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- An air freight company will pay a \$1 million fine and three employees face conspiracy charges for not screening all air cargo for explosives, in what federal officials say is the largest penalty ever assessed for such intentional violations. – *Government Security News* (See item [15](#))
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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 9, KWTX 10 Waco* – (Texas) **Police: Truck drivers stole 3,000 gallons of fuel from local station.** Five truck drivers were in custody February 9 in connection with the theft of more than 3,000 gallons of diesel fuel from a station in the 1300 block

of North Highway 36 in Gatesville, Texas. The thefts started February 2 and continued until February 9, Gatesville police said. Between 1:20 a.m. and 2:40 a.m. February 2, the drivers of four 18-wheelers pulled up to the pumps, filled up their rigs, and then drove off without paying, police said. The truckers stole 1,560 gallons of fuel. Six days later, February 8, the same four drivers returned to the station shortly after midnight and pumped more than 1,480 gallons of diesel without paying. The fuel was valued at \$11,000. Authorities discovered what they described as “some type of jamming device” in the pocket of one of the drivers and determined the two truckers had managed to pump another 98 gallons of diesel before they were stopped. They were each charged with engaging in organized criminal activity.

Source:

http://www.kwtx.com/news/headlines/Police_Truck_Drivers_Stole_3000_Gallons_Of_Fuel_From_Local_Station_139042649.html?ref=649

2. *February 9, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Pa. fines Chesapeake Energy \$565K for violations.** The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has fined a gas driller more than \$500,000 for three separate violations, the Associated Press reported February 9. Chesapeake Energy Corp. agreed to pay \$565,000 after state regulators found the Oklahoma City-based driller in violation of rules protecting streams and wetlands. In one high-profile case, Chesapeake lost control of a gas well in Leroy Township in April, allowing fluids from the well to enter Towanda Creek. Regulators found contaminants in the water, but no lasting damage. In Potter County, the company allowed sediment from an access road and well pad to discharge into a high-quality stream. The sediment damaged a municipal water authority’s treatment filters. A third case involved damage to a wetland.

Source: <http://www.bradenton.com/2012/02/09/3861381/pa-fines-chesapeake-energy-565k.html>

3. *February 9, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Texas) **US Department of Labor’s OSHA cites Nixon, Texas-based Vann Energy Services for exposing workers to confined space hazards.** The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) cited Vann Energy Services LLC for 17 serious violations following a safety and health inspection at the company’s maintenance facility in Nixon, Texas, according to a February 9 press release. Proposed penalties total \$70,200. The OSHA began its inspection August 19, after receiving a complaint about employees who were required to enter oil field hydraulic fracturing tanks for cleaning without receiving precautions about confined space atmospheric hazards. Serious health violations include failing to: implement a permit-required confined space entry program; provide proper respiratory protection; provide personal protective equipment, such as chemical-impervious gloves and footwear; provide first-aid services and chemical hazard training. Serious safety violations include failing to: provide approved electrical systems for lighting at night; ensure electrical equipment, such as fans, were approved for hazardous locations; provide covers over open pits; maintain electrical conductors and cords in a safe operating condition.

Source:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=21792

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Chemical Industry Sector

4. *February 9, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Maryland) **Maryland company settles pesticides violations.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) cited Maryland company PAMEX for violating the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), a federal law requiring the registration of pesticide products and pesticide-production facilities, and the proper labeling of pesticides. The agency alleged PAMEX violated the FIFRA by selling two unregistered pesticides, Fabuloso Aroma de Bebe and Clorox Magia Floral, from its distribution facility in Forestville. Fabuloso Aroma de Bebe, marketed as an antibacterial product, was sold 161 times, and Clorox Magia Floral, marketed as a disinfectant, was sold once. As part of the settlement, the company neither admitted nor denied liability for the alleged violations, but has certified it is now in compliance with FIFRA requirements.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/d7cf2e3d2ac0d7168525799f00664f71?OpenDocument>

5. *February 9, MaineBiz* – (Maine) **Company settles EPA claims over South Portland facility.** Massachusetts-based Monson Cos. has settled a claim with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) related to its plant in South Portland, Maine. The firm agreed to pay more than \$68,000 in fines and provide training and equipment worth \$33,000 to local emergency response teams, according to The Forecaster. The EPA claimed the company violated the Clean Air Act, state and federal hazardous waste laws, and the federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act at its repackaging and chemical manufacturing plant in South Portland. The EPA said Monson failed to separate incompatible chemicals and maintain adequate spacing, which could lead to fire, explosion or a toxic-gas release. The EPA said the company has fixed those problems.

Source:

<http://www.mainebiz.biz/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20120209/NEWS01/120209956/1088>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

6. *February 9, Associated Press* – (Georgia) **NRC approves first new nuclear plant since '78.** The nation's first new nuclear power plant in a generation won approval February 9 as federal regulators voted to grant a license for two new reactors in Georgia. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) voted 4-1 to approve Atlanta-based Southern Co.'s request to build two nuclear reactors at its Vogtle site south of

Augusta. The vote clears the way for officials to issue an operating license for the reactors, which could begin operating as soon as 2016 and 2017. The NRC last approved construction of a nuclear plant in 1978.

