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- Viruses are accidentally infecting worms on victims' computers, creating super-powered strains of hybrids that experts say pose a greater risk than standard malware. – *The Register* (See item [35](#))
- Police arrested a teenager and charged him with attempted murder and aggravated arson in connection with firebombing attacks on two New Jersey temples. – *WPIX 11 New York City* (See item [40](#))

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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 25, Albany Times Union* – (New York) **DEC: Driller pollutes stream.** The state of New York wants to fine a Buffalo-area natural gas drilling company \$187,500 for polluting a trout creek in the state's largest park. The pollution stems from runoff from roads surrounding the firm's hydrofracking wells across the border in

Pennsylvania, the Albany Times Union reported January 25. The New York Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) moved to fine U.S. Energy, of suburban Amherst, saying the company had repeatedly fouled Yeager Creek in Allegheny State Park since August 2010. The proposed fine includes a \$75,000 penalty against the company for allegedly failing to fix surface drainage problems around its gas wells in Allegheny National Forest in McKean County, Pennsylvania, despite signing two agreements in 2010 and 2011 with the DEC to do so. The wells use low-volume hydrofracking, and are of the less extensive vertical type, rather than horizontal, according to the DEC. Hydrofracking relies on a high-pressure mix of chemicals, sand and water pumped into deep underground rock formations to free trapped natural gas. The DEC is studying whether to allow the technique in the state. Source: <http://www.timesunion.com/local/article/DEC-Driller-pollutes-stream-2683323.php>

2. *January 25, Oklahoma City Oklahoman* – (Oklahoma) **Oil rig explosion near Marshall in north central Oklahoma was caused by blowout, company attorney says.** An oil rig explosion that injured four El Dorado Drilling Co. workers in Logan County, Oklahoma, was caused by a blowout on a drilling rig, a company attorney said January 24. Kirkpatrick Oil Co. is the operator of the oil well that was being drilled. The company's attorney said a blowout occurs when oil or gas escapes from the well during drilling, rises to the surface and sometimes ignites. The rig involved in the explosion sustained extensive damage and the fire that began January 20 continued to burn through January 21. Source: <http://newsok.com/oil-rig-explosion-near-marshall-in-north-central-oklahoma-was-caused-by-blowout-company-attorney-says/article/3643193>
3. *January 25, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Thousands lose electricity during Texas storms.** Rainstorms and strong winds across parts of Texas left thousands of people without electricity, the Associated Press reported January 25. CenterPoint Energy in Houston had more than 20,000 customers without electricity January 25, but that number diminished to 7,700 later in the day. Rainstorms soaked the Dallas-Fort Worth area, leading to some street flooding. About 30 departures were canceled at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. Dallas-based Oncor had more than 8,600 weather-related outages, including Central Texas to the Austin area. San Antonio reported more than a dozen road closures or warnings for low water crossings. Source: <http://www.khou.com/news/local/Thousands-lose-electricity-during-Texas-storms-138039043.html>
4. *January 24, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **Firm apologizes for ethanol gas mistake in Iowa.** A gasoline distribution company is apologizing for mistakenly providing gas stations in eastern Iowa with a blend containing a small amount of ethanol. Magellan Midstream Partners said January 23 the gasoline containing an average ethanol content of 1 percent was delivered to stations in Iowa City and surrounding areas between January 12 and January 15. The product was intended to be sold as gasoline without ethanol. Magellan said it is investigating, but initial indications show a mechanical failure at its Iowa City distribution terminal was to blame. The company said it promptly contacted customers and regulators and replaced the faulty product. A

Magellan representative said it is apologizing to customers but does not expect any claims from motorists, given that gasoline containing 10 percent ethanol is common in Iowa.

Source: <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20120124/BUSINESS/301240103/-1/LIFE04/Firm-apologizes-ethanol-gas-mistake-Iowa>

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Chemical Industry Sector

5. *January 24, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Nebraska) **OSHA proposes \$148,000 in fines to Loveland Products in Fairbury, Neb., for process safety management deficiencies, other hazards.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) January 24 cited Loveland Products Inc. in Fairbury, Nebraska, for 25 safety violations, 14 of which relate directly to OSHA’s standard regulating the process safety management of highly hazardous chemicals. Proposed penalties total \$148,000. The OSHA initiated its inspection of the liquid-based fertilizer producer under both the agency’s Site-Specific Targeting Program for industries with high occupational injury and illness rates, and its process safety management national emphasis program for chemical manufacturers. Of 24 serious violations, those related to process safety management include incorrect and incomplete process and implementation diagrams and a deficient process hazard analysis of the system. Other violations involve deficiencies with an emergency action plan and hazard communication and procedures.
Source:
http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=21678
6. *January 23, WRTV 6 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **Train traffic to be suspended for Super Bowl.** Train tracks that run within a block of Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Indiana, will be empty come Super Bowl Sunday (February 5). As part of the overall public safety plan to reduce the possibility of a hazardous chemical incident or a terrorist threat near the National Football League’s championship game, CSX agreed to suspend operations 3 hours before the game until 2 hours afterward. “(CSX is) going to monitor the rail line for us, east and west of downtown,” said the head of the Indianapolis division of Homeland Security. “On game day, we won’t allow any rail traffic through prior to the game and after the game.” The railroad will also conduct a rigorous inspection of rail cars at rail yards in Anderson and Avon. “They’ll have inspections of freight coming through the week prior to the game just to ensure that there’s no hazardous material that is coming through that could be a threat,” he said.
Source: <http://www.theindychannel.com/news/30281153/detail.html>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

7. *January 25, St. Cloud Times* – (Minnesota) **Fire stops work at Grede Foundries.** Work stopped at Grede Foundries in St. Cloud, Minnesota, January 25 after a fire broke out. The St. Cloud fire chief said a fire started in the duct work attached to a cooling room inside the building. The areas affected were contained; the fire burned itself out. But sand had to be shoveled into the cooling room since water would damage the metal inside. Grede Foundries had to shut down the facility and send its workers home. The fire caused \$50,000 in damage.

