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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 30, Associated Press* – (Wyoming) **Wyo. issues citations for oil blast that killed 3.** Wyoming has issued 19 citations for an explosion that killed three workers near an oil well last year. Workplace safety officials said they mailed the citations

January 26 but will not release additional details until the recipients confirm they received the documents. The explosion and fire happened August 29 about 40 miles northeast of Casper at an oil well site owned by Tulsa, Oklahoma-based Samson Resources. The blast killed three workers installing piping.

Source: http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jKIGlaGL18lwP6-mULJd_YfpsfCQ?docId=e1d0bf522d184029945ef73129f28064

2. *January 30, Associated Press* – (National) **Experts: US ill-prepared for oil spill off Cuba.** The United States is not ready to handle an oil spill if drilling off the Cuban coast should go awry but can be better prepared with monitoring systems and other basic steps, experts told government officials January 30. The comments at a congressional subcommittee hearing in Sunny Isles, Florida, come more than a week after a huge oil rig leased by Repsol YPF arrived in Cuban waters to begin drilling a deep water exploratory well. Similar development is expected off the Bahamas next year, but decades of tense relations between the United States and Cuba makes cooperation in protecting the Florida Straits difficult. State and federal officials fear even the perception of any oil flowing toward Florida beaches could devastate an economy that claims about \$57 billion from tourism.
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2012/01/30/experts-us-ill-prepared-for-oil-spill-off-cuba/>

3. *January 30, Associated Press* – (International) **Mexico detects stolen fuel at gas station.** Mexican officials said January 30 they found a new distribution point for thousands of gallons of gasoline stolen from state-owned pipelines: a seemingly normal gas station with official logos. Thieves in Mexico had long been thought to unload stolen oil products on black markets. But it now appears the thefts have taken on a new sophistication, using a gas station that until 2010 had a concession from state-owned Petroleos Mexicanos company, known as Pemex, to legally sell gas. A Pemex official said it was the first time stolen fuel was found to be sold through a gas station. In the past, primitive illicit fueling stations with improvised tanks were discovered in fields, vacant lots, and industrial buildings, presumably to supply fuel to private fleets. In a raid the weekend of January 28, in the northern city of Monterrey, the Mexican attorney general's office said it found about 12,690 gallons of stolen gasoline at the station, worth about \$77,000. The station came under suspicion because it had not had a legitimate delivery of gas in some time. The company said it lost about 2.99 million barrels, or about 125 million gallons, of oil products in the first 11 months of 2011, the latest figures available. According to a U.S. court case, Mexican gangs trafficked stolen crude over the border to U.S. refineries, and in June, Pemex filed a lawsuit against nine U.S. companies and two individuals for alleged involvement in buying or processing Mexican oil products stolen by gangs.
Source: <http://www.seattlepi.com/news/article/Mexico-detects-stolen-fuel-at-gas-station-2838428.php>

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Chemical Industry Sector

4. *January 30, California Attorney General's Office* – (California) **NoHo hair product maker to pay \$600,000 for lack of warning.** The California attorney general announced a settlement January 30 with the manufacturer of Brazilian Blowout products that will require the company to warn consumers and hair stylists that two of its most popular hair smoothing products emit formaldehyde gas. The settlement requires GIB LLC of North Hollywood, which does business under the name Brazilian Blowout, to cease deceptive advertising that describes the two products as formaldehyde-free and safe. The company must also make significant changes to its Web site and pay \$600,000 in fees, penalties, and costs. The attorney general said the settlement was the first government enforceable action in the United States to address exposures to formaldehyde gas associated with Brazilian Blowout products. It is also the first law enforcement action under California's Safe Cosmetics Act. The settlement covers products used in a popular salon hair straightening process; the "Brazilian Blowout Acai Smoothing Solution", and the "Brazilian Blowout Professional Smoothing Solution".
Source: <http://scvnews.com/?p=25491>
5. *January 30, Courthouse News Service* – (National) **EPA rethinks chemical plant emissions.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is reconsidering national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants for nine chemical manufacturers. In a final regulation brief issued January 30, the agency seeks comment on several provisions of an October 29, 2009 final rule it is reconsidering. The EPA also proposes revisions to its approach for addressing malfunctions, and asks for comments on those revisions and on the standards applicable during start-up and shutdown periods, as described in the final rule.
Source: <http://www.courthousenews.com/2012/01/30/43477.htm>
6. *January 30, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* – (Wisconsin) **I-94 reopens after tanker truck crash.** A tanker truck rolled over January 30 and unloaded more than 100 canisters of liquid oxygen across several lanes of I-94 near Milwaukee, causing the freeway to be closed for about three and a half hours, authorities said. The accident occurred around 11:20 a.m. in the eastbound lanes of I-94 when the load in the truck shifted and it hit the median wall and flipped onto its side sliding about 20 yards, according to the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office. It said in a news release that the tanker blocked all eastbound lanes, and that the spilled canisters were compromised and leaked liquid oxygen, which did not pose a danger to the public. The Milwaukee Fire Department's hazardous materials unit and Milwaukee police officers were called in to help, and a welding supply company was called in to retrieve the canisters.
Source: <http://www.jsonline.com/news/milwaukee/eastwest-i94-closure-may-affect-rushhour-traffic-fd40gq0-138348779.html>
7. *January 30, WXIA 11 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **Traffic resumes on I-85 after tanker truck wreck.** Northbound traffic on I-85 near Norcross, Georgia resumed in the early evening January 30 after it was backed up from Indian Trail for many hours following a crash that left a car underneath a tanker truck full of acid. Three northbound lanes were

blocked at Indian Trail for several hours. Fire-rescue crews got the driver out not too long after the accident. But it took hours to remove the car because they had to pull it out without rupturing the tanker and spilling the acid.

