with Kaz USA Inc., of Southborough, Massachusetts, announced a voluntary recall January 12 of about 19,000 Honeywell surround select portable electric heaters. The heaters were manufactured by Ningbo SMAL Electrics Co. Ltd., of China. The heater’s internal housing, including the fan, heating element, and circuitry, can detach, posing a burn hazard to consumers. No incidents of injuries have been reported. The heaters were sold at Best Buy, Meijer, and Walmart stores nationwide from July through December.
Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml12/12087.html>
11. *January 12, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **Big Lots recalls floor lamps due to shock hazard.** The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with Big Lots of Columbus, Ohio, announced a voluntary recall January 12 of about 43,700 five-light floor lamps. The wiring for the lamp’s light sockets can become exposed, posing a risk of electric shock to consumers. In addition, use of the recommended standard 40 watt light bulbs can generate excessive heat, which can melt the double plastic shades over the bulbs. The firm has received four reports of melting lamp shades. No injuries have been reported. The lamps were sold at Big Lots stores

nationwide from April 2010 through November 2011.

Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml12/12086.html>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Banking and Finance Sector

12. *January 13, Associated Press* – (Arkansas) **Police arrest suspect in Arkansas bank bomb scare.** The gunman who allegedly strapped a bomb to a woman's ankle and then followed her as she drove to an Arkansas bank to withdraw money has been arrested. Authorities said January 12 a key detail the woman remembered helped investigators find the man suspected of breaking into her home, duct-taping her husband to a chair, and demanding money from the couple. The man was being held at a local jail on charges of aggravated burglary, theft of property, aggravated robbery, and kidnapping, the Washington County sheriff said. Investigators said the suspect showed up at the couple's home January 9 and faked an injury to get inside. He held the woman captive as he duct-taped her husband, then strapped what he claimed was a bomb to her ankle, authorities said. The bomb turned out to be fake. She said the suspect pushed her out the door and told her to drive to the bank. He took a gun from the couple's home, hopped in their pickup truck, and followed her, authorities said. When she got inside the bank, the woman told employees about the device on her ankle. Authorities evacuated the building and found the woman's husband taped to a bar stool but unharmed at the couple's home.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/police-arrest-suspect-arkansas-bank-bomb-scare-15349326#.TxBBNIH-5YQ>

13. *January 13, H Security* – (International) **American Express fixes critical security vulnerability.** American Express has fixed a security vulnerability on its Web site that allowed SQL injection and, therefore, direct access to its server's database, H Security reported January 13. The company acted after a tip-off. A student discovered the pages of the American Express Web site did not adequately filter data passed to a search function, thereby allowing direct access to the server. He sent a message about this SQL injection problem to the Heise Security team, who were able to reproduce it; the information was then passed on to American Express. The company reacted quickly and fixed the vulnerability within a few days. It stated the vulnerability had not been used and no customer data had been compromised. Some experts doubt this statement, however, since SQL injection frequently allows access to all of an affected system's data, and tables with names such as "Accounts" often show up in SQL statements. Of particular concern is the vulnerability was found not in some hidden corner but in the

search function -- the first place someone would test for such problems.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/American-Express-fixes-critical-security-vulnerability-1410252.html>

14. *January 12, San Gabriel Valley Tribune* – (California) **Suspected ‘Bubble Wrap Bandit’ jailed after La Habra bank robbery.** A serial bank robber linked to five heists, including ones in La Mirada and La Habra, California, is behind bars, La Habra police announced January 12. The man is suspected of being the “Bubble Wrap Bandit,” La Habra police officials said in a written statement. The arrest was disclosed January 12, though the suspect was arrested January 7 following a robbery at a La Habra U.S. Bank branch and a police pursuit that ended in a crash, officials said. La Habra police January 7 responded to a report of a robbery at the U.S. Bank inside Vons supermarket. The robber had handed a teller a note demanding cash before fleeing with an undisclosed amount and getting into a car, police said. A La Habra detective spotted a car matching the description, beginning a pursuit that ended with a crash. With the help of Los Angeles County sheriff’s deputies, officers arrested the suspect. He was booked into jail January 8 after being treated for injuries he suffered in the crash. In addition to the La Habra bank robbery, he is suspected of a September 14, 2011 bank robbery at a Bank of the West branch in La Mirada, as well as heists in Bell Gardens and South Gate, according to FBI. The bandit earned his moniker because he carried a manila, bubble-wrap lined envelope during some of the crimes, officials said.
Source: http://www.sgvtribune.com/news/ci_19729374