Source: <http://www.wytv.com/news/national/story/NRC-approves-first-new-nuclear-plant-since-78/r0LRmBFcoEmdtsoCnUYj0g.csp>

7. *February 9, Lacey Patch* – (New Jersey) **Final report finds Oyster Creek safe following Fukushima disaster.** The Oyster Creek Generating Station in Lacey Township, New Jersey, is operating safely and has effective response plans to deal with potential emergency situations, the final report of the New Jersey governor's Nuclear Review Task Force found. The Lacey Patch reported February 9 the task force examined lessons learned from the nuclear emergency that occurred in Japan and found New Jersey's plants have adequate safety features and a reliable emergency preparedness and response system. Final recommendations according to an NRC news release included improving power supply procedures, increasing the amount of diesel pumps at the plant to handle spent fuel cooling, adding additional spent fuel monitoring systems, increasing coordination with Pennsylvania and New York on emergency response exercises, and implementing information technology upgrades.
Source: <http://lacey.patch.com/articles/final-report-finds-oyster-creek-safe>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

8. *February 10, Clarksville Leaf-Chronicle* – (Tennessee) **Zinc dust fire causes heavy damage in Clarksville Industrial Park.** The cause of a fire that consumed much of the Purity Zinc Metals plant at Clarksville's Industrial Park in Clarksville, Tennessee, February 10 is still unknown, according to the Clarksville fire marshal. The fire was called in at 12:33 a.m. When Clarksville Fire Rescue arrived, there were visible flames and smoke coming from the building. Three workers were in the building when the fire started, no one was injured. The fire at one point threatened several acetylene tanks, and firefighters were forced to back off for fear the tanks might explode near rescue workers. They later re-approached and were able to get closer to the tanks with chemical fire-retardant foam. The entire 40,000-square-foot building was damaged by smoke or fire all the way to the third floor. About 45 emergency personnel and more than a half dozen agencies responded. Firefighters were expected to be on the scene for most of the day due to reigniting zinc dust.
Source:
<http://www.theleafchronicle.com/article/20120210/MAJOREVENT/120210001>
9. *February 10, U.S. Department of Transportation* – (National) **NHTSA recall notice - Nissan Versa automatic transmission components.** Nissan announced February 10 the recall of 36,608 model year 2012 Versa vehicles equipped with an automatic transmission and manufactured from June 9 through January 13 for failing to comply with federal motor vehicle safety standards related to theft protection. Due to interference between the shifter rod and the shift knob, the vehicles may be shifted out of the park position without depressing the brake pedal. The operator can inadvertently

shift the vehicle into gear without the brake pedal being depressed, increasing the risk of a crash or injury to a nearby pedestrian. Nissan will notify owners, and dealers will inspect and replace the shifter knob or the shifter assembly as needed.

Source: <http://www->

odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&recl_ID=12V032000&summary=true&prod_id=1312775&PrintVersion=YES

10. *February 9, Associated Press* – (Wisconsin) **OSHA cites Wisconsin foundry for 10 alleged violations.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) February 9 proposed fines of \$57,600 against the Fall River Foundry brass foundry in Fall River, Wisconsin. The OSHA said the company failed to protect workers from exposure to metal dust. It alleged repeat violations of exposing workers to elevated amounts of copper and lead dust. It said the company also failed to install adequate safety controls to reduce exposure.

Source: <http://www.news8000.com/news/OSHA-cites-Wisconsin-foundry-for-10-alleged-violations/-/326/8620412/-/17010x/-/index.html>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Banking and Finance Sector

11. *February 9, KCRA 3 Sacramento* – (California) **Prosecutors: Antelope man used 20,000 credit cards.** An Antelope, California man was indicted by a federal jury February 9 on suspicion of fraudulently using more than 20,000 credit cards at a small business 40,000 times. The U.S. attorney's office said the suspect will be charged on 11 counts of wire fraud and money laundering. According to the indictment, the man's corporation — 24 Hour Corp. — processed nearly \$1 million in fraudulent charges. Some of the income was used to buy a residence in Sacramento, the indictment said. If convicted, the man faces up to 20 years behind bars and a \$250,000 fine.

Source: <http://www.kcra.com/news/30422623/detail.html#ixzz1lwo2rgrk>

12. *February 9, Las Vegas Sun* – (Nevada; Arizona) **FDIC seeks \$86 million from officers of failed Nevada bank.** Regulators filed suit February 9 in Las Vegas against four officers of the failed Silver State Bank, demanding more than \$86 million in damages for “gross negligence and breaches of fiduciary duty.” The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. (FDIC) filed suit in a U.S. district court to recover loan losses at Silver State, which failed in 2008 at an estimated cost to the FDIC of more than \$550 million. Silver State was known for making aggressive and risky commercial real estate loans that later went into default during the recession. With 17 branches in Nevada and Arizona, it had loans and other assets of \$1.887 billion. The lawsuit was filed against the chief executive officer of the bank, an executive vice president heavily involved in

real estate lending, a senior vice president and loan officer, and another vice president. It claims the former bank officers were negligent in originating, approving, and administering several unsound real estate loans.

Source: <http://www.loansafe.org/fdic-seeks-86-million-from-officers-of-failed-nevada-bank>

13. *February 9, Cleveland Plain Dealer* – (Ohio) **Pepper Pike financier indicted in Croatian fund swindle.** A Pepper Pike, Ohio financier who raised millions of dollars for development in Northeast Ohio fleeced the St. Paul Croatian Federal Credit Union of \$16.7 million in fraudulent loans, a federal indictment says. The former leader of the Cleveland International Fund, was charged with 34 counts related to bank fraud in an indictment unsealed February 8. He is one of 19 people charged in one of the largest credit union failures in American history. In the spring of 2010, the National Credit Union Administration liquidated the credit union, which at the time served about 5,400 members with assets of about \$239 million. “[The financier] was the single largest recipient of fraudulent loans and significantly contributed” to the credit union’s collapse, the leader of the FBI in Cleveland said. He has been charged with two counts of conspiracy, two counts of bank fraud, one count of bank bribery, 11 counts of money laundering, 17 counts of making false statements to a bank, and one count of making false statements to law enforcement. Authorities said he and others submitted false loan documents to the credit union and many cash payments to the credit union’s chief operating officer. He and others also are accused of providing Park View Federal Savings Bank with fake personal statements that overstated their net worth and failed to disclose their debt to the credit union.

