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- The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) claimed a trader in Latvia, as well as four U.S. trading firms and their executives, used an online account intrusion scheme to manipulate the prices of more than 100 U.S.-exchange listed securities, causing more than \$2 million in harm. – *U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* (See item [16](#))
- Two spans of a heavily-traveled Benton, Kentucky bridge collapsed after being struck by a cargo ship carrying aviation parts. – *Associated Press* (See item [19](#))

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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 27, KCRA 10 Sacramento* – (California) **Power restored following N. Highlands outage.** Approximately 30,000 properties were without power in North Highlands, California, January 27 after vandalism incidents at two Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) locations caused major outages. A SMUD

spokesman said vandals hit two SMUD substations just after midnight. The first vandalism affected 17,000 people and the second rendered 12,000 powerless for a period of time. Both acts of vandalism resembled one another so SMUD suspected they were committed by the same person or people. Power was restored to the affected areas around 5 a.m.

Source: <http://www.news10.net/news/local/article/175477/2/30000-without-power-in-N-Highlands-due-to-SMUD-vandalism>

2. *January 26, Associated Press* – (New York) **Gas-line break in NY town 10 days after explosion.** A ruptured main spewed natural gas for 2 hours January 26, just half a mile from where a gas explosion leveled a suburban townhouse and injured two firefighters 10 days earlier in Haverstraw, New York. There was no fire or explosion January 26. Residents were not evacuated and there were no injuries, said the spokesman for Orange & Rockland Utilities. He said 42 households in the village of Haverstraw were without gas service until at least that night. Last week's explosion came after a Verizon contractor ruptured a buried gas line by cracking concrete. The work had not been authorized by Orange & Rockland. That led to an explosion that destroyed the townhouse and injured two firefighters who were evacuating residents. The explosion is being investigated and criminal charges are being considered.

Source: <http://online.wsj.com/article/AP5feb0f51056400f9ed0ec8c16a6eaa8.html>

3. *January 25, Associated Press* – (Washington) **WA utility down to 3,000 customers without power.** Utility crews working to restore service to Western Washington customers whose electricity was knocked out by a week's worth of snow, ice and wind storms have only 3,000 remaining outages. A Puget Sound Energy spokesman January 25 said crews planned to work through the night and hoped to have power restored to all by January 26. He said gusty winds that blew through the area January 24 and January 25 added about 38,000 fresh outages. Since the storms began, the utility has restored service to 450,000 customers. Puget Sound Energy serves 1.1 million electrical customers in Western Washington.

Source:

http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2017336201_apwapoweroutages1stldwritethru.html

4. *January 20, U.S. Coast Guard* – (Michigan) **Coast Guard, other environmental response agencies to practice recovering oil from icy water.** Members of the U.S. Coast Guard, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, oil spill response organizations, Enbridge Energy Partners, and several other agencies participated in a unique exercise out of St. Ignace, Michigan, January 23-25, during which several techniques for recovering spilled oil and other hazardous materials from icy waterways will be tested and evaluated. While the Coast Guard frequently trains for spill recovery throughout the country, this will be the first time the service has practiced such activities in icy water. Members of the Coast Guard Research and Development Center, based in Groton, Connecticut, have been studying multiple recovery options for the unique conditions prevalent during Great Lakes winters. The goal of this project will be to evaluate the effectiveness of those options by recovering small amounts of peat moss and oranges, environmentally-friendly oil surrogates, from the icy waters. The results

could also be useful for future responses in the Arctic.

Source: <http://www.d9.uscgnews.com/go/doc/443/1268019/>

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Chemical Industry Sector

5. *January 27, Columbus Dispatch* – (National) **Scotts to pay \$4.5M in fines.** Scotts Miracle-Gro Co., headquartered in Marysville, Ohio, agreed to plead guilty to charges in federal court and pay \$4.5 million in fines in two incidents that date to 2008, the Columbus Dispatch reported January 27. In 2008, the company recalled packages of wild birdseed coated with pesticides toxic to birds. In a separate incident in 2008, federal officials discovered the firm was selling lawn and garden products with falsified U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) pesticide registration numbers. The guilty plea and fines were contained in a plea-agreement document filed January 26 in federal court. Court documents state that, from November 2005 to March 2008, Scotts distributed 73 million units of birdseed coated with insecticides called Storcide II and Actellic 5E. This was done to keep insects from eating the seeds during storage. Documents state Scotts continued to sell the products despite warnings in the summer and fall of 2007 from two employees, including a pesticide chemist and an ornithologist. Also in 2008, EPA officials found Scotts was selling lawn and garden products with fake pesticide registrations. Court documents list a Scotts lawn service fertilizer, a garden “weed preventer and plant food,” and another product called Southern Max Fire Ant Killer. Scotts officials said in 2008 the fake numbers were the actions of a single manager who was later fired. Part of the \$500,000 fine will be evenly split among five groups and agencies to fund efforts to protect birds.
Source: <http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/business/2012/01/27/scotts-to-pay-4-5m-in-fines.html>
6. *January 27, Salina Journal* – (Kansas) **Water in Lime Creek in normal range.** Cleanup and monitoring of a sulfuric acid spill continued since an estimated 3,000 gallons of the chemical spilled into Lime Creek from a tanker railcar in northwest Herington, Kansas, January 8, killing hundreds of fish. The pH levels returned to normal ranges above 6.8, according to a news release from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), the Salina Journal reported January 27. A range of 6 to 9 indicates the water is safe for animal consumption, the release said. Limestone filter dams, used to contain the contaminated water, are still in place and will be removed later. Soil at the Union Pacific rail yard was neutralized and removed by a contractor. Another round of verification sampling will be coordinated by the KDHE and railroad in coming days.
Source: <http://www.salina.com/news/story/herington-acid-update-12612>
7. *January 26, Jackson County Floridan* – (Florida) **Crews remove flammable chemical from rail car.** Many parents converged on Grand Ridge School in Grand Ridge, Florida, January 26 to take their children home after being told crews were preparing to remove a flammable chemical, methyl chloride, from a rail car that derailed near the school January 14. The deputy superintendent said miscommunication led to confusion

and to parents pulling out 400 out of the 600 enrolled students by noon under the mistaken belief a mandatory evacuation was ordered. As it was, the transfer was not originally scheduled to begin until after 5 p.m., well after the end of the school day. A storm system expected around that time was expected to push the transfer later. Officials with CSX said the transfer would be done sometime January 26 after the storm passed, and would take about 6 hours. According to a CSX hazardous material officer, the derailed train was also carrying sodium hydroxide, a corrosive agent considered less volatile than methyl chloride. He said the sodium hydroxide would be transferred from its damaged rail car to an over-the-road tanker truck for transport. The damaged cars would be dismantled because the cost of repairing damage exceeds the value in doing so, he noted. However, he said no damage extended past the outer protective shell of the cars and, as a result, there was no danger any vapors were released and no sign of any leaks. Air monitoring was carried out through the weekend of January 14 following the derailment with no evidence of any contamination. Source: <http://www2.jcfloridan.com/news/2012/jan/26/crews-remove-flammable-chemical-rail-car-ar-3123344/>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

