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Top Stories

- A Utah man, who police said threatened to assassinate the governor of Utah and was captured with a truck full of weapons as he conducted surveillance on the governor's mansion while the governor was home, is facing multiple felony charges. – *Associated Press* (See item [35](#))
- Digital Assurance warned mobile communications operating over radio systems such as GSM, WiMax, and DECT are likely to become more heavily targeted as Software Defined Radio (SDR) technology becomes cheaper and more widely available. – *Help Net Security* (See item [45](#))

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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 13, WAFB 9 Baton Rouge* – (Louisiana) **Gas pipeline rupture jolts many awake.** Authorities said a gas pipeline ruptured in northern East Baton Rouge Parish,

Louisiana, February 13. Florida Gas Pipeline was contacted to shut down the pipeline and the situation was contained. The cause of the rupture was not determined. One witness stated at least a 30-foot section of metal peeled back. Officials evacuated all homes within a 1-mile radius of the site, but all have were allowed back in their homes after about 2 hours. A few roads in the area also were closed for a few hours.

Source: <http://www.wafb.com/story/16919380/gas-pipeline-ruptures-in-northern-ebr-parish>

2. *February 12, Easton Star Democrat* – (Maryland) **Overtaken tanker shuts Rt. 50.** U.S. Route 50 in Easton, Maryland, was closed for almost 8 hours February 11 after a fuel tanker left the road, according to the Maryland State Police. As a result of the crash, close to 4,000 gallons of gasoline leaked onto the road and field. Firefighters from the Easton Volunteer Fire Department responded, extinguishing two separate fires that occurred in the cab of the tractor. In addition to the spill, a transformer was knocked loose when the rig hit the utility pole. Easton Utilities removed the transformer while maintaining power. The Maryland Department of the Environment responded to contain the spill, siphoning the remaining 3,800 gallons of gasoline from the tanker into a holding tank.
Source: http://www.stardem.com/news/local_news/article_0f02099a-5572-11e1-a2ac-001871e3ce6c.html
3. *February 11, Anderson Independent Mail* – (Georgia; South Carolina) **Tanker wrecks, spills fuel on U.S. 76 in Rabun County, Ga.** A gas tanker truck spill near the Georgia/South Carolina border February 11 sent hundreds of gallons of gas into a farm stream and completely shut down U.S. 76 in the area for the whole day. The accident happened around 9 a.m. when a driver rolled off the shoulder of the road in Rabun County, Georgia, on his way into Oconee County. The highway was expected to be closed through the night of February 11, and drivers were asked to avoid the area. The Oconee County fire department chief said about 800 gallons, roughly 10 percent of the tanker's capacity, spilled. Much of the gas went into a stream, but the spill was contained there using booms. Officials with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the South Carolina Department of Health Environmental Control, and the Georgia Environmental Protection Division were on hand to monitor the response.
Source: <http://www.independentmail.com/news/2012/feb/11/tanker-wrecks-spills-fuel-us-76-rabun-county-ga/>
4. *February 10, Billings Gazette* – (National) **EPA moves to prevent fuel spills on farms.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is requiring farmers with 10,000 gallons of fuel storage or more to come up with engineer-certified fuel spill containment facilities, the Billings Gazette reported February 10. Smaller farms with storage below the 10,000 mark but more than 1,320 gallons have to complete a self-designed plan for containing fuel spills. Farm fuel spills have been only softly regulated by the EPA, but the agency is bringing more focus on spills out of concern for water quality and levying fines of more than \$1,000 for major noncompliance. The Natural Resources and Conservation Service (NRCS) began offering Montana farmers help with the plan design and construction costs. The NRCS is getting involved because it would like plans that not only address risks to rivers and streams, but also groundwater.

Source: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/epa-moves-to-prevent-fuel-spills-on-farms/article_0325148a-cd86-57b8-9bff-c41fec1102bc.html

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Chemical Industry Sector

5. *February 13, Reuters* – (International) **Monsanto guilty of chemical poisoning in France.** A French court February 13 declared U.S. biotech giant Monsanto guilty of chemical poisoning of a French farmer, a judgment that could lend weight to other health claims against pesticides. In the first such case heard in France, a grain grower said he suffered neurological problems including memory loss, headaches, and stammering after inhaling Lasso weedkiller in 2004. He blames the agri-business giant for not providing adequate warnings on the product label. The court in Lyon sought an expert opinion of losses to establish damages. Previous health claims from farmers have foundered because of the difficulty of establishing clear links between illnesses and exposure to pesticides. The grain grower joined with other farmers suffering from illness to set up an association last year. The agricultural branch of the French social security system said since 1996, it has gathered about 200 reports a year of farmers' claiming they were sickened by pesticides. But only 47 cases in the past 10 years have been recognized as due to pesticides.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/02/13/france-pesticides-monsanto-idUSL5E8DD5UG20120213>

6. *February 12, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Dow to pay to replace water-filtering beds in Plaquemine.** Dow Chemical Co. will shore up the defenses of Plaquemine, Louisiana, against water contamination to avoid a repeat of a 1990s emergency when an aquifer tested positive for the chemical vinyl chloride. The city's mayor told the Baton Rouge Advocate that Dow will pay to replace the city's sand-based water filtering beds with more-effective carbon-based beds. A Dow spokeswoman said that besides the \$60,000 to \$100,000 to install the beds, the company also will help if future contamination incidents threaten the water supply. The memorandum of understanding came out of a 2011 state court ruling that said Dow polluted the Upper Plaquemine Aquifer. The contamination was detected in 1997 but was not made public until 2001 when pollutants were found in drinking water used by residents in the now-closed Myrtle Grove Trailer Park. The mayor said the city has drilled a series of sentinel test wells since 2001 that are checked regularly for contaminants. A state department of environmental quality spokesman said the agency tests Plaquemine's six sentinel test wells quarterly.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/493fc02fecc3401ba68561e88f9c1952/LA--Plaquemine-Water-Quality/>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

7. *February 12, Associated Press* – (California) **Feds slap Calif. utility for ammonia leak.** An ammonia leak that caused an emergency alert at San Diego County’s San Onofre nuclear plant in November 2011 was caused by employees who failed to recognize degraded equipment and fix it, federal regulators said February 10. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) report concluded the problem had “very low safety significance,” and faulted plant operator Southern California Edison for failing to follow its own procedures. It found workers “failed to adequately identify, evaluate, and correct a problem” in a water purification system, which led to the leak. There was no danger to the public. The report said the leak made areas of a building that houses turbines inaccessible. It also highlighted confusion among workers. It found that guidance was not provided to operations personnel to fix the tank once a problem was detected. Meanwhile, an equipment operator believed the problem was being corrected when, in fact, it was allowed to degrade, eventually triggering an alert.