Source:

http://blog.cleveland.com/metro/2012/02/pepper_pike_financier_a_eddy_z.html

14. *February 8, U.S. Department of Justice* – (Alabama) **U.S. court bars two in Alabama from preparing federal tax returns.** A federal court has permanently barred two Montgomery, Alabama accountants from preparing federal tax returns for others, the Justice Department announced February 8. The government complaint alleged the pair, through businesses called Miami Tax, Paul’s Tax Service, and Advance Taxes Inc., prepared tax returns for customers that reported phony business expenses for fictitious businesses, inflated earned income, and falsely claimed dependents to increase refunds based on the earned income tax credit. The complaint also alleged that at least 48 returns the pair prepared for the 2008 tax year contained false claims for the first-time home-buyer tax credit. According to the complaint, the pair’s misconduct has thus far resulted in \$1 million of lost tax revenue, plus resources spent by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to assess and collect unpaid taxes from the customers.

Source: <http://www.justice.gov/tax/2012/txdv12177.htm>

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Transportation Sector

15. *February 10, Government Security News* – (Indiana; National) **Million dollar fine and conspiracy charges at company avoiding cargo screening laws.** In what federal authorities say is the largest penalty ever assessed by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) against a cargo company for intentional security violations, an air freight company will pay a \$1 million civil fine and three employees face conspiracy charges. OHL Solutions, Inc., formerly called ActivAir, Inc., agreed to the \$1 million fine and other remedial steps for shirking their responsibility to screen cargo destined for passenger aircraft for explosives prior to December 2010, the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana said February 8. The charges follow a lengthy TSA investigation. Prosecutors allege that before December 2010, employees working for the New York-based company’s Indianapolis facility engaged in a systemic pattern of record-keeping violations by failing to properly screen 100 percent of air cargo for explosives as required by their security program. Employees are alleged to have continued to certify that air cargo had been screened and later shipped on passenger aircraft. As a result of the TSA investigation, three Indianapolis residents each agreed to plead guilty to charges of conspiracy to commit federal reporting and record-keeping violations.
Source: http://www.gsnmagazine.com/node/25618?c=airport_aviation_security
16. *February 10, CNN* – (North Carolina) **Driver whisks 6 students off N.C. bus before it bursts into flames.** After noticing smoke seeping inside, a North Carolina bus driver rushed six elementary school children off her vehicle moments before it burst into flames. The incident occurred February 8 as the bus was driving the children home from Chantilly Montessori Elementary School, a public school in Charlotte, a school district spokeswoman said. The driver was driving on her route through a Charlotte neighborhood when she detected a “burning smell” and pulled over to investigate. “As that was going on, smoke started to come from under the dash of the bus,” the driver recalled. At that point, the driver guided the young students to the back of the bus. Describing the children as “calm,” she said they exited “one-by-one” through the rear emergency exit. The bus driver said she and the students, ages 5 to 10, then “walked so far up the street” where they witnessed the smoke and flames engulf the vehicle.
Source: http://www.cnn.com/2012/02/09/us/north-carolina-bus-fire/index.html?hpt=us_c1
17. *February 9, Arlington Heights Daily Herald* – (Illinois) **Report: Bartlett train derailment caused by broken rail.** A Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) rail accident report brought up at a February 7 Bartlett, Illinois village board meeting shows a November freight train derailment was caused by a broken rail. The report, based on information submitted by the railroad, said equipment damage from the derailment amounted to almost \$800,000, while track damage totaled more than \$1.3 million. Canadian National Railway, the line that owns the train and the tracks, submitted the report. Twenty-two cars of the train derailed November 3 near Gifford and Spaulding roads at the Elgin-Bartlett border, disrupting a commute for about 11,000 Metra riders. Two of the derailed cars were tankers that contained hazardous materials in liquid form, but no chemicals were released that day, authorities said. Three other derailed

cars caught on fire. According to the report, the 70-car train was heading northbound at 40 mph when it ran over a broken rail. A spokesman for the department of transportation said the federal investigation is still open, and that he does not expect a conclusion for another 3 months.

Source: <http://www.dailyherald.com/article/20120209/news/702099700/>

18. *February 9, South Florida Sun-Sentinel* – (Florida) **TSA finds old cannonball in bag at Fort Lauderdale airport.** An 18th Century, coral-cruled cannonball was discovered February 2 in a checked bag at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport in Broward County, Florida, the South Florida Sun-Sentinel reported February 9. The Transportation Security Administration said the passenger was a diver who had no malicious intent. The cannonball was pulled from an old ship wreck and still held some potential to explode. The old cannonball triggered an evacuation of a baggage area and three flights, affecting 290 passengers, were delayed.
Source: http://articles.sun-sentinel.com/2012-02-09/news/fl-tophat-cannon-ball-20120209_1_cannonball-tsa-screeners
19. *February 9, Associated Press* – (Texas) **More security offered at Dallas-area transit stations in wake of shootings.** Local and federal authorities offered to help secure Dallas-area bus and train stations February 8 after a shootout left two people dead, the latest in a string of violent incidents on Dallas mass transit, an agency spokesman said. Dallas police and the federal Transportation Security Administration reached out to Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) after the February 7 shooting on a platform in Richardson, which is north of the city, a DART spokesman said. The DART will not make any decisions on security until it finishes investigating the shooting, he said.
Source: http://www.news-journal.com/news/state/more-security-offered-at-dallas-area-transit-stations-in-wake/article_bed61572-086d-55b2-aa2c-6400665cfd6.html
20. *February 9, KHOU 11 Houston* – (Texas) **Bayport: Coast Guard responds to barge accident, fuel spill.** The U.S. Coast Guard was on the scene of a fuel spill February 9 after a barge ran aground February 8 near the Bayport terminal in Houston. Watchstanders at Sector Houston-Galveston were notified February 8 the TM3, a barge being towed by the UTV Louis Vincent, had run aground. The master of the Louis Vincent reported diesel fuel leaking from a tank on the left side of the barge. Working with the Texas General Land Office, Talen Marine and ES&H, responders deployed about 6,400 feet of absorbent boom to minimize the environmental impact. A barge was brought to the site February 9 to remove fuel. Officials estimated 500 gallons of fuel leaked into the water before removal operations were completed. Once investigators confirm there is no more leakage, the barge will be taken to the Texas International Terminal in Galveston. The Coast Guard was investigating the cause of the incident.
Source: <http://www.khou.com/news/neighborhood-news/Bayport-Coast-Guard-responds-to-barge-accident-fuel-spill-139028239.html>
21. *February 9, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (National) **Union Pacific Railroad Company to pay \$1.5 million for Clean Water Act violations in Colorado, Utah and Wyoming.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