8. *January 27, Raleigh News & Observer* – (North Carolina) **Nuke plant accident due to poor training.** Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) officials concluded that a fluke mishap in 2011 at Progress Energy’s Brunswick nuclear plant near Wilmington, North Carolina, was caused by the lack of worker qualification and that necessary training had lapsed for more than a decade. The NRC issued its preliminary findings January 25, but the agency is continuing its investigation to determine the safety significance of the incident. In November, mildly radioactive water bubbled out of the reactor vessel, rather than boiling inside under pressure to form steam. At one point, the water was flowing out at a rate of over 10 gallons a minute, about 100 times more volume than would flow out under normal circumstances. NRC investigators concluded the lid was improperly attached after a refueling outage because maintenance workers were not trained in reactor vessel disassembly and reassembly. Qualification for this kind of work had not been provided since 2000, the NRC said in its assessment. Nine of the 12 workers who performed the reactor vessel assembly were not qualified. Some received “just-in-time” (i.e., last-minute) training before the fall 2011 refueling outage. Source: <http://www.newsobserver.com/2012/01/27/1809719/nuke-plant-accident-due-to-poor.html>
9. *January 27, Harrisburg Patriot-News* – (Pennsylvania) **Three Mile Island nuclear plant finds unexpected flaws in new steam generators.** After just one operating cycle, inspectors at Three Mile Island (TMI) nuclear facility near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, detected unexpected flaws in the facility’s new steam generators. Officials said the flaws were well below regulatory thresholds, but the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) held a meeting January 26 to get more information.

The two 70-foot, 510-ton “once-through” generators manufactured by AREVA sit on either side of the nuclear core, and were installed at TMI in 2009. When TMI shut down in October to change fuel, inspectors discovered some of the reactor water tubes in the generators had unexpected wear marks — from rubbing against each other. An AREVA spokesman said the reason the tubes were wearing against each other and in the pattern found “is not immediately obvious to us right now.” A detailed study is underway to determine the cause.

Source:

http://www.pennlive.com/midstate/index.ssf/2012/01/three_mile_island_nuclear_plan_1.html

10. *January 26, Oswego Palladium-Times* – (New York) **NRC cites FitzPatrick for violations.** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) ordered owners of the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant in Scriba, New York, to take corrective actions to address violations involving the radiation protection program at the plant, the Oswego Palladium-Times reported January 26. The violations, which resulted in the termination of four employees of the facility, including one who was convicted of violating federal law, stemmed from commission investigations conducted at the plant in 2009 and 2010 involving radiation protection technicians not properly executing their duties. According to a report released by the NRC, the violations included a failure: by technicians to perform required respirator fit testing on multiple occasions from 2006-09; to maintain accurate docutests during the same period; to perform and/or accurately document independent verification of certain valve positions after the valves were manipulated between September 2007 and December 2009; to document a personal contamination event on at least one occasion; to perform a contamination survey or check prior to the removal of an item from the plant’s radiologically controlled area; to carry out daily radiological surveys of a reactor building airlock on multiple occasions from 2006-09.

Source: <http://palltimes.com/articles/2012/01/26/news/doc4f21f7a5d4fc4680817663.txt>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

11. *January 26, Northwest Indiana Times* – (Indiana) **Burns Harbor steam accident spurs changes.** Three months after a worker was badly burned in an accident at ArcelorMittal in Burns Harbor, Indiana, the company and union said changes have been made at the steel mill to prevent similar tragedies. An investigation of the incident is “well under way,” a company spokeswoman said in a statement January 25. The worker was investigating a noise in the basic oxygen furnace area October 26 when a pressure buildup caused a flexible steam hose to burst, according to the president of United Steelworkers Local 6787. High-pressure steam and hot water sprayed the worker, and he suffered third-degree burns on more than half of his body. He later died. Corrective actions the company took included redesigning the piping system and adding control systems and interlocks to prevent hazardous steam buildups. The company and union also walked through the complex to ensure that product was not used in similar applications.

Source: http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/porter/duneland/burns-harbor/burns-harbor-steam-accident-spurs-changes/article_d6f2fec0-bed9-5977-b1a7-5eb708c40348.html

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Banking and Finance Sector

12. *January 27, Buffalo News* – (New York) **4 men charged after Black Money swindle goes awry.** A West African currency scam arrived in Cheektowaga, New York, the weekend of January 21, landing three men in hot water along with their alleged victim, who later tried to take back his money at gunpoint, Cheektowaga police said January 26. Police said the incident began when three Liberian natives targeted a Buffalo man under what police call a Black Money Scam. The scam is a popular fraud in which the victim is presented with black construction paper reported to be real U.S. currency that had been dyed black through a chemical process. The con men told the victim they needed money to buy another chemical to wash away the black dye and make the currency usable. He turned over \$21,000 to the three scammers in exchange for half of the black paper, police said. After he realized he had been scammed, the victim called the scammers and told them he had some friends who also wanted in on the “investment” in order to set up another meeting. At that meeting, which took place somewhere in Buffalo late January 21 or early January 22, the three con men were ambushed at gunpoint by the victim and up to three other men and forced into the basement of an unknown address. One of the men was taken back to his hotel room by the original victim, who demanded a return of his money. The three scammers were charged with fraudulent accosting and criminal possession of a forgery instrument. The original victim was charged with conspiracy and robbery.

Source: <http://www.buffalonews.com/city/communities/cheektowaga/article716451.ece>

13. *January 27, Somerset Courier News* – (New Jersey) **FBI nabs would-be Westfield bank robber.** FBI agents arrested a TD Bank employee at his Elizabeth, New Jersey home January 26 on charges he conspired to commit bank robbery, according to authorities. According to the complaint, an individual entered a TD Bank in Westfield September 11, and passed a deposit slip across the counter to a bank teller. As the teller stepped back from the counter upon reading the note, the person reached across the counter and grabbed the money the teller had been counting, about \$5,721. Between September and December, seven additional bank robberies occurred at TD Bank locations throughout New Jersey, a U.S. attorney said. According to the investigation, the alleged bank robber exchanged text messages in November and December with the arrested TD Bank employee. The two discussed when and how the vault of the Westfield branch could be robbed. During an interview with law enforcement, the

employee acknowledged he discussed robbing the vault with the alleged bank robber and others, the U.S. attorney said. The employee said the robber agreed to give him up to \$50,000 of the money from the vault. The charge of criminal conspiracy carries a maximum potential penalty of 5 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000, officials said.

