



## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report 7 February 2012

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- Most families returned to a housing complex outside a remote U.S. Marine training base February 5 in Coleville, California, 2 days after a propane gas explosion that killed 1, and displaced 38 families. – *Associated Press* (See item [32](#))
- The basic security model for supervisory control and data acquisition systems for industrial processes is completely inadequate, researchers said in findings presented at a recent security analyst conference. – *eWeek* (See item [41](#))

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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. *February 6, West Virginia MetroNews Network* – (West Virginia) **Power outage cause hard to find.** Appalachian Power Company said it was hoping to have service restored to nearly 3,000 customers in parts of West Virginia's Cabell and Lincoln counties by 2 p.m. February 6. A company spokesman said crews had initial difficulty finding where

the problem was located. He said they know it is affecting a 69,000-volt main transmission line that services a substation. The line runs in a remote part of Lincoln County, and the break has been hard to find. All-terrain vehicles were used to search, but foggy conditions prevented the company from using a helicopter. The outages forced the closures of Lincoln County High School, Guyan Valley Middle School, Hamlin Elementary, and West Hamlin Elementary in Lincoln County, along with Salt Rock Elementary in Cabell County.

Source:

<http://www.wvmetronews.com/news.cfm?func=displayfullstory&storyid=50788>

2. *February 4, Associated Press* – (Nebraska) **Wet snow causes power outages in Nebraska.** Nebraska utility crews were working to restore electricity to more than 15,000 customers who lost power because of the heavy, wet snow that fell across much of the state February 4. The weight of the snow caused tree limbs to break and knock down power lines. The snowy conditions were also making it hard for utility crews to make repairs. Most of the scattered outages were reported in southeast Nebraska where the Omaha Public Power District, Lincoln Electric System, Nebraska Public Power District, Norris Public Power District reported a loss of power to their customers.  
Source: [http://www.siouxcityjournal.com/news/state-and-regional/nebraska/wet-snow-causes-power-outages-in-nebraska/article\\_38d9a621-123f-54cf-b173-4c02c2560d09.html](http://www.siouxcityjournal.com/news/state-and-regional/nebraska/wet-snow-causes-power-outages-in-nebraska/article_38d9a621-123f-54cf-b173-4c02c2560d09.html)
3. *February 4, Janesville Gazette* – (Wisconsin) **Worker escapes injury in propane explosion.** No one was hurt in a propane truck explosion February 3 in Lima Township, Wisconsin, that closed a section of Highway 59 and kept firefighters from more than a dozen fire departments on the scene for nearly 3 hours. The explosion happened at Landmark Services Cooperative, a farmer's cooperative and fuel supplier. A hose became disconnected when a worker was trying to transfer propane from a holding tank into a tanker truck, according to a captain from the Rock County Sheriff's Office. "The worker tried to reconnect the hose but was unable. Upon realizing the severity of the situation, the worker fled from the building. Moments later, the escaping propane led to the explosion," he said. According to a news release from Wisconsin Emergency Management, the truck tank was filled with 3,400 gallons of propane. The building sustained extensive damage due to the explosion.  
Source: <http://gazettextra.com/news/2012/feb/04/worker-escapes-injury-propane-explosion/>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

4. *February 4, KGBT 4 Harlingen* – (Texas) **Fire crews extinguish chemical fire near Rio Hondo.** Fire crews from all over Cameron County extinguished a chemical fire burning east of Rio Hondo, Texas, February 4. The fire started February 3 about noon when a warehouse full of buckets and cans of paint caught fire near FM 106 and FM

803. The toxic fumes forced county authorities to close those roads, to prevent residents from coming in contact with the smoke. By the morning of February 4, fire crews from Brownsville, San Benito, Harlingen, and Rio Hondo had put out the flames and smoke, while working to extinguish hot spots. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is looking into the fire. All roads closed because of the fire were reopened by the afternoon of February 4.  
Source: [http://www.valleycentral.com/news/story.aspx?id=715944#.Ty\\_u6MjyhGx](http://www.valleycentral.com/news/story.aspx?id=715944#.Ty_u6MjyhGx)
5. *February 4, Associated Press* – (New York) **NYC man pleads guilty to selling banned pesticides.** A Chinese citizen living in New York City pleaded guilty to selling at least 2,000 packets of a banned roach killer, February 3. He was convicted of the two misdemeanors because the poison he sold is not registered with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The New York Times reported the man was among around a dozen people accused of selling illegal household pesticides and rat poisons to undercover investigators. One of the substances was called “The Cat Be Unemployed” because of its ability to kill rats and mice. Investigators said the poison has 61-times the level of brodifacoum allowed by the EPA. The substance causes rodents to bleed to death. In cities, a person needs a license and protective gear to dispense it.  
Source: <http://online.wsj.com/article/AP1b5a8653bed44db0bf6aeda4cce1d5c4.html>
  6. *February 4, Hackensack Record* – (New Jersey) **Contamination returns to brook at DuPont’s Pompton Lakes site.** Tests revealed parts of the Acid Brook, which run through the former site of the DuPont explosives factory in Pompton Lakes, New Jersey, have been recontaminated with toxic metals and chemicals, more than 15 years after the company and the federal government said the tributary was entirely cleaned. Released by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) February 1, the tests showed elevated lead and mercury in sediments and the solvent PCE in water, from parts of the brook that run through the now-closed munitions factory site. The elevated mercury and lead levels were below the threshold considered dangerous for human contact, according to EPA officials. But PCE, a contaminant linked to cancer, was at an unsafe level — pointing to already toxic groundwater beneath the site “feeding back into the surface water,” said the chief of the EPA’s Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Program. “This is just one event. We need to go out and re-test and confirm,” he said. The EPA said a visual inspection appears to indicate the contaminated soil was unlikely to be swept further down the brook and into Pompton Lake because of retaining walls and stones that line the bottom of the brook.  
Source:  
[http://www.northjersey.com/news/020312\\_More\\_toxic\\_pollution\\_detected\\_in\\_brook\\_at\\_DuPonts\\_Pompton\\_Lakes\\_site.html?page=all](http://www.northjersey.com/news/020312_More_toxic_pollution_detected_in_brook_at_DuPonts_Pompton_Lakes_site.html?page=all)
  7. *February 4, Batavia Daily News* – (New York) **Lawmakers say barrels to be removed from Le Roy spill site.** Federal lawmakers representing Genesee County, New York, said February 4 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will remove by the end of February barrels from the site of a 1970 train accident and chemical spill in Le Roy. The location along Gulf Road was the site of a derailment that spilled cyanide and trichloroethene, or TCE, an industrial solvent that ended up in the water table and bedrock. The area is a federal Superfund site. Two U.S. Senators,