Source: http://www.stardem.com/article_d5af958f-6576-5f88-b11d-fd943b077ea4.html

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

8. *February 10, Associated Press* – (South Dakota) **Mitchell plant’s dust collection unit catches fire.** Employees at a trailer-manufacturing plant in Mitchell, South Dakota, were evacuated from the facility February 10 after a fire in an outdoor dust collection and filtration unit. A fire captain said the fire appeared to have started when a fine metal dust was heated within the unit and caused a filter to catch fire. He said the filtration unit was more than likely a total loss, and there could be a small amount of smoke damage inside the building.

Source: <http://www.ksfy.com/story/16911380/mitchell-plants-dust-collection-unit-catches-fire>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Banking and Finance Sector

9. *February 13, New York Post* – (New York; International) **B’klyn credit-card ‘fraud factory’.** FBI agents arrested a group that allegedly operated a fraud ring out of a

luxury high-rise condo in Brooklyn, New York, the New York Post reported February 13. FBI agents were tipped by an informant that the leader of the ring was allegedly using ICQ, a European instant-messaging service, to obtain stolen credit-card numbers during chats with contacts in Russia, officials said. During the course of an ID-theft probe that began more than a year ago, investigators intercepted e-mails sent by the man that contained numbers for more than 100 credit cards, according to a FBI report. The ringleader bought “numerous specialty printers,” used to emboss numbers and other encoded information on plastic credit-card blanks and create counterfeits, the feds said. He and several accomplices used the cards to make purchases and later sold the goods for cash, officials said. So far, American Express alone says it has identified more than \$500,000 in losses from cardholders in multiple states who are directly connected to the fraud scheme — and the totals are expected to grow considerably, the feds said.

Source:

http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/brooklyn/klyn_credit_card_fraud_factory_Mx4LbVSdoUw2ESRAX7LsqO

10. *February 13, Bloomberg* – (National) **Ex-Bear Stearns managers to pay \$1.05 million in SEC suit.** Two former Bear Stearns Cos. hedge-fund managers, acquitted in 2009 of criminal charges they misled investors, agreed February 13 to pay \$1.05 million to settle a related civil case brought by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). One manager agreed to pay \$800,000 and accept a 3-year ban from the securities industry, and the other agreed to pay \$250,000 and to a 2-year ban, an SEC attorney told a federal judge in Brooklyn, New York. In November 2009, a jury found the men not guilty of conspiracy and securities and wire fraud in the first criminal trial stemming from a federal probe of the collapse of the subprime-mortgage market. The government said investors lost \$1.6 billion.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-02-13/ex-bear-stearns-managers-cioffitannin-to-pay-1-05-million-in-sec-suit.html>

11. *February 11, KFMB 8 San Diego* – (California) **‘Insistent Bandit’ tied to robberies at 4 local banks.** Authorities are asking for help identifying a serial bank robber they have dubbed the “Insistent Bandit,” KFMB 8 San Diego reported February 11. The suspect held up a US Bank in Santee, California, February 10. He showed the teller he had a gun tucked into his waistband and demanded cash. The FBI believes the same man is responsible for three other bank robberies in Santee and San Diego since mid-January.

Source: <http://www.cbs8.com/story/16915210/insistent-bandit-tied-to-robberies-at-4-local-banks>

12. *February 10, U.S. Department of Justice* – (Texas) **Former IRS employee from Texas sentenced to nearly nine years in prison on theft of government property and aggravated identity theft convictions.** A former Internal Revenue Service (IRS) employee was sentenced February 9 by a U.S. district judge in Dallas to 105 months in prison and ordered to pay \$30,649 in restitution following his guilty plea to one count of theft of government property, and one count of aggravated identity theft, the Justice Department announced February 10. The defendant was a former IRS employee who

used his inside knowledge of IRS operations to commit his crime. He admitted that within a 2-day period, April 15, 2006 to April 17, 2006, he filed or caused to be filed 29 fraudulent 2005 individual income tax returns. Each federal income tax return claimed a refund of between \$215,801 and \$473,832. He admitted the refunds claimed by all 29 tax returns totaled \$7,922,657. He admitted the tax returns were prepared without the authorization of the 58 taxpayers listed on them. All of the returns directed the IRS to pay the money to one of the man's bank accounts. According to the factual resume filed in the case, the IRS paid out seven refunds totaling \$1,865,401 between May 12, 2006 and May 19, 2006.