announced a settlement with Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) regarding alleged violations of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and the Oil Pollution Act February 9. This settlement resolves a CWA enforcement action against UP that involves continuing operations at 20 rail yards in Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming, as well as spills of oil and coal in 2003 and 2004 along railroad lines in all three states. For the railyards, EPA alleges UP violated the agency's Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) and Facility Response Plan (FRP) rules. As part of the settlement, UP will pay a civil penalty of \$1.5 million of which about \$1.4 million will be deposited into the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund, a fund used by federal agencies to respond to oil spills. The remaining \$100,000 will be deposited in the U.S. Treasury for coal spills and stormwater violations. In addition, the settlement requires UP to develop a management and reporting system to ensure compliance with SPCC regulations, FRP rules, and storm water requirements at 20 rail yards in Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming. UP must take further actions to control stormwater runoff at the Burnham Rail Yard in Denver, which are anticipated to prevent the discharge of tons of chemicals annually to waters in the Denver area.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/31d67cab0d09584f8525799f0065b91a?OpenDocument>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

22. *February 9, Global Security Newswire* – (National) **Anthrax mailings recovery required \$320M, analysis finds.** The 2001 anthrax mailings resulted in \$320 million in expenditures aimed at ensuring government and private facilities were free of the deadly bacteria, according to an analysis published February 7. The anthrax-tainted letters addressed to Congressional offices and media organizations killed five people and sickened 17, according to a previous report. After reviewing U.S. Government Accountability Office information and other material, experts at Concordia University in Montreal determined the mailings resulted in follow-up detection efforts in 26 structures and cleansing operations in seven, including two mail service centers that required an expensive decontamination treatment, the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy reported. In addition, six business facilities required cleaning. Source: <http://www.nti.org/gsn/article/anthrax-mailings-recovery-required-320m-analysis/>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

23. *February 10, Food Safety News* – (National; International) **Big spinach recall with no public notice.** On December 31, a Texas company recalled 228,360 lbs. — 114 tons — of spinach because it tested positive for E. coli O157:H7, Food Safety News reported February 10. That Class I recall — which the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) defines as “a situation in which there is a reasonable probability that the use of or exposure to a violative product will cause serious adverse health consequences or death” — was revealed as an item in the FDA enforcement report February 8. The potentially contaminated spinach from Tiro Tres Farms of Eagle Pass, Texas, was distributed in Colorado, Kentucky, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania, and in Canada in Ontario and Quebec. FDA and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency did not publish public notices of this recall in December or January — and still have not — and the FDA enforcement report did not say whether there were any illnesses linked to the recalled spinach. According to the enforcement report, Tiro Tres Farms notified its own customers of the recall by letter December 31, but the FDA report does not indicate if any of the spinach was sold by retailers. The recall was of Robert’s S 1 cut leaf “Curly” spinach.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/02/major-spinach-recall-with-no-public-notice/>
24. *February 9, Charlotte Observer* – (North Carolina) **Poultry plant faces fines after ammonia leak.** North Carolina officials fined a Union County poultry plant for more than \$107,000 following an ammonia leak there in August, the Charlotte Observer reported February 9. Inspectors issued the Pilgrim’s Pride plant more than 30 citations for various issues, some related to the ammonia leak, according to a report from the state labor department. August 16, the leak forced the evacuation of 550 employees and 25 families who lived nearby. The plant was damaged. Some of the citations involved issues such as platforms not guarded by railings and a lack of options in hearing protection. However, some address problems found in the refrigeration system. One citation said several pieces of equipment had not been inspected since 2009. Many citations revolve around the day of the ammonia leak. Officials said they found the plant’s emergency plan did not include procedures to determine safe exit routes and assembly areas. The plan also did not specify the personal protective equipment emergency responders were supposed to wear if a leak occurred. The majority of the citations are classified as “serious.”
Source: <http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2012/02/09/2999311/poultry-plant-faces-fines-after.html>
25. *February 8, WTSP 10 St. Petersburg* – (Florida) **Club Scene shooting leaves 2 injured.** St. Petersburg, Florida police are investigating a shooting inside Club Scene that happened February 8. Police said they were called to the club after an altercation led to gunshots inside the downtown club where 800-1,000 people gathered. The two victims were taken to the hospital. The suspects ran out of the club after the shooting.
Source: <http://www.wtsp.com/news/local/article/237244/8/2-injured-in-St-Pete-club-shooting>

26. *February 7, Food Safety News* – (International) **E. coli infection in Canada linked to kibbeh beef.** One person was confirmed infected with E. coli O157:H7 linked to ground beef now being recalled in Canada, Food Safety News reported February 7. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and New Middleast Supermarket of Ottawa, Ontario, are warning the public not to consume finely ground beef used for kibbeh that was sold by the stores December 28 and 29. The ground beef, which may still be in home freezers, was served from the supermarket's fresh meat counter in plastic bags wrapped with paper. The packages may be unlabeled.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/02/e-coli-infection-in-canada-linked-to-kebbeh-ground-beef/>