and a U.S. Representative issued a joint statement, after the representative spoke with an EPA regional administrator. The removed barrels will be tested to ensure they are sent to the proper disposal location. The lawmakers also called on the EPA to release a December 2011 report on recent testing at the site. EPA and state department of environmental conservation testing done in the 1990s showed a plume of TCE groundwater contamination had spread almost 4 miles to the east and southeast of the accident scene. The EPA said the week of January 30 the containers are most likely filled with soil and rock, material generated as debris from drilling of monitoring wells. The site has drawn increased interest recently after some in the community and national media questioned if contamination from the spill could have contributed to a mysterious illness among a group of at least 15 Le Roy High School students. The students have been experiencing neurological symptoms that include tics and vocal outbursts. Officials from the school and state health department have rejected the claim of a link between the ill students and the derailment.

Source: [http://thedailynewsonline.com/news/article\\_a0a022ca-4eaf-11e1-9d99-0019bb2963f4.html](http://thedailynewsonline.com/news/article_a0a022ca-4eaf-11e1-9d99-0019bb2963f4.html)

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## **Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector**

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

8. *February 6, Reuters* – (International) **Boeing to correct 787 Dreamliner fuselage issue.** Boeing announced in a statement February 5 they have discovered a problem related to the aft fuselage of its 787 Dreamliner planes and are making repairs that will not affect production of the aircraft. “Boeing has found that incorrect shimming was performed on support structure on the aft fuselage of some 787s,” a Boeing spokesman said. He added, “we do not expect that it will affect our planned product rate increases,” and that there are no short-term safety concerns. He declined to comment on how many aircraft were affected.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/business/breaking/chi-boeing-investigates-fuselage-problem-on-new-dreamliner-787s-20120206,0,958507.story>

9. *February 6, U.S. Department of Transportation* – (National) **NHTSA recall notice - Kenworth and Peterbilt trucks brake relay valves.** Paccar is recalling 15,932 model year 2012 and 2013 Kenworth T and W series, and Peterbilt 300 and 500 series heavy trucks manufactured from January 31, 2011 through January 19, 2012 and equipped with Bendix ATR-6 antilock traction relay valves. In extremely cold conditions, these valves may potentially develop internal leakage. Leakage can lead to air pressure being delivered to affected primary or secondary brakes, causing continuous brake

application. Unexpected continuous brake application can cause the brakes to overheat and lead to a fire. It can also cause the driver to lose control of the vehicle, increasing the risk of a crash. Also, the brakes may be applied without illuminating the brake lights, failing to give proper warning to other drivers. Paccar will notify owners, and provide a temporary repair until Bendix develops a permanent remedy. The safety recall is expected to begin during February 2012.

Source: [http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rel\\_ID=12V026000&summary=true&prod\\_id=1116771&PrintVersion=YES](http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rel_ID=12V026000&summary=true&prod_id=1116771&PrintVersion=YES)

10. *February 4, WTAP 5 Parkersburg* – (Ohio) **Nearly four tons of copper stolen from Marietta plant.** Nearly 4 tons of copper wire was stolen the night of February 3 at the Eramet plant in Marietta, Ohio, according to the Washington County sheriff. Several people in a pickup truck entered the plant storage area around 6:30 p.m. They loaded about 6,000-8,000 pounds of copper in the back of the truck, according to local authorities. Eramet said they are missing 15,000 total pounds of copper since their last inventory. The copper is worth \$25,000.  
Source: [http://www.wtap.com/news/headlines/Four\\_Tons\\_Of\\_Copper\\_Stolen\\_From\\_Marietta\\_Plant\\_138723614.html?ref=614](http://www.wtap.com/news/headlines/Four_Tons_Of_Copper_Stolen_From_Marietta_Plant_138723614.html?ref=614)
11. *February 3, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission; Health Canada* – (International) **Fire concerns prompt York International to reannounce recall of gas furnaces for manufactured homes.** The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and Health Canada, in cooperation with York International Corp., February 3 announced a voluntary recall of 223,600 (in the United States) Coleman, Coleman Evcon, and Red T gas furnaces for manufactured homes, as well as 2,400 additional units in Canada. The units were originally recalled during 2004, but may still remain in use. The furnace can overheat and cause the heat-exchanger to crack and create openings that allow flames to be exposed. When this happens, drywall and other nearby combustibles are exposed to the flames, posing a fire and smoke hazard to consumers. York International has received reports of 393 incidents, including some involving extensive property damage that could be related to these hazards, 366 of those reports were received after the initial November 2004 recall announcement. The units were sold nationwide between 1995 and 2000. Consumers should immediately stop using the furnace until it has been inspected and repaired.  
Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml12/12102.html>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

12. *February 3, Defense News* – (California) **LCS Freedom suffers ‘minor’ leak.** The Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) USS Freedom suffered minor flooding while underway off southern California February 1, the U.S. Navy said February 3. The ship “suffered a

failure of the port shaft mechanical seal,” said a spokesperson with Naval Surface Forces command in San Diego. An inflatable boot seal was deployed in a successful effort to contain the flooding, and the ship returned to San Diego on its own power. “The flooding was quickly controlled and contained to the bilge area,” she added. Engineers from Naval Sea Systems Command now are inspecting the ship to determine the cause of the failure. LCS ships use waterjets rather than conventional propeller shafts to reach very high speeds. The 3,300-ton Freedom is fitted with four Kamewa 153 SII waterjets that drive the ship at speeds that have topped 47 knots. The first-of-class Freedom was delivered from Lockheed Martin in September 2008, but has spent much of the past 6 months in shipyards undergoing upgrades. The flooding incident occurred while the ship was underway for sea trials following a pier-side overhaul in San Diego.