Source: <http://www.11alive.com/news/article/225108/3/NORCROSS--Traffic-resumes-on-I-85-after-tanker-truck-wreck>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

8. *January 31, Associated Press* – (Illinois) **Officials investigating Illinois reactor shutdown suspect equipment at switchyard is to blame.** Officials were investigating the events surrounding a January 30 power failure at Exelon’s Byron Generating Station near Byron, Illinois, but believe they may have traced the cause to a piece of equipment at a switchyard dozens of miles away. After the shutdown, operators began releasing steam to cool the reactor from the part of the plant where turbines produce electricity, not from within the nuclear reactor itself, officials said. The steam contains low levels of tritium, a radioactive form of hydrogen, but federal and plant officials stated the levels were safe for workers and the public. Exelon officials believe a failed piece of equipment at a switchyard at the plant about 95 miles northwest of Chicago caused the shutdown, but they were still investigating. Diesel generators were supplying the reactor with electricity, though it has not been generating power during the investigation. One question is why smoke was seen from an onsite station transformer, though no evidence of a fire was found when the plant’s fire brigade responded, a U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission spokeswoman said.

Source: <http://www.newser.com/article/d9sjumv80/officials-investigating-illinois-reactor-shutdown-suspect-equipment-at-switchyard-is-to-blame.html>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

9. *January 30, WWMT 3 Kalamazoo* – (Michigan) **Workers escape Muskegon Co. factory before explosion.** A furnace exploded the night of January 30 at the Cannon-Muskegon foundry in Norton Shores, Michigan. About 40 people were working in the building at the time, 10 of them in the furnace area. Workers smelled odd fumes and had begun evacuating before the explosion. Firefighters from three departments responded to get the fire under control. The fire was contained to half of the building. An estimate of damage to the facility was not yet available.

Source: <http://www.wwmt.com/articles/explosion-1401176-shores-factory.html>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

10. *January 30, Reuters* – (National) **Parachute problem grounds some Lockheed F-35 jets.** The Pentagon, January 30, said it was temporarily suspending high-speed ground and flight operations of more than 15 Lockheed Martin Corp F-35 fighter jets after discovering improperly packed parachutes under the pilot's ejection seat. The move affects six Air Force variants of the F-35 fighter jet based at Edwards Air Force Base in California, halting testing until the parachute issues are resolved, according to a Lockheed spokeswoman. The suspension also affects nine F-35 fighters to be used for training at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida, and three planes nearly completed at Lockheed's Fort Worth, Texas, factory, according to Lockheed and the Pentagon's F-35 program office. It will not affect eight F-35 test aircraft at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland, because they had received older ejection seats whose parachutes were properly packed. It estimated that it would take about 10 days until the first set of repacked parachutes were available. The grounding comes as the \$382 billion F-35 Joint Strike Fighter program braces for a third restructuring in 3 years. The Pentagon's program office, in a joint statement with Lockheed, said the affected ejection seats were packed in reverse order by privately owned UK-based Martin Baker Aircraft Corp, apparently due to improperly drafted procedures.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/01/30/us-lockheed-fighter-pentagon-idUSTRE80T1S120120130>

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Banking and Finance Sector

11. *January 31, Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette* – (Indiana; International) **Ex-Symmetry execs accused in books fraud.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) January 30 charged four former executives at a British subsidiary of Warsaw, Indiana's Symmetry Medical with accounting fraud and ordered current executives to pay back profits based on earnings from before the alleged fraud was discovered. The complaint filed in a South Bend, Indiana district court charged four people with years of fraud. The current Symmetry president of business development also agreed to reimburse Symmetry for bonuses, incentive pay, and stock profits he garnered during the time of the fraud. That agreement, subject to approval, will result in \$450,000 in reimbursements, the SEC said. Symmetry's chief financial officer agreed to pay a \$25,000 penalty and reimburse \$185,000 for failing to provide an internal audit status report. According to court documents, the scheme at Thornton Precision Components began in 1999, 4 years before it was acquired by Symmetry. Those named generated premature invoices for products not complete, recorded fictional sales, created fake documentation, and manipulated inventories. In 2003, Thornton Precision passed the phony information on to Symmetry. When Symmetry restated its earnings from that period, the numbers dropped from 39 percent to 421 percent. In the fiscal year 2005, Symmetry initially reported \$31.8 million in income, but in reality lost \$9.9 million, court documents said. "The fraud caused Symmetry's share price to be fraudulently inflated by as much as 20.4 percent, with a corresponding loss to Symmetry and its

investors of as much as \$120 million in market capitalization,” SEC attorneys allege. Two auditors at the British branch of the accounting firm Ernst & Young were found to have engaged in improper professional conduct by failing to properly audit Thornton Precision. The two have been barred from practicing before the SEC for at least 2 years.

Source:

<http://www.journalgazette.net/article/20120131/LOCAL03/301319970/1002/LOCAL>

12. *January 31, Associated Press* – (California; Missouri) **Calif. man pleads guilty in \$8.5M mortgage fraud.** A California man pleaded guilty January 30 in federal court in Kansas City, Missouri, to his role in a mortgage scheme that defrauded a western Missouri bank of more than \$8.5 million. He admitted defrauding American Sterling Bank in Sugar Creek in a scheme that ran from October 2006 to January 2007, about 18 months before the suburban Kansas City bank was closed. Prosecutors said the defendant submitted fraudulent loan applications for borrowers on behalf of a California mortgage broker. American Sterling approved nearly \$8.6 million in loans for 19 properties in California. He could be sentenced to up to 30 years in prison without parole and fined up to \$1 million.