Source: <http://www.mycentraljersey.com/article/20120126/NJNEWS/301260036/FBI-nabs-would-Westfield-bank-robber?odyssey=nav|head>

14. *January 27, St. Augustine Record; Florida Times-Union* – (Florida) **Guilty verdict sparks relief, regret for victims.** A jury in a U.S. district court in Jacksonville, Florida, January 26 convicted a woman on all 14 counts in a Ponzi scheme through which she defrauded investors of as much as \$100 million. She faces up to 20 years on each of the 14 counts for which she was found guilty. A bankruptcy attorney said all of the investors are to be given stock in Integrity Auto Finance, the new company formed in Chapter 11 bankruptcy from the remains of the woman's corporation. A cash disbursement is also coming on May 4, the first of an annual disbursement from a creditor trust. That trust is funded by whatever remained of the woman's assets after the formation of Integrity.

Source: <http://staugustine.com/news/local-news/2012-01-26/cladeks-guilty-verdict-sparks-relief-regret-victims#.TyLNqIEhxI5>

15. *January 26, Minneapolis Star Tribune* – (National) **Bloomington duo accused of mortgage fraud.** Two Bloomington residents were arraigned January 26 in Minneapolis on charges they ran an \$8 million equity-stripping scheme under the guise of a nonprofit that claimed to help troubled homeowners avoid foreclosure. The residents were each charged January 19 in a sealed indictment with conspiracy, fraud, and money laundering involving transactions that took place from 2005 through October 2007. One of the defendants owned and operated Unified Home Solutions (UHS) and American Mortgage Lenders (AML), a mortgage brokerage that facilitated the transactions, the indictment says. It notes the UHS owner told homeowners facing foreclosure that he offered a rescue program backed by investors who would buy their homes and sell them back after they had regained their financial footing. The indictment says the mortgages were obtained with fraudulent financial information. Investors collected a "risk fee," generally 3 percent of the purchase price, but most of the equity in the home went to UHS and AML, according to an affidavit filed in the case by an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) criminal investigator. She said UHS, AML, and their owner facilitated the sale of about 79 properties; fewer than five avoided foreclosure.

Source: <http://www.startribune.com/business/138169374.html>

16. *January 26, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (National; International) **SEC charges Latvian trader in pervasive brokerage account hijacking scheme.** The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) January 26 charged a trader in Latvia for conducting a widespread online account intrusion scheme in which he manipulated the prices of more than 100 New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) and Nasdaq securities and caused more than \$2 million in harm to customers of U.S. brokerage firms. The SEC also instituted related administrative proceedings against four electronic trading firms

and eight executives charged with enabling the trader's scheme by allowing him anonymous and unfiltered access to U.S. markets. According to the complaint, the defendant broke into online brokerage accounts of customers at large U.S. broker-dealers and drove stock prices up or down by making unauthorized purchases or sales. This occurred on more than 150 occasions over 14 months. The defendant – using the direct, anonymous market access provided by various unregistered firms – traded those same securities at artificial prices and reaped more than \$850,000 in illegal profits. According to the SEC, the four electronic trading firms allowed the defendant to trade through their electronic platforms without first registering as brokers. These firms gave the defendant a gateway to U.S. securities markets while circumventing the protections of federal securities law. The SEC's complaint alleges the defendant violated the anti fraud provisions of federal securities law and seeks injunctive relief, disgorgement with prejudgment interest, and financial penalties.

Source: <http://www.sec.gov/news/press/2012/2012-17.htm>

17. *January 26, Costa Mesa Daily Pilot* – (California) **Couple pleads guilty to bank fraud.** Two Newport Coast, California residents pleaded guilty January 26 to bank fraud in connection with seven different financial institutions. The couple gained a revolving line of credit from multiple banks, including Bank of America, in the amount of \$130 million by falsifying their business revenue for Anaheim-based Galleria USA, according to a news release from the U.S. Department of Justice. The banks lost about \$4.7 million because of the fraud between 2008 and 2009. They face a maximum of 40 years in federal prison.

Source: http://articles.dailypilot.com/2012-01-26/news/tn-dpt-0127-fu-20120126_1_galleria-usa-thomas-chia-fu-bank-fraud

18. *January 26, Associated Press* – (International) **US hits German-Moroccan brothers, German-Turk with terrorism sanctions.** The U.S. Presidential administration is hitting two German-Moroccan brothers and a German-Turk man with financial sanctions for their involvement in terrorist activities in central Asia, the Middle East, and Europe, the Associated Press reported January 26. The State Department and Treasury Department said the brothers are identified as “specially designated global terrorists” along with the third man. The move freezes any assets they have in U.S. jurisdictions and bars Americans from financial dealings with them. The brothers are affiliated with the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, a designated foreign terrorist organization that claims responsibility for numerous attacks in Afghanistan. The third man is affiliated with the Islamic Jihad Union, another designated foreign terrorist organization, which was implicated in a 2007 bomb plot targeting U.S. military installations and American citizens in Germany.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/us-hits-german-moroccan-brothers-german-turk-with-terrorism-sanctions/2012/01/26/gIQATzb0SQ_story.html

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19. *January 27, Associated Press* – (Kentucky) **Officials: Portion of Kentucky bridge collapses.** Two spans of a Benton, Kentucky bridge collapsed after being struck by a cargo ship that carried aviation parts. No injuries were immediately reported, state transportation officials said. The Delta Mariner struck the main span of the Eggner Ferry Bridge January 26 at U.S. Highway 68 and Kentucky Highway 80, said a spokesman for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. State inspectors are on their way to determine how much of the bridge, which opened to traffic in 1932, was damaged. Officials said the bridge was closed to traffic, causing vehicles needing to cross the Kentucky Lake reservoir and the Tennessee River to be detoured for dozens of miles. The U.S. Coast Guard also blocked access to boat traffic at the bridge site. Officials say about 2,800 vehicles travel daily on the bridge, which already was in the process of being replaced, although the new bridge has not been built yet. Motorists were advised to take alternate routes.
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2012/01/27/officials-portion-kentucky-bridge-collapses/>
20. *January 27, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Waves damage 1 Wash. rail line; 2nd line OK.** A BNSF Railway spokesman said waves crashing over the seawall at four spots between Everett and Mukilteo, Washington, have washed rocks away from one of two sets of mainline tracks in the area. The spokesman said the main rail line closest to Puget Sound in that area has been closed for repair. Both passenger and freight trains continue to run uninterrupted on a second main track line that is farther from the water. He said crews planned to work through the night January 26, dumping 14 rail cars' worth of rock to stabilize the roadbed. He said the high water washed rocks away from the ends of rail ties on the main line closest to the water. The double main line rail tracks in that area parallel Puget Sound.
Source: <http://www.seattlepi.com/news/article/Waves-damage-1-Wash-rail-line-2nd-line-OK-2750002.php#ixzz1kfmsWpTm>
21. *January 26, Tampa Bay Tribune* – (Florida) **Deputies: Man tried to take gun through St. Pete airport security.** An Indiana man was arrested January 26 for carrying a concealed weapon through the security checkpoint at St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport in Florida, the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office said. The man was arrested and charged with carrying a concealed weapon at around 4:15 p.m. The passenger was headed home on an Allegiant Flight after visiting Florida. As he was going through airport security, Transportation Security Administration agents identified the gun in his bag. Deputies were called to the scene and confirmed he had a Smith and Wesson handgun, the sheriff's office said.
Source: <http://www2.tbo.com/news/breaking-news/2012/jan/26/deputies-man-try-to-take-gun-through-st-pete-air-ar-351983/>
22. *January 26, KOMO 4 Seattle* – (Washington) **Man arrested for Mukilteo ferry bomb threat.** Service on the Mukilteo-Clinton, Washington ferry route was suspended for about 2 hours January 26 after a man threatened to blow up the vessel, then dropped a backpack from the upper deck onto the car deck, officials said. A Washington State