15. *January 12, DNAINFO.com* – (New York; Northeast) **Fake ID sellers busted in \$1 million scheme, AG says.** Three brothers who allegedly sold fake IDs out of a pair of Greenwich Village smoke shops in New York City were arrested January 12 for taking part in an elaborate scheme that ripped off the identities of more than 180 New Yorkers to net more than \$1 million in stolen goods, authorities charged. The three men are accused of participating in a seven-person identity theft ring that began in 2008 or earlier, the state attorney general’s office said. The brothers allegedly made counterfeit driver’s licenses based on names, Social Security numbers, and other data from more than 180 people using store credit cards at Kmart, Sears, Home Depot, and other stores, provided by a Bronx man. The fake IDs bore the names of female credit card holders and the photo of a Bronx resident, who then allegedly impersonated the cardholders at store locations in New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. She allegedly told the businesses she forgot her credit card, then used the fake ID and Social Security number to charge merchandise, later returning the goods for store credit and gift cards, the statement said. Two other men are accused of illegally selling the store credit and gift cards to others in the ring, for about 70 percent of its face value, or using it to buy materials for their businesses. Court-authorized wiretaps of the defendants’ phones helped break up the ring, the statement said. The brothers have each been charged with conspiracy to produce fake driver’s licenses and could receive a maximum of 15 years in prison.
Source: <http://www.dnainfo.com/20120112/greenwich-village-soho/fake-id-sellers-busted-1-million-scheme-ag-says>

16. *January 11, Atlanta Journal-Constitution* – (Georgia) **3 suspects in armored car robbery caught; 1 at large.** Three suspects in an armored car robbery at a Walmart in Oakwood, Georgia, January 11 have been caught by Gwinnett County authorities, but one other remains at large. The suspects robbed the armored vehicle in front of the Walmart, then led police on a chase into Gwinnett County before their vehicle crashed and the suspects ran, the Oakwood police chief said. He said four suspects — three men and one woman — approached a Loomis armored truck that carried two employees and “forcibly took” money from the armed driver. The suspects, fleeing in a vehicle, were chased by multiple police agencies. When the chase entered Gwinnett County, authorities there joined in. A Hall County sheriff’s spokesman told the Gainesville Times the suspects crashed into a creek and were pursued by police dogs. Roberts Elementary School in Buford was placed on lockdown.
Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/gwinnett/3-suspects-in-armored-1299525.html>

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Transportation Sector

17. *January 13, Wausau Daily Herald* – (Wisconsin) **Derailed train hits building, blocks Townline Road traffic.** A cleaning woman escaped injury January 12 when the building in which she was working was struck by a derailed train on Wausau, Wisconsin’s east side. Three cars of a northbound train went off the tracks at about 6 p.m. south of Townline Road. One of the cars hit the west side of a train yard office building used by Wisconsin Central Ltd., said a spokesman for Canadian National (CN), the company that owns Wisconsin Central Ltd. All three cars that derailed were empty, he said. The cause of the derailment was still under investigation. The train also knocked over a railroad crossing signal, and the three cars came to a stop just south of Townline Road. The railroad crossing gate at Townline Road came down as the train approached, and the gate remained down and blocked cars from crossing the tracks. Wausau police set up barricades at Townline Road and Torney Avenue to block traffic between Torney Avenue and the west side of the railroad tracks. The spokesman said he expected a crane and other equipment to be brought in to lift the three cars, re-rail them, and remove them from the scene.
Source:
<http://www.wausaudailyherald.com/article/20120113/WDH0101/201130498/Derailed-train-hits-building-blocks-Townline-Road-traffic?odyssey=mod|defcon|text|FRONTPAGE>
18. *January 13, St. Louis Post-Dispatch* – (Missouri) **Drivers furious, MoDOT apologetic over clogged roads.** The season’s second snow was a relatively gentle dusting. But the frigid front was enough to snarl commuter traffic on many St. Louis interstates and side streets January 12. Thousands of motorists were trapped in their cars for 2- to 3-hour commutes. While snow was in the forecast, the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) decided not to pretreat interstates with a salt brine solution in large part because of the type of storm it expected, said a district engineer. Instead, crews filled their trucks with rock salt and spread it when the first waves of snow began falling after 3 a.m. When temperatures began to dip, they prepared to hit the roads a second time —

only this time with chemicals. By the time they got there, it was too late. MoDOT officials said traffic backed up on highways earlier than normal, preventing crews from spreading their mix of salt, beet juice, and calcium chloride. MoDOT officials reported wet pavement had turned to black ice. Major crashes, including two that were fatal, and impassable conditions affected just about every highway. One crash on Interstate 55 at U.S. Highway 61 in Jefferson County at 6:40 a.m. left a man dead and a woman seriously injured, the Missouri Highway Patrol said. Segments of Interstate 70, Highway 40 (Interstate 64), and Interstate 44 were closed for part of the commute because of ice and accidents. The Missouri Highway Patrol said most crashes involved only minor injuries. The patrol was swamped with calls. At 4 a.m., when few cars were on the road, the patrol got about 80 calls reporting crashes. By 9 a.m., more than 240 calls had come in across the Troop C's coverage area of 11 counties, said a patrol spokesman.