Source: <http://www.justice.gov/tax/2012/txdv12193.htm>

13. *February 9, Bloomberg* – (New York) **Great Atlantic Group president found guilty in Ponzi scheme.** The president of Great Atlantic Group Inc., a Staten Island, New York-based real estate consulting firm, was convicted February 9 of running a Ponzi scheme that cost investors more than \$14 million. Prosecutors told jurors he solicited money by falsely claiming he would invest client money in real estate projects, including a warehouse and golf course in upstate New York. The jurors found the man guilty of securities fraud, wire fraud, and money laundering, a U.S. attorney said in a statement. The defendant used investor money to pay his mortgage, make payments on a Porsche, and cover other expenses, the attorney said. He took in more than \$14 million from January 2007 to December 2010, telling investors he would provide a fixed rate of return, she said. He faces as much as 25 years in prison when sentenced. Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-02-09/great-atlantic-group-president-found-guilty-in-ponzi-scheme-1-.html>

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Transportation Sector

14. *February 13, WNEM 5 Saginaw* – (Michigan) **I-75 reopens after 60-vehicle pile-up forces shut down.** Authorities in Bay County, Michigan, closed northbound I-75 at the U.S. 10 interchange for nearly 4 hours due to multiple accidents that occurred February 10. Bay County Central Dispatch said up to 100 vehicles were involved in a pile-up, as well as individual crashes. Dispatch said they were not aware of any serious injuries or fatalities, but urged drivers to keep off the roads if possible. Rescue personnel reported they did not have enough wreckers to pull all the vehicles out of ditches or off the roadways. For a short time, the steady snowfall turned into white-out conditions in that part of Mid-Michigan. Michigan State Police, as well as the Bay County sheriff assisted with the road closure. Authorities managed to pull most of the vehicles off the road, including a school bus that did not contain any children. Genesee County Central Dispatch said there were 33 accidents, most of them along I-75. No serious injuries were reported among those crashes. Source: <http://www.wnem.com/story/16910115/northbound-i-75-being-shut-down-near-us-10>

15. *February 13, Associated Press* – (International) **Schiphol airport reopens after bomb threat.** Dozens of flights were delayed February 13 at Amsterdam’s busy Schiphol Airport after a man claiming to have a bomb locked himself in a toilet, sparking the evacuation of two terminals, officials said. The man was taken into custody after speaking with police negotiators and turned out not to have any explosives. Operations at the airport — one of Europe’s busiest aviation hubs — were seriously disrupted as two terminals were quickly evacuated but only slowly reopened. A spokesman for the military police said the suspect does not present any further danger. Bomb squads searched the building as part of the airport’s security protocols.
Source: http://www.boston.com/business/articles/2012/02/13/schiphol_airport_evacuated_due_to_bomb_threat/
16. *February 10, CNN* – (International) **Cruise industry adopts new safety policy.** CNN reported February 10 that cruise lines are now required to conduct passenger safety drills before leaving port, under a rule announced by three cruise industry associations. The new policy is the first to come out of an internal cruise industry review announced last month in response to the Costa Concordia disaster. At least 16 people died and 16 are still missing following the ship’s January 13 collision with rocks close to the shore of the Italian island of Giglio.
Source: http://www.cnn.com/2012/02/10/travel/cruise-industry-safety-drills/index.html?hpt=tr_c2

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report

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Agriculture and Food Sector

17. *February 13, Boston Herald* – (Massachusetts) **Brighton businesses hit by 4-alarm blaze.** Four businesses were lost in a large fire February 12 in the Brighton area of Boston. The fire started in a pizza parlor and spread quickly to the roof, according to a Boston Fire Department spokesman. Gas lines, wooden beams and floors, and flammable cleaning materials fueled the flames and caused minor explosions. Five of the more than 120 Boston firefighters who responded went to the hospital with minor injuries. The cause of the fire remains unknown. The initial damage estimate was \$4 million.
Source: http://news.bostonherald.com/news/regional/view/20220213brighton_businesses_hit_by_4-alarm_blaze/

18. *February 12, Associated Press* – (Louisiana; Mississippi) **Sunday fires hit 2 popular Gulf Coast restaurants.** The owners of two popular Gulf Coast restaurants heavily damaged by fire February 12 said they will reopen. The restaurants, The Shed BBQ & Blues Joint in Ocean Springs, Mississippi, and Rocky and Carlo's in Chalmette, Louisiana, were both rebuilt after Hurricane Katrina struck in 2005. Both were empty when the fires broke out. The Shed burned to the ground; much of Rocky and Carlo's was still standing, but the kitchen and roof were severely damaged. In Chalmette, a joint investigation by parish agencies, the state fire marshal's office, and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives found it started accidentally in a back kitchen. It did serious damage to the kitchen and caused smoke damage throughout the restaurant.
Source: <http://www.sunherald.com/2012/02/12/3747813/sunday-fires-hit-popular-ms-la.html>
19. *February 11, Food Safety News* – (National) **Allergen alert: Crullers with sodium caseinate.** Walmart recalled its eight-count packages of cruller bakery pastries because the common name of milk was not listed following sodium caseinate, a milk derivative, on the ingredient label, Food Safety News reported February 11. One adverse reaction was reported by a customer, according to Walmart. The crullers were labeled and sold in Walmart store bakeries in Puerto Rico and all states with the exception of Hawaii, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. Walmart said it has taken steps to ensure all current and future products are properly labeled to reflect the common name of milk as an ingredient.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/02/allergen-alert-crullers-with-sodium-caseinate/>
20. *February 11, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **14 arrested, three officers injured in Lowell bar fight.** Three police officers were injured and 14 people were arrested after a wild bar fight in Lowell, Massachusetts, February 11, police said. The fight started at Fortunato's, while almost 200 people were inside for a private birthday party. Officers from four towns and state police were needed to break it up, Lowell police said. When police arrived, they said, people were fighting, throwing tables, chairs, and beer bottles. The fighting customers allegedly began throwing beer bottles when officers tried to break up the fight and began arresting people. At that point, some of those who had previously evacuated tried to re-enter the building to join the fight. They were apprehended, too, police said. Charges included making an affray, assault, resisting arrest, assault and battery on a police officer, disturbing the peace, and disorderly conduct, police said.
Source: http://articles.boston.com/2012-02-11/metro/31045130_1_bar-fight-three-police-officers-lowell
21. *February 11, Orlando Sentinel* – (Florida) **Bar shooting injures 3 in Mount Dora.** A fight inside a Mount Dora, Florida nightclub quickly escalated into a shooting that injured three people February 10, police said. All three victims were wounded in the leg and transported to area hospitals, said an official with Mount Dora police. At least two officers were in the area of The Rodeo nightclub when they heard gunshots as dozens of patrons were streaming out of the building. About 200 people were leaving

the club when a fight broke out near the bathrooms. Someone pulled out a gun and began firing, police said.