Source: <http://www.sctimes.com/article/20120125/NEWS01/101250043/Fire-stops-work-Grede-Foundries?odyssey=nav|head>

8. *January 24, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Ohio) **U.S. Labor Department's OSHA cites Michigan-based International Automotive Components in Huron, Ohio, after worker injured during crane operations.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) January 24 cited International Automotive Components LLC with 10 serious safety violations at its Huron, Ohio, manufacturing facility. The inspection began November 2 based on a complaint alleging a worker's finger was crushed when a mold being lifted by a remote-controlled crane swung into his hand. Violations related to the incident included failing to make sure employees did not perform tasks under suspended loads, and were kept clear of loads about to be lifted by cranes. Additional violations included failing to; provide employees working on presses with fall protection and a safe means of access to the molds; lock out the energy sources of machinery during maintenance; provide a backrest extension on forklifts; guard a pinch point created by rotating parts. Finally, improper wiring methods exposed workers to electrical hazards.

Source:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=21675

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Banking and Finance Sector

9. *January 25, Daytona Beach News-Journal* – (Florida) **Workers at 3 Daytona convenience stores accused of food card scams.** A multi-agency investigation in Florida nabbed three convenience store workers accused of defrauding the state and federal government out of more than \$2 million through Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) purchases, authorities said January 24. Investigators with the Daytona Beach Police Department as well as agents with the U.S. Secret Service and other agencies served search warrants at three convenience stores, the Daytona Beach police chief said. He said one of the suspects would purchase EBT cards from customers for cash at about a third of the value of their cards, which generally can only be used to buy groceries through the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The suspect would then purchase goods at area stores for her own benefit. Authorities said she also made fictitious purchases at her store and got reimbursed the following month. In total, she made about \$1.1 million in fraudulent purchases, the chief said. She was charged with five counts each of racketeering, social welfare fraud, and fraudulent use of a credit card, and one count of carrying a concealed weapon. At the other two locations, two suspects would allow EBT customers to make ineligible beer and cigarette purchases with their cards, but grossly inflate the prices, police said. Each would then pocket the difference. The two men were charged with five counts each of racketeering, social welfare fraud, and fraudulent use of a credit card. The police chief said the three businesses would typically only report \$4,000 of SNAP purchases in 1 month, but during the 6 months the fraud occurred, they were redeeming about 10 times that amount.
Source: <http://www.news-journalonline.com/news/local/east-volusia/2012/01/25/workers-at-3-daytona-convenience-stores-accused-of-food-card-scams.html>
10. *January 24, Bloomberg* – (District of Columbia; Virginia) **Army Corps official to plead guilty to bribery, U.S. says.** A U.S. Army Corps of Engineers contracting official will plead guilty to bribery and conspiracy charges brought in connection with an alleged \$20 million false billing scheme, prosecutors said. The U.S. attorney's office in Washington D.C., in a federal court filing January 24, said the official will admit to taking bribes and conspiring to launder money. The official was accused along with a colleague of funneling more than \$45 million through a contract he was in charge of to a company that kicked back \$20 million generated by overbilling. Also charged were the colleague's son, the director of contracts for Eyak Technology LLC in Dulles, Virginia. Prosecutors call the case one of the "most brazen" frauds in federal contracting history.
Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-01-24/army-corps-official-to-plead-guilty-to-bribery-u-s-says-1-.html>
11. *January 24, Associated Press* – (Puerto Rico) **FDIC files lawsuit against former Westernbank officials; cites \$176M in damages.** U.S. regulators are seeking \$176 million in damages from officials at what used to be Puerto Rico's second-largest bank, the Associated Press reported January 24. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. (FDIC) accused six former Westernbank officials and directors of gross negligence, violating

loan policy, and ignoring auditor warnings in a suit filed last week. Regulators shut down the bank and its 45 branches in April 2010, citing a \$4.25 billion loss. The FDIC, which took over the bank, said the damages it seeks represent the total loss of 10 construction loans, seven asset-based loans, and four commercial real estate loans that the bank approved from January 2004 to July 2009. The FDIC accused Westernbank officials of approving loans to make a quick profit through an “aggressive and reckless growth strategy.” The agency also accused the bank’s former director of not disclosing a personal financial interest in a \$12 million loan before it was approved.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/fdic-files-lawsuit-against-former-westerbank-officials-cites-176m-in-damages/2012/01/24/gIQAuaD7NQ_story.html

12. *January 24, Associated Press* – (Arizona; International) **Feds find \$500K hidden in BMW at Nogales entry.** Federal officers in Nogales, Arizona, recovered more than \$500,000 in undeclared money hidden in a BMW that an Arizona man was allegedly trying to drive into Mexico January 20. The Nogales International reported that U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers conducting outbound inspections at the Dennis DeConcini Port of Entry selected the man for additional inspection. Agents placed the man’s car on a vehicle lift and discovered a non-factory compartment containing 21 packages of undeclared U.S. currency. The funds were confiscated and the man was arrested and turned over to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s Homeland Security Investigations.