Source: http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/drivers-furious-modot-apologetic-over-clogged-roads/article_90223437-9c67-598e-8003-420424bfc5f6.html

19. *January 12, KOMO 4 Seattle* – (Washington) **TSA finds 2 guns in carry-on baggage at Sea-Tac.** Transportation security agents discovered two handguns during screening of carry-on baggage over the past 2 days at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (Sea-Tac), Washington, Transportation Security Administration (TSA) officials said January 12. Both passengers with the firearms were arrested, and both now face charges and possible fines. One of the guns was loaded, with a round in the chamber. The first incident took place January 11, when a 9 mm Glock was discovered in the carry-on bag of a man headed to Kona, Hawaii. He was arrested and faces state charges, said a TSA spokeswoman. On January 12, a .22-caliber Beretta Model 21A firearm loaded with eight rounds of ammunition was found in the carry-on bag of a man headed to San Francisco. He was arrested by Port of Seattle police, and state charges are pending. Source: <http://www.komonews.com/news/local/TSA-finds-2-guns-in-carry-on-baggage-at-Sea-Tac-137204003.html>
20. *January 12, NBC; msnbc.com; Associated Press; Reuters* – (National) **First Midwest, Northeast winter blast hits airports, schools.** Cold fronts moving in from the north January 12 made for the first icy blast across the Midwest and Northeast this winter, with parts of Connecticut seeing their first snow since October, and snow-starved Chicago hit with hundreds of flight cancellations. Some Northeast airports saw flight delays, and airlines at Chicago's airports canceled more than 425 flights by the afternoon of January 12. At O'Hare International Airport in Chicago, more than 325 flights were canceled, according to the Chicago Department of Aviation. Southwest Airlines canceled all flights in and out of Midway International Airport in Chicago, totaling more than 100 flights or 25 percent of the airport's flights. The snow also contributed to hundreds of accidents and at least three deaths on Missouri and Iowa roads. An ugly evening commute was expected in the Chicago area. A winter storm is expected to drop up to 9 inches of snow in New Hampshire, The Weather Channel reported. In New Hampshire, hundreds of schools were closed or delayed due to snow. Parts of Rhode Island and Massachusetts saw slushy snow, making for a messy commute. Snow was expected to continue through January 13, with accumulations reaching 6 to 12 inches in parts of Maine, according to Accuweather.com.

Source: <http://usnews.msnbc.msn.com/news/2012/01/12/10136059-first-midwest-northeast-winter-blast-hits-airports-schools>

21. *January 12, Charleston Gazette* – (West Virginia) **US Airways jet makes emergency landing at Yeager.** A US Airways jet on its way to Washington, D.C., made an emergency landing at Yeager Airport in Charleston, West Virginia January 12. The airport director said the 50-passenger plane was on a flight from Nashville, Tennessee, to Reagan National Airport in Washington when the pilot got an indicator light saying there was smoke in the cargo hold. The West Virginia Air National Guard fire department was notified to meet the plane on the ground, and the aircraft landed just after 8 a.m. A total of 23 passengers, including one infant, and three crew members were safely evacuated from the plane. The airport director said one of the closed systems on the plane apparently leaked oxygen or another gas into the cargo hold, which created a fog and set off the smoke detector. The plane was grounded for mechanical reasons and passengers were awaiting other flights out of Yeager.
Source: <http://wvgazette.com/News/201201120059>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report

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Agriculture and Food Sector

22. *January 13, KTVI 2 St. Louis* – (Missouri) **South city Popeyes Chicken fire ruled an arson.** St. Louis' Bomb & Arson squad was investigating a fire they said was started intentionally, KTVI 2 St. Louis reported January 13. It happened at a Popeyes Chicken restaurant. Authorities said they first got a call for an explosion. They said the business was gutted by fire. At one point, firefighters were worried the roof would collapse because of the heating and cooling units on top, but they were able to put out the fire before that happened.
Source: <http://www.fox2now.com/news/ktvi-south-city-restaurant-gutted-by-fire-20120113,0,1325790.story?track=rss>

