



## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report 8 February 2012

### Top Stories

- Law enforcement officials believe an organized group is responsible for stealing weapons, including AR-15 assault rifles, bulletproof vests, and ammunition, from patrol cars in several counties in Alabama. – *Gadsden Times* (See item [31](#))
- The Industrial Control Systems Computer Emergency Readiness Team reported many organizations have seen secure shell scans of their Internet-facing control systems, including an electric utility that was hit by brute force attempts against its networks. – *Dark Reading* (See item [34](#))

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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 7, Hazleton Standard-Speaker* – (Pennsylvania) **Propane tanker flips in Sugarloaf Township.** A 3,000-gallon propane tanker flipped onto its side February 6 in Sugarloaf Township, Pennsylvania, releasing gas vapors into the air, injuring the

driver, and shutting down a two-lane highway for hours. The driver was found by the township fire chief and taken to a nearby hospital to be treated for lacerations. Traffic was shut down on Route 93 while fire personnel and other emergency workers plugged the leak and removed the propane and truck from the scene.

Source: <http://republicanherald.com/news/propane-tanker-flips-in-sugarloaf-township-1.1268244>

2. *February 6, Bloomberg* – (International) **Pemex closes second crude export port in Gulf of Mexico.** Petroleos Mexicanos, the Mexican state-owned oil company that is the third-largest supplier of oil to the United States, closed a second crude-export terminal in the Gulf of Mexico after bad weather conditions got worse, Bloomberg reported February 6. The terminal at the port of Coatzacoalcos was shut, Mexico's Merchant Marine said in a weather bulletin on its Web site. The port of Dos Bocas was closed earlier, while the Cayo Arcas terminal remained open.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-02-06/pemex-closes-second-crude-export-port-in-gulf-of-mexico-1-.html>

3. *February 6, Associated Press* – (Rhode Island) **Power restored for customers who lost electricity following explosion at RI substation.** Electricity was restored to about 20,000 Rhode Island customers in Westerly, Hopkinton, and Charlestown who lost power after an explosion at a substation February 6. A National Grid spokesman said power was completely restored just after 11 a.m. The explosion occurred at about 9 a.m. The substation was unmanned at the time of the explosion.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/dccdd06af95f41939b93d8540713b1be/RI--Substation-Explosion-Outage/>

4. *February 4, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* – (Pennsylvania) **Mercer County fire forces 11 gas wells to be shut down.** A small shed housing a natural gas compressor at a Mercer County, Pennsylvania well caught fire the morning of February 3, burning for more than 2 hours before firefighters extinguished it. The Jamestown Fire Department was dispatched to a BoCor Holdings natural gas well in Greene Township, a Mercer County dispatcher said. One nearby resident was forced to evacuate. A spokesman for the state department of environmental protection said the fire was caused by an electrical short in a small shed. The fire largely was fueled by lubricants in the compressor, but there was no release of natural gas. Damage from the blaze forced the company to shut down 11 wells and a collection line.

Source: <http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/12035/1208099-54.stm>

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## Chemical Industry Sector

5. *February 6, WYMT 57 Hazard* – (Kentucky) **Tanker carrying blasting agent overturns in Pike County.** A tanker truck overturned in the Robinson Creek area of

Pike County, Kentucky, February 6 spilling several tons of hazardous material into a creek. State police said the driver lost control on Kentucky 3415 (KY 3415). The tanker leaked a powder substance of premixed fuel and Ammonium Nitrate blasting agent. Both directions of KY 3415 (Little Robinson Creek Road) were closed. Nearly one-third of the truck's load of 43,000 pounds of Ammonium Nitrate leaked into the creek along with several tons of fuel. Crews put booms across the creek to help catch the spilled materials. They also evacuated a one-half mile area around the spill. Officials said there is not an explosive hazard, and the drinking water in the area is not affected.

Source:

[http://www.wkyt.com/wymt/home/headlines/Tanker\\_overturns\\_in\\_Pike\\_County\\_138799809.html](http://www.wkyt.com/wymt/home/headlines/Tanker_overturns_in_Pike_County_138799809.html)

6. *February 6, Savannah Daily News* – (Georgia; National) **Federal agency decries OSHA inaction on combustible dust.** Four years after a sugar dust explosion in Port Wentworth, Georgia, killed 14 Imperial Sugar Refinery workers and seriously injured scores of others, the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has yet to come up with a new combustible dust standard. On February 6, the chairman of the Chemical Safety Board (CSB) used the fourth anniversary of the tragedy to urge the OSHA to cease the delays on implementing the standard. The sugar dust standard is the lone CSB recommendation yet to be acted on, the agency said. Specifically, the CSB asked the OSHA to “proceed expeditiously” on its 2006 suggestion to promulgate a combustible dust standard for general industry. The CSB recently reissued its call for a dust standard with its investigation into three flash fires that occurred at the Hoeganaes Corp. iron powder processing plant in Gallatin, Tennessee, taking five lives. The OSHA reacted, the chairman said, by lessening the CSB recommendation's priority on its regulatory agenda.