Source: [http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-](http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/n/a/2012/01/31/state/n020134S43.DTL)

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13. *January 31, Cleveland Plain Dealer* – (Ohio; International) **‘Koljo the American’ pleads guilty in federal court for his role in St. Paul Croatian Credit Union collapse.** A man described in Macedonian newspapers as an organized crime figure pleaded guilty to 18 counts of bribery, bank fraud, and money laundering January 30 in a federal court in Cleveland for his role in the collapse of the St. Paul Croatian Federal Credit Union in Eastlake, Ohio, a U.S. Department of Justice spokesman said. The spokesman said that between 2003 and 2009, the man, working with the credit union’s chief operating officer (COO), fraudulently obtained loans of \$5.6 million that were never repaid. Federal law enforcement officials called it one of the largest credit union failures in American history. It cost the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund \$170 million. Of the \$5.6 million the man obtained for himself and family members, the spokesman said, \$2 million was sent to bank accounts in the Balkan Republic of Macedonia. The spokesman said officials recovered about \$850,000 of the \$2 million.

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

14. *January 30, Atlanta Journal-Constitution* – (Georgia; Hawaii) **DeKalb woman admits scamming U.S. Senator in credit card fraud.** A DeKalb County, Georgia woman pleaded guilty January 30 to her part in a credit card fraud ring that victimized, among other people, a U.S. Senator. The defendant was indicted in May on identity fraud and financial transaction card fraud for helping two other people purchase \$12,000 in Wal-Mart gift cards and other merchandise with bogus credit cards encoded with real account numbers on the magnetic strip. The woman was an accomplice in a credit card skimming scam for which authorities are seeking the mastermind, court officials said. The mastermind was arrested in March 2010 and released on bond with the promise he would cooperate with the Secret Service. But he instead fled and is being sought by authorities. The mastermind’s involvement stretched farther than the store where the

woman worked. First Hawaiian Bank officials told police the U.S. Senator's Mastercard account was used at other Wal-Mart locations. Also, when police searched the man's hotel room before he was arrested, they found documentation showing he had just deposited two checks worth more than \$100,000 into a bank account, the district attorney said in court. The checks were counterfeited from a New York-based non-profit, she said. Also in the hotel room were a computer, a re-encoding machine for making counterfeit credit cards, Wal-Mart and American Express gift cards, and stolen debit cards.

Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/dekalb/dekalb-woman-admits-scamming-1323949.html>

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Transportation Sector

15. *January 31, WJXT 4 Jacksonville; Associated Press* – (Florida) **FHP defends reopening I-75.** Minutes before two pileups killed 10 people on a highway shrouded in fog and thick smoke from a brush fire near Gainesville, Florida, the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) had reopened the six-lane interstate after an earlier serious accident. A sergeant and lieutenant determined after about 3 hours that conditions had cleared enough for drivers, but visibility quickly became murky again, officials said January 30. "We went through the area. We made an assessment. We came to the conclusion that the road was safe to travel and that is when we opened the road up," a FHP spokesman said in a news conference. At least a dozen cars, six tractor-trailers, and a motorhome collided at about 3:45 a.m. January 29 on Interstate 75. Some cars were crushed under the bellies of big rigs. Others burst into flames and sent metal shrapnel flying. Eighteen survivors were hospitalized. The spokesman said no troopers had been disciplined, but noted the investigation into the crash continues. National Transportation Safety Board officials said January 30 they are sending investigators to the scene.

Source: <http://www.news4jax.com/news/FHP-defends-reopening-I-75/-/475880/8570054/-/7p4217z/-/index.html>

16. *January 30, CNN* – (National) **FAA faces shortage of air traffic controllers because of retirements.** Despite a 5-year hiring surge, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is at risk of not having enough senior air traffic controllers for its busiest and most critical facilities, where they are needed to run operations and train less-experienced controllers, according to the agency's independent inspector general (IG). Nearly one-third of the senior controllers at the nation's most critical facilities are eligible for retirement, according to the report. At a Dallas-Ft. Worth FAA facility, 65 percent of the controllers are eligible for retirement, it says. Meanwhile, trainees are quitting jobs at high rates at those demanding, high-volume facilities. Between fiscal year 2008 and fiscal year 2010, critical facilities lost 40 percent of their trainees to attrition, well above the national average of 24 percent, the report says. The IG looks at 21 facilities deemed "critical" to the nation because of the high volume of air traffic

they control. The list includes several control towers at the nation's busiest airports — Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson, Chicago O'Hare, and the New York area's Kennedy, Newark, and LaGuardia fields — as well as several regional and high-altitude facilities. The FAA said January 30 it has “progressively improved” hiring, training, and certification of new controllers and has increased its ranks of senior controllers, known as “certified professional controllers.” The FAA told the inspector general's office it recognizes the “failure rate” of new controllers is unacceptably high at some facilities, and it is addressing the issue.