23. *January 13, Food Safety News* – (Indiana) **Norovirus behind outbreak in Indiana.** An investigation into the cause of a food-borne illness outbreak in northwest Indiana shows Jimmy John's may be responsible for making 60 area residents suffer from nausea, vomiting, and indigestion, Food Safety News reported January 13. On January 6, after three trains collided near Valparaiso, the Red Cross provided meals for rescue workers at the scene, and some of that food was catered by the local Jimmy John's outlet. On January 8, the Porter County Health Department received reports that about 20 of the workers had fallen ill. By January 9, people who had not been at the

crash site began to report similar symptoms. All of those people had recently eaten at the same Jimmy John's, prompting the health department to declare the restaurant the possible source of an outbreak. The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) told Food Safety News state labs identified norovirus as the pathogen responsible. The Valparaiso Jimmy John's restaurant cooperated fully. It briefly closed its doors to sanitize the facility, and reopened January 11. Staff from other locations filled in for regular workers, who are being tested for norovirus. While food served by Jimmy John's appears to be the source of the illnesses, "the Indiana State Health Department of Health is looking at all food items served [at the scene of the train crash]," and is not entirely ruling out other food sources yet, the ISDH told Food Safety News January 12. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/01/norovirus-causes-outbreak-in-nw-indiana/>

24. *January 13, Food Safety News* – (Illinois) **Allergen alert: Wrong seasoning packet in lasagna.** Gilster-Mary Lee of Chester, Illinois, is recalling about 8,376 lasagna dinners because the wrong seasoning packets may have been placed in the cartons, Food Safety News reported January 13. The recall was initiated after a Creamy Noodle Tuna Helper seasoning pouch was found in a lasagna carton, which should have included a lasagna-flavored seasoning pouch. Since soy is an ingredient in the tuna seasoning, and that allergen is not listed on the lasagna carton, some 698 cases of the lasagna dinners are being recalled. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/01/allergen-alert-wrong-seasoning-packet-in-lasagna/>
25. *January 13, Food Safety News* – (Alaska) **Allergen alert: Milk in hot buttered rum batter.** Sourdough Mining Co. of Juneau, Alaska, is recalling Alaska Sourdough's Hot Buttered Rum Batter because the product label does not list milk, an allergen, Food Safety News reported January 13. The recall is for 16-ounce containers of Alaska Sourdough's Hot Buttered Rum Batter. The product was distributed to retail food establishments only in Alaska. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/01/allergen-alert-milk-in-hot-buttered-rum-batter/>
26. *January 12, Muncie Star Press* – (Indiana) **Tests: Norovirus is to blame for Hartford City illnesses.** Tests and other data have confirmed the food-borne illness that has affected more than 90 people in the Hartford City, Indiana, area as a norovirus, the Muncie Star Press reported January 12. Local health officials "suspect that the contamination occurred at a local food establishment." A registered environmental health specialist with the Blackford County Health Department said the Subway there closed voluntarily January 10 and cooperated in the investigation, which also included laboratory tests and interviews. The shop remained closed January 12. The sheriff's department began receiving calls January 7 concerning illnesses with flu-like symptoms, and the local health department immediately began an investigation with the help of the state health department. Two people in Hartford City were hospitalized as a result of the illness. Source: <http://www.thestarpress.com/article/20120113/NEWS01/201130313>

27. *January 12, Atlanta Business Chronicle* – (Georgia) **OSHA fines Coleman Natural Foods in Braselton.** The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) fined poultry processor KD Acquisition I LLC \$142,150 for eight alleged safety violations at its Braselton, Georgia plant, the Atlanta Business Chronicle reported January 12. The OSHA said it received a complaint in July about safety hazards at the facility, which operates as Coleman Natural Foods. It fined the company \$121,000 for allegedly failing to: install machine guards on equipment where employees could come into contact with moving parts; tightly seal electrical enclosures to prevent severe corrosion; and provide adequate strain relief on electrical components. KD Acquisition also was fined \$21,150 for four serious safety violations. Lastly, it was cited with no fine for allegedly failing to provide an annual maintenance inspection of a fire extinguisher.
Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/atlanta/news/2012/01/12/osha-fines-coleman-natural-foods-in.html>
28. *January 11, Fox News* – (California) **Animal rights activists take credit for arson at beef ranch.** Animal rights activists took credit for setting fire to and destroying 14 cattle trucks at California’s largest beef producing, feeding, and marketing ranch, FoxNews.com reported January 11. The North American Animal Liberation press office posted an anonymous letter on its Web site from activists claiming full responsibility for the arson. The vice president of risk management and human resources for Harris Farms is confident authorities will find the culprits. The statement on the Web site described in detail how they were able to carry out the arson. “[C]ontainers of accelerant were placed beneath a row of 14 trucks with [four] digital timers used to light [four] of the containers and kerosene-soaked rope carrying the fire to the other [10].” The vice president arrived at the scene 45 minutes after the fire had started January 8. By the time he arrived, the fire department had doused the flames and the equipment was destroyed. While the Animal Liberation Front is not claiming direct responsibility for the fire, the organization provides a platform on its Web site for animal rights activists. The vice president said some of the trucks that were destroyed from the fire had sleeper units where truck drivers can sleep during off time, but none was occupied at the time of the fire. The vice president said there will likely be a news conference the week of January 16 with further details.
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2012/01/11/animal-rights-activists-take-credit-for-arson-at-beef-ranch/?test=latestnews>