Source:

<http://sawdailynews.com/main.asp?SectionID=2&SubSectionID=101&ArticleID=35996>

7. *February 6, Hope Star* – (Arkansas) **Semi fire closes I-30.** Traffic came to a standstill on Interstate 30 (I-30) near Hope, Arkansas, at mid-morning February 3 as emergency crews dealt with a truck fire and potentially explosive materials. The Hempstead County emergency management coordinator said the 18-wheeler owned by Arkansas Best Freight Co. was carrying hexane, a chemical additive for gasoline production. She said the driver was warned by other truckers and when he pulled over he found smoke coming from the first trailer. She said emergency crews had to be careful, because hexane can explode once air hits it. Arkansas State Police troopers immediately shut down I-30 eastbound for about an hour and rerouted traffic. First responders from Perrytown, Hope, Cross Roads, Emmet, and Prescott responded. The emergency management coordinator said February 6 that a trailer spring malfunction may have led to the smoky fire.

Source: <http://www.hopestar.com/newsnow/x962215702/Semi-fire-closes-I-30>

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## Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

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## Critical Manufacturing Sector

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## Defense Industrial Base Sector

8. *February 6, Defense News* – (California; Florida; Texas) **Parachute problems fixed on 3 grounded F-35s.** Three of the 15 F-35 Joint Strike Fighters grounded for having their ejection seat parachutes packed backwards were scheduled to resume flying February 7. The aircraft were grounded January 26. Six of the aircraft are at Edwards Air Force Base in California, and the remaining nine are undergoing ground testing at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida. Another three aircraft in production at Fort Worth in Texas also need to have their parachutes repacked. Three of the aircraft at Edwards had their chutes repacked, but the first Monday of each month is designated a “no fly” training day, so they were not scheduled to return to the air until February 7, a spokeswoman for the Joint Strike Fighter Program Office said. The remaining aircraft at Edwards should have their parachutes repacked by the end of the week of February 6. The remaining nine aircraft should have their parachutes repacked the week of February 20, she said.

Source:

<http://www.defensenews.com/article/20120206/DEFREG02/302060004/Parachute-Problems-Fixed-3-Grounded-F-35s?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|FRONTPAGE>

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## Banking and Finance Sector

9. *February 6, Vancouver Columbian* – (Washington) **Alleged ‘Elmer Fudd’ bank bandit goes to court.** An alleged prolific Clark County, Washington robber dubbed the “Elmer Fudd” bandit because of his signature hunting clothes made his first appearance in court February 6. The bandit stands accused of seven robberies in east Vancouver over the past 2 months, while a woman is alleged to have been an accomplice to five. The pair was caught by police February 2 fleeing a Bank of America branch. Police found money and a money tracker on them. During an interview with investigators, the two admitted to the other robberies, a prosecutor said. Police have said the bandit was responsible for robberies in December and January east of Interstate 205 in Vancouver.

Source: <http://www.columbian.com/news/2012/feb/06/alleged-fudd-bank-bandit-goes-to-court/>

10. *February 6, Bloomberg* – (New York) **Ex-Jefferies Paragon Fund manager ordered to pay \$8.3 million.** An ex-Jefferies Paragon Fund money manager must pay \$8.3 million in a U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) insider-trading suit, a judge has ruled. The judge granted the SEC summary judgment in a New York district court in a February 3 order, citing the facts proved at an earlier criminal trial. The money manager was accused of illegally trading on inside tips about bids for Albertsons Inc. supplied by an investment banker who was the government’s chief witness in the trial. He was convicted of securities fraud and conspiracy in a scheme that federal authorities said netted more than \$7 million in illegal profits. The investment banker, who worked at UBS AG, testified he passed him nonpublic information regarding efforts by Cerberus Capital Management LP, to acquire Albertsons, which was then the second-biggest U.S. grocer.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-02-06/ex-jefferies-paragon-fund-manager-contorinis-ordered-to-pay-8-3-million.html>

11. *February 6, New York Times* – (International) **The U.S. President imposes freeze on Iran property in U.S.** The White House moved to enforce tightened sanctions against Iran February 6 because of the country’s suspect nuclear program, freezing all property of the Central Bank of Iran, other Iranian financial institutions, and the Iranian government in the United States. The new restrictions also raised new warnings to financial institutions in other nations that they could face big penalties in the United States if they did business with Iran’s central bank. The actions were announced in an executive order signed by the U.S. President that started the enforcement process for a tough measure he signed into law at the end of 2011. In a statement, the White House said the executive order “re-emphasizes this administration’s message to the government of Iran — it will face ever-increasing economic and diplomatic pressure until it addresses the international community’s...concerns regarding the nature of its nuclear program.” Many countries buy oil from Iran through its central bank, and their financial institutions could be blocked from the American market if they continue to do so. Documents accompanying the executive order said foreign financial institutions risked American sanctions “if they engage in certain significant financial transactions” with Iran’s central bank rather than “arms-length” transactions. In a statement, the Treasury Department said the executive order “blocks all property and interests in property of the government of Iran, the Central Bank of Iran and all Iranian financial institutions (regardless of whether the financial institution is part of the government of Iran) that are in the United States, that come within the United States or that come within the possession or control of U.S. persons.” The statement did not further specify the exact properties that apply.