Source: <http://ktar.com/6/1492171/Feds-find-500K-hidden-in-BMW-at-Nogales-entry>

13. *January 23, Houston Chronicle* – (Texas; Louisiana) **League City man admits using fake ID, stolen credit cards to buy electronics.** A League City, Texas man on supervised release in a \$1 million credit card fraud case pleaded guilty January 23 to new charges accusing him of using stolen credit cards and fake IDs to buy electronics worth \$10,000. He was using stolen credit card numbers when he tried to buy iPads, iPhones and other products at the Apple store in Memorial City Mall in August, authorities said. When asked for identification, the man presented a fake Florida driver’s license with his photo but a different name. The name on the cards was linked to more than \$200,000 worth of fraudulent Apple product purchases in Louisiana and Texas, officials said. The suspect was arrested at the store. When arrested, the suspect had 38 fraudulent credit cards, officials said, as well as four iPads and four iPhones bought the same day from Apple stores in the Galleria and Sugar Land area. All items, valued at \$6,000, were bought using the same fraudulent credit cards, officials said. The suspect admitted in court he was serving a term of supervised release from a 2007 credit card fraud case when he was arrested. In the prior case, the suspect and his wife were charged for using more than 2,000 stolen credit card numbers to buy merchandise totaling more than \$1 million, according to court records.

Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/houston-texas/article/League-City-man-admits-using-fake-ID-stolen-2678581.php>

14. *January 22, Salem Today’s Sunbeam* – (New Jersey) **Computer hackers tap into Salem County bank account holding \$13 million, steal \$19,000.** Computer hackers have broken in and stolen about \$19,000 by way of an illegal wire transfer from a Salem County, New Jersey bank account that held over \$13 million, Salem Today’s

Sumbeam reported January 22. The illegal transaction happened in mid-December and as of late the week of January 16, the Salem County chief finance officer (CFO) said the county has yet to recoup the money. He said the county is working with law enforcement officials, who believe the county system was attacked by a computer virus called a “Zeus,” a trojan horse computer virus that steals banking information by keystroke logging and form grabbing. The CFO said the hacker was able to access the county’s online banking system through the Microsoft Exchange server. “They were able to jump in our account and essentially blocked us from logging on,” the CFO said. “When they were logged in, they wired out \$19,000 to an account with JP Morgan Chase out in California.” In all, the account that was entered held more than \$13 million in county funds. The CFO said the Information Technology Department at the county was unable to trace the virus back to its origins. As a precautionary measure, the county is no longer using its online banking system, CashLink, which is run by Fulton Bank of New Jersey. The CFO said the computer that was attacked with the virus has also been removed and sent to a crime lab for analysis. The county will also be setting up a new secure computer solely for bank transactions. This computer will have no e-mail, public Internet access, and no disk drive or USB ports.

Source:

http://www.nj.com/salem/index.ssf/2012/01/computer_hackers_tap_into_sale.html

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Transportation Sector

15. *January 25, WSVN 7 Miami* – (Florida) **Bus, FedEx truck collide, several injured.** Multiple people suffered injuries after a Miami-Dade Transit bus and FedEx truck collided in Miami, January 24. Rescue crews responded to a mass casualty incident, just before 12:30 p.m. January 24, in the area of Northwest 17th Street and Seventh Avenue. According to a City of Miami Fire Rescue spokesman, it appeared the FedEx delivery truck ran a red light and struck the bus. Fire rescue officials had to check out 25 people. Officials said 18 people, including the bus driver, suffered minor injuries and were taken to area hospitals. At the time of the accident, there were 30 people on board the bus, including a 16-year-old wheelchair-bound passenger who required medical treatment.

Source: <http://www.wsvn.com/news/articles/local/21006512706769/bus-fed-ex-truck-collide-several-injured/>

16. *January 24, Roseburg News-Review* – (Oregon) **Highway 42 reopens after rocks cleared.** Shut down most of the day after rocks and boulders spilled across the roadway, Highway 42 reopened January 23 just across the Douglas County line into Coos County, Oregon. Loose soil was still causing rocks to fall in other parts of the county, At least one car collided with a large boulder on Highway 138 west of Susan Creek early January 24. Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) crews were on their way to remove the obstacle. On January 23, crews worked to break free loose rocks from the face of a hillside that has been a problem the past year, and cleared out a catch basin meant to collect the rocks and keep them out of the road. More than 2,500 cubic yards of material, enough to fill 25 dump trucks, were removed, an ODOT

spokesman said. Some of the rocks were as large as 4 feet in diameter, he said. The road, a major route to the coast from Interstate 5, was closed early January 23 when rocks began tumbling into the catch basin and bouncing over concrete barriers onto the road.

Source:

<http://www.nrtoday.com/article/20120124/NEWS/120129912/1063/NEWS&ParentProfile=1055>

17. *January 24, Aurora Beacon-News* – (Illinois) **Train cars derail in Yorkville; crews work to clean up site.** For the second time in the past year-and-a-half, train cars have derailed on the Illinois Railway tracks on the west side of Yorkville, Illinois. Trucks, bulldozers, and other heavy equipment were in operation for much of January 24 at the scene just west of Poplar Drive in the River's Edge Subdivision. A half-dozen freight cars filled with silica sand tipped over, and another five came off the tracks late January 23, officials said. The train was bound from the Eola yard in Aurora to Ottawa. The tipped-over cars were set to be put upright January 24, and the tracks were slated to be repaired January 25. An employee of Illinois Railway said an investigation is under way to determine what caused the derailment.