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Water Sector

29. *January 13, Magic Valley Times-News* – (Idaho) **Twin Falls fixes million-gallon leak.** Approximately a day’s worth of city drinking water was lost January 11 when a decades-old water line broke in Rock Creek Canyon near Twin Falls, Idaho. According to the city, between 5 million and 8 million gallons of water flooded Rock Creek near the stockyards after a 20-inch line burst. Public works crews contained the leak by early

morning and repaired the line by the afternoon. The public works director estimated the cost of the repair at \$5,000, while the city lost \$12,000 in residential water sales if the full estimate of 8 million gallons lost is accurate. This is the third line to break in south Twin Falls this winter.

Source: http://magicvalley.com/news/local/twin-falls/twin-falls-fixes-million-gallon-water-leak/article_1a1bfd32-4ae1-5c20-8302-fc69587e2dcd.html

30. *January 13, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **Army contractor: Groundwater beneath Fort Detrick, Md., still showing high chemical levels.** A U.S. Army contractor said groundwater beneath a former dump site at Fort Detrick in Frederick, Maryland continues to show high levels of toxic chemicals. The findings were presented at a meeting January 11 of the fort’s restoration advisory board. The project manager said 15 new and existing sampling wells detected five compounds at levels above federal drinking-water standards. They include the known human carcinogen TCE and the suspected carcinogens PCE and chloroform. None of the compounds was found in the groundwater of five nearby residential properties. But TCE was found in water at a spring outside the fort. All readings were far below the historical maximums detected in 1998. The contractor plans to conduct further tests this spring and summer to help guide a continuing cleanup of the site known as Area B.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/620252ed7e92433b85c822804fa90b83/MD--Fort-Detrick-Tainted-Wells/>

31. *January 12, KJCT 8 Grand Junction* – (Colorado) **Waterline breaks, hundreds of homes go without.** A large sinkhole formed in the middle of the road in Grand Junction, Colorado, January 12 after “Ute Water discovered a waterline break in one of their main 18-inch lines,” a spokesman from the Ute Water Conservancy District said. “We have over 1,500 miles of pipeline distribution system. Its just an aging infrastructure,” he said. Customers living in the area remained without water for most of the day. When the waterline broke, it sent thousands of gallons of water rushing down a slope and into area homes.

Source: <http://www.kjct8.com/news/30201078/detail.html>

32. *January 12, Associated Press* – (Nebraska) **EPA reaches agreement with Eaton for company to clean up Neb. groundwater near its plant.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced a settlement with Eaton Corp. January 12. Eaton pledged to continue monitoring trichloroethylene in groundwater near its Kearney, Nebraska automotive parts plant. The chemical is used as a degreasing agent. Eaton also must continue operating two groundwater-extraction systems to help contain the spread of the chemical. In the past, the chemical has contaminated private drinking water supplies nearby. The contamination was discovered in 1986. Officials believe the lines from an underground storage tank leaked.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/d17faeb8ba1e4a9f9e68c620762246ec/NE--Kearney-Cleanup/>

33. *January 11, KTRK 13 Houston* – (Texas) **Houston drops mandatory water restrictions.** Houston has lifted the mandatory water conservation measures imposed last summer, KTRK 13 Houston reported January 11. The move follows recent rains and cooler temperatures, which have increased lake levels in all three drinking water reservoirs. Although pre-drought levels have not been reached, the city's storage is no longer at the level for mandatory conservation. Additionally, while water line breaks continue at a higher than normal pace, the stress on the system of last summer has been relieved. According to the National Weather Service, the Houston area remains in severe to exceptional drought. Coupled with long term predictions, it is clearly possible Houston may experience an even more challenging summer this year than 2011. While surface water storage has recovered to an extent, it is unlikely the city will have as much storage at start of summer in 2012 as in 2011, leading to the likelihood that conservation measures would need to be reinstated.
Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=news/local&id=8499114>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