Source: [http://www.nytimes.com/2012/02/07/world/middleeast/white-house-moves-to-tighten-sanctions-on-iran.html?\\_r=1](http://www.nytimes.com/2012/02/07/world/middleeast/white-house-moves-to-tighten-sanctions-on-iran.html?_r=1)

12. *February 4, Bradenton Herald* – (Florida) **Ex-Orion Bank president pleads guilty to bank fraud.** The former president of the now defunct Naples, Florida-based Orion Bank, with branches in Manatee and Sarasota counties, pleaded guilty February 3 to

conspiracy to commit bank fraud and making false statements to federal regulators. He faces a maximum penalty of 15 years in federal prison. The former president participated in a conspiracy with top Orion executives and a former Orion borrower to mislead state and federal regulators that Orion was in a better capital position than it was in truth and fact, a U.S. attorney said. The conspiracy had two goals: to finance the sale of promissory notes secured by mortgages held by Orion on distressed properties, creating the illusion that non-performing loans were performing loans, and to conceal financing for the sale of Orion Bancorp, Inc., creating the illusion of a legitimate capital infusion into the bank, authorities said. The conspirators accomplished this by falsifying the books and records of Orion, and deceiving state and federal regulators over 7 months from May 2009 until November 2009. As part of the scheme, the president directed executives to increase loans-in-process to nominee entities associated with the borrower, to \$82 million, including a \$26.5 million line of credit, prosecutors said. Within the lines of credit, the president concealed \$15 million of financing for the borrower's purchase of Orion Bancorp, Inc. stock, despite knowing banking laws and rules prohibited the bank from financing the purchase of its, or its affiliates,' own stock. Source: <http://www.bradenton.com/2012/02/04/3846575/ex-orion-bank-president-pleads.html>

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## **Transportation Sector**

13. *February 7, Associated Press* – (Utah) **Utah I-15 standoff ends after 9 hours.** A 9-hour standoff that shut down Interstate 15 (I-15) and prompted a school lockdown in southeastern Utah ended peacefully February 6 when an armed man released two children to authorities and surrendered. The man fled from LaVerkin police at about 11 a.m., when authorities said an officer tried to stop him for a traffic violation near the Toquerville cemetery, the Salt Lake Tribune reported. A chase went through Hurricane and then north on I-15, crossing into the southbound lanes. Troopers used a spike strip to deflate the car's tires, forcing it to stop near State Road 9 in Washington County. The driver had a handgun and two children in the car, a sheriff's detective said. All three stayed in the vehicle through about 8 hours of negotiations, he said. An 11-mile stretch of I-15 was shut down in both directions, and traffic was rerouted. Coral Canyon Elementary School in Washington City was locked down. Negotiations continued until about 8 p.m., when the driver surrendered. Source: <http://www.azcentral.com/news/articles/2012/02/07/20120207utah-standoff-ends-after-hours.html>
14. *February 7, Contra Costa Times* – (California) **Plane stolen from Concord airport crashes, 1 dead.** A single-engine airplane stolen from Buchanan Field crashed February 5 in Fresno County, California, killing the pilot. The owner of the Cessna 172 called the Contra Costa Sheriff's Office February 5 after hearing from Fresno investigators. He noticed it missing February 4, a Contra Costa sheriff's spokesman said, but figured it was being serviced. The owner of the plane last saw it February 3 at

the Concord airport. It crashed into the bank of a canal west of Fresno about 4 p.m. February 5.

Source: [http://www.mercurynews.com/news/ci\\_19906486](http://www.mercurynews.com/news/ci_19906486)

15. *February 6, Associated Press* – (Florida; Louisiana) **3 cruise ships disinfected after norovirus outbreaks over the weekend.** A third U.S.-based cruise ship with an outbreak of stomach illness has sailed again after being decontaminated in south Florida. The vessel Ruby Princess sailed February 5 from Fort Lauderdale’s Port Everglades. It was one of three cruise ships that docked in Florida and Louisiana over the weekend of February 4 with outbreaks of norovirus. A Port Everglades spokeswoman told the South Florida Sun Sentinel that the Ruby Princess was cleaned February 5 and departed. Passengers were informed of the virus and cleanup as they waited to board. Norovirus causes upset stomach, vomiting, and diarrhea. Princess Cruise Lines operates the ship and another, the Crown Princess, that sailed from Fort Lauderdale after cleaning. Royal Caribbean’s Voyager of the Sea left New Orleans a few hours late February 4 because of the same illness. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) maintains an online database of norovirus outbreaks on cruise ships. It says it is highly contagious and spreads from person to person, through contaminated food or water, and by touching contaminated surfaces.  
Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/travel/ship-with-stomach-virus-outbreak-sets-sail-from-port-everglades-with-new-passengers/2012/02/06/gIQAc8aztQ\\_story.html?tid=pm\\_lifestyle\\_pop](http://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/travel/ship-with-stomach-virus-outbreak-sets-sail-from-port-everglades-with-new-passengers/2012/02/06/gIQAc8aztQ_story.html?tid=pm_lifestyle_pop)
16. *February 6, WITI 6 Milwaukee* – (Wisconsin) **Fuel pipeline closure causes delays at Mitchell International.** Airlines at Milwaukee’s Mitchell International Airport could see more delays over the next few weeks, or possibly, months, WITI 6 Milwaukee reported February 6. Multiple flights could not take off February 6 because they could not fill up with fuel. The airport’s main fuel pipeline is shut down after jet fuel leaked into a creek near the airport, and trucks are hauling in the daily fuel supply for each airline. It is a method easily disrupted by mechanical issues and traffic. Hundreds of AirTran passengers were stuck February 6 waiting for their planes to be fueled. Four flights were delayed roughly 25 minutes. It takes several tanker trucks of fuel per day to keep things running smoothly. Part of the closed fuel pipeline was excavated by Shell. A Shell spokesman said the fuel company is looking into several methods to continue examining the pipeline, while avoiding airport interruptions, but further delays could occur. The fuel pipeline has been shut off for a little less than a week, and the four delayed flights February 6 were the first as a result of the shutdown. There are no estimates as to when the fuel pipeline will reopen.  
Source: <http://fox6now.com/2012/02/06/fuel-pipeline-closure-causes-delays-at-mitchell-international/>