Source: <http://www.defensenews.com/article/20120203/DEFREG02/302030004/LCS-Freedom-Suffers-8216-Minor-8217-Leak?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|FRONTPAGE>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

13. *February 6, The Register* – (International) **Hackers may be able to ‘outwit’ online banking security devices.** An investigation by BBC Click underlines possible shortcomings in the extra security provided by banking authentication devices such as PIN Sentry from Barclays and SecureKey from HSBC. Hackers could set up a fake banking Web site and prompt users attempting to log into their account for both their online log-in credential and, for example, a PIN Sentry code. This information would allow cybercrooks to log onto the genuine banking Web site, posing as a customer, before authorizing fraudulent transfers or other payments. This variant of a classic man-in-the-middle-attack is known in security circles as a man-in-the-browser attack. Isolated incidents of this type of fraud have cropped up over recent years. While the attack is not new, it is doubtful that many consumers are aware of it.  
Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/02/06/online\\_banking\\_security/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/02/06/online_banking_security/)
14. *February 3, New York Times* – (International) **Anonymous says it knocked Citigroup sites offline.** Hackers claiming to be members of the loose hacking collective Anonymous took credit for knocking the Citigroup and Citibank Web sites offline February 3. At times the sites were only sporadically available, and some attempts to log into banking accounts were met with an error message. A Citigroup spokesman confirmed Citigroup’s consumer site had experienced a temporary outage, but said the bank was able to restore Web site operations within an hour and was continuing to monitor its systems. This was part of a recent string of attacks by hackers who call themselves Anonymous Brazil. In posts on Twitter, the hackers said their attacks were intended to fight corruption. By February 3, they had at various times taken down the Web sites of Banco BMG, Banco Bradesco, Banco de Brasil, Banco Panamericano, Citigroup, HSBC Holdings, Itau Unibanco Banco Multiplo, and Febraban, Brazil’s banking federation.

Source: <http://bits.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/02/03/anonymous-says-it-knocked-citigroup-sites-offline/>

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## **Transportation Sector**

15. *February 6, Toledo Blade* – (Ohio; West Virginia) **Corrosion threat on Skyway bridge deck discovered.** Grout packed into bundles of steel cables that compress together the concrete deck sections of the Veterans' Glass City Skyway in Toledo, Ohio, may contain elevated levels of salts that would cause those cables to corrode prematurely, the grout's manufacturer warned the Ohio Department of Transportation. The I-280 bridge over the Maumee River, which opened 5 years ago, is one of several dozen projects across the United States that used grout made at a Marion, Ohio, plant owned by Sika Corp. U.S. in which excessive chloride compounds, traced to cement the plant bought from an unnamed supplier, have been discovered. Also potentially affected is the Perry Street bridge in Napoleon, which carries State Rt. 108 over the Maumee and was replaced in 2005, the U.S. 33 bridge over the Ohio River between Pomeroy, Ohio, and Mason, West Virginia, and as many as eight other smaller bridges in Ohio. The planning and engineering administrator at the transportation department's district office in Bowling Green, said about 30 projects were affected overall. In the worst case, transportation and company officials said, chloride presence would not create an imminent — or even short-term — safety hazard on the \$273 million bridge built between 2002 and 2007. But there is the possibility, they said, that as the bridge ages, chloride in the grout could cause the cables — known formally as “post-tensioning tendons” — to corrode and fail sooner than they otherwise would.  
Source: <http://www.toledoblade.com/local/2012/02/06/Corrosion-threat-on-Skyway-bridge-deck-discovered.html>
16. *February 6, Reuters* – (International) **Carnival cruise ship passengers struck with virus.** More than 100 people on board a cruise ship operated by a unit of Carnival Corp fell ill with a stomach virus, the latest setback facing the world's biggest cruise company, which came under scrutiny last month for the Costa Concordia cruise ship disaster in Italy, Reuters reported February 6. Ninety passengers and 13 crew members on the Ruby Princess cruise ship contracted the Norovirus, a contagious gastrointestinal illness that causes vomiting and diarrhea for 1 to 3 days, a spokeswoman for Princess Cruises, a unit of Carnival, said in a statement. The Ruby Princess set sail from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, January 29 to the Caribbean and returned to Florida February 5, as scheduled. Another Carnival ship, the Crown Princess, was affected by the same virus last week, but it has been sanitized and has already embarked on its next cruise, the spokeswoman said.  
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/02/06/uk-carnival-idUSLNE81501R20120206>
17. *February 4, Los Angeles Times* – (Colorado; Nebraska; Iowa) **Snowstorm causes accidents, outages in Colorado, Nebraska.** A blizzard that had pummeled northeastern Colorado February 3 moved across Nebraska and into southwestern Iowa

February 4, causing dozens of accidents on highways as visibility was reduced to near-zero in some places. The storm caused more than 600 flight cancellations February 3 at Denver International Airport. It also led to dozens of auto accidents across the region, none major, authorities said. With the snow, came an increased risk of avalanches east of the Continental Divide. The Colorado Avalanche Information Center said the new snow could “overwhelm the existing snowpack.” Because the snow was of the heavy, wet variety, it brought down tree limbs and power lines across Nebraska and hampered utility workers’ efforts to make repairs. More than 15,000 people were without power at one point February 4, but that number had been reduced to 6,000 by early evening, the Associated Press reported.

Source: <http://articles.latimes.com/2012/feb/04/nation/la-na-winter-storm-20120205>

18. *February 3, Bloomberg* – (Texas) **Houston Ship Channel pilots resume outbound transport after fog.** Maritime pilots resumed some transport in Houston, the largest U.S. petroleum port, where 40 inbound ships were stalled because fog limited visibility February 3, the U.S. Coast Guard said. Maritime pilots began guiding vessels from the port through the Houston Ship Channel at 10 a.m. local time February 3 to clear dock space, a Coast Guard watch supervisor said. Transit to the ports of Galveston and Texas City resumed at 9 a.m. after pilots stopped operations due to fog at 10:20 a.m. February 2, he said.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-02-03/houston-ship-channel-pilots-suspend-traffic-because-of-fog.html>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

19. *February 6, Associated Press* – (Arkansas) **Cargill have ammonia leaks at Arkansas plants.** Officials said workers were evacuated at two northwest Arkansas meat processing plants due to ammonia leaks February 6. Springdale plants owned by Cargill Inc. and Tyson Foods Inc. each evacuated workers after apparently unrelated ammonia leaks. The Cargill plant manager told the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette that a pipe broke in an area of the plant where work was being done on the cooling system. About 500 workers were evacuated. A Tyson Foods spokesman said 10 workers were taken to a hospital as a precaution after a freezer line leak at the plant.