Patrol (WSP) patrol said one man was arrested following the incident aboard the ferry Cathlamet. The ferry also was evacuated, and a security sweep was conducted before service resumed with the 11 a.m. sailing from Mukilteo to Clinton. The man boarded the ferry at Clinton, the trooper said. His threat was overheard by several passengers and crew members, who immediately reported it. The man was detained and a bomb squad was called, said a state ferry system spokeswoman. She said at about 9 a.m., the passenger on the ship that was docked said he had something in his backpack and that he intended to blow up the ship. After a security sweep by the WSP and the U.S. Coast Guard, the backpack was found to contain only personal items.

Source: <http://www.seattlepi.com/mount-rainier/article/Man-arrested-for-Mukilteo-ferry-bomb-threat-2728598.php>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

23. *January 26, Associated Press* – (Utah) **FedEx employee charged with terrorism threat for making bomb joke at Utah Army base.** Prosecutors in Utah charged a FedEx driver with a threat of terrorism count over allegations he joked that a package he was delivering to a Utah Army base was likely a bomb. Charges filed January 25 in Salt Lake City show the deliveryman was dropping off a package September 20 addressed to a U.S Army Corps of Engineers employee at Camp Williams in Salt Lake City. Prosecutors said when a woman asked him what it was, he replied that it was probably a bomb. Military police then evacuated 215 people from the building and the surrounding area. He is charged with a third-degree felony count of threat of terrorism. Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/fedex-employee-charged-with-terrorism-threat-for-making-bomb-joke-at-utah-army-base/2012/01/26/gIQA7vzSQ_story.html

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Agriculture and Food Sector

24. *January 27, Toronto National Post* – (International) **Milk that may be contaminated with cleaning product recalled.** The Canadian Food Inspection Agency is warning people in Canada not to consume a certain brand of milk that may be contaminated with cleaning products, Postmedia News reported January 27. Neilson Trutaste 2 percent Microfiltered Partly Skimmed Milk, is being recalled by manufacturer Saputo Inc. of Montreal, Quebec. The milk was distributed in Ontario and Alymer, Quebec. One reaction has been reported so far. Any milk contaminated with the cleaning product will not necessarily look or smell spoiled, the agency said. Consuming it could cause nausea, upset stomach, or vomiting. Source: <http://news.nationalpost.com/2012/01/27/milk-that-may-be-contaminated-with-cleaning-product-recalled/>

25. *January 27, Environmental Protection* – (Washington) **Potato company pays EPA penalty for failing to report ammonia release.** Oregon Potato Company failed to report an anhydrous ammonia release at their facility in Warden, Washington, and will pay the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) a \$66,235 penalty, Environmental Protection reported January 27. The facility released about 300 pounds of anhydrous ammonia into the environment July 2, 2009, according to the EPA settlement. The facility produces dried and dehydrated frozen potato products. The leak occurred when a circuit breaker failed, causing a pressure relief valve to open. The EPA alleges Oregon Potato failed to immediately notify local and state agencies about the release. While no injuries were reported at the time of the incident, ammonia is a pungent, toxic gas that attacks skin, eyes, throat, and lungs and can cause serious injury or death.
Source: <http://eponline.com/articles/2012/01/27/potato-company-pays-epa-penalty-for-failing-to-report-ammonia-release.aspx>
26. *January 27, Food Safety News* – (Florida; Georgia) **Turkey and ham sub sandwiches recalled due to Listeria.** M.E. Thompson of Jacksonville, Florida, is recalling ham and turkey sub sandwiches that may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, Food Safety News reported January 27. Routine sampling by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services detected *Listeria* in some sandwiches. The recall is for Anytime Deli Turkey & Ham Footlong Sandwiches, packaged in white butcher wrap. The sub sandwiches were distributed January 2 and 3 to convenience stores in Florida and south Georgia. The product has been removed from store shelves.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/01/ham-and-turkey-sub-sandwiches-recalled-due-to-listeria/>
27. *January 26, Ocala Star-Banner* – (Florida) **Fire heavily damages landmark building in Cedar Key.** A fire January 26 heavily damaged a landmark building in Cedar Key, Florida. The second floor of the building that houses The Rusty Rim and Coconuts was significantly damaged. The Cedar Key fire chief said the cause was not immediately determined, but was not deemed suspicious. He said when the first member of the Cedar Key Volunteer Fire Department arrived, flames could be seen working their way through the roof. Volunteers from fire departments in Rosewood, Fowler's Bluff, Chiefland, and Bronson responded. By the time the fire was extinguished, the fire chief said it had done so much damage that The Rusty Rim restaurant on the second floor would be unable to reopen without extensive repairs. He said building officials who inspected the structure said it might be possible for the business on the first floor to reopen fairly soon because there was relatively little damage to that portion of the building.
Source: <http://www.ocala.com/article/20120126/ARTICLES/120129717/-1/NEWS?Title=Fire-heavily-damages-landmark-building-in-Cedar-Key&tc=ar>
28. *January 26, Berkeley Patch* – (California) **Fire causes \$700,000 damage to Great China restaurant.** A fire caused \$700,000 worth of damage to the Great China restaurant in Berkeley, California, January 25, Berkeley fire officials said. A cooking fire in the kitchen quickly spread, according to the assistant fire captain. The fire was upgraded to a two-alarm fire when flames caught the ceiling and roof of the building.

Great China sustained \$500,000 in damage to the building, and \$200,000 in damage to its contents. The restaurant was shut down due to the fire.

Source: <http://berkeley.patch.com/articles/fire-causes-700-000-damage-to-great-china-restaurant>

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Water Sector

29. *January 27, USA Today* – (Washington) **Extra scrutiny urged on design of Hanford nuke-waste plant.** A federal oversight panel is raising new concerns to the Department of Energy about potentially serious flaws in the design of a \$12 billion waste treatment plant that is being built for the nation’s largest radioactive cleanup. The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board wants more tests and analyses to validate the designs for key components of the plant, which is meant to stabilize and contain 56 million gallons of radioactive waste at the Hanford Site in Hanford, Washington. The concern is the components could fail, crippling the plant long before its 30-year mission is done. The warning adds hurdles to the government’s 20-year effort to clean up the waste, which threatens to pollute the Columbia River, a major water supply in the Pacific Northwest. The treatment plant is more than half-built; start-up has been pushed back from 2011 to 2019.

Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/news/washington/story/2012-01-27/hanford-nuclear-waste-cleanup/52805812/1>

30. *January 26, Jeffersonville Evening News and Tribune* – (Indiana) **Mayor calls for new pipes, lake to ease sewer overflows.** The mayor of Jeffersonville, Indiana is moving forward with construction of new piping along Market and Mulberry streets downtown to ease combined sewer overflows into the Ohio River. A 2-acre lake would also be dug to handle excess stormwater. The plans would bring Jeffersonville into compliance with the Environmental Protection Agency’s mandate to eliminate sewer overflows. The mayor believes the projects can be completed for \$30.8 million. That is about \$39 million less than the downtown canal project that had been previously proposed to solve the overflow issue.

Source: <http://newsandtribune.com/x647573503/Flow-of-information-Mayor-calls-for-new-pipes-lake-to-ease-sewer-overflows>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

31. *January 26, San Mateo County Times* – (California) **Sequoia Hospital vendor posted hospital employees’ personal information online.** A contractor working for Sequoia Hospital in Redwood City, California, inadvertently posted the names and Social

Security numbers of 391 current and former employees on a public Web site, where it stayed for 4 years. An employee for Towers Watson, an international professional services firm, posted the information in October 2007, according to a statement issued January 24 by the hospital's CEO. It was removed December 2 after the hospital learned of the error. A hospital spokeswoman said none of the employees has reported being harmed due to the security breach. The hospital did not specify where the data was posted. A business agent for the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Local 829 said a hospital official told her that someone working for Towers Watson brought the Sequoia employees' information home and mistakenly posted it on a public server. The hospital said the error occurred as the firm was putting together retirement and benefit statements for employees. The hospital has offered free credit-monitoring services to all employees affected by the breach.

Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/san-mateo-county-times/ci_19829283

32. *January 26, KOKI 23 Tulsa* – (Oklahoma) **Medical records stolen from skincare company.** The personal information of more than 400 people was stolen from a Tulsa, Oklahoma, skin clinic January 24. The owners of Preferred Skin Solutions believe a key may have been used to get in. The thieves got away with a laptop holding client's medical records and a CD player. However, no financial records were taken. "We've always made a point that we don't store anything like that on our laptop, and what we do is take their information one time and then we shred their information," a manager at the clinic said. "Each time they come in they have to do it all over again and some people may think it's a pain to do that, but this is obviously a good reason to do it." Source: <http://www.fox23.com/news/local/story/Medical-records-stolen-from-skincare-company/GK1CwuUCB0qVJ1rpPn2CDA.csp>
33. *January 25, Peoria Journal Star* – (Illinois) **Peoria abortion clinic inspection reveals violations.** Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) inspectors uncovered dozens of violations last June when Peoria's only abortion clinic, National Health Care Services, underwent its first health and safety inspection in more than a decade the Peoria Journal Star reported January 25. Many of the violations related to documentation and record-keeping, though an IDPH spokeswoman described several as "serious." All of the problems were corrected by October. The clinic's director said the violations listed in the Peoria clinic's inspection were not nearly as serious as those that led to the closure of two Illinois abortion clinics recently. National Health Care Services had never had a major violation in previous inspections. IDPH staff reviewed the state's nine pregnancy termination centers, a category limited to first-trimester abortions, last May and June. Inspectors found violations serious enough to suspend the licenses of Northern Illinois Women's Center in Rockford and the Women's Aid Clinic in Lincolnwood. Both operators opted to close rather than pay hefty fines, make the changes required, or fight the state's results in court. The Peoria clinic had the most violations of the remaining seven clinics, said a spokeswoman for the IDPH. "The other six had minor deficiencies, maybe a page or two, compared to Peoria's 22 pages of deficiencies," the spokeswoman said. Source: <http://www.pjstar.com/news/x1368168518/Peoria-abortion-clinic-inspection-reveals-violations>

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Government Facilities Sector

34. *January 27, Associated Press* – (Utah) **Utah teens arrested in alleged school bombing plot.** Two Roy, Utah high school students plotted to set off explosives during a school assembly and steal a plane to make their getaway, police said January 26. The students prepared by logging hundreds of hours on flight simulator software on their home computers, and they planned to take a plane at Ogden Hinckley Airport, the Roy police spokeswoman said. The two students were pulled out of school January 25 after authorities learned of the plot. They were held for hours of questioning and arrested. An after-school bomb sweep found no explosives at Roy High School, about 30 miles north of Salt Lake City. One of the students was held on \$10,000 bail at Weber County jail on suspicion of conspiracy to commit mass destruction. The other student, a juvenile, was in custody at Weber Valley Detention Center on the same charge. Prosecutors are weighing possible additional charges. Both students had “absolute knowledge of the security systems and the layout of the school,” the Roy police spokeswoman said. “They knew where the security cameras were. Their original plan was to set off explosives during an assembly. We don’t know what date they were planning to do this, but they had been planning it for months.”
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2012/01/27/utah-teens-arrested-in-alleged-school-bombing-plot/?intcmp=trending>
35. *January 27, Indiana Daily Student* – (Indiana; International) **IU Website falls victim to breach.** In the fall semester of 2011, the President’s Challenge Web site tracked Indiana University (IU) employees’ nutrition and exercise progress throughout their participation in the Healthy IU fitness competition. January 19, those same IU employees received an e-mail from President’s Challenge officials delivering some alarming news. “We are writing to inform you about a security issue involving the President’s Challenge website,” the e-mail began. “Hackers recently accessed our database.” The security breach gave hackers personal information such as names, e-mail addresses, birth dates and nutritional data of about 650,000 President’s Challenge participants nationwide, including IU employees who participated in the inter-campus challenge. IU’s director of university communications said only a small percentage of participants in the program had Social Security numbers at risk.
Source: <http://www.idsnews.com/news/story.aspx?id=85147>
36. *January 27, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Va. man charged with threatening judges, magistrate.** State police arrested a New Kent County man and charged him with threatening county judges and a magistrate. Officers arrested the man January 26 in Williamsburg, Virginia. State police said his arrest follows a complaint from the Supreme Court of Virginia’s Department of Judicial Services. He is charged with two felony counts of making threats of death or bodily injury to a person and one misdemeanor stalking charge. He is being held without bond pending an arraignment the week of January 30.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/crime-scene/post/va-man-charged-with-threatening-judges-magistrate/2012/01/27/gIQAE8mDVQ_blog.html

37. *January 27, WPSD 6 Paducah* – (Kentucky) **Bridge collapse causes Internet outages at local schools.** A cargo ship crashes into the Eggner's Ferry Bridge causing the Internet to go out in many local schools in McCracken County, Kentucky, January 27. A spokeswoman for McCracken County Schools told WPSD 6 Paducah the collision disrupted most of the Internet service on school campuses. The schools affected were the McCracken County District, Paducah Independent, Graves County Schools, Mayfield Independent, Calloway County Schools, and Murray Independent. The spokeswoman said other communication was unaffected, including e-mail service, phone lines, and the school districts' Web sites. The schools were working with AT&T to repair the problem. There was no estimated time yet for the repairs to be finished. KPSD 6 Paducah also received reports that the Internet was down on campuses of West Kentucky Community and Technical College, and Murray State.