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Water Sector

27. *February 10, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **Red Cliff declares emergency over frozen pipes.** The town of Red Cliff, Colorado, declared a state of emergency after a frozen water main shut down water to residents and businesses, the Associated Press reported February 10. The Red Cliff mayor said he the emergency declaration would qualify for state funding to fix the problem. The water district for the community of more than 300 people about 100 miles west of Denver has traced the problem to a mile-long stretch of pipe that connects the water plant to the town. According to the Vail Daily, the town of Avon has offered use of the Avon Recreation Center for showers, and Eagle County is providing drinking water.
Source: http://www.denverpost.com/entertainmentcolumnists/ci_19935812
28. *February 10, Palm Beach Post* – (Florida) **Sewage spews at West Palm Beach treatment plant, threatening groundwater.** Treated sewage has been spewing since February 6 from an underground pipe at the largest sewage treatment plant in Palm Beach County, Florida, disrupting a \$1 million repair job and threatening groundwater. Officials said February 9 the spill has been contained and rerouted but not yet halted. Effluent gushed into the ground for an undetermined period from the East Central Regional Water Reclamation Facility. The pipe is about 25 feet underground, but workers on the repair job had not gotten that deep before the break occurred; therefore they were unable to pinpoint the leak. The plant manager put the uncontained spill at 1,000 gallons. However, an estimated 500,000 gallons of spilled effluent were being pumped back into the plant February 9, the amount estimated to be unaccounted for according to plant records. Workers were on site to replace two aging valves on 48-inch pipes and installed a bypass line so the valves could be replaced without leakage. But the bypass cannot be used until a plug is inserted to prevent effluent from flowing backward, which was scheduled to be done the weekend of February 11. The leak cannot be stopped until that work is done.
Source: <http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/sewage-spews-at-west-palm-beach-treatment-plant-2164433.html>
29. *February 9, Spartanburg Herald-Journal* – (South Carolina) **Crews monitor pipeline after sewage spills into creek.** Union County, South Carolina environmental

authorities continued late February 9 to monitor a sewer line that collapsed February 8, dumping 125,000 gallons of raw sewage into Tosches Creek. Tosches Creek flows into Fairforest Creek. The director of the city of Union's utilities department said concrete columns that suspended the sewer line 18 feet across the creek eroded over time and eventually collapsed, causing the pipe to fall into the creek. The pipe, which is 24-inches in diameter, was an overflow line between two larger lines. When the spill was discovered, the flow of sewage was diverted to the two adjacent lines. The director said officials were able to pinpoint the leak. Contractors removed the pipe and contaminated soil, and the soil was taken to a wastewater treatment plant, he said. The city furnishes the county's drinking water. The director said the creeks do not supply water for the system, and the spill will have no impact on Union's potable water. Signs were posted along the creek, warning people to keep out. Repairs should take 6 to 8 weeks and will cost \$100,000 to \$140,000. It will include the installation of a high-tensile pipe that will span the creek without need of support columns.

Source: <http://www.goupstate.com/article/20120209/ARTICLES/202101005?tc=ar>

30. *February 9, Daily Briarcliff* – (New York) **Chemicals spilled on Fowler Avenue in Ossining.** A tractor-trailer on its way to the Ossining Village/Indian Brook Water Treatment Plant (WTP) in Ossining, New York, spilled chemicals on the road near the intersection of Fowler Avenue and Old Albany Post Road February 9. The spill occurred when the truck had a load of chemicals shift, the Ossining fire chief said. The fire department was working with Montrose V.A. Hospital's Fire Department's haz-mat team and the department of environmental conservation to clean up the spill. He said members of the fire department were attempting to stop the chemicals from spilling. The spilled chemical was a polyaluminum chloride, a corrosive coagulant used in the water treatment process, according to the Ossining WTP superintendent.

Source: <http://www.thedailybriarcliff.com/news/chemicals-spilled-fowler-avenue-ossining>

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31. *February 10, WPVI 6 Philadelphia* – (New Jersey) **11 more Rider students sickened overnight.** The number of students sick with symptoms of norovirus at Rider University in Lawrenceville, New Jersey, grew to at least 69 students. Officials said 58 students fell ill February 9. Four of those students were hospitalized. Eleven more got sick February 10. Rider's campus is not all that far from Princeton University in Princeton where 100 cases of norovirus have been reported recently. Classes went on as

scheduled February 9, but students feeling sick were urged to contact campus safety personnel. Administrators have posted an emergency alert on the Rider Web site.

Source:

http://abclocal.go.com/wpvi/story?section=news/local&id=8536889&hpt=us_bn4

32. *February 10, KGTV 10 San Diego* – (California) **Brush fire burning on Camp Pendleton.** A brush fire was burning on the U.S. Marine Corps base at Camp Pendleton in San Diego County, California, February 10. By late morning, the fire had burned at least 75 acres, according to CalFire. There were no structures in the area, but crews were monitoring the fire closely in case it changed direction. The fire was 25 percent contained as of 11 a.m.

Source: <http://www.10news.com/news/30426162/detail.html>

33. *February 10, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Ohio college student jailed for alleged gun threat.** A student at a college in Xenia, Ohio was arrested after allegedly telling Central State University employees he would not be afraid to carry out a mass shooting along the lines of the 2007 Virginia Tech killings, the Associated Press reported February 10. A jury trial was scheduled for March for the student, who is charged with inducing panic and disorderly conduct, both misdemeanors. The Dayton Daily News reported he remained in Greene County Jail on \$10,000 bond following his arraignment February 8. The paper quotes an incident report from the university's department of public safety that said the student had become frustrated while trying to schedule a meeting with professors to discuss a disputed grade.