Source: http://articles.orlandosentinel.com/2012-02-11/news/os-bar-fight-shooting-20120211_1_bar-shooting-mount-dora-leg-injuries

22. *February 10, Food Safety News* – (California; Illinois) **Allergen alert: Wheat in cooked pork hocks.** Han Yang Inc. of Milwaukee is recalling about 25,600 pounds of cooked pork hocks because they contain wheat, an allergen not noted on the label, Food Safety News reported February 10. The label omission was discovered by a U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Service inspector during a label review. The recall is of shrink-wrapped packages of various weights of “JANG CHUNG DONG HAN YANG KING JOAK BAL COOKED PORK HOCKS.” The pork hocks, produced between October 7, 2011 and February 7, 2012, have a 4-month shelf life and were distributed to wholesalers and retailers in Los Angeles and Chicago. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/02/allergen-alert-wheat-in-cooked-pork-hocks/>
23. *February 10, Food Safety News* – (National) **Campylobacter cases from raw milk dairy rise to 60.** The number of confirmed Campylobacter illnesses linked to raw milk from Your Family Cow dairy in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, rose to 60, according to the latest report February 10 from the Pennsylvania Department of Health. Since Food Safety News reported February 7 the dairy had resumed production after passing a state health inspection, an additional 17 people have been confirmed ill from Campylobacter jejuni infection. The latest breakdown of illnesses by state is as follows: Pennsylvania (51 illnesses), Maryland (4), West Virginia (3), and New Jersey (2). According to a Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture spokesperson, the dairy passed its health inspection February 6 after its unpasteurized milk tested negative for pathogens over a 24-hour period. The health department plans to continue updating the number of ill as cases surface. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/02/campylobacter-cases-from-raw-milk-outbreak-rise-to-60/>
24. *February 10, Contra Costa Times* – (California) **Bleach leak kills more than 7,000 fish at SEA Lab in Redondo Beach.** Thousands of white sea bass and other fish housed in tanks at the Redondo Beach, California SEA Lab were killed the week of February 6 after a bleaching solution leaked from an adjoining saltwater desalination facility. The leak was detected February 9 at West Basin Municipal Water District’s demonstration desalting plant, which shares space with the small nonprofit aquarium. The SEA Lab’s program director said his staff first saw trouble among the white sea bass, which were “swimming erratically and starting to turn over.” Soon, “there were signs throughout the entire facility,” he said, which prompted workers to shut off the pumps supplying water to the aquarium, and start shuffling fish into different tanks. About half of the SEA Lab’s collection was lost, he said, along with an estimated 7,000 white sea bass that were being raised on site by volunteers with the King Harbor Ocean Enhancement Foundation, which aims to restock the ocean with the fish. Source: http://www.contracostatimes.com/california/ci_19939612

25. *February 10, KUCB 8 Unalaska* – (Alaska) **Fire consumes St. Paul’s Trident warehouse.** Firefighters in St. Paul, Alaska, stayed up through the night February 9 trying to put out a large fire in the middle of town after a warehouse owned by Trident Seafoods erupted in flames. A group of 25 responders, including U.S. Coast Guard personnel, were able to keep it from spreading to nearby buildings. Because of the fire’s central location, area residents were evacuated to city hall. According to the fire chief, the building is expected to be a total loss, and clean-up could be tricky, given the materials inside. “There was a large volume of chemicals stored there,” he said. “We have been told that there were oils and possibly some fuel, and some other hazardous materials.”
Source: <http://www.kucb.org/post/fire-consumes-st-pauls-trident-warehouse>
26. *February 9, Associated Press* – (International) **Tassimo recalls a million single cup coffee and tea brewer ‘T-discs’ due to burns, ruptures.** More than a million popular coffee makers are being recalled after dozens of reports of the brewers spraying hot liquid, coffee grounds, or tea leaves onto people, the Associated Press reported February 9. The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) said there have been 140 reports of problems with the Tassimo single-cup brewers dousing people, including 37 cases involving second-degree burns. In one incident, a girl was hospitalized with second-degree burns to her face and neck. CPSC said the coffee maker’s “T-disc,” the plastic disc that holds the coffee or tea, can burst while brewing. About 835,000 coffee makers are on recall in the United States; another 900,000 in Canada. The agency also announced the recall of 4 million packages of Tassimo espresso T-discs after 21 reports of problems.
Source: <http://www.nydailynews.com/life-style/health/tassimo-recalls-a-million-single-cup-coffee-tea-brewer-t-discs-due-burns-ruptures-article-1.1019824>

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Water Sector

27. *February 12, Associated Press* – (California) **Sewage spill shuts down beach at Camp Pendleton.** Camp Del Mar Beach at Camp Pendleton was closed after 18,000 gallons of sewage spilled from the main sewer line at the U.S. Marine Corps base in San Diego County. The county’s environmental agency said the spill began February 12 and crews on base stopped the release of sewage more than 4 hours after it began. The county posted signs warning of sewage contamination. Pendleton officials said the leak was caused by a vehicle crashing into a main valve in the sewage system. The county said about 8,000 gallons were recovered, and 10,000 went into the Santa Margarita River. The closure will continue until the water is found safe for recreation.
Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2012/02/12/4258897/sewage-spill-shuts-down-beach.html>
28. *February 10, Atlanta Citizens Journal* – (Texas) **Atlanta city council OKs emergency repairs to sewer lift station.** Atlanta, Texas councilmen voted February 6 to spend

almost \$50,000 to repair a sewer lift station that, should it fail, could be “a very serious situation,” according to the city manager. The council accepted a low bid to replace an unreliable pump and add a second pump to Sewer Lift Station #10 located near Black Bayou at the intersection of Texas highways 77 and 59. The bid from Barnwell Industries of Queen City will also include raising the elevation of five manholes at the site. The city manager said the lift station should have two pumps but has always had one and that pump has become “unreliable.” The council also discussed how to spend about \$80,000 remaining from a \$500,000 DHS grant received to resolve drainage problems in various parts of the city. The city manager said one area of underground water drains had “completely collapsed” and must be repaired to alleviate standing rainwater in those neighborhoods. The work will be divided into two projects.