Source: <http://www.wpsdlocal6.com/news/local/Bridge-collapse-causes-Internet-outages-at-local-schools-138202074.html>

38. *January 26, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Pentagon shooter pleads guilty, agrees to 25 years.** A Marine veteran from Virginia pleaded guilty January 27 and agreed to serve a 25-year prison sentence on charges that he fired a series of overnight pot shots in 2010 at the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, the Marine Corps museum in Quantico, Virginia, and other military targets as part of what prosecutors called a campaign to strike fear throughout the region. Prosecutors also revealed January 26 new details about the veteran's intended next target: Arlington National Cemetery, where he was arrested before he was able to carry out a plan to deface gravestones there.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2012/01/26/accused-pentagon-shooter-former-marine-melaku-pleads-guilty/>

39. *January 26, KKTV 11 Colorado Springs* – (Colorado) **Phone service restored to El Paso County offices.** Telephone lines were down for most El Paso County, Colorado offices January 26, but many were restored by the late afternoon. Everything was expected to be back to normal by the start of business January 27. The unplanned service outage affected county administrative offices in Centennial Hall as well as offices in the Citizens Service Center. Those are the offices for the clerk and recorder, the county assessor, the county treasurer, the Pikes Peak Workforce Center, and El Paso County Public Health. Emergency response numbers for the sheriff's office and public services, as well as telephone service for the courts and district attorney's office were not affected. The county reported that Century Link and Cisco Systems engineers worked with county staff on the repairs.

Source:

http://www.kktv.com/news/headlines/Telephones_Down_At_Some_El_Paso_County_Offices_138133983.html?ref=983

40. *January 25, ABC News* – (Virginia) **Feds: US terrorist took out murder contract on witnesses.** A man already convicted of taking part in a terror plot to attack the U.S. Marine Corps base in Quantico, Virginia, was accused of plotting the beheading of key

witnesses against him and his co-conspirators. According to a criminal complaint unsealed the week of January 23, the man tried to arrange for the witnesses to be murdered for \$5,000 apiece by a hitman, but the go-betweens in the murder-for-hire scheme were actually federal informants. The suspect was convicted of providing material support to terrorists, conspiracy to murder U.S. military personnel and firearms charges in October for his role in the foiled Quantico plot. Three other men in his North Carolina-based terror cell pled guilty to terrorism charges in 2011, and three more defendants were found guilty at trial. Another defendant still awaits trial, while an eighth suspect remains at large.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/Blotter/feds-us-terrorist-murder-contract-witnesses/story?id=15441281#.TyK3zYF7eEA>

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Emergency Services Sector

41. *January 27, San Francisco Chronicle* – (California) **Ex-cop pleads guilty in Contra Costa scandal.** A former San Ramon, California police officer who was also a member of an antidrug unit in Contra Costa County pleaded guilty January 26 to charges he sold drugs with his commanding officer, stole jewelry and cash from crime scenes, and possessed stolen guns. The former officer also admitted that during a 4-year period, he pocketed at least \$40,000 in cash from alleged drug dealers and prostitutes while serving search warrants. He was taken into custody in federal court in Oakland after admitting to nine felony counts of possession and intent to sell drugs, possession of stolen firearms, conspiracy to maintain a drug-involved premise, and deprivation of rights under color of law. He faces a maximum sentence of more than 60 years in federal prison.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2012/01/27/BA211MV0V1.DTL>

42. *January 27, Oregon Public Broadcasting* – (Oregon) **Emergency alert test reaches less than one percent.** A test of the Portland, Oregon area's emergency alert system failed January 26. At 11 a.m. city and county officials tried to reach more than 300,000 communication devices in a "stress test" of emergency capabilities. Officials said the test signal reached less than 1 percent of devices — only about 2,100. The director of the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management said tests have been successful when a single neighborhood was contacted, with just a few hundred devices. She said in the event of actual emergencies, getting out customized local messages may prove more important. Having the system work citywide is important enough that officials are planning another test, as soon as the week of January 30. The city's vendor, First Call, said Portland has a customized system and it is looking into why it performed so poorly January 26.

Source: <http://news.opb.org/article/emergency-alert-test-reaches-less-one-percent/>

43. *January 27, Charleston Post and Courier* – (South Carolina) **SC inmate escapes; Girlfriend in protective custody.** A Berkeley County, South Carolina jail inmate whose charges include criminal domestic violence escaped January 26. The sheriff's office took the inmate's girlfriend into protective custody while they track him down, a spokesman said. The inmate was jailed in August on charges that included criminal domestic violence and violating a restraining order. He was being held on \$42,500 bail. He had a court hearing January 26 on the restraining-order charge and was sentenced to time served. The inmate was to go back to jail to await a court hearing on the criminal domestic violence charge. He managed to escape in the afternoon. How the escape occurred is not clear and is under investigation, the spokesperson said. Officials alerted residents of the escape by telephone, through the county's "reverse 911" system. Berkeley High School was on lockdown briefly.
Source: <http://www.heraldonline.com/2012/01/27/3696061/sc-inmate-escapes-girlfriend-in.html>
44. *January 26, KLCC 89.7 FM Eugene* – (Oregon) **Eugene man arrested on charges of impersonating an officer.** A 39-year-old Eugene, Oregon man was arrested January 26 on felony charges of impersonating an officer. Police said he could face other charges. An investigation has been underway by Eugene police and the DHS Federal Protective Services. They said he affixed a badge and patches to a jacket similar to ones worn by officers. The man had a utility belt with a taser, handgun, pepper spray, and handcuffs. He has a valid concealed handgun license and access to firearms as he works as a security guard. The man's Ford Expedition allegedly had a blue and red emergency light bar mounted inside the windshield. There were reports of him activating his emergency lights and presenting himself in an authentic-looking uniform. Police said the man portrayed himself as an officer at public events. Apparently he did presentations on what it is like to be a police officer with the Hosea Youth Project as frequently as twice a week for a year.
Source: <http://klcc.org/Feature.asp?FeatureID=3108>
45. *January 25, msnbc.com* – (New Mexico) **Man spends 2 years in solitary after DWI arrest.** A New Mexico man who said he was forced to pull his own tooth while in solitary confinement because he was denied access to a dentist was awarded \$22 million due to inhumane treatment by New Mexico's Dona Ana County Jail, msnbc.com reported January 25. The man was arrested in August of 2005 for driving while intoxicated, then jailed for 2 years. He was in solitary at Dona Ana County Jail for his entire sentence and basically forgotten about and never given a trial, he told NBC station KOB 4 Albuquerque January 24. His medical problems extended beyond dental issues, he said. His toenails started curling around his foot because they were so long, he told KOB. And his countless requests to see a doctor for depression medication were ignored, he said. The \$22 million, awarded by a federal jury January 24, is one of the largest prisoner civil rights settlements in U.S. history, according to KOB.
Source: <http://usnews.msnbc.msn.com/news/2012/01/25/10233835-man-spends-2-years-in-solitary-after-dwi-arrest>