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## Postal and Shipping Sector

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## Agriculture and Food Sector

17. *February 7, Food Safety News* – (National) **Pennsylvania raw milk dairy to resume production.** The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture February 6 said the Your Family Cow raw milk dairy may resume production and bottling of unpasteurized milk, as the number of confirmed illnesses connected to milk sold by the farm earlier in February rose to 43. According to the Pennsylvania Department of Health, there have been 36 cases of Campylobacter infection in that state, 4 in Maryland, 2 in West Virginia, and 1 in New Jersey in people who drank raw milk from the Your Family Cow farm. The state agriculture department said the dairy in Chambersburg passed a final inspection February 6. Since the dairy voluntarily closed in January, after the first illnesses were reported, the owners said they have made a number of safety improvements, including using hotter water for washing its milk tank and bottler, and installing a new computerized system to monitor its equipment.  
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/02/pennsylvania-raw-milk-dairy-to-resume-production/>
18. *February 7, Food Safety News* – (South Dakota) **SD basketball game food poison is C. perfringens.** The illness that struck about 50 people following a high school basketball game in Pierre, South Dakota, was the result of Clostridium perfringens food poisoning, possibly linked to tacos, according to the state health department. It sent an electronic questionnaire to high school and middle school staff and students, as well as others who attended the January 31 game, to pin down the source of the illnesses. Clostridium perfringens is a spore-forming bacterium commonly found on raw meat and poultry. It produces a toxin that causes illness. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, C. perfringens infection often occurs when foods are prepared in large quantities and kept warm for a long time before serving. Outbreaks often happen in institutions or at events with catered food.  
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/02/sd-basketball-game-food-poisoning-is-c-perfringens/>
19. *February 6, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **Two women charged with attack, robbery at grocery store.** Two women face several charges for allegedly attacking employees during a shoplifting incident at a grocery store in Des Moines, Iowa, February 4. Police said several workers were injured in the fight at a Dahl's Foods store. Police said the suspects are charged with first-degree robbery, willful injury, criminal mischief, and assault. One of the suspects is also charged with assaulting a police officer.  
Source: <http://ksax.com/article/stories/S2485164.shtml?cat=10230>

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## **Water Sector**

20. *February 7, Culpeper Star-Exponent* – (Virginia) **Town seeks to mitigate EPA fine for chlorine gas leak.** The town of Culpeper, Virginia, is moving to get rid of its chlorine disinfectant system at the water plant as it continues negotiations with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) over the fine for a 2008 chlorine leak, the Culpeper Star Exponent reported February 7. The step is intended to lessen the potential \$160,265 penalty. At its meeting the week of January 30, the Culpeper Town Council Water & Wastewater Committee unanimously recommended spending up to \$150,000 to construct a sodium hypochlorite system at the water treatment plant “to improve safety by removing the potential for a hazardous gas leak,” according to a town report. In May 2008 at the town’s sewer treatment facility, a plant worker suffered minor injuries in a chlorine gas leak that occurred while two employees were changing a 2,000-pound cylinder as part of a routine operation. In 2009, two other plant employees were exposed to chlorine gas, but were not hurt. The EPA, in its violation notice, said the town did not properly report the 2008 incident, and did not have proper safety procedures in place.  
Source: <http://www2.starexponent.com/news/2012/feb/07/town-seeks-mitigate-epa-fine-chlorine-gas-leak-ar-1669893/>
21. *February 7, Mobile Press-Register* – (Alabama) **Baldwin set to pay \$33,765 in groundwater contamination search.** Almost a year after routine monitoring showed increased levels of arsenic and vinyl chloride in groundwater test wells at Baldwin County’s Magnolia Landfill in Birmingham, Alabama, officials are set to approve a \$33,765 investigation to find the sources, the Birmingham Press-Register reported February 7. County and state officials dismissed elevated arsenic and vinyl chloride testing in September 2010, saying elevated levels detected then were erroneous, but the chemicals showed up again in testing in March 2011. According to county documents, geologists with Highland Technical Services will conduct an “alternate source demonstration” to find out if the arsenic that periodically appears in groundwater tests is naturally occurring. Geologists will do nine soil borings up to 30 feet deep and take up to four soil samples from each. A laboratory analysis should show if the arsenic is from naturally occurring minerals. County staff members said the contaminants could be from sources other than lined cells at the landfill, including the property’s former uses for agriculture or as a military base. One geologist told commissioners in December the contaminants are no cause for concern. The Baldwin County Solid Waste director in December said the 0.4 parts per million (ppm) level of arsenic could be from naturally occurring chemicals, however, the vinyl chloride level, which doubled from .2 to .4 ppm, likely came from recycling operations. The arsenic level is within allowable levels, he said, but the vinyl chloride was beyond limits. Officials said recycling activities were moved to the lined disposal cell area of the landfill.  
Source: [http://blog.al.com/live/2012/02/baldwin\\_set\\_to\\_pay\\_33765\\_in\\_gr.html](http://blog.al.com/live/2012/02/baldwin_set_to_pay_33765_in_gr.html)
22. *February 6, Associated Press* – (Tennessee) **Prosecutors said waste water potentially put public at risk.** The operator of a Niota, Tennessee water treatment plant must

serve 6 months in a federal prison for falsifying documents that covered up his failure to properly operate a sewage treatment system. Before the sentencing February 6, federal prosecutors asked the court to make an example out of the operator, arguing he potentially put the public at risk of contracting serious illnesses. They said the man failed to properly disinfect wastewater before it was discharged into Little North Mouse Creek, a tributary of the Hiwassee River. A federal judge also ordered the man to serve 6 months on home detention following his release from prison and to perform 150 hours of community service. He pleaded guilty in September 2011 to 12 counts of falsifying documents required by the Federal Clean Water Act.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/841c90e1c9b54380a31c5dd8d88e288e/TN--Sewage-Operator-Sentenced/>