Source: <http://fox6now.com/2012/01/30/faa-faces-shortage-of-air-traffic-controllers-because-of-retirements/>

17. *January 29, London Guardian* – (International) **Sea trafficking report reveals how ships move guns and drugs.** Most ships involved in reported cases of sanctions-busting or illicit transfers of arms, drugs, and equipment that could be used in the development of missiles and weapons of mass destruction are owned by companies based in the world's richest countries, according to the first comprehensive study of maritime trafficking. The ships are primarily commercial lines based in Germany, Greece, and the United States, according to the report, released January 30 by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute. “This doesn't mean the ship owners, or even the captains, know what they are carrying. But it is relatively easy for traffickers to hide arms and drugs in among legitimate cargoes,” said the report's co-author. The report shows the methods adopted by arms trafficking networks in response to United Nations embargoes on Iran and North Korea were pioneered by drug traffickers. They included hiding goods in sealed shipping containers that claim to carry legitimate items; sending the goods on foreign-owned ships engaged in legitimate trade; and using circuitous routes to make the shipments harder for surveillance operations to track. The report shows that in cases where the ship owners, operators, and captains appear to have been directly involved in the trafficking attempt, the ships tended to be older and to be sailing under “flags of convenience.” They regularly performed badly in safety and pollution inspections when they entered ports.

Source: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2012/jan/30/sea-trafficking-report-guns-drugs>

18. *January 27, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Southwest Airlines worker killed when baggage cart hits passenger shuttle at Dulles airport.** A Southwest Airlines employee has died from injuries in a crash between a baggage cart and a passenger shuttle at Dulles International Airport, in Dulles, Virginia. Southwest said January 27 the employee was flown to a hospital after the January 26 crash and died overnight. The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority said none of the passengers aboard the shuttle were injured. Airport police are investigating.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/travel/southwest-airlines-worker-killed-when-baggage-cart-hits-passenger-shuttle-at-dulles-airport/2012/01/27/gIQAmlwzVQ_story.html

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report

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Agriculture and Food Sector

19. *January 31, Associated Press* – (California) **Calif. salami plant to pay \$700K for ammonia leak.** The owners of a San Francisco salami plant will pay nearly \$700,000 and overhaul its refrigeration system as part of a federal judgment stemming from an ammonia leak that sickened almost four dozen people, the Associated Press reported January 31. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Justice said Columbus Foods will pay the penalty for the August 2009 gas release without acknowledging wrongdoing. The sausage maker also agreed to spend \$6 million upgrading its refrigeration system, and improving emergency notification procedures. Seventeen people were hospitalized and 30 others sought medical attention after built-up pressure caused a pipe to burst and sent 200 pounds of anhydrous ammonia into the air. Employees of the biotechnology firm Genentech were among those sickened, and the firm reached a confidential settlement with Columbus last year.

Source:

http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5hs_p7165Pn_vDZDrnbQ-BmsG9CHA?docId=ca5ab39ccb26414299f271296eec1469

20. *January 31, KGO 7 San Francisco* – (California) **City officials address Walnut Creek bar fights.** After several fights over the weekend of January 28, city leaders in Walnut Creek, California said enough is enough. One of those brawls left one man bleeding on the ground and semi-conscious. Police and city officials are trying to gain control of a growing problem as a buzzing bar and restaurant scene brings an increase in crime and violence. Police officers have been responding to brawls involving 20 to 30 people at times. On January 28, they had to use mace to calm down a crowd of 15. It has been an ongoing problem for the past 2 years and now city officials are feeling the pressure to do something about it. Police said they will be stepping up patrols. But the city attorney's office is drafting an ordinance to punish problem bars by forcing them to close early. The city attorney's office is drafting the new ordinance, which will be presented to the council in February, and they hope to have it approved by the end of March. But bar and restaurant owners believe they can regulate themselves and they will be gathering January 31 to discuss it. Some of them want to set up a blacklist of patrons who have a history of causing trouble, so they can simply refuse to serve them. Source: http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/local/east_bay&id=8524388

21. *January 30, Salem Capital Press* – (Washington) **Potato company settles with EPA.** Oregon Potato Co. will pay the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) a \$66,235 penalty for failing to report an anhydrous ammonia release at the company's facility in Warden, Washington, Salem Capital Press reported January 30. A leak occurred when a circuit breaker failed, causing a pressure relief valve to open and release 300 pounds of anhydrous ammonia into the atmosphere, according to the EPA

settlement. No injuries were reported, the EPA said. Oregon Potato Co. produces dried and dehydrated frozen potato products at its Warden facility.

Source: <http://www.capitalpress.com/newest/Brief-ml-epa-spud-fine-020312>

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Water Sector

22. *January 31, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **Chicago water sampling shows high levels of lead.** In a new round of water testing by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), half of the 29 Chicago homes visited yielded at least one sample containing more than 15 parts per billion (ppb) of lead, a level that can trigger regulatory action if detected during routine screening, the Chicago Tribune reported January 31. Agency officials said the results will help regulators evaluate whether the 20-year-old procedures used nationwide to test homes' tap water for lead should be updated. Current procedures require only the first liter of water that comes out of homeowners' faucets to be checked, and action is taken if more than 10 percent of tested homes exceed 15 ppb. Under that standard, Chicago has passed its tests for nearly 20 years. EPA researchers, however, tested samples from at least the first 11 liters to come out of the sink in each home. Only one home had a level more than 15 ppb in its first sample, but at least one of the next 10 samples exceeded that level in 15 of 29 homes. A representative from the Chicago Department of Water Management, which tests tap water under current procedures, said it was aware of and analyzing the results. The latest results, based on EPA testing in September and October, are similar to results of sampling carried out in June. Lead levels found in the homes went as high as 36.7 ppb and as low as 1.5. The EPA says there is no safe level of lead exposure. New national standards for lead content on the "wetted" contact surface of plumbing and fixtures will take effect in 2014. The weighted average lead content will be restricted to 0.25 percent or less.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/health/ct-met-epa-lead-tests-20120131,0,4490886.story>