Source: <http://www.kait8.com/story/16686010/cargill-have-ammonia-leaks-at-arkansas-plants>

20. *February 5, Food Safety News* – (California) **Mislabeled PB & J sandwich bars recalled.** A California-based company is voluntarily recalling 8,150 cartons of its Jammy Sammy Strawberry Jam & Peanut Butter Flavor Snack Size Sandwich Bars due to a mislabeled inner wrapper, Food Safety News reported February 5. Some of the individually-wrapped packages within each carton are incorrectly labeled as Honey Graham or Strawberry Yogurt flavors, and therefore do not contain proper warnings about peanut product within the package. The product contains organic peanut flour and organic peanut extract, which are identified on the outside of the carton but not listed on the mislabeled inner wrappers.  
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/02/mislabeled-pb-j-sandwich-bars-recalled/>
21. *February 5, Glen Falls Post-Star* – (New York) **Fire destroys Greenwich barn.** A fire destroyed a barn at a Greenwich, New York dairy farm February 3. The fire at BLB Acres triggered a minor chemical explosion, and crews from five fire departments were called to extinguish it. The man who owns the 200-plus-acre farm, said he was grinding a piece of metal in the building shortly before the fire started. “Something got away from me,” he said. “Next thing you know, she’s up.” The Greenwich assistant fire chief said the barn was fully engulfed when the department arrived. The fire was largely out within 10 minutes, he said. Chemicals stored in the barn, including acetylene, which is used as a torch fuel, exploded as the building burned. Firefighters remained at the farm for several hours hosing down the smoldering remains.  
Source: [http://poststar.com/news/local/fire-destroys-greenwich-barn/article\\_8419caf6-4eb0-11e1-a6e6-001871e3ce6c.html](http://poststar.com/news/local/fire-destroys-greenwich-barn/article_8419caf6-4eb0-11e1-a6e6-001871e3ce6c.html)
22. *February 4, Food Safety News* – (International) **Watermelon Salmonella outbreak in UK, Europe.** An outbreak of Salmonella Newport in six countries that has sickened 54 and killed one has been tentatively linked to ready-to-eat sliced watermelon imported from Brazil, Food Safety News reported February 4. The outbreak began in December, 2011. The UK’s Health Protection Agency is still investigating the outbreak, and officials said they cannot yet conclusively link the outbreak to sliced watermelon. Between 10 and 15 victims reported eating the fruit within 2 or 3 days of falling ill. The breakdown of the cases by country: England (26), Germany (15), Republic of Ireland (5), Scotland (5), Wales (3), and N. Ireland (1).  
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/02/watermelon-salmonella-outbreak-in-uk-europe/>
23. *February 4, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Western Pa. candy factory fire destroyed nearly 20,000 pounds of chocolate, official says.** An official said a fire at a candy factory in southwestern Pennsylvania destroyed nearly 20,000 pounds of chocolate. The fire broke out February 3 at a second-floor packaging area at Sarris Candies in Canonsburg in Washington County. The plant manager told the Washington Observer-Reporter a health inspection determined Sarris must destroy the candy, which either melted or had smoke damage. The plant manager said the inspection will also determine whether an additional 5,000 pounds of chocolate packaged for sale in the store will have to be destroyed.  
Source:

<http://www.dailyjournal.net/view/story/998a913dacb64049a34584fbd247ca12/US--Candy-Factory-Fire/>

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## **Water Sector**

24. *February 5, Palm Beach Post* – (Florida) **Explosion at Palm Beach County sludge processing plant will cost operator, not taxpayers.** When an explosion ripped through a human waste sludge processing plant in West Palm Beach, Florida, in January, blowing out a garage door and ripping insulation off of ducts, it forced a shutdown expected to continue for at least 3 more weeks and cost hundreds of thousands of dollars, the Palm Beach Post reported February 5. With the plant down, the chunky black solid byproduct of sewage treatment known as sludge cake is being diverted to a landfill in Pompano Beach. The \$29 million plant, which opened in 2009, handles about 350 tons of sludge cake daily during peak season from sewage plants in southern Palm Beach County, Palm Beach Gardens, and Jupiter. The general cause of the explosion was an obstruction in the air flow in a dryer outlet, but plant executives had not determined the specific cause. The explosion occurred as workers restarted the plant after it had been shut down to clean out the plugged area.  
Source: <http://www.palmbeachpost.com/money/explosion-at-palm-beach-county-sludge-processing-plant-2152503.html>
25. *February 4, KTVU 2 Oakland* – (California) **Water main leak floods Fremont neighborhood.** A 6-foot water main opened up and leaked in Fremont, California early January 4, flooding a neighborhood. A water main that runs in between the neighborhood and a freeway started leaking just before midnight. Some nearby residents had to evacuate the area. Fremont firefighters were called in to help. According to a California Department of Water Resources' spokesman, the main had been dry for 3 weeks for some repairs and maintenance work. The problem happened when they turned the water back on. The force of the flood eroded part of the hillside around the main. The department of water resources was unsure whether the cover itself was broken, or if a maintenance worker forgot to screw it back on. The agency said they were assessing the damage and would pay for the cleanup.  
Source: <http://www.ktvu.com/news/news/water-main-break-floods-fremont-neighborhood/nHTdS/>
26. *February 3, Marysville Appeal-Democrat* – (California) **Broken line pumping treated wastewater into Feather River.** A broken underwater sewer line is pumping treated wastewater into the Feather River, Yuba City, California officials reported February 3. The wastewater currently pouring into the Feather River is not raw sewage, authorities said. While authorities were quick to downplay potential health risks, the break is causing major issues and city leaders are calling for “emergency action.” Yuba City is facing potentially massive repair and construction costs that could range up to \$1.4 million, and could be fined by the state regional water quality control board.

Wastewater officials said the city's claims there are no public health risks are "largely" accurate. But they noted the discharged wastewater is concentrated, which could have potential long-term risks, especially for fish passage. Repairs are expected to take about 2 months, city officials said. The wastewater is not drinkable, officials acknowledged. They said the break occurred because of recent "natural changes" to the Feather River that altered how the river flows. The riverbed changes in October and November exposed the outfall line and eventually caused the break, according to the water board's environmental program manager.