Source: <http://www.mariettatimes.com/page/content.detail/id/158007/Ohio-college-student-jailed-for-alleged-gun-threat-.html?isap=1&nav=5018>

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Emergency Services Sector

34. *February 10, Associated Press* – (California) **4 San Quentin prison inmates hurt badly in riot.** At least four inmates of San Quentin State Prison in San Quentin, California, were seriously injured February 9 during a riot in an exercise yard that serves the institution's newest arrivals, a prison spokesman said. Between 150 and 200 prisoners were involved. Dozens were slashed and stabbed by fellow inmates armed with homemade weapons before guards used chemicals such as pepper spray, projectiles, and live ammunition to restore order, the sergeant said. Most of the injured inmates were treated at the prison. The four who were most seriously injured were taken to hospitals with injuries that were not considered life-threatening, the sergeant said. The source of their injuries was unclear. One correctional officer fired about three rounds from a semiautomatic rifle as warning shots, and the bullets did not hit or injure anyone, he said. No San Quentin employees were injured. All 4,113 inmates at San Quentin, a maximum-security prison that houses California's Death Row, have been confined to cells while officials investigate the cause. The exercise yard where the disturbance broke out serves inmates who have been at the prison for less than 3

months and whose security status still is under review.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2012/02/09/BAVL1N5Q9T.DTL>

35. *February 10, Softpedia* – (Alabama; Texas; International) **Hackers breach Alabama and Texas law enforcement sites.** As part of their operations against law enforcement agencies, Anonymous hackers breached the sites of the Alabama Department of Public Safety, the Texas Department of Public Safety, and the Mobile Police Department, also based in Alabama, leaking information from their databases, Softpedia reported February 10. DataBreaches summed up the hacks, revealing the hackers managed to obtain tons of sensitive data, but published only enough to prove the sites are vulnerable, making sure no innocent individual suffers. The main hackers were CabinCr3w and w0rmer, but it seems they were assisted by Kahuna in the breach that targeted the Mobile Police Department. The database contained information on offenders such as ID, case number, names, physical descriptions, and other data, but the hackers redacted all the sensitive information. From the public safety departments of Texas and Alabama there was not much data leaked, except for a few database structures, the hackers urging the site’s administrators to patch them up. DataBreaches notified the Mobile Police Department of the hack.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Hackers-Breach-Alabama-and-Texas-Law-Enforcement-Sites-251967.shtml>

36. *February 9, Oregon Public Broadcasting* – (Oregon) **Emergency alert system improves with second test.** Portland, Oregon emergency officials said the February 9 test of an emergency alert system appears to have worked. A similar test a few weeks ago failed to reach even 1 percent of more than 300,000 communications devices across the Portland area. A spokesman with the city’s bureau of emergency management said the recent test went much better. He said First Call initially thought the test would be complete within 3 hours. However, after 5 hours, the alerts reached just 65 percent of the targeted devices. Emergency officials said the primary use of the emergency alerts will be for messages specific to certain neighborhoods, rather than city-wide messages. However, officials said they wanted to perform a “stress test” to see how the system would handle a high volume of alerts.
Source: <http://news.opb.org/article/emergency-alert-system-improves-second-test/>

37. *February 9, Associated Press* – (Arizona; New Mexico) **Defense Dept. sending support to Border Patrol.** The Department of Defense said it will deploy military resources in support of the Border Patrol’s border security efforts along border areas in Arizona and New Mexico. The Pentagon said February 9 that communities in southern Arizona and southern New Mexico should expect to see additional military personnel, vehicles, and equipment traveling throughout the border area beginning in mid-February. In their role, the members of the military assigned to Joint Task Force North will work in a support capacity for Border Patrol officers.
Source: <http://www.svherald.com/associatedpress/248182>

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Information Technology Sector

38. *February 10, Softpedia* – (International) **MyBB 1.6.6 security release fixes 15 vulnerabilities.** The open-source forum script's developers released the MyBB 1.6.6 security update for the 1.6 series to address 1 major and 14 low-risk issues that may have exposed their customers. A non-critical security hole that was resolved refers to the ability to import a non-CSS stylesheet. Prior to this update, the theme files were not verified to see if they were CSS, the only file types that could be added as a theme. Other low-risk issues included CSRF vulnerabilities on control panel administrator logout, when a stored password was being cleared, when removing a buddy, and while performing Admin CP join requests. Three similar flaws were identified in the administrator control panel while enabling or disabling Group Promotions, while activating a user, and also, avatars could be changed without permissions. Cross-site scripting vulnerabilities are also present in previous variants. They were found to affect users when moving an event in the Calendar, but also in the Akismet plugin, in User CP Forum Subscriptions, Mod CP Moderator Logs, when editing attachments in posts, and in the Mod CP Edit Announcement.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/MyBB-1-6-6-Security-Release-Fixes-15-Vulnerabilities-251925.shtml>
39. *February 9, ZDNet* – (International) **Patch Tuesday heads-up: 21 vulnerabilities, including 'critical' IE bulletin.** Microsoft plans to ship 9 security bulletins February 14 with fixes for at least 21 documented flaws in the Windows operating system. February's Patch Tuesday batch will cover security holes in Microsoft Windows, Microsoft Office, Internet Explorer, and .NET/Silverlight. The Internet Explorer bulletin is rated "critical" and should be considered a high-priority update because of the risk of code execution attacks via drive-by downloads.
Source: <http://www.zdnet.com/blog/security/patch-tuesday-heads-up-21-vulnerabilities-including-critical-ie-bulletin/10265>
40. *February 9, Android and Me* – (International) **Google Wallet hacked again, no root access required this time.** On February 9, security firm Zvelo revealed a hack for Google Wallet that exposed a user's PIN. The vulnerability only affected rooted phones, according to Google. Now, however, a second hack was posted online that works on non-rooted devices and requires no special hacking skills. All someone has to do to access a user's funds is clear the data in app settings, which will force Google Wallet to prompt them to enter a new PIN. Once the new PIN has been entered, they can add a Google Prepaid Card that is tied to the device and access any available funds.
Source: <http://androidandme.com/2012/02/applications/google-wallet-hacked-again-no-root-access-required-this-time/>
41. *February 9, Threatpost* – (International) **Google: Bug bounty program has made users safer.** In the 15 months since Google began offering rewards to researchers who report vulnerabilities in its Web applications, the company paid out more than \$400,000 in bug bounties. As such, the company is counting the program as a huge