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Information Technology Sector

46. *January 27, Help Net Security* – (International) **Facebook scammers leverage the Amazon Cloud.** Recently, spammers began using Amazon’s cloud services for hosting fake Facebook pages leading to surveys because it is cheap and because is less likely Facebook will block links from an Amazon domain. Users are usually reeled in with offers to see a funny/amazing/shocking video, and click on the offered URL (often a shortened one). In a recently spotted scam, users who click the link are taken to a fake Facebook page where those who use Chrome and Firefox are asked to install a fake YouTube plug-in to view the video. The offered plugin is not what it claims to be. “Upon installing the plugin, a redirector URL is generated by randomly selecting from the usernames, mo1tor to mo15tor, in the Amazon web service,” explain F-Secure researchers. “Then, the link generated is shortened through bitly.com via the use of any of the 5 hardcoded userID and API key-pairs. These key-pars gives a spammer the ability to auto-generate bit.ly URLs for the Amazon web service link. This ultimately leads to a redirection to the fake Facebook page.” These users are, therefore, responsible for propagating the scam further by unknowingly posting the scam message on their Facebook profiles, and are not asked to fill out surveys. Users who use other browsers are spared from inadvertently spamming their friends but are redirected to surveys provided by affiliate marketers.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=12301>

47. *January 27, Help Net Security* – (International) **Unwanted apps on Android smartphones.** Third-party Android Markets have always been the favorite means of malicious app dissemination, especially in regions where users do not have access to the official repository. This is also the case with the latest campaign laid out by cyber criminals to lure users into installing well-known applications on the genuine Android Market, but which have been tampered with to launch additional services along with the original app. Simply put, the original Android application downloaded from a third-party contains the legitimate app as well as a trojanized service (usually called “GoogleServicesFrameworkService”), which is launched with the host application. Identified by Bitdefender as Android.Trojan.FakeUpdates.A, this piece of malware connects to a command and control server and fetches a list of links to different Android application packages (APKs). After that, the malware downloads each APK from the list and then displays a notification in the status bar area, reading “In order to have access to the latest updates, click Install.” This approach confuses the user, as they do not know where the message came from. This trojan requires an extensive array of privileges upon installing, to make sure it can take full control over the smartphone whenever necessary. Depending on the APKs to be downloaded and installed, the application may require up to 10 privileges prior to installation. Most of the users will accept it without any second thoughts, since they believe what is to be installed is an update to one of the applications they already installed. Android applications posted on third-party Android Markets are not new; however, what is particularly important is the attackers’ modus operandi: they publish a legitimate application on the respective

Market, let it live for a several days to get the positive ratings and gain users' trust, and then change the APK with a trojanized one in order to fulfill their malicious goals. Most of the repackaged applications analyzed have low detection rates, which poses a danger even to smartphone users who run a mobile security solution.

Android.Trojan.FakeUpdates.A poses a threat to the smartphone user as it can download and install anything, from trial versions of software in pay-per-install campaigns to spyware and other trojans.

Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=1976

48. *January 27, Softpedia* – (International) **XSS vulnerability found in Google, Forbes, Myspace, MTV and Ferrari.** A researcher from the Vulnerability Laboratory came across a cross-site scripting vulnerability in the Google Apps Web page, hosted on the google.com domain, but also in other popular Web sites. Longrifle0x found the flaw in Google Apps and reported it to Google. Even though the risk level is estimated as low, if unresolved, the security hole present in one of the search modules could allow a remote attacker to hijack cookies and even steal accounts. However, the attacker would have to social engineer the victim into performing certain tasks for the session hijacking to be successful. The vulnerability was reported January 21 and the vendor responded January 23, but as of January 27 the bug still exists on the Google page. This is not the only vulnerability found by longrifle0x in the past several days. The Forbes search page, Ferrari's official online store, MTV, and MySpace also contain the same type of vulnerability. None of these pages are currently patched up and reports from XSSed reveal the domains were already cross-site scripted.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/XSS-Vulnerability-Found-in-Google-Forbes-Myspace-MTV-Ferrari-248996.shtml>

49. *January 27, Threatpost* – (International) **Attackers targeting Windows Media bug with malware.** Security researchers saw attackers going after the newly patched CVE-2012-0003 vulnerability in the Windows Media Player. The flaw, which was patched earlier in January by Microsoft, is a critical one that can enable remote code execution, and it affects a wide range of Windows systems. When the patch was released, Microsoft officials recommended customers install it immediately as there was a decent chance of attackers leveraging it in the near future, which is exactly what happened. Researchers at the IBM ISS X-Force saw malicious attacks against the MIDI vulnerability going on in the wild in recent days, and said because exploitation of the flaw is not considered difficult, there may well be more on the horizon. To exploit this vulnerability, an attacker must entice a user into opening a specifically formatted media file. Once the exploit code executes, the attacker would then have full control of the system. There are now pieces of malware circulating online capable of exploiting this vulnerability. The specific attack Trend Micro's researchers analyzed uses the shellcode to download an encrypted binary, which it then decrypts and executes. The payload in this attack includes some malware with rootkit capabilities, which is installed on the victim's machine. That rootkit also then connects to a remote server and downloads another component, a backdoor.

Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/attackers-targeting-windows-media-bug-malware-012712

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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

50. *January 26, WHIZ 40 Zanesville* – (Ohio) **9-1-1 emergency service restored in New Concord.** New Concord, Ohio, had problems January 25 after a barn fire cut service to 9-1-1 and thousands of cell phones. The New Concord fire chief said the early morning fire happened at 3739 Glenn Highway along U-S 40 in Guernsey County. The fire burned through the main trunk line. As a result, anyone with an 826 exchange was not able to call long distance, outside the village, or 9-1-1. Also, cell service was down to all providers, except Verizon. Due to the outages, Muskingum University, banks, and a number of other business were forced to shut down. Repair crews from Frontier Communications worked nearly all day to repair the damaged cables but the fire chief said the problem could have been prevented by having a back-up 9-1-1 connection — saving the county both money and potential lives. The Muskingum County Emergency Management Agency director said 9-1-1, and most of the other phone service were restored by the afternoon of January 25.