23. *February 6, Associated Press* – (Wyoming) **Carcinogenic chemical turning up in monitoring wells near old landfill in Teton County.** Teton County, Wyoming officials said February 6 that they detected a carcinogenic chemical in groundwater near an old landfill. A county engineer said methylene chloride has been present for the past 2 years in monitoring wells near the landfill in Horsethief Canyon. The dump operated from the 1950s until the late 1980s. State standards allow up to 5 parts per billion (ppb) of methylene chloride in water samples. A test in October showed water from a monitoring well had 28 ppb of the chemical. The engineer said keeping water from flowing into the landfill should help solve the problem.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/fe58dda8c2cc42a7a3c1f1d7fcd891b9/WY--Landfill-Contamination/>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

24. *February 6, Clinical Advisor* – (National) **Noroviruses leading cause of hospital infections.** Norovirus outbreaks are the leading cause of infection outbreaks in hospitals, particularly in the non-acute care setting, and often lead to unit closure, data published in the American Journal of Infection Control February 6 indicate. Researchers conducted a two-part electronic survey of infection preventionists to determine the frequency of outbreak investigations in U.S. hospitals over a 24-month period, as well as to collect data on specific investigations, including control measures. A total of 882 responses were received, which provided data on 386 outbreaks in 289 hospitals. Researchers found four organisms were responsible for nearly 60 percent of infectious disease outbreaks: noroviruses accounted for 18 percent, Staphylococcus aureus for 17 percent, Acinetobacter spp for 14 percent and Clostridium difficile for 10 percent. Norovirus outbreaks predominated in behavioral health and rehabilitation/long-term care facilities, whereas bacterial infections caused by the other three organisms were more likely to occur in medical and surgical units. Units in which outbreaks occurred were closed in 22.6 percent of cases, with norovirus pathogens most

often associated with closure.

Source: <http://www.clinicaladvisor.com/noroviruses-leading-cause-of-hospital-infections/article/226492/>

25. *February 6, KSTP 5 St. Paul* – (Minnesota) **Police say resident of Northfield assisted living center admits to setting fire.** Police in Northfield, Minnesota, are preparing to charge a man who lived at the Valley View Assisted Living Center with first degree arson, KSTP 5 St. Paul reported February 6. The February 5 fire at the center sent 10 people to the hospital, and all 40 who lived there have to temporarily relocate. The fire was contained to the apartment where it began, but investigators said the man who lived there admitted he started it with a lighter in his bedroom closet. Investigators were still trying to determine why the man wanted to set the fire.  
Source: <http://kstp.com/news/stories/S2485248.shtml?cat=1>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

26. *February 7, Associated Press* – (South Carolina) **5 hurt in chemical blast at South Carolina State.** Five people were hurt in an explosion in a science building at South Carolina State University in Orangeburg February 6. The school police chief said the explosion happened in a chemistry lab. The four students and one instructor were treated and released from the hospital. Police said between 10 and 15 people were in the lab at Leroy Davis Hall when the small explosion occurred. Seven fire trucks and many ambulances responded. Those in the building at the time were decontaminated. The school said no activities will be conducted in the building or a nearby annex while the buildings were inspected.  
Source: <http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2012/02/07/2645998/5-hurt-in-chemical-blast-at-south.html>
27. *February 7, Albany Times Union* – (New York) **RPI reports spill in lab.** A 9-story building at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in Troy, New York, that houses classrooms, 90 laboratories, and numerous offices was shut down because of a chemical spill February 6. The Troy Fire Department was called to the George M. Low Center for Industrial Innovation, said the Troy fire chief. Four students were in the lab. The building was evacuated and firefighters dressed in full haz-mat suits cleaned up the spill, partially filling a 5-gallon drum with the liquid material. An RPI spokesman said it was acetylene tetrabromide, a solvent, inside a machine. A small amount of the chemical leaked out of the machine because of a faulty valve. The fire department left the scene about 4 hours after they initially responded, but the RPI spokesman said the building will remain closed until the air quality is checked. A private company was expected to perform a full clean-up of the spill February 7.  
Source: <http://www.timesunion.com/local/article/RPI-reports-spill-in-lab-3088359.php>

28. *February 6, Vernon Patch* – (Connecticut) **Student sends high school bomb threat over Twitter.** A tweeting student sent a bomb threat to Rockville High School in Vernon, Connecticut February 6 through another student, according to an electronic alert sent to parents from the school system. The alert message indicated one student sent a message to another on Twitter indicating a bomb was to be brought to the high school. The principal said the student, a female minor, was arrested.  
Source: <http://vernon.patch.com/articles/student-sends-high-school-bomb-threat-over-twitter>
29. *February 6, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner* – (Alaska) **North Pole man threatens terrorism against Alaska in extortion attempt troopers say.** A North Pole man February 3 tried to extort \$85,000 from the state of Alaska by threatening to carry out acts of terrorism against several companies and state institutions, according to Alaska State Troopers. The man was arrested, according to troopers, who February 5 posted a notice about the arrest on the agency’s activity log. He was arraigned on a felony charge of extortion. He reportedly contacted troopers in Fairbanks and wanted to negotiate a deal. The trooper report said the suspect attempted to extort \$85,000 from the state “in exchange for not committing several acts of terrorism which [he] believes would have affected oil companies, credit card companies, cell phone companies, the University of Alaska and the Alaska State Trooper’s ability to conduct day to day operations.”  
Source: <http://newsminer.com/bookmark/17413416-North-Pole-man-threatens-terrorism-against-Alaska-in-extortion-attempt-troopers-say>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