success. Google's reward program was not the first of its kind, but because of the scope of it and the reach of the company, it attracted much attention in the community and a lot of submissions. In the first week of the program, Google received more than 40 legitimate submissions, which only went up since then. In total, Google has taken in more than 1,100 bug reports, of which 730 qualified for a reward of some kind.

Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/google-bug-bounty-program-has-made-users-safer-020912

42. *February 9, InformationWeek* – (International) **DDoS tools flourish, give attackers many options.** According to a research analyst at Arbor Networks, there is now a thriving distributed denial of service (DDoS) tool and botnet ecosystem that includes single user flooding tools, small host booters, shell booters, remote access Trojans (RATs) with flooding capabilities, simple DDoS bots, complex DDoS bots, and some commercial DDoS services. Many types of threats can be blended into any given tool to make the tool more attractive and financially lucrative for whoever is renting out the DDoS capabilities. The researcher recently counted 55 different DDoS tools, which are just a fraction of what is publicly and commercially available. Some are more dangerous than others. For example, Fg Power DDOSER is designed to flood a gaming competitor with packets, slowing connection speed or knocking them offline, although the DDoS toolkit also includes a Firefox password stealer, he said. Another simple tool, Silent-DDoSer, can launch UDP, SYN, and HTTP attacks, and also offers “triple-DES and RC4 encryption, IPv6 capabilities, and password-stealing functions,” he said. At the other end of the spectrum, there are many complex DDoS toolkits and related bots, and typically also Web-based command-and-control interfaces. These toolkits sport names such as Darkness/Optima, DeDal, Dirt Jumper, G-Bot, and Russian Armageddon. Finally, services such as Death DDoS Service and Totoro offer commercial DDoS options, meaning that rather than running the tools themselves, attackers can outsource the job.

Source: <http://www.informationweek.com/news/security/attacks/232600497>

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Internet Alert Dashboard

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Communications Sector

43. *February 9, KTSM 9 El Paso* – (Texas) **Power restored after outage knocks KTSM, radio stations off air.** Power was restored at 11:36 a.m. February 9 after a power outage just before 10 a.m. knocked out KTSM 9 El Paso, its sister station KDBC, and several local radio stations off of the air in El Paso, Texas. The outage, according to an

- El Paso Electric spokesperson, was due to a malfunction in equipment at the Sunset substation. About 900 customers were affected, most of them near downtown El Paso. Source: <http://www.ktsm.com/el-paso-electric/power-restored-after-outage-knocks-ktsm-radio-stations-off-air>
44. *February 9, KAPP 35 Yakima* – (Washington) **Charter Communications service restored.** Thousands of Charter Communications customers in Washington state have had their service restored after vandalism caused a service interruption to cable TV, Internet, and phone services February 9. A vandal believed to be looking for copper wiring cut a fiber optic line the morning of February 9 disrupting Charter Communications service to thousands of customers in the Pasco, Walla Walla, and Ellensburg areas. A spokesman for Charter Communications said a utility box was broken into near the Blue Bridge sometime around 10 a.m. and crews noticed a fiber optic line had been cut and removed. Source: <http://www.kapptv.com/article/2012/feb/09/vandalism-disrupts-charter-communication-service/>
45. *February 9, Charleston Post and Courier* – (South Carolina) **About 5,000 Comcast customers lost cable service Wednesday.** About 5,000 Comcast cable television customers went without service for most of February 8 after an equipment malfunction, a spokesman for the company said February 9. The outage began the evening of February 7 and lasted until the night of February 8. It mainly affected customers in Mount Pleasant, a Comcast spokesman said. Service was fully restored late February 8, he said. Source: <http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2012/feb/09/about-5000-comcast-customers-lost-cable-service-we/>
46. *February 9, WSLN 10 Roanoke* – (Virginia) **Halifax County phone outage hits 2,000.** Halifax County Emergency Services (HCES) said a phone outage that impacted more than 2,000 people in the Clover, Virginia area February 9 had their phone services restored around 3 a.m., February 10. The HCES reported late February 9 that the outage people in Clover, and those with the phone number prefix “454.” During the outage, county officials asked people with an emergency to call 911 with a cell phone. Source: <http://www2.godanriver.com/news/2012/feb/09/halifax-county-phone-outage-hits-2000-ar-1677728/>
47. *February 9, IDG News Service* – (National) **Business owner sentenced for E-Rate fraud.** The former owner of two Illinois technology companies was sentenced February 9 to serve 30 months in prison for participating in a conspiracy to defraud a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) program to help schools and libraries in poor areas connect to the Internet, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) said. The former owner of Global Networking Technologies and Computer Training Associates conspired to provide bribes and kickbacks to school officials and employees responsible for procuring bids for Internet access services under the federal E-Rate program, the DOJ said. School districts in Arkansas, Florida, Illinois and Louisiana were affected. In return for bribes and kickbacks, school officials ceded control of the competitive bidding process to the woman and a co-conspirator, allowing them to

ensure E-Rate contracts at these schools were awarded to their companies, the DOJ said. The conspiracy lasted from December 2001 to September 2005. An ongoing investigation into fraud and anti-competitive conduct in the E-Rate program by the DOJ's Antitrust Division has led to seven companies and 24 people either pleading guilty, being convicted at trial, or entering into civil settlements. The defendants have been sentenced to pay fines and restitution of more than \$40 million.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9224127/Business_owner_sentenced_for_E_Rate_fraud?taxonomyId=17