Source: <http://www.whiznews.com/content/news/local/2012/01/26/9-1-1-emergency-service-restored-in-new-concord-0>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

51. *January 27, Lake County News* – (California) **Discovery of suspicious package at Clearlake apartment complex leads to evacuations.** The discovery of a suspicious package believed to contain explosives led to the evacuation of a portion of a Clearlake, California apartment complex and a request for assistance from an out-of-county bomb squad January 27. The Clearlake Police Department said a suspicious package was found at the Clearlake Commons apartment complex. Napa County's bomb squad was called in. Part of the apartment complex was evacuated while the bomb squad was en route, and a temporary evacuation center was set up at the Highlands Senior Center. The device was discovered in a dumpster following a phone threat, which also warned the device might detonate soon. A resident in the apartment complex said the whole lower section of apartments was evacuated. The upper area of the complex was not

required to evacuate. Residents were kept out for about an hour.

Source: <http://lakeconews.com/content/view/23397/919/>

52. *January 26, Kentucky Post* – (Ohio) **Police make arrests in fire, vandalism at Union Township Goodwill store.** Police made two arrests in connection to the fire and vandalism that damaged a Union Township, Ohio Goodwill store January 26. Two men were charged with arson, breaking and entering, vandalism, and attempted safecracking. Police said both suspects are former employees of Goodwill. Emergency crews were called to the store after receiving a fire alarm call. Crews arrived and extinguished the small fire quickly. Investigators said an office area in the shipping room was completely vandalized, then set on fire. The fire was contained to that area. However, the vandalism and the sprinkler system caused significant damage to a large portion of the store.

Source:

http://www.kypost.com/dpp/news/region_east_cincinnati/union_township/police-make-arrest-in-fire-vandalism-at-union-township-goodwill-store1327627948104

53. *January 25, Teaneck Patch* – (New Jersey) **Contamination found in Votee Park surface soil.** Tests collected in January have turned up potentially harmful surface soil contamination in Teaneck, New Jersey's Milton Votee Park, an environmental consultant working for the township said January 24. A principal with GZA GeoEnvironmental Inc. said 19 of 50 soil samples in the park's northern area revealed levels of benzo(a)pyrene above state safety limits. Exceedances were found within 6 inches of the surface, he said. Benzo(a)pyrene is a known cancer-causing agent in humans, according to the American Cancer Society. The 40-acre park was closed in December after October soil tests showed levels of benzo(a)pyrene, PCBs, and mercury under the soccer fields. Teaneck officials had ordered more tests throughout the park to determine the scope of the problem. The contaminated soil can be covered or cleaned out.

Source: <http://teaneck.patch.com/articles/contamination-found-in-votee-park-surface-soil>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

54. *January 25, Washington Post* – (Virginia) **Arlington Cemetery trying to account for missing \$12 million.** Arlington National Cemetery is trying to account for \$12 million — about a quarter of its current annual budget — that was allocated to the cemetery between 2004 and 2010 but apparently was never spent. Congressional leaders and federal investigators who have been probing the cemetery's operations said at a Senate hearing January 25 there was no documentation detailing where the funds are or how such a large amount of taxpayer money could have gone missing. A Senator called the hearing as part of continued oversight of the cemetery, the nation's premier military burial ground, which has spent the past 18 months attempting to fix problems with

burial procedures, contracting, and management. In 2010, Army investigators found people had been buried in the wrong places, unmarked or mismarked grave sites, and that millions had been spent on contracts that produced nothing. The Army's Criminal Investigation Command and the FBI are conducting an investigation into possible contracting fraud and falsification of records. The Army's inspector general testified his office would continue to monitor the cemetery's finances annually. He said the missing money was troubling because the cemetery's previous management had asserted "they were short of funds when in fact they had funds they couldn't account for." The director of the Army National Cemeteries Program said the cemetery's accounting procedures were updated since she took over in 2010 so that every dollar allocated to the cemetery is accounted for. The cemetery's annual budget is \$45 million, a spokeswoman said. The missing \$12 million was part of \$27 million in unspent funds found by the auditors. So far, \$15 million of that has been recovered, cemetery officials said, although it is not clear how the money was found.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/arlington-national-cemetery-trying-to-account-for-missing-12million/2012/01/25/gIQActihRQ_story.html

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Dams Sector

55. *January 27, Omaha World-Herald* – (Iowa) **Funds needed for private levees.** A U.S. Senator from Iowa said January 26 he and his staff are "exploring all avenues" to find help to repair privately owned levees in Pottawattamie and Harrison Counties in southwestern Iowa that protect public lands and highways. He said he is aware of concerns about who will pay to repair damaged levees north of Council Bluffs. Pottawattamie County officials have been frustrated that they cannot seek funds to repair a levee they do not own but which protects a newly rebuilt stretch of Interstate 680, among other properties. "Those levees are not subject to the Corps' emergency repair program," he said, but noted it is important that those levees are rebuilt.
Source: <http://www.omaha.com/article/20120127/NEWS01/701279922>
56. *January 26, DTN/The Progressive Farmer* – (National) **Study sounds alarm on waterway system.** A failure at one of six focus locks in a new study would cost agricultural producers between \$900,000 and \$45 million depending on how long the lock was out of commission. A 3-month lock closure on the nation's inland waterway system would increase the cost of transporting grains and oilseeds by \$71.6 million, according to a new study funded by the United Soybean Board and the checkoff's Global Opportunities program. "Should a catastrophic failure of lock and dam infrastructure occur, agricultural producers — and consequently the American consumer — will suffer severe economic distress," the report stated. The study, conducted by the Texas Transportation Institute at Texas A&M University, took a lock-by-lock look at the inland waterway system. It estimated the economic impact on crop prices paid to producers, and transportation costs incurred by shifting modes.
Source:
http://www.rfdtv.com/news/agriculture/news_feed/study_sounds_alarm_on_waterway_system_206/

57. *January 26, Associated Press* – (National) **Damage from 2011 floods could mean worse in 2012.** Damage from last year’s record spring floods could leave many people along the Mississippi River in even more danger this year, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said January 26. It says it is assessing the damage to levees, structures and navigation channels, and will begin notifying affected communities of problem areas in February. The regional flood risk manager for the Mississippi Valley Division said the Corps will use a Web-based application called CorpsMap and information papers to send out the data. The Corps said in December there was a significant risk of more flooding along the Birds Point Floodway, where it blew three holes in a levee to relieve pressure as floods threatened nearby Cairo, Illinois. “A couple more areas that we haven’t fixed but know where they are, are where the river tried to change course,” a Corps spokesman said. The biggest of those was just north of Tiptonville, Tennessee. Another, less seriously damaged area is north of Louisiana’s Old River Control Structure. Most of the damage along the Mississippi River is from St. Louis south, he said.

Source: http://www.stltoday.com/news/state-and-regional/missouri/damage-from-floods-could-mean-worse-in/article_1268ded3-707a-571f-ae10-212d92af1a8d.html

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