Source: <http://www.appeal-democrat.com/news/feather-113515-wastewater-river.html>

27. *February 3, Spokane Spokesman-Review* – (Idaho) **Sewage spills in Post Falls.** The City of Post Falls, Idaho, reported a sewage leak February 3 that spilled about 50,000 gallons. The spill leaked the sewage into a former manufactured-housing park, according to a city news release. City officials believe the spill was caused by a power spike at the lift station that caused a temporary failure, the news release said. City crews were on the scene within 15 minutes of receiving reports of a spill and the site was cleaned up by late afternoon. The city reported the incident to the state department of environmental quality, and will have a hydrologist monitor the spill's effects. Results from the monitoring could take up to 30 days.

Source: <http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2012/feb/03/sewage-spills-post-falls/>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

28. *February 6, KSTP 5 St. Paul* – (Minnesota) **Investigators search for cause in Northfield assisted living fire.** One person was injured and dozens of others displaced after a fire at Valleyview Assisted Living and Memory Care, an assisted living facility in Northfield, Minnesota, February 5. Paramedics evacuated 39 of the center's 40 residents to Emmaus Church located across the street. One resident was transported and admitted to a hospital. the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

Source: <http://kstp.com/news/stories/S2483822.shtml?cat=1>

29. *February 4, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **Police discover fire at senior living center in Maryland, alert residents after alarm failed.** Two Prince George's County police officers are credited with discovering a fire at a 7-story assisted living facility for senior citizens in College Park, Maryland, where an alarm system failed to sound. The fire department spokesman said the officers were patrolling nearby February 4 when they saw smoke coming from the sixth floor. The officers notified their dispatcher and went inside to alert residents. The officers forced their way into the apartment where a fire was sending smoke into the hallways. No one was inside. Residents were told to shelter in place while the fire was extinguished. Authorities said the fire appears to have started accidentally, possibly caused by an unattended candle. Fire inspectors were trying to determine why no alarm sounded.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/police-discover-fire-at-senior-living->

[center-in-maryland-alert-residents-after-alarm-failed/2012/02/04/gIOA3n02pQ\\_story.html](http://www.foxnews.com/sports/2012/02/04/gIOA3n02pQ_story.html)

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

30. *February 6, Associated Press* – (Massachusetts) **14 arrested after rambunctious post-game gathering at Massachusetts college.** Fourteen people were arrested at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst in Amherst, Massachusetts, when police in riot gear dispersed a rambunctious crowd February 5. Police in riot gear and on horseback used smoke bombs to disperse 1,500 students who gathered in the main residential part of the campus after the Super Bowl. Thirteen of those arrested were students, and all were charged with failure to disperse or disorderly conduct or both. Police monitoring the situation decided to issue a dispersal order about 15 minutes after students started gathering. It took about 90 minutes to get everyone out of the area.  
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/sports/2012/02/05/patriots-fans-disappointed-by-loss-reminiscent-2008-1188948390/>
31. *February 6, CNN* – (International) **U.S. closes embassy in Syria.** The U.S. State Department shuttered its embassy in Syria and pulled out its remaining staff February 6 after the government refused to address its security concerns, senior State Department officials told CNN. The officials said 17 employees, including the ambassador, left the country. Two employees flew out of the Syria the week of January 30, by commercial air, with the rest of them, including the ambassador, traveling by convoy February 6 to Jordan. Most of the staff were evacuated earlier in 2012, and the diplomatic team was further reduced in December 2011. The Syrians were notified about the decision to pull the staff and shutter the embassy after the employees were out of the country, the officials said. The officials said the deterioration of the situation in the country made it impossible for the embassy to continue operations and for staff members to remain.  
Source: <http://security.blogs.cnn.com/2012/02/06/breaking-u-s-closes-embassy-in-syria/>
32. *February 6, Associated Press* – (California) **Most families return after Calif. base explosion.** Most families returned to a military housing complex outside a remote U.S. Marine training base February 5 in Coleville, California, 2 days after a propane gas explosion that killed a Marine's wife and critically burned two other people. A total of 38 families were displaced from the military neighborhood that serves the U.S. Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center. Twenty families had returned by February 5, and 18 remained displaced, a Marine Corps spokesman said. The explosion destroyed only one house at the center of the blast, but left 11 uninhabitable. The explosion was related to the housing area's propane distribution system and was not associated with activities at the Marine base, which is about 30 miles away. After safety inspections February 4, inspectors began testing the propane distribution system house-by-house for leaks or any other signs of trouble, and ensuring that gas-powered appliances are relit and functioning properly.

Source: <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/huff-wires/20120206/us-marine-base-explosion/>

33. *February 3, InformationWeek* – (National; International) **Virus hits part of U.S. Commerce Dept.** A virus caused the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Economic Development Administration (EDA) to disable its e-mail and Internet access indefinitely while the nature and origin of the attack was investigated, InformationWeek reported February 3. Visitors to the EDA’s Web site were greeted with a banner across the top with the message the agency’s site and e-mail system is “experiencing a disruption in service.” A Commerce spokeswoman confirmed the department isolated the network and systems by disconnecting them out of caution January 24, after a virus attack. The attack is still under investigation by the department’s IT team, the United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team, and an outside team of experts. Officials do not have details on the scope of the attack nor do they know when the systems will be back online, she said. The virus initially was discovered January 20, after which EDA IT staff issued McAfee system updates to all EDA staff computers over the next several days. However, the EDA discovered additional contamination, which led to disconnection of the systems.  
Source: <http://www.informationweek.com/news/government/security/232600258>
34. *February 3, Nextgov* – (National) **Report: Army network tests failed to adequately assess mobile operations.** Large-scale U.S. Army battlefield computer network tests in the summer of 2011 did not include mobile operation scenarios and did not feature robust attacks against the networks, the Defense Department’s test organization said in its annual report to Congress. The 6-week Army network integration evaluation at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico, which had 3,800 soldiers from the 1st Armored Division’s 2nd Brigade Combat Team put battlefield systems through their paces, cost \$67 million, or roughly six times more than previous tests. The benefits from the larger tests remain unclear, said the Defense Department’s director of operational test and evaluation, in his annual report submitted to Congress in January. It said the Army tested 25 experimental systems, the expense of which stressed the service’s evaluation capacity. In addition, the Army should develop operational scenarios in future evaluations, the report said. In the summer of 2011, brigade and battalion tactical operations centers and company command posts operated from fixed sites and were dependent on a fixed-aerial tier of 100-foot towers and aerostats to establish network connectivity. In future tests, the Army should place a greater emphasis on scenarios that require commands to move around the battlefield and establish and maintain mobile, ad hoc networks. “Both of these are desired Army network characteristics that have not been demonstrated to date,” the report said. And while the summer 2011 evaluation did involve tests of electronic warfare and computer attacks, the report said future tests should include a “robust information operations opposing force.”  
Source: [http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng\\_20120203\\_6790.php](http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20120203_6790.php)