Source: <http://heraldnews.suntimes.com/news/10206528-418/train-cars-derail-in-yorkville-crews-work-to-clean-up-site.html>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report

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Agriculture and Food Sector

18. *January 25, Food Safety News* – (National) **Jason's Deli to drop sprouts for 2012 and possibly 2013.** Citing food safety concerns, national restaurant chain Jason's Deli announced it will not serve sprouts in its 230 locations for the remainder of 2012 and possibly 2013. The announcement, reported by the Packer January 24, follows years of recalls and food-borne illness outbreaks associated with sprouts from alfalfa, beans, clover, and other produce. Since 2000, sprouts have been linked to 30 food-borne illness outbreaks in North America, Europe, and Australia, including the summer 2011 outbreak of E. coli O104:H4 that sickened 4,321 people and killed 50. According to the Packer article, Jason's Deli locations in Texas and New Mexico have already removed sprouts from their menus in response to a December 2011 voluntary recall of alfalfa and onion sprouts by Green Valley. All Jason's Deli locations, found in 26 other states, will stop serving sprouts by April.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/01/jasons-deli-to-drop-sprouts-for-2012-and-possibly-2013/>

19. *January 25, Food Safety News* – (Maine) **FDA orders smoked salmon held after Listeria detected.** Using its newly expanded authority under the Food Safety Modernization Act, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) ordered the detention of cold-smoked salmon in Maine after inspectors found *Listeria monocytogenes* in equipment and in areas throughout a food-processing and storage facility, *Food Safety News* reported January 25. The company, Mill Stream Corp. of Hancock, then agreed to destroy its cold-smoked salmon under FDA supervision, the federal agency said in a news release January 24. The FDA said *Listeria* was detected at the processing plant during an inspection in December. The agency news release explained that the FDA may order the detention of food when an investigator has a reason to believe it is adulterated or misbranded. Food subject to such a detention order may not be moved, without agency permission, until the agency releases it or the detention order expires. A detention order may remain in place for up to 30 days. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/01/fda-orders-smoked-salmon-held-after-listeria-detected/>
20. *January 24, WSOC 9 Charlotte* – (North Carolina) **Health department investigating restaurant after 40 get sick.** The health department said they now have 40 reports of people getting sick in Conover, North Carolina, WSOC 9 Charlotte reported January 24. All of them ate at the same restaurant on the same day — January 13. The week of January 16, the health department began getting reports of people getting sick 12 to 24 hours after eating at Harbor Inn Seafood January 13. The symptoms included intense diarrhea, vomiting, and nausea. That prompted the health department to take samples and to make several visits to the restaurant. “(We’re) looking at everything from food handling procedures and practices as well as looking at sanitation overall. We were back out there this morning prior to the workday to provide additional training and education,” an official with Catawba County Health Department said. Source: <http://www.wsoc9.com/news/news/local/health-department-investigating-restaurant-after-40-get-sick/>
21. *January 24, Elmira Star-Gazette* – (New York) **80 cows rescued in dairy fire.** More than 80 cows were rescued as a dairy barn in Pine City, New York, went up in flames January 24, according to a report from WENY 36 Elmira. As the fire started to spread, farmers saved the animals by rushing them out of the structure. No conclusive cause of the fire had been determined, but officials said it was probably caused by gas-powered farm equipment. Fire departments from Chemung and Steuben counties in New York, and Bradford and Tioga counties in Pennsylvania responded. They were expected to be on the scene until late into the night. Source: <http://www.stargazette.com/article/20120124/NEWS01/201240399/80-cows-rescued-dairy-fire?odyssey=nav|head>
22. *January 24, Pork* – (Texas) **Texas pork processor accused of dumping pig blood into river.** Federal, state, and local authorities are continuing to investigate whether a Texas meat-packing plant illegally dumped pig blood into a creek that flows into the Trinity River, *Pork* magazine reported January 24. The Trinity River is the main contributor of fresh water to Galveston Bay according to the Living with the Trinity project. KTVT 11 Fort Worth reported that investigators executed search warrants at

the Dallas-based Columbia Packing Company the week of January 16. The Texas Environmental Crimes Task Force has been looking into the plant for months, when a man taking scenic photos of the Trinity River saw what appeared to be blood. Dallas County officials have been working with state and federal investigators since the tip came in. According to the Dallas County Health and Human Services chief, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and Texas Parks and Wildlife investigators executed a search warrant January 19 and found a pipe not connected to a waste water system. Columbia Packing is a 99-year old family-owned pork processor with 100 employees. The company has ceased operations pending further investigation and approval from governmental agencies. In a statement, Columbia refuted the allegation. It is cooperating with officials.

Source: <http://www.porknetwork.com/pork-news/Texas-pork-processor-accused-of-dumping-pig-blood-into-river-137995353.html?ref=353>

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Water Sector

23. *January 25, WECT 6 Wilmington* – (North Carolina) **River Road southbound road closure through noon, CFPUA says.** A waste water spill estimated between 750,000 and 1.4 million gallons in the Barnards Creek area of Wilmington, North Carolina, was stopped by Cape Fear Public Utility Authority (CFPUA) operations crews January 24. But, traffic issues related to the repair kept traffic diverted into the afternoon of January 25. The southbound lane of River Road from Independence to Sanders Road was closed until 2:15 p.m. while crews work to put in a temporary bypass line, according to officials with the CFPUA. It was first suspected that a spill had occurred around 1 a.m. when volumes at the Southside Waste Water Treatment Plant were low. Crews began scouring the area and found the spill around 10 a.m., according to a news release. Crews pumped and hauled the redirected waste water from the nearby pump station. A bypass has been put into place to redirect the flow around the 18-inch section of pipe that will be repaired, according to the CFPUA . The cause and full extent of needed repair is yet to be determined.