34. *January 11, Medical News Today* – (National) **Smuggled bushmeat, wildlife products bring viruses into the U.S.** A pilot study reported online the week of January 9 in the journal PLoS ONE reveals how scientists found evidence of potentially dangerous viruses, including retroviruses and herpesviruses, in bushmeat and other wildlife products smuggled into the United States. The report authors said the study shows the importance of establishing proper surveillance and testing of imported wildlife products in order to assess the potential risks they pose to public health. The products had been confiscated at several U.S. international airports, including John F. Kennedy International Airport, George Bush Intercontinental-Houston and Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention led the pilot study, with the collaboration of the American Museum of Natural History, Columbia University, EcoHealth Alliance, the USGS National Wildlife Health Center, and the Wildlife Conservation Society.
Source: <http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/240221.php>

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Government Facilities Sector

35. *January 13, Anchorage Daily News* – (Alaska) **Fearing roof collapses under snow, Valdez closes schools.** Heavy snow weighing down roofs forced Valdez, Alaska, to close its schools, the Anchorage Daily News reported January 13. The school district said it is looking for more shovelers to get the schools back open January 16. Valdez usually has 151.8 inches of snow by the date of January 12, according to the National Weather Service. As of January 12, 2012, Valdez had seen a total of nearly 321.8 inches. The record-breaking winter pushed the local elementary and high school past

- their legal roof snow-load limits of 90 pounds per square foot, said the district superintendent. During a special city council meeting January 11, the decision was made to close both schools, as well as the junior high, which was not quite overloaded. Source: <http://www.thenewtribune.com/2012/01/12/1981268/fearing-roof-collapses-under-snow.html>
36. *January 13, WAVY 10 Portsmouth* – (Virginia) **Five schools lose power on windy day.** High winds knocked trees onto power lines in Poquoson and Gloucester, Virginia, January 13 causing five schools to lose power. Eighty-five customers and two schools lost power. Poquoson High School was delayed 3 hours, and Poquoson Primary School was delayed 2 hours due to the outage. Source: http://www.fox43tv.com/dpps/news/local/tree-on-power-line-delays-two-schools_4039003
37. *January 13, IDG News Service* – (International) **Sykipot trojan hijacks Department of Defense authentication smart cards.** A variant of the Sykipot trojan horse hijacks U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) smart cards to access restricted resources, IDG News Service reported January 13. “We recently discovered a variant of Sykipot with some new, interesting features that allow it to effectively hijack DoD and Windows smart cards,” said a security researcher at AlienVault. “This variant, which appears to have been compiled in March 2011, has been seen in dozens of attack samples from the past year.” Smart cards interface with computers through a special reader. They use digital certificates and PIN codes for authentication. Sykipot is commonly used in advanced persistent threat attacks. According to the security researcher, the variant recently analyzed by AlienVault contains several commands to capture smart card data and use it to access secure resources. One of the variant’s routines is designed to work with ActivIdentity ActivClient, an authentication-software product compliant with DOD’s Common Access Card (CAC) specification. The CAC enables access to DOD computers, networks, and certain facilities. It allows users to encrypt and digitally sign e-mails, and it facilitates the use of public key infrastructure for authentication purposes. Source: http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9223423/Sykipot_Trojan_hijacks_DoD_smart_cards?taxonomyId=17
38. *January 11, KRQE 13 Albuquerque* – (New Mexico) **Staph outbreak reported at high school.** It was a boil on a Belen High School cheerleader’s arm in Belen, New Mexico, that caught the faculty’s attention when students returned from their winter break. Eleven students were sent home with staph infections, and one more tested positive for methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), KRQE 13 Albuquerque reported January 11. MRSA is a contagious bacterial infection that is resistant to commonly used antibiotics and is potentially deadly. The athletic department at the high school said they scrub their wrestling mats every day. It is where both the wrestling and cheerleading teams practice, and the trainer thinks that is where the problem started. The school closed the wrestling room and has since scrubbed it clean five times a day along with door knobs, light switches, and the locker rooms. Belen High canceled its wrestling matches the weekend of January 7. No new cases

have been reported since January 9. All 12 students who were infected are taking antibiotics and are back in class.