Source: http://www.news-journal.com/atlanta/news/atlanta-city-council-oks-emergency-repairs-to-sewer-lift-station/article_6aa1a1af-023a-56ea-b71b-08ad043bb17e.html

29. *February 10, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Drilling wastewater dumped in creeks.** The former owner of a southwestern Pennsylvania wastewater firm pleaded guilty to dumping millions of gallons of water containing natural gas drilling wastewater, sewage sludge, and restaurant grease into streams and mine shafts in a six-county area. The man also pleaded guilty to theft for taking money from his customers, who believed their waste was being properly disposed, the Associated Press reported February 10. As part of his plea in Greene County, he has sold his interest in Allan’s Waste Water Services Inc., and will pay a \$100,000 fine and a \$25,000 nondeductible donation to an environmental group. State prosecutors said he illegally dumped the water from 2003 to 2009 in Allegheny, Fayette, Greene, Lawrence, Washington, and Westmoreland counties. Authorities said that from 2003 to 2009 the man failed to comply with state department of environmental protection rules and permitted gas well production water to be discharged into Rush Run, Toms Run, Morris Run, and tributaries of Dunkard Creek in Greene County, and Pigeon Run in Washington County. Agents from the state attorney general’s office also said he directed his drivers to falsify manifests so his company could bill customers for the full capacity of their trucks, regardless of the actual amount of waste disposed.

Source: <http://www.wtae.com/r/30431041/detail.html>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

30. *February 10, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **FDA investigating illegal online sale of handheld dental x-ray units.** The U.S Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is warning dental and veterinary professionals to not purchase or use certain potentially unsafe hand-held dental X-ray units. The FDA is concerned these devices may not be safe or effective, and could expose the user and the patient to unnecessary and potentially harmful X-rays. The units, sold online by manufacturers outside the United States and directly shipped to U.S. customers, have not been

reviewed by the FDA and do not meet FDA radiation safety requirements. The Washington State Department of Health alerted the FDA after tests on a device purchased online revealed it did not comply with X-ray performance standards. All X-ray units that have been cleared by the FDA bear a permanent certification label/tag, a warning label, and an identification label/tag on the unit.

Source: <http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/fda-investigating-illegal-online-sale-of-handheld-dental-x-ray-units-139093199.html>

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Government Facilities Sector

31. *February 13, Government Security News* – (National) **Uzbek national pleads guilty to plotting to kill the U.S. President on terror charges.** An Uzbek national pleaded guilty in federal court February 10 to trying to kill the U.S. President and to supporting an Uzbek terror group. The man, who has been in the United States since overstaying a student visa in 2009, pleaded guilty to charges of threatening to kill the President, possession of an illegal weapon, and supporting the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, which is a U.S.-designated terror group. He was living in the Birmingham, Alabama, areas when he was indicted by a federal grand jury on the Presidential threat and terror charges in July 2011 after he tried to obtain an automatic weapon to kill the President in a federal undercover operation spurred by confidential informants. He faces maximum prison sentences of 15 years on the terrorism charge, 5 years on the charge of threatening the President, and 10 years on the charge of being an illegal alien in possession of a firearm. Each charge also carries a maximum fine of \$250,000.
Source: http://www.gsnmagazine.com/node/25624?c=federal_agencies_legislative
32. *February 13, The Register* – (International) **Anonymous reverse ferrets on CIA.gov takedown.** Hacking collective Anonymous claimed responsibility for making the CIA's Web site inaccessible February 10, but later said it was just reporting the event, The Register reported February 13. The apparent distributed denial of service attack against the agency's Web presence follows a week after the release of a recording of a conference call between FBI and British law enforcement officials discussing the progress of various cases against alleged members of Anonymous and LulzSec. A Twitter account associated with the activists' movement claimed credit for the takedown before backtracking and saying it was merely "noting" the cia.gov site was inaccessible. The conflicting statements created confusion about the cause of the outage. A CIA representative confirmed problems with the agency's site without commenting on the reasons for the downtime. The site returned to normal operation February 11. The site (which essentially serves as an online brochure for the agency and an outlet for public relations material) has been the target of hacktivists in the past, including a June 2011 attack by LulzSec.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/02/13/cia_website_outage/
33. *February 13, Associated Press* – (Hawaii) **Fire at University of Hawaii destroys building that stores payroll and other records.** A fire on the University of Hawaii (UH) campus destroyed a building that stores records for payroll, vendor payments, and

student loans for the entire UH system, authorities said February 12. A UH spokesman told the Honolulu Star-Advertiser that the fire in the university's budget and fiscal office destroyed the records of about 60,000 students, and 7,000 to 8,000 faculty and staff.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/549fef7a8e2489497e9a58de010ea46/HI--University-Fire/>

34. *February 13, WBNS 10 Columbus* – (Ohio) **At least 9 hospitalized from odor at Westland H.S.** At least nine people were treated at hospitals after being overcome by fumes at Westland High School February 13 in Galloway, Ohio. Students were dismissed from the school. One of the students said he was in a math class on the first floor when students started complaining they felt dizzy. The student said he then got a headache. Other students felt burning in their eyes and throats. Initial reports from the scene indicated the chemical involved was sodium hydroxide, which is found in many industrial solvents and cleaners. A boiler was shut down after the incident. A hazardous materials team was called to the scene and students were evacuated from the school to a nearby recreation center. Nine people were transported to hospitals. After school activities were canceled, but school officials said that school would be open February 14.