23. *January 31, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Texas town relying on tanker trucks for water after wells nearly run dry amid drought.** Tanker trucks loaded with water have become the lifeline for a Texas lakefront village that came close to becoming the state's first community to run out of drinking water during a historic drought. Spicewood received its first 8,000-gallon water delivery January 30, after it became clear wells could no longer produce enough water to meet the needs of the community's 1,100 residents and elementary school, a spokeswoman of the Lower Colorado River Authority said. The manager of water operations for the authority said it plans to truck water into the central Texas town for several more weeks while exploring alternatives, including drilling a new well or piping water from Lake Travis. But the agency does not want to rush into any project, and prefers for now to pay \$200 per truckload of water while ensuring the tens of thousands of dollars it will cost to find a permanent solution are well spent. Several towns and villages in Texas have come close to running out of water during the driest year in state history, but until now none has had to truck in water. The Lower Colorado River Authority realized the week of

January 23 how dire the situation was, and informed a commissioner in Burnet County January 30. By the next day, the well had dropped an additional 1.3 feet overnight. The severest forms of water restrictions have been put in place, and the authority said there would be no new hookups to the town's water supply. Trucks, including at least one 6,000 gallon tanker, will make about four or five deliveries a day, officials said.

Source: <http://www.newser.com/article/d9sjtidg1/texas-town-relying-on-tanker-trucks-for-water-after-wells-nearly-run-dry-amid-drought.html>

24. *January 30, WPXI 11 Pittsburgh* – (Pennsylvania) **Vandals cause \$100K in damage at Ellport park, water treatment plant.** The mayor of Ellport Borough in Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, said January 30 vandals have caused nearly \$100,000 in damage at an area park and the Ellsport Wastewater Treatment Plant. Investigators said the vandals struck sometime January 28. The mayor said the vandals destroyed the picnic area of a park and used a sledgehammer to break through a gate to the wastewater facility. The manager of the plant said a wheelbarrow was thrown in the main sludge collector. "It got trapped in the chain and broke all the chains in the collector," he said. Investigators said no surveillance cameras were in the area, so it will be hard to find the culprits. Police were continuing to investigate.

Source: <http://www.wpxi.com/news/news/local/vandals-cause-100k-damage-ellport-park-water-treat/nHK6S/>

25. *January 30, WOOD 8 Grand Rapids* – (Michigan) **Coopersville under 'boil water' alert.** Residents in Coopersville, Michigan, were asked January 29 to boil their drinking water after a water pressure issue with the main water system. The Coopersville city manager said January 29 around 8:30 p.m., the city lost water pressure to their main water system. The Ottawa County Health Department said coliform bacteria may be present in the water supply because of the loss of water pressure, causing the city to issue a 'Boil Drinking Water' advisory. The city manager said the earliest the advisory would be lifted would be February 1.

Source: http://www.woodtv.com/dpp/news/local/ottawa_county/coopersville-under-boil-water-alert

26. *January 29, Washington Post* – (Virginia) **Fairfax County to pay civil penalty for series of wastewater spills.** Fairfax County, Virginia, has agreed to pay a civil penalty and enter into a consent decree with Virginia's State Water Control Board because of a series of wastewater spills in 2011, including the discharge of nearly 600,000 gallons of rust-tinged sludge into Pohick Creek and several smaller sewage spills, officials said. The Washington Post reported January 29 that after meeting January 24, the Fairfax Board of Supervisors disclosed the county would enter the consent decree and would pay more than \$15,000 into the Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) Environmental Response Fund. The biggest spill was the accidental discharge of 580,000 gallons of "tertiary clarifier sludge" from the Lorton plant's settling tanks into Pohick Creek January 19, 2011, the consent decree says. It says most of the discharges were unavoidable and caused by others, such as the June 6 spill, which was attributed to vandalism. Others were caused by mechanical problems compounded by human error, the document says. Officials said the county spends about \$40 million a year to maintain and replace equipment in a system with more than 3,000 miles of

underground pipes. County workers also conduct annual inspections on about 250 miles of pipe.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/dc-politics/fairfax-county-to-pay-civil-penalty-for-series-of-wastewater-spills/2012/01/28/gIQA6irqaQ_story.html

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27. *January 31, Lexington Herald-Leader* – (Kentucky) **Stolen Lexington Clinic laptop contained patient information.** Kentucky's Lexington Clinic in Lexington was notifying the public of a privacy breach involving 1,018 patients 6 weeks after a medical clinic laptop was stolen, the Lexington Herald-Leader reported January 31. The laptop was stolen December 7 from the clinic's neurology department. A clinic spokeswoman said it took weeks to pinpoint exactly what information was on the laptop, which was used in conjunction with the clinic's electromyography machine. Clinic officials determined the laptop contained data such as names, contact information, and diagnoses gathered from patients as long as 5 years ago. The stolen laptop did not contain personal financial information such as Social Security numbers, credit card numbers, and bank account numbers. Officials from St. Joseph Hospital, which runs the office park, said the incident appears to have been an isolated theft. Letters to affected patients were sent the week of January 23, and the security breach was made public January 30.
Source: <http://www.kentucky.com/2012/01/31/2049109/stolen-lexington-clinic-laptop.html>
28. *January 30, Miami Herald* – (Florida) **UM patient data stolen.** Limited data on 1,219 University of Miami (UM) Miller School of Medicine patients in Miami, Florida, was stolen in November when someone broke the back window of a pathologist's car and took a briefcase that contained a flash drive. The drive contained information on the patients' age, sex, diagnosis, and treatment data from 2005 to 2011, the UM said in a press release January 27. No financial information or Social Security numbers were on the drive, the university said. Following federal law, UM is informing the patients involved, according to the press release, but "there is no indication that the information was accessed or misused in any way." More information on the theft is available on the UM Web site.
Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2012/01/30/2615588/um-patient-data-stolen.html>
29. *January 30, Valley Morning Star* – (Texas) **Man accused of attack at Harlingen assisted living center.** Police said they were forced to use a stun gun on a Harlingen, Texas man after he ignored orders to drop a metal pipe he was using to assault several people at an assisted living center in Harlingen, January 27. Harlingen Police Department officers said they arrested the 28-year-old man after they were called to Villa Residential. Police said upon arrival, they found a 50-year-old woman who claimed to have been assaulted. Further investigation led officers to the man's location. He was found in the process of assaulting another person, and officers were forced to use a stun gun to stop him. Police said he assaulted three people before he was arrested.