30. *February 7, WCPO 9 Cincinnati* – (Kentucky) **N. Ky. 911 outage resolved, dispatchers able to receive calls.** Northern Kentucky dispatch centers were back up and running after they experienced problems receiving 9-1-1 calls from land lines February 7. The Erlanger and Boone County 9-1-1 centers were not able to receive calls on either 9-1-1 or seven-digit lines from citizens using land lines. The dispatch centers worked with Cincinnati Bell and resolved the problem after an almost 2-hour outage. During the outage, the Boone County Public Safety Communication Center was only able to receive 9-1-1 calls from cell phones and their administration lines were down. To respond to calls, the system redirected wireless calls from the Erlanger area to Kenton County dispatch and the information was passed to the correct 9-1-1 center for radio dispatch. Cincinnati Bell has not determined the cause of the initial outage.  
Source: [http://www.wcpo.com/dpp/news/region\\_northern\\_kentucky/erlanger/n-ky-dispatchers-experience-911-outage](http://www.wcpo.com/dpp/news/region_northern_kentucky/erlanger/n-ky-dispatchers-experience-911-outage)
31. *February 6, Gadsden Times* – (Alabama) **Patrol cars targeted in break-ins; weapons taken.** Law enforcement officials believe an organized group is responsible for stealing weapons, bulletproof vests, and ammunition from several patrol cars in several counties

in Alabama, the Gadsden Times reported February 6. At least 11 weapons, including AR-15 assault rifles, were taken from law enforcement vehicles since December 2011, the sheriff said. Seven patrol vehicles were broken into, including five the weekend of February 4. The weapons were stored in the patrol cars' trunks, and the cars' windows were broken out to gain access to open the trunk. The vehicles broken into over the weekend were from one side of the county to the other, prompting law enforcement officials to believe the group split up and hit some of the vehicles about the same time. The sheriff said the FBI, the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and the U.S. Marshals Gulf Coast Regional Fugitive Task Force are assisting in the investigation.

Source:

<http://www.gadsdentimes.com/article/20120206/NEWS/120209898/1017/NEWS?p=1&tc=pg>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

32. *February 7, H Security* – (International) **RealPlayer update closes critical holes.** RealNetworks released an update to RealPlayer to close many holes in its media player application. Version 15.02.71 of RealPlayer addresses seven remote code execution vulnerabilities, rated as highly critical by Secunia, which could be exploited by an attacker to compromise a victim's system. These include errors when processing RMFF Flags, VIDOBJ\_START\_CODE and RealAudio coded\_frame\_size, as well as RV10 Encoded Height/Width, RV20 Frame Size Array and RV40 content. A remote code execution problem in Atrac Sample Decoding was also fixed, but is not found in the 15.x.x branch of the media player; this issue affects Mac RealPlayer 12.0.0.1701 but is reportedly not found in version 12.0.0.1703.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/RealPlayer-update-closes-critical-holes-1429639.html>

33. *February 7, IDG News Service* – (International) **Anonymous claims to have released source code of Symantec's pcAnywhere.** Hacker group Anonymous claimed February 6 the source code of Symantec's pcAnywhere was uploaded on The Pirate Bay site. Symantec could not immediately comment on whether the hackers indeed released the source code of its product. Earlier February 6, an e-mail string posted on Pastebin referred to negotiations over payment for the source code between a purported Symantec employee and a person named Yamatough. The name of the hacker is similar to the Twitter handle of YamaTough in Mumbai who is associated with the hacker group, Lords of Dharmaraja, that earlier claimed it had access to the source code of some Symantec products.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9224016/Anonymous\\_claims\\_to\\_have\\_released\\_source\\_code\\_of\\_Symantec\\_s\\_pcAnywhere?taxonomyId=17](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9224016/Anonymous_claims_to_have_released_source_code_of_Symantec_s_pcAnywhere?taxonomyId=17)