Source: <http://www.wect.com/story/16597142/river-road-southbound-road-closure-through-noon-cfpu-says>

24. *January 24, Albany Times Union* – (New York) **Town faces fine over sewage plant.** Bethlehem, New York, is facing a \$7,500 fine by the state for a new sewage treatment plant that is failing to adequately treat waste before discharging it into a tributary of the Hudson River, the Albany Times Union reported January 24. The New York Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) agreed to drop the fine if the town solves problems that have plagued the South Albany Sewer District plant since it was upgraded in 2010. The plant serves 23 homes and discharges into Coeymans Creek. The town had upgraded the aging plant with the help of \$467,000 in federal stimulus funding in 2009, but it failed state treatment standards from the onset, and despite several attempted fixes in 2011, failed standards in every month but October.

The town agreed to develop and implement a plan to solve the problems by December 2013.

Source: <http://www.timesunion.com/business/article/Town-faces-fine-over-sewage-plant-2684026.php>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

25. *January 24, Elmira Star-Gazette* – (New York) **St. Joseph’s cancer clinic shut down.** About 300 cancer patients are scrambling to find new care after the cancer clinic at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Elmira, New York, abruptly closed after the sudden departure of the oncologist who ran the clinic, the Elmira Star-Gazette reported January 24. The oncologist said he left because he refused to sign a document that would have limited his ability to treat people who were hospital in-patients. “The stipulation in the document was that I would no longer be able to transport hospital-based patients to the clinic for therapy. Now I have to discriminate between patients ... I refused to sign it, so they terminated the program,” he said. The documents cited sloppy record-keeping at the clinic, but the oncologist said he believes that was a minor issue.

Source: <http://www.stargazette.com/article/20120124/NEWS01/201240357/St-Joseph-s-cancer-clinic-shut-down?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|FRONTPAGE>

26. *January 24, McAlester News-Capital* – (Oklahoma) **McAlester firemen respond to chemical spill at Warren Clinic.** McAlester, Oklahoma firemen responded to a call from the Warren Clinic regarding a chemical spill January 18 after one of the employees dropped a glass bottle containing Phenol, a mild acid used by foot doctors. When firemen arrived, the entire building was evacuated. Firefighters went into the building, onto the third floor where the spill occurred, and removed a section of carpet. Firefighters also worked on ventilating the building. Forty-five minutes later, employees at the Warren Clinic were able to re-enter the building.

Source: <http://mcalesternews.com/local/x647570356/McAlester-firemen-respond-to-chemical-spill-at-Warren-Clinic>

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Government Facilities Sector

27. *January 25, Associated Press* – (New York) **Police: NY student brought homemade bomb to school.** Authorities said a state police bomb disposal unit was called to a school in Hammond, New York, after a homemade explosive device was found in a gym locker, along with a machete and hunting knife. State police said they were called to Hammond Central School around 2 p.m. January 24 after school officials found the items following a search launched when they were alerted by other students that a teenage boy had an explosive device. Troopers said they found a test tube containing black powder and a fuse. The bomb disposal unit removed the device. The student was

charged with criminal possession of a weapon and was released to the custody of his parents.

Source: <http://online.wsj.com/article/AP03ddbb99e504469194716a0b58a2d8ea.html>

28. *January 25, Associated Press* – (Oregon) **Floodwaters damage 145 vehicles in Oregon state motor pool parking lot at Salem.** The Oregon State Motor Pool said 145 vehicles were damaged when floodwaters inundated its parking lot January 19 in Salem, Oregon. The Salem Statesman Journal reported insurance adjusters were adding up the damage. The Oregon Department of Administrative Services said the motor pool lot manager started moving vehicles when he arrived in the morning, but parts of the lot were under 2 feet of water within an hour.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/bd3b7f3f311c43fdb978a755df3e0017/OR--Motor-Pool-Flood/>

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Emergency Services Sector

29. *January 25, WLKY 32 Louisville* – (Kentucky) **Sheriff's office says deputy's cars targeted by thieves.** The Jefferson County Sheriff's Department in Kentucky was the target of criminals twice recently, WLKY 32 Louisville reported January 25. In one case, the sheriff's office said a rifle was stolen after the door of a marked vehicle at an off-duty deputy's Hikes Point home was pried open. The internal affairs unit is investigating whether any procedure or policy was violated. In the other incident, a stun gun was also stolen from another marked sheriff's vehicle after the vehicle's window was broken out. It was parked at an off-duty deputy's home in west Louisville.
Source: <http://www.wlky.com/r/30292735/detail.html>
30. *January 25, Tacoma News Tribune* – (Washington) **Pierce County notification system malfunction sent same text 30 times.** A malfunction with Pierce County, Washington's emergency notification system caused 1,500 people to receive the same text message 30 times January 24. The message notified people to report damage from the ice and snow storm the week of January 16 to the county's damage assessment center. The county wants people to report damage so the state can pursue federal aid. Pierce County Emergency Management (PCEM) is working with Everbridge, the system's provider in California, to figure out and solve the problem with the Pierce County Alert system, said a PCEM spokeswoman. She described the problem as a "system glitch." Until it is resolved, an emergency message could be sent directly by Everbridge if the need arises, she said. It is not the first time the county has had problems with the 1 and 1/2-year-old system. During the storm the week of January 16, some notification messages were not sent properly. On January 23, when the system first tried to send the damage-report request that went out January 24, it was not sent at all.