He was taken to the city jail and his bond was set at \$150,000. He is facing three counts of burglary of a habitation with intent to commit a felony.

Source: <http://www.themonitor.com/news/harlingen-58377-living-accused.html>

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Government Facilities Sector

30. *January 31, KGAN 2 Cedar Rapids* – (Iowa) **Middle school fumes sends kids to hospital, firefighters find nothing.** Firefighters said they did not know what caused students and faculty at Harding Middle School in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to become ill January 30, an incident that sent five students and three employees to the hospital. Initially they got a call of a “spicy odor” during a lunch period, which left students and faculty complaining of coughs, eye irritation, burning in the throat, trouble breathing, nausea, and vomiting. A haz-mat team entered the building after all the students and staff were removed from the cafeteria and the adjacent gym. The team failed to find anything in the air, and found nothing but food products, while air samples were sent to the University of Iowa Hygienic Laboratory. There were about 200 students and faculty in the cafeteria when the incident happened, most sitting at tables closest to the kitchen. In all, 18 students and six adults came down with the symptoms. Several other students and adults left by private care to seek medical attention.

Source:

http://www.kgan.com/shared/newsroom/top_stories/videos/kgan_vid_9753.shtml

31. *January 30, WTTG 5 Washington D.C.* – (Virginia) **Police called to control fight at University of Richmond.** Police said a large fight broke out January 28 at the University of Richmond and that pepper spray had to be used to stop the disturbance in Richmond, Virginia. The Richmond Times-Dispatch reported the fight occurred following an event open to area college students. The University of Richmond police chief told the newspaper that no injuries were reported. He said a handful of men were charged and released on a summons for disorderly conduct. One of the men who was charged was treated for exposure to pepper spray. A university spokeswoman said the event was at the student commons but none of those arrested were University of Richmond students.

Source: <http://www.myfoxdc.com/dpp/news/offbeat/police-called-to-control-fight-at-university-of-richmond-013012>

32. *January 29, Washington Examiner* – (Maryland) **University of Maryland student information vulnerable to ID theft, audit finds.** The University of Maryland stored sensitive personal and financial information of prospective students on publicly accessible servers, data that could make students easy prey to identity thieves, according to a recent audit. The Washington Examiner reported January 29 the Maryland Office of Legislative Audits, which reviewed the University System of Maryland Office from February 2008 to March 2011, found that student names, Social Security numbers, and even some credit card numbers were stored without encryption on a university Web server that could have been susceptible to hackers. The university system’s own guidelines require such nonpublic information be deleted or encrypted to

prevent security breaches. No prospective student data was compromised while on the publicly accessible server, according to a university spokesman. The discovery was one of several findings regarding security risks and potential network issues to the university's servers and wireless connections.

Source: <http://washingtonexaminer.com/local/education/2012/01/umd-student-information-vulnerable-id-theft-audit-finds/2143771>

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Emergency Services Sector

33. *January 31, KFSN 30 Fresno* – (California) **Carbon monoxide leak forces Fresno PD evacs.** A carbon monoxide leak led to the evacuation of police headquarters in Fresno, California. On January 30, an alarm went off in the boiler room alerting people to the leak. Fire personnel quickly responded and evacuated the bottom floors. Ambulances were also on scene, but no one needed medical attention. Fire officials kept people outside until they could determine the exact source of the leak.

Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/kfsn/story?section=news/local&id=8525174>

34. *January 31, Bernardsville Observer-Tribune* – (New Jersey) **9-1-1 disruption leads to late night Long Valley phone calls.** A nearly 3-hour interruption in area 9-1-1 service led to Long Valley, New Jersey residents receiving phone messages as late as 1:30 a.m. January 29, but fortunately involved no emergency situations. Responsibility for the problem has been traced to Century Link, a company that operates regional 9-1-1 networks. The Washington Township police chief said he was informed about the 9-1-1 outage around 9 p.m. January 28, when local police telephone lines went out. The 9-1-1 system is interconnected with nearby Hunterdon and Somerset County systems, which were also affected. The chief called in the township technical coordinator who initiated procedures for a reverse 9-1-1 message to all residents, informing them the emergency service and regular police numbers were down. "About 1,000 persons had been called when Century Link got the 9-1-1 up and running again," said the chief. He said the restoration occurred sometime just before midnight. Police attempted to send another reverse 9-1-1 to only those residents who received the first call, but found the system unable to isolate those callers.

Source: http://newjerseyhills.com/observer-tribune/news/disruption-leads-to-late-night-long-valley-phone-calls/article_769ff730-4c1f-11e1-90ed-0019bb2963f4.html

35. *January 30, WESH 2 Orlando* – (Florida) **Guns stolen from police cruiser.** Police in Orlando, Florida are looking for someone who stole an assault rifle, shotgun, and ammunition from a parked police car. Officials said the door of the marked police cruiser was pried open between January 23 and January 29. Authorities said a department-issued Bushmaster AR 15 and unknown caliber Remington shotgun were removed from the vehicle. Each gun was loaded with ammunition, officials said. It is unknown if the police cruiser was parked in the same spot the entire time or if there

was a delay in reporting the theft. The theft is still under investigation.