Source: <http://www.10tv.com/content/stories/2012/02/13/columbus-westland-hs-evacuated.html>

35. *February 12, Associated Press* – (Utah) **Man charged in assassination plot of Utah governor.** A Utah man who police said threatened to assassinate the governor of Utah and conducted surveillance on the governor's mansion is facing multiple felony charges, the Associated Press reported February 12. The suspect was charged February 10 in Salt Lake City with felony counts of drug and weapons possession, along with a misdemeanor count of threatening elected officials. The man sent text messages to a friend February 2 stating that he was in the bushes and intended to kill the governor, court records said. The recipient of the texts reported the messages to police, and the suspect was arrested the same day. The texts also included a threat to kill a police officer who had driven past the mansion more than once during the suspect's period of surveillance. Police also said the governor was at home during the time the man was conducting surveillance and was removed from the premises for safety reasons. Investigators enlisted the help of the message recipient to get him to come to a nearby gas station, where he was arrested. Police found containers of ammunition, a large knife, explosives, illegal fireworks, and small plastic bags of methamphetamine in the suspect's truck. Security camera video from the area around the mansion also showed him conducting his surveillance.

Source: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/02/13/gary-herbert-utah-governor-assassination-brian-biff-baker_n_1272870.html?1329141901&ncid=edlinkusaolp00000008

36. *February 11, Watertown Daily Times* – (New York) **Fire rips through SUNY Canton building, closes campus.** Firefighters spent hours February 10 at Cook Hall of the State University of New York (SUNY) Canton, where there was an explosion in a

chemistry lab on the north end of the building in Canton, New York. The fire chief said nearly 10 departments responded, and haz-mat teams were called. Because of the fire, school officials closed the campus and canceled classes until February 20. Students were directed away from the smoke because of possible chemicals. All firefighters went through a decontamination process, the SUNY Canton president said. The campus center was closed. Wickes and Payson halls also were evacuated. The school decided to cancel classes because the fire was in a building that connects with two others that may have been damaged by smoke.

Source: <http://www.watertowndailytimes.com/article/20120211/NEWS05/702109734/>

37. *February 10, Bellingham Herald* – (Washington) **Schools hit by internet outage.** Educational institutions including Washington State University Tri-Cities (WSU-TC) and school districts in Richland and Walla Walla, Washington, experienced an Internet outage of about 4 hours February 9. The outage resulted from a high-count fiber cable being cut, disabling the K20 network operated by the University of Washington, a spokeswoman for WSU-TC said. It was not immediately known how the cable was damaged. The outage meant affected institutions did not have external Internet access along with other services, such as the loss of video conferencing for some classes at WSU-TC. Five other educational institutions also lost service, but their identities were not immediately available.

Source: <http://www.bellinghamherald.com/2012/02/10/2388273/schools-hit-by-internet-outage.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

38. *February 13, Reuters* – (National) **Chrysler recalls police Chargers due to overheating.** Chrysler Group LLC recalled nearly 10,000 Dodge Charger police vehicles built in 2011 due to overheating issues that may lead to headlamp and brake failure. The recall affects 9,688 Chargers for the 2011 and 2012 model years. These problems could lead to a loss of visibility or braking ability, increasing the risk of a crash, according to a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration posting. In some police cars, the low beam headlights may fail because of an overheated bulb harness connector. In other vehicles, the anti-lock brake and electronic stability system may stop working due to an overheated power distribution center. Chrysler will relocate the ABS/ESC fuse and replace the headlamp jumper harness. Chrysler said it is not aware of any accidents, injuries, or fires due to either condition. The issues occur when police cars are exposed to severe conditions such as long periods of driving at a high speed, evasive driving during training exercises, and extended idling, Chrysler said in a statement. The headlamp problem was spotted in late August 2011 and led to changes at Brampton Assembly Plant in Ontario, Canada, where Chrysler builds the Charger.
- Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/sns-rt-us-chrysler-chargertre81c15w-20120213,0,1068129.story>

39. *February 11, WSYX 6 Columbus* – (Ohio) **Two people impersonate police, one arrested.** According to Columbus police, two men acted as law enforcement officials February 9 in Columbus, Ohio. Homeowners said they were approached by two men who displayed a badge and weapon. According to witnesses, the duo was able to get into at least two homes. One homeowner was told by the suspects they were in the area to oversee a drug raid and were awaiting the arrival of the rest of their team. Homeowners told WSYX 6 Columbus the “officers” stories did not add up, that is when they called a family member to come over. The son of one of the homeowners was able to follow a suspect. He managed to take down the license plate and call police. Investigators arrested a 34-year-old on unrelated charges. When asked about posing as police he denied having any knowledge of the event.
Source:
http://www.abc6onyourside.com/shared/newsroom/top_stories/videos/wsyz_vid_16139.shtml
40. *February 10, Associated Press* – (Florida) **Fla. prison guard charged with using inmates’ names, social security numbers in tax fraud.** A Florida prison guard is facing allegations she obtained inmates’ names and Social Security numbers from a state data base for use in a tax fraud scheme. A Department of Corrections spokeswoman said the prison guard resigned upon being arrested February 10, on federal charges of making false claims, wire and mail fraud, and identity theft. A co-defendant is facing similar charges. An indictment returned in Tallahassee alleges the former prison guard gave the information to the co-defendant who filed bogus tax returns in the prisoners’ names. Refunds allegedly were sent to the co-defendant’s tax business.
Source:
<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/2a4d10e2e5a742c8ada1217de90af4f4/FL--Prison-Tax-Fraud/>

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Information Technology Sector

41. *February 13, Softpedia* – (International) **Daemon Tools collects image file details, even without permission.** The latest variant of the Daemon Tools software comes with a service that monitors the user’s activity and records data such as the .iso file’s details. According to Within Windows, MountSpace, which is designed to keep track of user statistics, sends the device’s IP address along with other information, even identifying if the customer is new. Daemon Tools’ privacy policy does not mention anything about collecting data and MountSpace does not have a policy. Their official site only displays general guidelines, but nothing specific regarding monitoring or tracking. While MountSpace is an optional service that theoretically can be disabled during the installation process of Daemon Tools, in reality, even if users chose not to install it, it is not turned off. The data received or sent is stored in a folder found in AppData\Daemon Tools\ImageInfoCache. Experts suggest there is a workaround that can be implemented

to make sure MountSpace does not violate privacy. By blocking the IPs 212.117.184.51 and 212.117.185.149 in the operating system's firewall, the service is prevented from connecting to the server.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Daemon-Tools-Collects-Image-File-Details-Even-Without-Permission-252393.shtml>