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## Emergency Services Sector

35. *February 6, WFXT 25 Boston* – (Massachusetts) **Boston Police Dept. Web site still offline.** Boston, Massachusetts police hope to have their Web site's blog up and running later February 6 as they continue investigating into the hacking of their Web site. Last week, the group known as Anonymous claimed credit for posting videos and songs showing police brutality on the department's site. The group said they did it in retaliation for the way the Boston Police Department treated Occupiers. Most of the site has been restored.  
Source: <http://www.myfoxboston.com/dpp/news/local/boston-police-dept-web-site-still-offline-20120206>
36. *February 5, KCPQ 13 Tacoma* – (Washington) **Prison fight leaves 4 correctional officers injured.** Four correctional officers were injured late February 4 as they broke up a fight between inmates at the Washington State Penitentiary in Walla Walla. All four officers were treated and released from a local hospital. The assault occurred in one of the commons area of a unit in the prison's West Complex. The complex is the prison's second-most secure section, housing high-risk offenders. The offenders had been fighting with sharp, hand-crafted weapons. All four units in West Complex remained on lock-down February 5. Last week, another assault occurred in another unit of West Complex. The prisoners involved in the assault were placed in a segregation unit and are being interviewed by prison investigators and local law enforcement.  
Source: [http://www.q13fox.com/news/kcpq-prison-fight-leaves-four-correctional-officers-injured-20120205,0,2917839.story?hpt=ju\\_bn6](http://www.q13fox.com/news/kcpq-prison-fight-leaves-four-correctional-officers-injured-20120205,0,2917839.story?hpt=ju_bn6)
37. *February 4, CNN* – (Alabama) **Authorities: Suspect steals police car and kills officer before he is fatally shot.** An Alabama robbery suspect fatally stabbed a police officer in jail, escaped in a stolen patrol car, and wounded another officer before he was killed, authorities said February 3. The chain of events started early February 3 when the suspect was in a store in Mobile, Alabama. The suspect was carrying a lighter and lighting fluid, he stormed the front counter of the store, and demanded money, said a spokeswoman for Mobile police. As the cashier frantically tried to open the register, he jumped on the counter and began spraying lighter fluid on the floor, triggering a blaze. An off-duty police officer happened to be shopping at the store and tackled the suspect, the spokeswoman said. He was taken to Mobile's metro jail, where he was somehow able to stab and kill an officer and escape in a patrol car, police said. At some point during the manhunt for him, he abandoned the police car and hid under a home. The suspect shot another officer in the arm as police tried to apprehend him. That officer was treated and released from a hospital. After a standoff, he was shot and killed, police said.  
Source: [http://www.cnn.com/2012/02/04/justice/alabama-officer-killed/index.html?hpt=ju\\_c2](http://www.cnn.com/2012/02/04/justice/alabama-officer-killed/index.html?hpt=ju_c2)
38. *February 3, Oklahoma City Oklahoman* – (National) **Great Central U.S. ShakeOut earthquake drill drawing more participants in Oklahoma this year.** More than four times as many Oklahomans have registered to participate in the Great Central U.S. ShakeOut earthquake drill as did last year. The drill was scheduled for 10:15 a.m.

February 7, at which time individuals would simultaneously practice recommended earthquake safety actions. So far, about 47,000 Oklahomans have registered for the ShakeOut, in comparison to fewer than 10,000 in April, said a spokeswoman for the state emergency management department. The ShakeOut will take place in communities throughout the Central U.S. Earthquake Consortium member states of Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee. These are the states most at risk from damaging earthquakes along the New Madrid Seismic Zone.

Source: [http://newsok.com/great-central-u.s.-shakeout-earthquake-drill-drawing-more-participants-in-oklahoma-this-year/article/3646013?custom\\_click=pod\\_headline\\_europe](http://newsok.com/great-central-u.s.-shakeout-earthquake-drill-drawing-more-participants-in-oklahoma-this-year/article/3646013?custom_click=pod_headline_europe)

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## **Information Technology Sector**

39. *February 6, Softpedia* – (International) **PHP 5.3.9 regression allows HTTP header attacks and 32/64-bit OS detection.** After the PHP Group fixed the hash collision issue by releasing a patch to mitigate attacks, the fix turned out to be problematic, with xperts identifying a remote code execution vulnerability. Now, it turns out the same variant opened up the possibility of a new class of HTTP header attacks. The security expert who found the remote code execution flaw also uncovered this second issue. He believes the max\_input\_vars variable initially limited to a maximum number of 1,000 to mitigate hash collision attacks allows the identification of 32-bit and 64-bit operating systems introducing the possibility of this header attack that eventually leads to remote code execution. Knowing this information, allows attackers of remote memory corruption vulnerabilities to better prepare for the target he said. While the issue affects nearly all PHP applications, he claims Suhosin Extension users are safe from this issue, and a new feature will be added to protect against HTTP header attacks.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/PHP-5-3-9-Regression-Allows-HTTP-Header-Attacks-and-32-64-Bit-OS-Detection-250872.shtml>
40. *February 6, H Security* – (International) **Backdoor in TRENDnet IP cameras.** Consolecowboys blogger someLuser identified a security vulnerability in some TRENDnet IP cameras that permits inquisitive Web users access without authentication. He discovered the vulnerability while exploring the firmware on his TV-IP110w camera using a tool called binwalk. Lengthy lists of freely accessible video streams are already circulating. Random sampling by H Security’s associates at heise Security found most of the cameras were freely accessible, providing views of offices, living rooms, and children’s bedrooms. For demonstration purposes, someLuser put together a Python scriptDirect download that uses server search engine Shodan to find cameras. Navigating to a camera Web server URL displays the video stream recorded by the camera — this occurs whether or not a password is set. TRENDnet already responded by providing a firmware update promising “improved security,” which can be downloaded from its support page. Many other TRENDnet cameras also appear to

be affected — according to someLuser, the firmware for the company’s TV-IP121W, TV-IP252P, TV-IP410WN, TV-IP410, TV-IP121WN, and TV-IP110WN models was updated.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Backdoor-in-TRENDnet-IP-cameras-1428896.html>