34. *February 6, Dark Reading* – (International) **Utilities facing brute-force attack threat.** The Industrial Control Systems Computer Emergency Readiness Team (ICS-CERT) reported February 3 that many organizations have been witnessing secure shell (SSH) scans of their Internet-facing control systems, including an electric utility that told ICS-CERT it was hit by some brute force attempts against its networks that were “unsuccessful.” The attackers are probing Port 22/TCP, the default SSH listening port, to look for SSH. Once the attackers get a response from the probe, they can execute a brute-force attack for log-in credentials to acquire remote access. SSH is an attractive attack vector because many control-system devices on networks run it by default. ICS-CERT recommends monitoring network logs for port scans and access attempts.  
Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/advanced-threats/167901091/security/attacks-breaches/232600345/>
35. *February 6, Threatpost* – (International) **Flash with sandbox in the works for Firefox.** Adobe is making a major change to Flash, adding a sandbox to the version of the player that runs in Firefox. The sandbox is designed to prevent many common exploit techniques against Flash. Flash, which is perhaps the most widely deployed piece of software on the Internet, has been a common attack vector for several years now, and attacks in some cases have been used to get around exploit mitigations that were added by the browser vendors. The sandbox is designed to prevent many of these attacks by not allowing exploits against Flash to break out into the browser itself. The version of Flash for Firefox that includes a sandbox is now in beta form, and is only available to developers and not end users. The final version should be available for users later in 2012, Adobe said.  
Source: [http://threatpost.com/en\\_us/blogs/flash-sandbox-works-firefox-020612](http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/flash-sandbox-works-firefox-020612)
36. *February 6, H Security* – (International) **Joomla! updates close information disclosure holes.** Versions 1.7.5 and 2.5.1 of the open source Joomla! content management system (CMS) have been released to address two information disclosure vulnerabilities. These include one medium severity problem in Joomla! 1.7.x that could allow an unauthorized user to gain access to the error log stored on a victim’s server, and, in both versions, an inadequate validation problem that could be exploited to gain access to private data. The update to Joomla! 2.5, which arrived in January, also fixes 30 bugs, including one that caused batch processing to break. Version 2.5.0 and the 1.7.x branch up to and including 1.7.4 are affected; upgrading to 2.5.1 and 1.7.5 fixes these problems. However, the developers remind users the 1.7.x branch will reach its end of life February 24.  
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Joomla-updates-close-information-disclosure-holes-1429303.html>
37. *February 6, Ars Technica* – (International) **Google to strip Chrome of SSL revocation checking.** Google’s Chrome browser will stop relying on a decades-old method for ensuring secure sockets layer (SSL) certificates are valid after one of the company’s top engineers compared it to seat belts that break when they are needed most. The browser will stop querying certificate revocation lists and databases that rely on online certificate status protocol, a Google researcher said February 5. He said the services, which browsers are supposed to query before trusting a credential for an SSL-

protected address, do not make end users safer because Chrome and most other browsers establish the connection even when the services are unable to ensure a certificate has not been tampered with. “So soft-fail revocation checks are like a seat-belt that snaps when you crash,” he said. “Even though it works 99 percent of the time, it’s worthless because it only works when you don’t need it.” SSL critics have long complained the revocation checks are mostly useless. Attackers who have the ability to spoof the Web sites and certificates of Gmail and other trusted Web sites typically have the ability to replace warnings that the credential is no longer valid with a response that says the server is temporarily down.

Source: <http://arstechnica.com/business/guides/2012/02/google-strips-chrome-of-ssl-revocation-checking.ars>

38. *February 6, The Register* – (International) **Cisco recalls suicidal UCS blade servers.** The week of January 30, Cisco Systems put out a field notice to customers using its Unified Computing System B440 server blades, stating the failure of a MOSFET power transistor on the blade can “cause the component to overheat and emit a short flash which could lead to complete board failure.” The company said “in extreme circumstances it could affect the other blades in the chassis by disrupting power flow.” Cisco warned customers something was wrong with the MOSFETs July 12, and said at that time there was “no indication of a systemic issue with the MOSFET components, and the observed failure in the field is considered to be a random component failure.” To that end, Cisco’s system engineers could issue a firmware fix for the blade to keep the MOSFET from overheating and flashing, causing the system board to fail. On January 26, Cisco notified customers using the B440 servers the firmware patch did detect MOSFET failures and prevent a “potential thermal event,” but since the firmware was distributed, another B440 in the field failed. As a result, Cisco made hardware modifications to the B440 system board and is now replacing all machines currently used by customers. Cisco said in the field notice no other UCS B Series blade servers or C Series rack servers are affected by this MOSFET failure issue. For users with these B440s in production, Cisco recommends upgrading to the most recent UCS blade management controller software, which has the patch for monitoring the B440 MOSFETs, and arranging to get replacement blades as soon as possible.

Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/02/06/cisco\\_b440\\_server\\_recall/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/02/06/cisco_b440_server_recall/)

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### Internet Alert Dashboard

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## Communications Sector

39. *February 7, Pueblo Chieftain* – (Colorado) **Phone, Internet outage hits region.** Residents in the Spanish Peaks area of Colorado and the San Luis Valley (SLV) were without long distance telephone and Internet services for most of the day February 6. CenturyLink officials said there was an inadvertent fiber cut about 10:45 a.m. between Pueblo and Colorado Springs that affected long distance, wireless, and Internet service south of Pueblo near Walsenburg, and a good part of the SLV. Phone service came back in Walsenburg and Trinidad the afternoon of February 6, but not for everyone. All services were back up and running a little after 6 p.m. Officials said 911 service was not affected by the outage. Verizon phone customers also reported an outage February 6.  
Source: [http://www.chieftain.com/news/local/phone-internet-outage-hits-region/article\\_d6c31ec0-5152-11e1-a2fb-0019bb2963f4.html](http://www.chieftain.com/news/local/phone-internet-outage-hits-region/article_d6c31ec0-5152-11e1-a2fb-0019bb2963f4.html)
40. *February 6, WAAY 31 Huntsville* – (Alabama) **Technical issue resolved, WAAY back on air on charter.** Due to a technical issue with Charter Communications, many WAAY 31 Huntsville, Alabama viewers using that cable service provider were unable to see that station for a lengthy period of time over the February 4 weekend. The outage stretched across much of the WAAY 31 viewing area. The issue was fixed the morning of February 6 by Charter.  
Source: <http://www.waaytv.com/news/local/story/Technical-Issue-Resolved-WAAY-Back-on-Air-on/VRDQLgPQBkWD50I-X889aQ.csp>
41. *February 6, Los Angeles City News Service* – (California) **4 Wildomar men caught stealing microwave tower.** Four men were allegedly caught stealing a microwave tower from a Wildomar, California property February 6, causing several thousand dollars in damage. The men were arrested around 5:45 a.m. after allegedly dismantling the transmission tower, according to the Riverside County Sheriff's Department. Deputies were called to the location to investigate a report of trespassing and caught the suspects in the act, a police sergeant alleged. He said the owner of the microwave transmitter, American Tower, estimated the damage to be in excess of \$3,000. All of the men were booked on suspicion of commercial theft and vandalism.  
Source: <http://www.swrnn.com/2012/02/06/4-wildomar-men-caught-stealing-microwave-tower/>