42. *February 13, H Security* – (International) **Mozilla closes critical security hole in Firefox, Thunderbird and Seamonkey.** Mozilla released Firefox 10.0.1, Firefox ESR 10.0.1, Thunderbird 10.0.1, Thunderbird ESR 10.0.1, and SeaMonkey 2.7.1 to fix a single critical security hole in the browsers and mail clients that appeared in version 10. The security advisory said versions previous to Firefox 10, Thunderbird 10, and Seamonkey 2.7 are unaffected by the use after free problem. The problem was discovered by Mozilla developers and causes a “potentially exploitable” crash in nsXBLDocumentInfo::ReadPrototypeBindings.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Mozilla-closes-critical-security-hole-in-Firefox-Thunderbird-and-Seamonkey-1433248.html>
43. *February 13, H Security* – (International) **Valve: Hackers may have gained access to Steam transactions.** Valve Software confirmed unknown intruders that gained access to the database for its Steam game distribution platform in an attack late in 2011 may have obtained a copy of a backup file of customer transactions. In a news post, Valve's co-founder and managing director said the backup file included transactions from between 2004 and 2008, adding it contained user names and e-mail addresses, as well as encrypted billing addresses, and credit card information. However, this data did not include Steam account passwords, which were reportedly not accessed. He went on to note Valve has no evidence the credit card numbers and billing details were compromised, but again advises users to carefully watch their credit card activity and statements as a precaution. The company is still investigating the intrusion and is working with law enforcement authorities.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Valve-hackers-may-have-gained-access-to-Steam-transactions-1433423.html>
44. *February 10, IDG News Service* – (International) **Google expands its vulnerability reward programs to cover Chromium OS.** Google decided to expand the scope of its Chromium security rewards program to also reward researchers who discover high-severity vulnerabilities in Chromium OS, a Linux-based OS built around the browser. This is an important decision for the company, because Chromium OS has a large code base and much of it was borrowed from Linux and other open source projects. This means the likelihood of vulnerabilities being discovered in the entire OS is significantly higher for the Chromium browser.
Source:
http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9224175/Google_expands_its_vulnerability_reward_programs_to_cover_Chromium_OS?taxonomyId=17

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Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <https://www.it-isac.org>

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Communications Sector

45. *February 13, Help Net Security* – (International) **Mobile hacks to increase with SDR adoption.** Digital Assurance warned that mobile communications operating over radio systems such as GSM, WiMax, and DECT are likely to become more heavily targeted as Software Defined Radio (SDR) technology becomes more sophisticated, cheaper, and more widely available, Help Net Security reported February 13. Those attempting to compromise wireless communications systems in the past used expensive equipment coupled with advanced signal analysis skills. In contrast, SDR devices typically use a standard PC to capture and manipulate radio spectrum potentially allowing an attacker to capture and demodulate advanced radio systems that were previously inaccessible. SDR uses software rather than hardware circuitry to process the signal and can be used on a far wider scale to eavesdrop, intercept, or disrupt communications over any of today's mobile networks such as GSM, WiFi, WiMAX, and DECT. SDR can also be used to compromise obscure and insecure radio systems deployed to transmit data between sensor devices and controller units found in many critical systems including traffic lights and matrix boards, air traffic control, railway signal systems, and most distributed process control or SCADA networks. Often these types of critical system use propriety wireless communication devices many of which were not designed with security in mind. Given the attractiveness and diversity of these targets and the rapidly lowering cost of entry, Digital Assurance expects SDR-based hacking to increase dramatically in the foreseeable future.
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=12386>
46. *February 12, Savannah Morning News* – (Georgia) **WJCL back on the air.** Savannah, Georgia's ABC affiliate WJCL was back on the air February 12 after more than 24 hours of disrupted service. The operations manager for WJCL/WTGS said February 12 that winds damaged the station's transmission lines the afternoon of February 11.
Source: <http://savannahnow.com/latest-news/2012-02-12/wjcl-temporarily-air#.Tzkjr8ghyuI>
47. *February 10, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (National) **Settlement with New Cingular Wireless to resolve violations of community right-to-know law.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) February 10 announced an agreement with New Cingular Wireless to resolve violations of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA). New Cingular voluntarily disclosed reporting violations to the EPA, which related to the presence of sulfuric acid, diesel, and lead at 642 cellular facilities in 35 states and Puerto Rico, after performing a

comprehensive audit. The settlement concerned violations occurring at legacy Cingular Wireless sites from 2001 to 2003, and at New Cingular sites from October 2004 to 2006, specifically, violations at cellular sites, transmitter sites, switching stations, and warehouses. All of the violations disclosed by the company have been corrected, and the firm has made improvements to its battery inventory, recordkeeping, and management systems to prevent the reoccurrence of these violations. Under the settlement, New Cingular will pay a civil penalty of \$125,728.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/5619b8760cf44c10852579a00069af2f?OpenDocument>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