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Commercial Facilities Sector

48. *February 10, WFMZ 69 Allentown* – (Pennsylvania) **12+ hour standoff ends with shooter captured.** Police in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, responded to a disturbance at Logan Court Apartments February 9. While speaking with a witness, police heard a gunshot inside an apartment building. Officers said they evacuated the witness, as well as other residents, and called for backup. The Chester Montgomery Emergency Response Team (CMERT), as well as officers from surrounding municipalities, responded and surrounded the complex. The gunman barricaded himself inside his apartment and refused to surrender. Throughout the more than 12-hour standoff, the CMERT used a flash bang device to try to get the gunman to come out of the building. There were also armored trucks surrounding the premises. Officials said during the standoff, the gunman started shooting at officers. Police threw incendiary gas canisters through the first-floor apartment window. Shortly after, the bedroom caught fire and officers had to go in with fire extinguishers. When police came out of the building, they were walking with a man known to many in the neighborhood. About 12 hours after the standoff started, police walked the man to the corner, where he was given an oxygen mask and waited for an ambulance to arrive.

Source: <http://www.wfmz.com/news/news-regional-southeasternpa/Police-investigate-shots-fired/-/121434/8620834/-/5qfkkpz/-/>

49. *February 10, WCMH 4 Columbus* – (Ohio) **Number of guns stolen from shooting range jumps to 97.** Officials in Powell, Ohio, said February 10 that 97 weapons were stolen from a local shooting range February 8. Police said a mix of handguns and long rifles were stolen from the Powder Room. An employee arrived at the shooting range February 8 and found a hole cut in the wall. The owner said the thieves entered by breaking a hole in the wall of the women's restroom. They unscrewed security lights and avoided surveillance cameras. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) said, "Through experience we know stolen firearms are used in furtherance of drug and gang related activities and are also utilized by violent criminals to perpetrate additional crimes." A reward of up to \$5,000 is being offered by the ATF for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the theft.

Source: <http://www2.nbc4i.com/news/2012/feb/09/2/number-guns-stolen-shooting-range-jumps-97-ar-927618/>

50. *February 10, Dyersburg State Gazette* – (Tennessee) **Alleged meth labs discovered in local motel.** Agents with the Dyer County Sheriff's Narcotics Unit in Tennessee arrested a suspect at an Obion motel February 5 who allegedly had two meth labs inside his room. Agents received information the suspect was cooking meth inside his room at the Colonial Inn. Agents retrieved a room key and walked to the room, which was described as being foggy inside. After entering, they found the suspect lying on the bed and an alleged meth lab on top of a lamp and another on the floor. He was escorted out of the room and motel guests in adjacent rooms were temporarily evacuated. An official removed the hazardous chemicals. He placed them at the far end of the parking lot where he allowed them to safely finish reacting. The room was reportedly quarantined and will remain so until a state-approved hazardous materials team can clean it. The suspect was charged with initiating methamphetamine manufacture. Source: <http://www.stategazette.com/story/1814348.html>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

51. *February 10, WBTV 3 Charlotte* – (North Carolina) **Three teens arrested for decapitating rare WWII statue.** Three teenagers in Gaston County, North Carolina were behind bars after police say they decapitated a rare WW II statue. According to Belmont police, officers arrested the three teens February 9 after investigating the vandalism of The Spirit of the Fighting Yank statue nearly 8 months ago. Officers charged the teenagers with felony larceny, conspiracy to commit felony larceny, and misdemeanor conspiracy to deface and injure a public statue. The investigation began in July when the statue was found lying on the ground next to the mounting. When officers examined the statue, they found it decapitated and said the head appeared to have been stolen. The statue was erected in 1946 and is one of only five of its kind in the world. Source: <http://www.wistv.com/story/16903112/three-arrested-for-decapitating-wwii-statue>

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Dams Sector

52. *February 10, Associated Press* – (Mississippi) **High water, extra Mississippi River levee checks.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said it is keeping an eye on Mississippi River levees in Mississippi because the river was high, February 9. The twice-weekly checks are a precaution because the water is expected to remain high for some time. The Corps said patrols began the week of February 6 for levees on the east bank of the river from Baton Rouge to Bohemia, and on the west bank from

Donaldsonville to Venice. Inspections will continue until the water level drops below 11 feet at the Carrollton gauge. The current level there is 11.9 feet, and the National Weather Service said it is expected to crest at 12.7 feet February 15. A similar round of inspections ran from late December into early January.

Source: <http://www.sunherald.com/2012/02/10/3743737/high-water-extra-mississippi-river.html>

53. *February 10, Columbia Reports* – (International) **La Nina rain breaks 40m levee; 375 displaced.** Severe rainfall has broken a 40-meter levee, displaced 375 people, and flooded 500 hectares of crops in western Colombia, Colombia Reports said February 10. The incidents occurred February 9 in the pacific coastal department of Valle del Cauca, with severe rainfall attributed to the “La Nina” weather phenomenon concentrated in the municipalities of Guacari and Trujillo. The Guacari government secretary said “the losses for growers are enormous.”

Source: <http://colombiareports.com/colombia-news/news/22133-la-nina-rain-breaks-40m-levee-375-displaced.html>

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