Source: <http://www.thenewstribune.com/2012/01/24/1997266/county-notification-system-malfunction.html?storylink=mrc>

31. *January 24, CNN* – (Connecticut) **FBI arrests Connecticut cops accused of racial profiling.** The FBI arrested three East Haven, Connecticut police patrol officers and one sergeant January 24, for their alleged role in the mistreatment of Latinos — the first arrests to stem from a federal investigation into racial profiling in that town. The men allegedly threatened and assaulted detainees, made false arrests — including one against a local clergy member — and later conspired to cover up evidence by falsifying reports and blocking an investigation, prosecutors said January 24 during a news conference. The four men were arrested for allegedly conspiring to “injure, oppress, threaten, and intimidate various members of the East Haven community,” profiling residents during traffic stops, performing illegal searches, and harassing Latino business owners and their advocates. The arrests come just weeks after a scathing Department of Justice report, derived from an investigation that began in September 2009, accusing the town’s police of engaging in “discriminatory policing against Latinos.”

Source: http://www.cnn.com/2012/01/24/justice/connecticut-racial-profiling-arrests/index.html?hpt=ju_c2

32. *January 24, KMSP 9 Eden Prairie* – (Minnesota) **Federal gang investigation locks down all Minn. prisons.** The prison system in Minnesota was put on lockdown January 24, while federal agents worked to break up a major gang. Investigators told KMSP 9 Eden Prairie they hope the inmate restrictions will stop any prisoners from alerting suspects on the streets that they are being sought. Investigators are currently seeking at least two people wanted on murder charges while 9,000 inmates are seeing their movements restricted, meaning they can no longer see visitors or make phone calls. Agents are serving warrants both inside and outside prison walls in a search for at least seven people on charges ranging from murder to racketeering.

Source: <http://www.myfoxtwincities.com/dpp/news/minnesota/federal-gang-investigation-locks-down-all-minn-prisons-jan-24-2012#ixzz1kUICHJnd>

33. *January 24, Jackson County Floridian* – (Florida) **Phone trouble at the sheriff’s office, 911 working.** Telephone lines at the Jackson County Sheriff’s Office in Florida were out January 24, due to a fiber optic cable line that has been cut. Only the 911 line was working as of 4 p.m. January 24. The Marianna Police Department was assisting the county during the outage, relaying information to deputies via their radios and in other ways.

Source: <http://www2.jcfloridan.com/news/2012/jan/24/3/phone-trouble-sherriffs-office-911-working-ar-3107433/>

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Information Technology Sector

34. *January 25, H Security* – (International) **Opera 11.61 fixes XSS vulnerability.** Version 11.61 of Opera has been released. According to its developers,

the maintenance update fixes bugs found in the existing builds and closes two security holes in the Web browser. Opera 11.61 addresses a “high” severity cross-site scripting vulnerability that could be exploited by an attacker to bypass the same origin policy. A second issue, rated as “low” severity, in which remote pages could detect what local files a user has on their local machine, was also fixed. Changes not related to security include an update to the default Speed Dials as well as fixes for the built-in e-mail client, and a number of bugs that caused the application to crash.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Opera-11-61-fixes-XSS-vulnerability-1421248.html>

35. *January 25, The Register* – (International) **Super-powered ‘frankenmalware’ strains detected in the wild.** Viruses are accidentally infecting worms on victims’ computers, creating super-powered strains of hybrid software nasties. The monster malware spreads quicker than before, screws up systems worse than ever, and exposes private data in a way not even envisioned by the original virus writers. A study by antivirus outfit BitDefender found 40,000 such “Frankenmalware samples” in a study of 10 million infected files in early January, or 0.4 percent of malware strains sampled. These cybercrime chimeras pose a greater risk to infected users than standard malware, the antivirus firm warns. “If you get one of these hybrids on your system, you could be facing financial troubles, computer problems, identity theft, and a wave of spam thrown in as a random bonus,” said the BitDefender analyst who carried out the study. “The advent of malware sandwiches throws a new twist into the world of malware. They spread more efficiently, and will become increasingly difficult to predict.” BitDefender does not have historical data to go on. Even so, it posits that frankenmalware is likely to grow at the same rate as regular computer viruses, or about 17 percent per year. All of the malware hybrids analyzed by BitDefender so far have been created accidentally. However, the risk posed by these combinations could increase dramatically as criminals latch onto the idea.

Source: <http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/01/25/frankenmalware/>

36. *January 25, H Security* – (International) **Critical flaw discovered in Symantec’s pcAnywhere.** Symantec issued a warning about a critical vulnerability in pcAnywhere, the remote control application for PCs. The vulnerability could allow an attacker to remotely inject code into a system running pcAnywhere and then run it with system privileges. This attack works because a service on TCP port 5631 allows user input during the authentication process that is not adequately checked. According to Symantec, this port should, under normal conditions, only be reachable by authorized network users, so an attacker would have to first gain access to the network or another computer on the network to compromise other systems. In practice though, overly lax firewall configurations mean such ports are always available on the Internet. Symantec is also correcting a vulnerability that meant that files installed during pcAnywhere’s installation process were marked as writable by everyone. This would allow an unprivileged user with local access to overwrite these files, possibly with code that could grant elevated privileges. Further details of the two holes are still being kept secret by Symantec, and exploits are reportedly not in circulation. As the flaws were reported by security researchers of NGS Secure, it is probable the discovery of the flaws is not related to the recent theft of source code for an older version of

pcAnywhere. pcAnywhere 12.5.x is vulnerable to the flaws, as are versions 7.0 and 7.1 of the company's IT Management Suite Solution. Symantec released a hotfix that can be installed either manually or automatically with Symantec's LiveUpdate system. Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Critical-flaw-discovered-in-Symantec-s-pcAnywhere-1421261.html>