41. *February 5, eWeek* – (International) **State of SCADA security worries researchers.** Recent reports painted a bleak picture of the security issues plaguing industrial control systems, but the situation is exacerbated by the fact administrators are naive about the dangers, researchers said. Researchers presented some alarming findings about the state of security for supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) systems at the Kaspersky Security Analyst Summit February 3. SCADA systems are used across varied industries such as oil, water systems, electric grids, controlling building systems, and the basic security model underlying these systems is completely inadequate, they said.  
Source: <http://www.eweek.com/c/a/Security/State-of-SCADA-Security-Worry-Researchers-234517/>
42. *February 4, Softpedia* – (International) **Hijacked sites redirect to scam in DreamHost hack aftermath.** The week of January 30, DreamHost notified customers the firm suffered a data breach. It appears the information obtained by the hackers was put to use and some sites were already compromised and altered to redirect visitors to a Russian scam. Zscaler researchers identified many sites hosted by DreamHost that contained a PHP file designed to redirect users to a scam page. The scam site, otvetvam(dot)com, advertises a “make money from home” scam by displaying several fake testimonials allegedly written by people who already made a lot of money. The site even features Google ads that lead to a YouTube-style site that promotes other schemes, including an online gambling site. The site replicates a popular Russian site, mail.ru, to make everything more legitimate looking. Furthermore, other malicious domains were recently set up to serve the same purpose.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Hijacked-Sites-Redirect-to-Scam-in-DreamHost-Hack-Aftermath-250711.shtml>
43. *February 4, Softpedia* – (International) **Kelihos not resurrected, new malware used to create botnet.** After Kaspersky revealed the Kelihos botnet they terminated back in September in partnership with Microsoft and Kyrus Tech Inc. may have returned, Microsoft came forward with clarifications, arguing it is actually a new version of Kelihos being used to create a new botnet. The new malware variant is called “Backdoor:Win32/Kelihos.B” and appears to be based on the initial malware’s code, but it is slightly updated and there is no evidence that the botnet that was taken down previously returned to the control of the cybercriminals. Further, it is believed this variant is based partly on Waledac, a botnet ended by Microsoft at the beginning of 2010. “Analysis of these samples and continuing observations of Kelihos-infected computers have demonstrated no known re-employment of the original Kelihos botnet by botherders,” a senior attorney at Microsoft Digital Crimes Unit said. Currently, neither Microsoft nor Kaspersky can provide precise numbers on the size of this potentially new botnet, but Kaspersky’s analysis reveals the size of the old botnet

dropped by 25 percent in the past 2 months. It is estimated that the old botnet's size is far smaller than initially thought, less than 10,000 computers being infected.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Kelihos-Not-Resurrected-New-Malware-Used-to-Create-Botnet-250738.shtml>

44. *February 3, IDG News Service* – (International) **Facebook malware scam takes hold.** A large number of Facebook users were sharing a link to a malware-laden fake CNN news page reporting the United States attacked Iran and Saudi Arabia, security firm Sophos said February 3. If users who follow the link click to play what purports to be video coverage of the attack, they are prompted to update their Adobe Flash player with a pop-up window that looks like the real thing. Those who accept the prompt unwittingly install malware. Within 3 hours of the scam's appearance, more than 60,000 users followed a link to the spoofed CNN page, according to a Sophos senior security adviser. Facebook removed that link, but others were still being shared. In a statement, Facebook said it was "in the process of cleaning up this spam now, and remediating any affected users."

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9223976/Facebook\\_malware\\_scam\\_takes\\_hold?taxonomyId=17](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9223976/Facebook_malware_scam_takes_hold?taxonomyId=17)

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## Communications Sector

45. *February 6, V3.co.uk* – (International) **Firms could see PCs lose internet access in DNSChanger switch off.** Firms were warned that some of their users could shortly lose the ability to connect to the Internet or access e-mails, as law enforcers turn off a DNS-rerouting system. The system was established to help victims of the Rove Digital cybercrime syndicate, which distributed malware capable of changing victims' DNS settings to point to rogue servers run by the group. The FBI managed to close down the DNSChanger criminal operation, and secured funding to run the malicious servers until March 8, using the servers to point those with infected machines to their intended destination. The DNSChanger Working Group (DCWG) is currently deliberating whether to seek an extension to its funding. A decision to withdraw the service could see 450,000 users — many of them in large multinational enterprises — losing their ability to connect to the Internet.

Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2144194/firms-pcs-lose-internet-access-dnschanger-switch>

46. *February 5, Richmond Times-Dispatch* – (Virginia) **Transmitter problems beset WCVE (88.9 FM)**. Transmitter problems put the public radio station WCVE (88.9 FM) off the air for many listeners. The problems began February 3 around 4:45 p.m., said an operations manager for WCVE Public Radio. “Engineers were able to restore the signal but at a greatly reduced power setting,” the station said in a statement. “Because of this you may be experiencing a very weak signal or, in some cases, no signal at all.” WCVE’s vice president and general manager said the station probably would not be back at full strength until February 6 or 7, after transmitter parts arrive from an out-of-town supplier. Listeners can still hear the station online at [IdeaStations.org](http://IdeaStations.org).  
Source: <http://www2.timesdispatch.com/news/2012/feb/05/tdmet06-transmitter-problems-beset-wcve-889-fm-ar-1664857/>

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## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