Source: <http://www.wesh.com/r/30333644/detail.html>

36. *January 30, Arizona Republic* – (Arizona) **Suspicious powder sent to Sheriff Joe Arpaio.** A portion of the Maricopa County, Arizona Sheriff's Office was evacuated January 30 when a letter was opened in the office that contained an unknown white, powdery substance. The substance was not toxic, according to the sheriff's office, and employees returned to work within hours. A note with the letter indicated the powder was anthrax and intended for the U.S. President. The return address on the letter to the President was listed as the Arizona sheriff's home. The sheriff said he received the letter at his house over the weekend of January 28 and was immediately suspicious, so he brought it to work January 30. The white powder was discovered along with a note to the President that read, in part, "Resign or die. Sincerely, [the name of the sheriff]." Source: <http://www.azcentral.com/arizonarepublic/local/articles/2012/01/30/20120130suspiciou-s-powder-mailed-sheriff-joe-arpaio-abrk.html>
37. *January 30, WPSD 6 Paducah* – (Kentucky; Tennessee) **Bridge collapse causes changes in ambulance routes.** The partial collapse of the Eggners Ferry Bridge has a Murray, Kentucky, hospital working to reassure the community, WPSD 6 Paducah reported January 30. The Murray-Calloway County Ambulance Service is having to detour around the collapse that occurred January 26 when a cargo ship slammed into the bridge. Paramedics used the bridge to take patients needing more specialized medical care to Nashville, Tennessee. The ambulance service makes between 10 and 15 trips to Nashville a month. The Murray-Calloway County Hospital also takes in about eight patients a month from Trigg County Hospital. If a patient must go to Nashville, there are two options. The first takes them onto Interstate 24. The ride is smoother but about 30 minutes longer. The other option takes the patient through Dover, Tennessee. The roads are rougher and tough on ambulances. The CEO of Murray-Calloway said critically injured patients are always flown out. That will not change. Many people travel across the bridge from Trigg County to Murray-Calloway for outpatient procedures and doctor's visits. Administrators are afraid some of those folks will look to get services elsewhere because of the added distance. Source: <http://www.wpsdlocal6.com/news/local/Bridge-collapse-causes-changes-in-ambulance-routes-138362674.html>
38. *January 30, Charleston Gazette* – (West Virginia) **State to beef up training for emergency responders.** West Virginia officials apparently plan to increase the training requirements for emergency medical personnel to improve their ability to respond to hazardous material accidents. Word of the plan emerged January 30, on the fifth anniversary of a propane explosion that killed four people at a Raleigh County convenience store. U.S. Chemical Safety Board (CSB) officials said they were told of the plan January 27, after they issued a news release that criticized West Virginia's Office of Emergency Medical Services for not requiring annual hazardous materials response refresher training for all emergency medical personnel. To date, training occurs only once every 2 years. Source: <http://sundaygazette.com/News/201201300177>

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Information Technology Sector

39. *January 31, SC Magazine UK* – (International) **Symantec declares pcAnywhere safe to use.** Symantec announced its pcAnywhere software is now safe to use, with free upgrades offered to users, SC Magazine UK reported January 31. According to Reuters, the company determined the current version of pcAnywhere is safe, provided it has been updated with a security patch released January 23. A Symantec spokesman said it is offering free upgrades to pcAnywhere 12.5 to all customers, even those using old editions. He also said that while Symantec is advising all users to upgrade, they can safely continue using versions 12.0 and 12.1 if they download a second software patch released January 27. Symantec advised users the week of January 23 to disable pcAnywhere as they were at increased risk of being hacked after the blueprints to the software were stolen. However, according to the chief security officer at Rapid7, more than 140,000 computers appear to remain configured to pcAnywhere to allow direct connections from the Internet, especially point-of-sale machines, putting them at risk. Source: <http://www.scmagazineuk.com/symantec-declares-pcanywhere-safe-to-use/article/225425/>
40. *January 31, The Register* – (International) **Virus-slingers abuse WordPress vulns, dose punters with exploit.** Malware-spreaders are hacking into vulnerable WordPress-powered sites to drive traffic towards pages loaded with exploits, The Register reported January 31. Hundreds of Web sites based on Wordpress 3.2.1 have been compromised so that surfers directed to the Wordpress-built sites via e-mail links are exposed to the Phoenix exploit kit, M86 Security warned. To lure users to compromised pages, the attacker has spammed out thousands of malicious e-mails querying an unfamiliar bill and asking recipients to click on a link. The link points to a page on compromised WordPress sites (the sites appear legitimate to spam filters) that includes a hidden iFrame, which loads the Phoenix exploit kit from a Russian-hosted server. Arriving at the page puts surfers in the firing line of a page that attempts exploit multiple vulnerabilities in Microsoft Internet Explorer, Adobe PDF, Flash, and Oracle Java. The attack is ultimately designed to distribute a information-harvesting Trojan, dubbed Cridex-B. Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/01/31/wordpress_vuln_phoenix/
41. *January 31, Softpedia* – (International) **Facebook Valentine's Day Theme Leads to Trojan.** Trend Micro researchers came across a Valentine's Day-themed Facebook scam that attempts to dupe victims into downloading a malicious Trojan that later places itself in the browser with the purpose of helping crooks make money, Softpedia reported January 31. Facebook customers who fall for the phony advertisement and click it are taken to a Web site that displays a large Install button. Once clicked, the page prompts the user to download a file called FacebookChrome.crx, identified by the security firm as Troj.Fookbase.A. Upon execution, the Trojan executes a script that is capable of displaying ads from other sites, as well as installing itself on the browser as

an extension named Facebook Improvement. After it is successfully installed, the malicious extension monitors Web activities, redirects sessions to survey pages that request sensitive data, performs like-jacking attacks, and posts ill-intended messages on behalf of the victim. Experts believe these attacks are specially designed to target Chrome users, but note they also work with Mozilla Firefox. Facebook members that utilize Internet Explorer are directly taken to the survey site because the extension does not work that browser.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Facebook-Valentine-s-Day-Theme-Leads-to-Trojan-249729.shtml>