37. *January 24, H Security* – (International) **Joomla! 2.5 adds new features, closes holes.** The Joomla! Project announced the arrival of version 2.5.0 of its open source PHP-based content management system. The successor to the 1.7 release from July 2011 is a long term support version that will be supported for “at least 18 months” and adds several new features. The update addresses two medium-priority, cross-site scripting vulnerabilities and two low-priority, information disclosure holes. Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Joomla-2-5-adds-new-features-closes-holes-1420866.html>

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Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <https://www.it-isac.org>

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Communications Sector

38. *January 24, Radio World* – (Florida) **FCC fines Florida pirate \$10,000.** The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has fined a man \$10,000 for operating an unlicensed radio transmitter on 98.7 MHz in Miami, Radio World reported January 24. Following up on a complaint in July, Miami Enforcement Bureau agents traced the unauthorized signal to an FM transmitting antenna mounted in a tree. The station was also transmitting an RDS display of “98.7 FM Energy,” according to the commission. The agents also found an Internet Web site for the station, www.energyfm987.com. The man told agents he would turn off the station, but did not admit he was the operator or unauthorized station owner. The agents left and the transmissions resumed. The agents again traced the illegal transmissions to the same home. Agents from the Miami office identified the man by comparing his Florida driver's license photograph to pictures posted on the Internet. In assessing the penalty, the FCC stated in its decision the man can be said to have “operated” the unlicensed radio station on 98.7 MHz because he demonstrated control over the general conduct or management of the station, according to the agency's rules. The station continues to be streamed online. Source: <http://www.rwonline.com/article/fcc-fines-florida-pirate-/211476>
39. *January 24, Dark Reading* – (International) **IP D-Day: Major providers, vendors to go IPv6 June 6.** It has been in the works for more than a decade, but the next-

generation IPv6 protocol will officially go live in some major corners of the Internet in 2012, Dark Reading reported January 24. The Internet Society has deemed June 6 as World IPv6 Day, when Google, AT&T, Facebook, Comcast, Cisco, and others plan to flip the switch to the new IP protocol. IPv6 has been available in most products for some time, and various organizations and government agencies have test-run the protocol. Other nations, such as Japan and France, have already broadly rolled out IPv6. Meanwhile, IPv4 has outlasted some predictions it would have run out of address space by now, and IPv6 has exponentially more address space that can better accommodate the explosion of IP devices. Like any new technology rollout, security experts say the transition to IPv6 could introduce new bugs into the ecosystem. Among the companies participating in the IPv6 cutover June 6 are Google, Facebook, Microsoft Bing, Yahoo!, AT&T, Comcast, Free Telecom, Internode, KDDI, Time Warner Cable, XS4All, Cisco, and D-Link. The ISPs going to IPv6 — AT&T, Comcast, Free Telecom, Internode, KDDI, Time Warner Cable, and XS4ALL — will roll out the new protocol in their networks so that at least 1 percent of their wireline residential subscribers who visit other IPv6-enabled Web sites will get there via IPv6. They plan to make IPv6 a big part of their services, while new home routers from Cisco and D-Link will enable IPv6 by default.

Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/security-monitoring/167901086/security/perimeter-security/232500387/>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

40. *January 25, WPIX 11 New York City* – (New Jersey) **Teen arrested in firebombing attacks on NJ temples.** Police arrested a teenager in connection with firebombing attacks on New Jersey temples, WPIX 11 New York City reported January 24. According to officials, the Lodi, New Jersey teen has been arrested and charged with the January 11 attempted murder of a rabbi and his family, and the associated firebombing of the Rutherford synagogue. He was also charged in the arson and firebombing of the Temple K’Hal Adath Jeshrun in Paramus January 3, officials said. Investigators are crediting the arrest with the release of surveillance video and photographs the week of January 16 that captured the suspect purchasing many components of the incendiary device used in the Rutherford temple attack. Evidence connecting the suspect to the crime was reportedly discovered at his home, after authorities executed a search warrant. He was charged with nine counts of first degree attempted murder, one count of first degree bias intimidation, and one count of first degree aggravated arson for the Rutherford incident. He was charged with first degree aggravated arson, first degree bias intimidation, and third degree arson for the Paramus incident.

Source: <http://www.wpix.com/news/wpix-arrest-made-nj-temple-fire-bombings,0,3171515.story>

41. *January 25, WDRB 41 Louisville* – (Kentucky) **Police: Bomb threat made against Southeast Christian Church.** A Louisville, Kentucky man has been accused of terroristic threatening after police said he phoned in bomb threats against two

Louisville churches. According to an arrest report, several officers were called to Southeast Christian Church after a man called Jeffersontown Police to say he had placed a bomb in the building. The man reportedly told dispatchers he is bi-polar and that he suffers from frequent blackouts. Police later determined there was no, “weapon of mass destruction” in the church. Police said that, prior to being taken into custody, the suspect admitted to making bomb threats against Southeast Christian Church and Lampton Baptist Church. Police said he told them he made the bomb threats because he was, “upset with both churches.” He was charged with second-degree terroristic threatening. On January 25, the suspect appeared for his arraignment. His attorney said the man is a member of Southeast Christian Church and is on medication for bi-polar disorder. The judge allowed him to be released on his own recognizance on condition that he go straight to the VA Medical Center for an evaluation, and that he have no contact with Southeast Christian Church.