Source: <http://www.krqe.com/dpp/news/health/staph-outbreak-reported-at-high-school>

39. *January 11, Fredericksburg Free Lance-Star* – (Virginia) **Security breach spanned two years.** Spotsylvania County, Virginia school employees' personal information was accessible online for 2 years, details released by the division the week of January 9 revealed. The school division began posting employees' W-2 forms online in January 2010, but it was not until the end of December 2011 that an employee accidentally discovered the information could be obtained through a Google search. On January 9, the division released a "fact sheet" to employees that said the access was allowed because of a "default setting" in the program coding for the W-2 section of the Employee Self Serve section on the division's Web site. The division changed the setting after a teacher discovered December 23 that she could access her old W-2 information online using the Google search engine. The superintendent told employees in a letter sent January 5, employees who requested online access to their W-2 forms for 2009 and 2010 were impacted. The division has said as many as 4,289 current and former employees' data was accessible.

Source: <http://blogs.fredericksburg.com/newsdesk/2012/01/11/security-breach-spanned-two-years/>

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Emergency Services Sector

40. *January 12, WWL-TV 4 New Orleans* – (Louisiana) **NOPD headquarters evacuated after grenades found in car.** The New Orleans Police Department (NOPD) headquarters was evacuated after live grenades were found inside of a car being processed January 12, according to police. A spokesman said they were processing a vehicle after a shooting that happened January 12. They found a safe, and inside were two apparently live grenades. Police said the car was seized from an armed home invasion early January 12, where three people were killed and two others were injured. A bomb squad was called to transport the grenades away from the headquarters, and the building was evacuated. About 25 people were asked to leave the building as a precaution. Officials can confirm the pins were still in the grenades. No one was injured, and the bomb squad removed the grenades and detonated them at a remote location.

Source: <http://www.wwtv.com/news/Bomb-scare-at-NOPD-headquarters-137223203.html>

41. *January 12, WTNH 8 New Haven* – (Connecticut) **Bridgeport police create their own app.** Bridgeport, Connecticut police said their new smartphone app is helping them solve crimes, WTNH 8 New Haven reported January 12. Bridgeport is the only city on the East Coast with such an app. It saw two homicides in the first week of the new year and now police are hoping a new smart phone app will encourage residents to help

officers solve these crimes. Launched in October, Bridgeport police said the iWatch Bridgeport app is the future of policing. “When you want to submit a tip, you open up a menu and it will give you the ability to give a detailed tip, and if you want to send pictures you can send pictures and video,” explained a lieutenant. Once folks hit send, it goes straight to police. Residents remain anonymous, something police said makes people comfortable to come forward with information.

Source: http://www.wtnh.com/dpp/news/crime/bridgeport-police-create-their-own-app?hpt=us_bn4

42. *January 12, KTLA 5 Los Angeles* – (California) **Deputy allegedly smuggles heroin burrito into jail.** A Los Angeles, California sheriff’s deputy at the Airport Courthouse has been relieved of duty after allegedly trying to smuggle in a burrito that had a hypodermic needle filled with heroin inside. The sheriff’s deputy surrendered to fellow deputies January 11. An indictment said he got the bean-and-cheese burrito from a woman who delivered it to him at the courthouse. The woman told him she had been instructed to hide the heroin inside, prosecutors said, and the deputy allegedly accepted the hand-off. Prosecutors said he intended to smuggle the drugs into the courthouse jail. He has pleaded not guilty to charges of bringing drugs into a jail and conspiracy to commit a crime. Officials said the case is one in a series of similar incidents that are helping fuel a lucrative drug trade behind bars.

Source: <http://www.fox40.com/news/headlines/ktla-deputy-heroin-burrito,0,4858217.story>

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Information Technology Sector

43. *January 12, Threatpost* – (International) **Researchers find way to sniff corporate email via BlackBerry PlayBook.** A pair of researchers from Intrepidus Group recently found a series of problems and weaknesses in Blackberry’s PlayBook, including one that enables an attacker to listen in on the connection between the tablet and a BlackBerry handset. That connection, which is done via Bluetooth in the company’s Bridge application, is designed to allow users to access their corporate e-mail, calendar, and other data on the tablet. The researchers were able to locate and grab the authentication token sent between the two devices during Bridge connections and, as an unprivileged user, connect to the PlayBook and access the user’s e-mail and other sensitive information. The key to their finding is the fact the PlayBook’s OS puts the authentication token for the Bridge sessions in a spot that is readable by anyone who knows how to find it.

Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/researchers-find-way-sniff-corporate-email-blackberry-playbook-011212

44. *January 12, ZDNet* – (International) **Oracle to patch 79 DB server vulnerabilities.** Oracle’s first batch of critical patch updates for 2012 will include 79 new security vulnerability fixes across hundreds of Oracle products. The security fixes, scheduled for January 17, will cover holes in the flagship Oracle Database 11g, Oracle Fusion Middleware 11g, Oracle Application Server 10g, and numerous additional

products and components. The most serious of these vulnerabilities may be remotely exploitable without authentication, that is, they may be exploited over a network without the need for a username and password.