42. *January 30, Softpedia* – (International) **Cidrex trojan breaks CAPTCHA to create Yahoo! email account.** Security experts found a component of the ZeuS-like Cidrex trojan was able to break the security tests to create e-mail accounts, Softpedia reported January 30. Websense researchers came across a variant of Cidrex, a banking trojan, that not only infects computers with the purpose of stealing sensitive data from their owners, but it also manages to create Yahoo! e-mail accounts to spam others. This certain version of the malware spreads via e-mails containing a shortened link that points to the Blackhole exploit kit. If the exploit is successful, the trojan is downloaded to the infected machine. Normally, if CAPTCHAs were strong, automated tools would have a hard time creating accounts, but experts showed that with just six attempts, this malevolent element breaks the security test and creates a Yahoo e-mail account without much difficulty. This is done by harvesting the image that represents the CAPTCHA and sending it with an HTTP POST request to a CAPTCHA-breaking server that outputs a response in JSON format.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Cidrex-Trojan-Breaks-CAPTCHA-to-Create-Yahoo-Email-Account-249437.shtml>

43. *January 30, The H* – (International) **Samba update closes DoS hole.** The developers of Samba released a security update to the Samba Windows interoperability suite for Unix, H Security reported January 30. Version 3.6.3 of Samba was published only 4 days after releasing the new stable version, Samba 3.6.2. The security update addressed a memory leak that consumes a small amount of memory when the smbd daemon is handling connection requests. If an attacker made repeated connection requests, this flaw could be exploited to cause a denial of service.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Samba-update-closes-DoS-hole-1424516.html>

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Communications Sector

44. *January 31, Lynchburg News & Advance* – (Virginia) **Service outage strikes nTelos Wireless customers.** A service outage lasting about three hours affected nTelos Wireless customers in western parts of Virginia January 31. The outage started at 7:04 a.m. due to an equipment failure, the director of public relations for the Waynesboro-based cell phone company said. The equipment failure took out three circuits that transport all calls or text messages. The outage affected customers from Lynchburg and Charlottesville to the western part of the state. All calls routed back to the Waynesboro area, where the equipment failure occurred. The equipment was repaired by 10 a.m. and the public relations director said customers should have restored service. There were no numbers on how many customers were affected.

Source: <http://www2.newsadvance.com/business/2012/jan/31/2/service-outage-strikes-ntelos-wireless-customers-ar-1652727/>

45. *January 30, KYTV 3 Springfield* – (Missouri) **Internet outage at Mediacom affects 30,000+ customers in southern MO.** Mediacom said a problem connecting to another company caused an Internet service outage for 30,000 - 60,000 Mediacom customers January 30, including KY3 and KSPR. The outage started about 1:30 p.m. January 30 and was still ongoing 4 hours later. Mediacom said it did not know how long the problem would last. The outage affected customers in Springfield and other areas of southern Missouri.

Source: <http://www.kspr.com/news/ky3-internet-outage-at-mediacom-affects-30000-customers-in-southern-mo-20120130,0,575163.story>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

46. *January 31, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **NJ synagogue attack suspect charged with 3rd plot.** Authorities leveled additional charges January 27 against a teenager accused in the firebombings of two northern New Jersey synagogues, saying he had plotted a similar attack on a Jewish community center, and had conducted Internet searches for building Molotov cocktails and instructions on blowing up buildings. A Bergen County prosecutor said investigators found multiple Molotov cocktails the week of January 23 in a wooded area near the Jewish Community Center of Paramus, and they traced the evidence to a foiled attack they said the suspect was planning for January 7. The suspect was charged with aggravated arson, bias intimidation, and other charges for the planned attack on the center. He was arrested earlier the week of January 23, and has already pleaded not guilty to nine counts of attempted murder as well as bias intimidation and arson charges for a January 11 attack on a Rutherford synagogue, and a January 3 firebombing of a Paramus synagogue. If convicted on all charges, the suspect could face at least 95 years in prison.

Source: http://www.stltoday.com/news/national/prosecutor-new-charges-in-nj-synagogue-attacks/article_61932c09-3ee7-5dbe-be8c-c2d92592a177.html

47. *January 31, WLOX 13 Biloxi* – (Mississippi) **D’Iberville cabinet maker will rebuild charred business.** An early morning fire destroyed a family business in D’Iberville, Mississippi, January 31 but family members say they are still in business. Grimes Cabinet and Tops caught fire before 5 a.m. Firefighters were on the scene for about 6 hours because of the size and severity of the blaze. They also had environmental concerns because the shop contained chemicals such as glue and sealants. To fight the fire, D’Iberville firemen got an assist from several Harrison County volunteers, including members of the North Woolmarket Fire Department.

Source: <http://www.wlox.com/story/16638166/structure-fire-at-grimes-cabinet>

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