47. *February 6, Associated Press* – (Indiana) **11 injured in bowl concert**. Overwhelming “human gridlock” in Indianapolis’ Super Bowl Village caused police to rethink crowd control February 4 on the eve of the National Football League championship game. Eleven people were injured February 3 as an estimated 50,000 people flooded downtown streets for a free outdoor concert. Two other people were injured February 3 separate from the concert-going group. The Indianapolis Public Safety director said none of the injuries were serious, most involving shortness of breath or scraped knees. Police made 22 arrests February 3, mostly for public intoxication. One police car was damaged after concert-goers climbed on top of it to get a better view of the stage.  
Source: [http://www.tempo.com.ph/2012/11-injured-in-bowl-concert/#.Ty\\_TE8ghxBk](http://www.tempo.com.ph/2012/11-injured-in-bowl-concert/#.Ty_TE8ghxBk)
48. *February 5, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **Nike Foam shoppers become unruly, force Maryland mall closure**. Authorities said a Hagerstown, Maryland mall was closed temporarily after a crowd became unruly while waiting for a shoe store to open and begin selling Nike’s new Foamposite sneaker February 4. The Washington County sheriff’s office said officers went to the Valley Mall after a disturbance was reported among about 100 people waiting for the store to open. The sheriff’s office said some shoppers told officers they had been waiting in line overnight and others began cutting in line. The sheriff said after the mall was locked down, patrons were escorted into the shoe store a few at a time.  
Source: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/02/05/nike-foam-shoppers-maryland-mall-closed\\_n\\_1255882.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/02/05/nike-foam-shoppers-maryland-mall-closed_n_1255882.html)
49. *February 3, Associated Press* – (New York) **6 Legionnaire’s cases tracked to Albany hotel**. New York state health officials said six cases of Legionnaire’s disease contracted in 2011 were linked to an upstate hotel, the Associated Press reported February 3. A department of health spokesman said tests confirmed higher than normal levels of legionella bacteria were present in the water system at the Best Western Sovereign

Hotel in Albany. Officials said the guests who became ill stayed at the hotel between September and December. The Albany Times Union reported Best Western International said in a statement that it was working with health officials and had taken steps to eliminate the bacteria.

Source: <http://online.wsj.com/article/APc99086b2afa94c57a72e593a6a15e400.html>

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

50. *February 6, MSNBC* – (District of Columbia) **Park police sweep occupy sites.** U.S. Park Police inspected and removed tents from Freedom Plaza in Washington D.C. February 5, one day after sweeping through Occupy D.C.'s McPherson Square protest site. Park police stressed that they were not evicting protesters, and wanted to respect their First Amendment rights. The National Park Service, which oversees McPherson Square and Freedom Plaza, has maintained that protesters are allowed to hold 24-hour vigils on its grounds, but are not allowed to camp out. At least one officer was injured after a protester threw a brick at his face as authorities removed tents from the Occupy D.C. protest site February 4. The officer was treated for facial injuries and released from an area hospital. The protester who threw the brick was arrested and charged with felony assault on a police officer and assault with a deadly weapon. In all, 12 people were arrested in the park the weekend of February 4. The McPherson Square removal operation, which lasted through the day and into the night, began after protesters agreed to a request from U.S. Park Police to remove a giant tarp called the "Tent of Dreams". Later, police in biohazard suits began to break down tents around the campsite, encountering little resistance. A federal judge ruled earlier in the week of January 30 that Occupy D.C. would need to be notified if the government intended to evict them and could challenge any planned eviction.

Source: [http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/46262652/ns/local\\_news-washington\\_dc/#.Ty\\_xIMj4XTo](http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/46262652/ns/local_news-washington_dc/#.Ty_xIMj4XTo)

51. *February 4, Vallejo Times-Herald* – (California) **Ex-Forest Service intern in Vallejo guilty in public fraud case.** A former Vallejo, California U.S. Forest Service intern has been convicted of conspiring to defraud the government, the Vallejo Times-Herald reported February 4. The 30-year-old-man, from Atlanta, was found guilty February 2 by a federal court jury after a 3-day trial. The man was accused of receiving \$20,000 in unauthorized government checks while working as an intern at the Forest Service regional offices on Mare Island in the fall of 2005. According to trial testimony, he received checks in his own name and in the names of others he recruited to receive checks. The intern received the checks from a former Forest Service employee who had been issued government convenience checks for official use, according to court documents. He faces up to 10 years in prison at his April 27 sentencing.

Source: [http://www.timesheraldonline.com/ci\\_19892867](http://www.timesheraldonline.com/ci_19892867)

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## Dams Sector

52. *February 6, Associated Press* – (International) **Dam bursts in Bulgaria, 8 killed in floods.** A dam in southern Bulgaria burst February 3 after days of heavy rain, bringing the toll from the region's flooding to eight dead, 10 missing. The dam on the Ivanovo Reservoir collapsed, sending an 8-foot torrent into 700 houses in the village of Bisser near the Greek border, the civil defense chief said. Four bodies were found in the raging waters, the mayor reported. Authorities have declared a state of emergency in much of southern Bulgaria. The district governor said four were killed and 10 people are still missing in floods that have washed away bridges and roads. The government warned Turkey and Greece of massive floods surging down the Arda, Tundzha, and Maritsa rivers. The civil defense agency also warned that two dams at Ivaylovgrad and Studena were on the brink of overflowing and urged residents to prepare for an evacuation. Landslides derailed the engine of an Istanbul-bound train near Svilengrad, causing no injuries but leaving at least a dozen foreigners stuck for hours, officials said. Source:

[http://www.boston.com/news/world/europe/articles/2012/02/06/dam\\_bursts\\_in\\_bulgaria\\_floods\\_village\\_and\\_kills\\_3/](http://www.boston.com/news/world/europe/articles/2012/02/06/dam_bursts_in_bulgaria_floods_village_and_kills_3/)

53. *February 4, Grand Forks Herald* – (North Dakota) **Minot changes flood model.** The Grand Forks Herald reported February 4 that U.S. officials, including the North Dakota governor, were talking with Canadian officials about changing the operational plan for the dams that both sides agreed to in 1989 to account for torrential rain. They also proposed raising Lake Darling Dam, the one dam that is on the U.S. side, and building a system of dikes and diversions in the Minot, North Dakota area similar to the one built in Grand Forks after the 1997 flood. The 2011 flood, which forced the evacuation of 11,000 in Minot alone, has changed the historic model. The week of January 30, North Dakota officials said they met with the Saskatchewan premier to talk about amending the 1989 agreement so rainfall would be accounted for, and the premier agreed. In North Dakota, the governor is seeking more flexibility by pushing for an upgrade to Lake Darling Dam to store more water. He said in a January statement after a meeting in Minot that both U.S. Fish and Wildlife, which owns the dam, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which controls it during flood operations, are open to the idea.

Source: <http://www.grandforksherald.com/event/article/id/228569/group/homepage/>

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