Source: <http://www.wdrb.com/story/16596920/police-bomb-threat-made-against-southeast-christian-church>

42. *January 24, LakeNewsOnline.com* – (Missouri) **Mobile meth lab found in Osage Beach City Park.** Three men are in jail after police caught them making “shake ‘n bake” meth in a van at the Osage Beach City Park in Osage Beach, Missouri, January 22. Osage Beach police arrested the men after finding their mobile methamphetamine lab where one of the men intended to produce meth with the “one pot” method. Someone called police when they noticed three men visiting several businesses and buying the over the counter decongestant pseudoephedrine. They followed a small brown pickup truck with three occupants. Within minutes of the police starting to watch the truck, one of the suspects exited a business while carrying a small, white bag. He later told investigators he enlisted the help of two people he just met to buy pseudoephedrine because he knew he would not be able to legally buy enough of the meth ingredient by himself to make a batch of the illegal drug.

Source: <http://www.lakewebsonline.com/news/x767703066/Mobile-meth-lab-found-in-Osage-Beach-City-Park>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

43. *January 24, Federal Computer Week* – (National) **NARA faulted for internet connection outage that affected staff and public.** An Internet connection blackout at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) cut off all staff access to the Web, and all public access to agency Web sites for 32 hours, according to a newly disclosed report from the archives’ Inspector General (IG). The outage occurred in September, but was only recently disclosed publicly. The failed Internet connection due to a cut fiber-optic cable “significantly affected” NARA operations and hampered “critical” staff work, the IG wrote in a management letter about the incident published on his office’s Web site. The outage also apparently hampered members of the public who unexpectedly lost access to the NARA site. The incident indicated the NARA does not have a backup connection to restore Internet and other services within a timely manner, the IG wrote. He said he would audit the connections and continuity of

operations functions in coming weeks. “NARA officials overseeing the network architecture should have known the design of the network created a single point of failure, and taken action to address this risk before NARA’s mission and business capabilities were impacted,” the IG wrote. The letter was dated October 13, but only recently was published on the agency’s Web site.

Source: <http://fcw.com/articles/2012/01/24/nara-faulted-for-internet-outage-that-affected-staff-and-public.aspx>

44. *January 24, Sierra Madre Patch* – (California) **15 people rescued in Angeles National Forest over weekend.** Sheriff’s department and local search and rescue volunteers rescued 15 lost hikers in five separate incidents in the Angeles National Forest in Los Angeles County, California, the weekend of January 21. The unusually high level of activity happened over a 28-hour period. The afternoon of January 21, two men were hospitalized, while one was found dead. They had fallen several hundred feet into a ravine while hiking. That night, three teen hikers got lost in Eaton Canyon after dark and had to be walked out by the Altadena Mountain Rescue Team (AMRT). Also that night, a group of boy scouts and adult leaders got lost and separated from the rest of their troop in the Mt. Wilson area. They were assisted by Montrose Search and Rescue. On January 22, four boys were airlifted off of an Azusa Canyon cliff after they climbed into a place they could not get down from. Also that day, three teens climbed into a closed-off cliff area near Millard Canyon and got stuck. One was airlifted out and two were taken out by an AMRT rope team.

Source: <http://sierramadre.patch.com/articles/15-people-rescued-in-angeles-national-forest-over-weekend>

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Dams Sector

45. *January 25, Eugene Register Guard* – (Oregon) **Rivers on the rise once again.** A new round of rainstorms has some Eugene, Oregon residents on edge as streams push close to overtopping their banks because dams upstream are boosting outflows to make room for more rain. Long Tom River, which swelled after Fern Ridge Lake filled to 75 percent of its capacity following a week of rainy weather, prompted the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to release 4,000 cubic feet of water per second (cfs) from the dam to rebuild the lake’s storage capacity to handle the rain the week of January 23. Officials at the Corps’ Portland office said the large releases are needed to prevent worse flooding from storms yet to come. Some reservoirs had to be lowered quickly or they had the potential to overflow with more rainfall, forcing larger releases and more dangerous flooding. Waters in the southern Willamette Valley could come within less than a foot of flood stage January 25. Other rivers, including the Long Tom near Monroe and the Willamette River at Harrisburg, were above bank full January 24, and the latter could come within less than a foot of flood stage later. Similar crests are expected later in Corvallis, Albany, and Salem. Eugene received more than 1.7 inches of rain January 24, more than initially forecast and a record for the date. That prompted

hydrologists to raise the expected crests on local rivers as the additional water runs off and moves downstream. More rain is forecast until January 26 from the current string of storms. The extra rain has renewed fear of landslides, which occurred throughout Western Oregon the week of January 16, including one that closed Highway 126 between Vida and Blue River for most of a day.

Source: <http://www.registerguard.com/web/updates/27510909-55/river-flood-tom-corps-forecast.html.csp>

46. *January 25, Main Street Connect* – (New York) **Rye Brook board approves resolution on Bowman Dam.** The Rye Brook Board of Trustees passed a resolution approving a site plan application for the implementation of a sluice gate inside the Bowman Avenue dam in Rye Brook, New York, Main Street Connect reported January 25. The concept of adding the sluice gate is a way to more efficiently manage the water flow within the dam. However, according to the WPS Sells project manager, the new sluice gate will not completely eliminate downstream flooding. “The project involves the replacement of the fix timber gate with a fully automated sluice gate,” he said. The area downstream the gate will mitigate begins at I-287 and runs down I-95. Since the dam is also part of both the Town of Harrison and the City of Rye, the three villages have entered into an Inter Municipal Agreement that deals primarily with operation of the sluice gate. According to the project manager, the 8- to 12-week building process could begin as early as June.

Source: <http://www.thedailyportchester.com/news/rye-brook-board-approves-resolution-bowman-dam>

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