Source: <http://www.zdnet.com/blog/security/oracle-to-patch-79-db-server-vulnerabilities/10063>

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Communications Sector

45. *January 13, WMAZ 13 Macon* – (Georgia) **Verizon Wireless service disrupted in middle Ga.** According to Verizon Wireless, several cell towers were down in Macon, Warner Robins, Milledgeville and Chester, Georgia, January 13. Service was also disrupted in the Augusta area. A Verizon technician said service would go in and out while they tried to restore the towers. A Verizon spokeswoman said the cause of the outage was related to a software upgrade implemented to local network equipment overnight. She said customers affected could still place outgoing calls, check their voicemail and use data services. However, incoming calls were going to voicemail. Source: <http://www.13wmaz.com/news/article/161656/153/Verizon-Wireless-Service-Disrupted-in-Middle-Ga>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

46. *January 13, WXII 12 Winston-Salem* – (North Carolina) **Sheriff: 3 dead, 2 injured in shooting at lumber company.** The Montgomery County, North Carolina sheriff said the gunman who killed three of his co-workers and critically injured another at McBride Lumber Company January 13 knew who he was targeting. McBride Lumber is located just north of Star. Detectives said the shooter showed up at the company's warehouse with a shotgun. Sixteen other workers were present during the shooting. The sheriff said the shooter was a disgruntled employee but was not sure what he was upset over. "It was not a shooting spree," said the sheriff. "He knew who he was going to see." Shortly after the shootings, deputies found the man at his nearby home sitting on the couch with his head hung down. Detectives said he shot himself in the head, but he was still breathing. Detectives also found a 6-page handwritten note that remains under

investigation. “The note is very vague and rambles a lot,” said the sheriff.

Source: <http://www.wxii12.com/r/30205097/detail.html>

47. *January 13, Associated Press* – (National) **Radioactive tissue holders pulled from store shelves.** Metal tissue holders contaminated with low levels of radioactive material may have been distributed to Bed, Bath & Beyond stores in more than 20 states, federal regulators said January 12. A Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) spokesman said the home products company pulled the tissue holder from its stores. He said there is little to no risk to human health — but it is better to avoid unnecessary exposure to radiation. “If someone has one of these, they could receive a small radiation dose from it,” he said. For example, he said someone keeping one of the boxes on a vanity in the bathroom and spending about 30 minutes a day near it for a year would receive the equivalent of a couple of chest x-rays. Bed, Bath & Beyond Inc. said its Dual Ridge Metal boutique tissue holder has been carried in about 200 of its stores since July 2011. The contamination was first discovered in California when two packages bound for Bed, Bath & Beyond stores in Santa Clara and San Jose containing four tissue holders triggered radiation alarms at truck scales, according to a January 6 report posted on the NRC Web site. The products were shipped from India through the port of Newark, New Jersey, the report said.

Source: <http://www.kmbc.com/money/30203929/detail.html>

48. *January 13, KTIV 4 Sioux City* – (Iowa) **Fire destroys Sioux City apartment building.** Fire destroyed an apartment building in Sioux City, Iowa’s Riverside neighborhood January 12. Almost 4 hours after the call, crews were still on the scene, trying to put out the fire. There was a massive amount of smoke and flames pouring out of the building for much of the night. It was a 2-story building with six apartment units inside. Authorities said the roof is gone and so is much of the second floor of the building. The weather also added to the challenge of fighting the fire. Icy conditions and dangerous wind chills meant firefighters had to be rotated in and out of the scene.

Source: <http://www.ktiv.com/story/16511692/fire-destroys-riverside-apartment-building>

49. *January 12, WANE 15 Fort Wayne* – (Indiana) **Engine work causes large auto biz fire.** After hours battling a fire at 2020 Import Auto Parts and Fort Wayne Junk Cars, crews with the Fort Wayne, Indiana Fire Department (FWFD) ruled the fire under control January 12. The FWFD said the fire started when a worker was using a cutting torch to take out an engine from a car, the fuel line was cut, and the gas ignited. Firefighters initially tried to go inside the building through a garage opening, but quickly evacuated because of the flame intensity and the chemicals and propane tanks inside the building. Crews went into defensive mode to fight the fire. Fire crews heard one explosion but are not sure exactly what caused it. About 35-45 firefighters were on the scene and rotated through positions. Three or four cars were inside when the fire started. The cars and the building are total losses.

Source: <http://www.wane.com/dpp/news/local/fwfd-battle-large-fire-on-s-anthony>

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