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

42. *February 7, WPMT 43 York* – (Pennsylvania) **Dozens displaced after fire rips through a row home In Lebanon City.** A two-alarm fire tore through a row home in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, sending dozens of people running for their lives February 7. Six homes were damaged in the fire displacing 27 people, according to fire officials. The damage was so extensive to the buildings that five of the six of the rowhouses were

torn down so firefighters could finish putting out the flames. Six people were taken to the hospital to be treated for smoke inhalation. One firefighter battling the blaze suffered a minor injury to his leg. The Lebanon city fire marshal is investigating the cause, but noted it does not appear to be suspicious. North 9th Street will be closed for a lengthy time while crews start the demolition of the building.

Source: <http://www.fox43.com/news/wpmt-lebanon-city-rowhome-fire-2-7-12,0,5876539.story?track=rss>

43. *February 6, Stamford Advocate* – (Connecticut) **Fire blamed on smoker who fell asleep.** The February 5 fire that displaced 20 residents of a condominium complex in Norwalk, Connecticut, was caused by a man who fell asleep before snubbing out his cigarette, the fire marshal said February 6. It was the second Norwalk fire in 6 days caused by smoking. More than 30 Norwalk firefighters, along with units from New Canaan and Wilton, responded. The fire, which started on the first floor, ignited one of two 20-pound propane barbecue tanks outside a sliding glass door. A second barbecue tank, which caught fire and spread the flames to other units, was on the balcony of the unit directly above the unit where the fire started. Nine of the 15 units in the building were heavily damaged by water, smoke, or fire.  
Source: <http://www.stamfordadvocate.com/news/article/Fire-blamed-on-smoker-who-fell-asleep-3074239.php>
44. *February 6, WOWK 13 Huntington* – (West Virginia) **Animal hospital fire latest in string of Logan County arsons.** A February 5 fire at a Knowles Animal Hospital in Logan, West Virginia, is thought to be the latest incident of arson. There were seven animals inside, according to the owner. Investigators said this fire was arson, but would not say it was linked to a series of other cases of arson in recent weeks and months. Four buildings in downtown Logan were damaged in an unexplained fire February 1. Witnesses saw three people running from the building just before the fire broke out. In November, a string of abandoned homes caught fire in Logan County. Those, too, were all deemed arson. In just the past few weeks, the Logan Fire Department has gone to three confirmed arsons, and many more structure fires. State police, the state's fire marshal, and local police and fire agencies were investigating. Logan's fire chief said the fires had similarities. Aside from being just blocks away, on the same street and happening during the same time of night, witnesses called in with similar descriptions.  
Source: <http://www.wowktv.com/story/16689072/animal-hospital-fire-latest-in-string-of-logan-county-arsons>

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

Nothing to report

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## Dams Sector

45. *February 7, Cyprus Mail* – (International) **Dams continue to overflow with more rain expected.** The dam at Ayia Marina, Cyprus, was the latest to overflow February 5, according to the water development department’s senior technician. Evretou dam is expected to overflow the week of February 13. According to the technician, the reservoirs are currently 77 percent full with around 5.3 million cubic meters of water having flowed into them over the last 3 days. The dam at Ayia Marina is the seventh dam to overflow in the last few weeks along with Asprokremmos, Kannaviou, Vyzakia, Argakas, Pomos, and Xyliatos. Meanwhile, the meteorological service said February 6 that more rain was expected.

Source: <http://www.cyprus-mail.com/cyprus/dams-continue-overflow-more-rain-expected/20120207>

46. *February 6, Redding Record Searchlight* – (California) **Report backs \$1 billion plan to raise dam; Some relocation is necessary, but agriculture, wildlife benefit.** A draft report released February 6 by federal officials said a \$1.07 billion plan to raise Shasta Dam in Shasta County, California, by 18.5 feet is feasible and justifiable. Raising the dam would increase the lake’s storage about 14 percent, benefiting agricultural and municipal water users in the state, according to the Shasta Lake Water Resources Investigation draft feasibility report. It would also benefit fish that migrate up the Sacramento River, the feasibility report said. However, some roads, buildings, and businesses around the lake would be inundated by the higher lake level, said a spokesman for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, the agency that prepared the report. Raising the dam height 18.5 feet would actually increase the depth of the lake 20 feet, the report said. “Although higher dam raises are technically feasible, 18.5 feet is the largest dam raise that would avoid extensive and costly relocations, including moving the Pit River Bridge and Interstate 5,” the report said. With a higher dam and the lake full, water levels would be just 4 feet from the bottom of the Pit River Bridge, the report said.

Source: <http://www.redding.com/news/2012/feb/06/report-backs-1-billion-plan-to-raise-dam-raising/>

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