48. *February 13, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Fire destroys ski lodge in Pa.** A fire destroyed the Mystic Mountain ski lodge at the Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort in Farmington, Pennsylvania, February 12. The building collapsed completely about 2 hours after the fire was reported. A resort spokesman said the building was engulfed minutes after the blaze was first reported. Strong winds fueled the flames and firefighters had trouble with fire hydrants because of the freezing temperatures. Employees inside the lodge made it out safely. One firefighter was taken to a hospital with minor injuries.
Source: <http://www.delawareonline.com/article/20120213/NEWS/120213009/Fire-destroys-ski-lodge-Pa-?odyssey=mod|mostview>
49. *February 13, WJBK 2 Detroit* – (Michigan) **Underground explosion sends manhole covers flying.** The Detroit Symphony Orchestra was forced to postpone its January 13 performance in Detroit after a methane gas explosion. The blast sent manhole covers flying. No one was hurt but Orchestra Hall was damaged. Workers inside Orchestra Hall were preparing for a concert when they heard an explosion followed by a second “bang.” One manhole cover reportedly flew the length of the building. Firefighters said the aging sewer system may have contributed to the explosion.
Source: http://www.myfoxdetroit.com/dpp/news/roop_raj/underground-explosion-sends-manhole-covers-flying-rs
50. *February 13, Lafayette Journal & Courier* – (Indiana) **YMCA evacuated.** Chlorine vapors led to the evacuation and closure of the Lafayette Family YMCA in Lafayette, Indiana, for several hours January 10. An incorrect mixture of pool chemicals caused chlorine gas to escape. The gas exited through an open door and spread into other parts of the building. About 100 people were evacuated, and individuals were taken to the hospital complaining of minor throat irritations.
Source: <http://www.jconline.com/article/20120211/NEWS/202110327/YMCA-evacuated?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|FRONTPAGE>

51. *February 11, Associated Press* – (New Mexico) **Santa Fe police say evacuation of neighborhood was not meth-related after all.** Police in Santa Fe, New Mexico, said February 11 an evacuation they initially blamed on chemicals seeping from a clandestine methamphetamine lab was not drug related after all. A west Santa Fe neighborhood was evacuated February 10 after neighbors reported smelling what they thought was acetone, which is frequently used in meth manufacturing. Three police officers were treated for chemical exposure symptoms. A man and woman who lived in the apartment were detained for hours before being released without charges. Utilities to the area were shut off to prevent an explosion, and two youth centers were evacuated.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/917c4dfdbf9d4786ac60da90bf53faed/NM--Santa-Fe-Evacuation/>

52. *February 10, WFAA 8 Dallas-Fort Worth* – (Texas) **Firefighters battle three-alarm blaze at Dallas shopping center.** A three-alarm fire at an east Dallas strip mall sent customers and employees scrambling into the parking lot January 10. Firefighters did not know how or exactly why the business caught on fire. No one was hurt, but four businesses were damaged. The Stereo Zone, where the fire started, was badly damaged. Smoke and water damage also affected a next door auto shop, barber shop, and check-cashing business.

Source: <http://www.kvue.com/news/state/Firefighters-battle-three-alarm-blaze-at-Dallas-shopping-center-139107084.html>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

53. *February 13, WFMY 2 Greensboro* – (North Carolina) **Most of wildfire in the Uwharrie National Forest contained.** A small blaze in the Birkhead Wilderness area of the Uwharrie National Forest grew into a wildfire that threatened a golf course in Randolph County, North Carolina, February 11. Firefighters from several areas got involved when strong winds fueled its growth. The fire held at about 40 acres, until winds helped it jump a containment line and grow more. According to a U.S. Forest Service (USFS) spokeswoman, the fire burned about 73 acres, mostly wilderness with some damage to private property in the area. February 12, firefighters were able to contain about 73 percent of the fire. Crews planned to inspect areas for hot spots and to reinforce the fire barrier to allow the fire to burn itself out. The USFS is investigating how it started, but said there were hikers and campers in the Wilderness when the fire first sparked. It could take several days to put out the fire completely.

Source: <http://www.digtriad.com/news/article/214023/1/Most-Of-Wildfire-In-The-Uwharrie-National-Forest-Contained>

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Dams Sector

54. *February 13, New Philadelphia Times-Reporter* – (Ohio) **Safety upgrade work begins at Bolivar Dam.** Work has begun on a construction project to implement dam safety risk reduction measures at Bolivar Dam in Bolivar, Ohio. The project consists of tree and brush clearing, installation of a downstream seepage blanket, construction of a terrace filter blanket extension, and construction of a 450-foot storm sewer. Additional construction projects to implement dam safety risk reduction measures will be awarded in the near future that will require some additional closures. Bolivar Dam has a history of excessive seepage with a potential of under seepage instability at higher pools. It experienced significant seepage during January 2005 flooding and required emergency repairs.
Source: <http://www.timesreporter.com/newsnow/x1676719074/Safety-upgrade-work-begins-at-Bolivar-Dam>
55. *February 11, Omaha World-Herald* – (Nebraska) **Corps OKs immediate levee repairs.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers approved \$1.8 million in repairs considered critical to getting Omaha, Nebraska's levees ready for flood season. The work will begin immediately and must be complete by March 1, said a spokesman for the Corps. The contract is aimed at better protecting about 9 square miles of industrial and residential land that includes the North Omaha coal plant, Eppley Airfield, and Carter Lake. Additional repairs are planned this year, the spokesman said. But those are considered less critical. Similar time-sensitive projects are under way in Council Bluffs and along other stretches of the Missouri River levee system. March 1 is considered the start of the runoff season.
Source: <http://www.omaha.com/article/20120211/NEWS01/702119880>
56. *February 10, Somerset County Daily American* – (Pennsylvania) **Water level lowered at Lake Somerset.** The water level at Lake Somerset in Somerset County, Pennsylvania is being lowered over the next several weeks to allow for tests on the dam, the Somerset County Daily American reported February 10. The lake's dam, managed by the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission, is considered high-hazard; 1 of 18 in the state and 1 of 7 that are considered unsafe. Repair costs are \$4.7 million but are not scheduled because the funding is not available. According to published reports, the state department of environmental protection cited the dam's spillway as insufficient to handle a probable maximum flood — a problem that persists. The commission press secretary said the lake has been lowered 1.5 feet. It will be lowered an additional 3 to 4 feet in coming weeks. It will take between 4 to 6 weeks to get results from the testing to determine what can be done to help alleviate pressure on the dam. The tests will determine if the water level needs to stay at a lower level or continue to be lowered, the secretary said. If the drawdown causes an unsafe situation, the commission will close off areas of the lake.
Source: http://articles.dailymorning.com/2012-02-10/news/31048701_1_drawdown-dam-water-level

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