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- A United Nations panel is calling for tougher inspections and detailed labeling of air shipments of lithium batteries following incidents in which aircraft were destroyed when freight shipments burst into flames. – *Bloomberg* (See item [21](#))
- The maker of best-selling anticancer drug Avastin warned that counterfeit copies of the drug lacking active ingredients were distributed to health care facilities throughout the United States. – *Associated Press* (See item [31](#))

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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 15, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **Safety panel faults railroad for 2009 derailment.** The Canadian National Railway's (CN) failure to notify a freight train of a track washout caused a 2009 derailment and fatal explosion near Rockford, Illinois a federal safety panel ruled February 14. The fireball that erupted after 19 ethanol-laden

tank cars slid off the tracks took the life of a woman who was a passenger in a nearby car and caused her pregnant daughter to lose her unborn child. Although the washout was discovered about an hour earlier, CN's "inadequate emergency communication procedures" prevented timely notification of the train, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) report found. It cited "inadequate" CN weather policies and a deficient stormwater drainage system at the site. The report recommended 14 safety improvements for various federal agencies, the railroad industry, and CN. A CN spokesman said the Montreal-based railroad "has implemented enhanced procedures and training." The explosion occurred June 19, 2009, when a 114-car train headed toward Chicago derailed at a crossing in Cherry Valley, just outside Rockford. The release of ethanol and the resulting fire prompted an evacuation of about 600 homes. Damages were put at \$7.9 million.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/ct-met-cn-derailment-20120215,0,7557383.story>

2. *February 15, KABC 7 Los Angeles* – (California) **Power outages affect thousands in Huntington Beach, Fontana.** A power outage left 21,000 Southern California residents in the dark February 14. Southern California Edison (SCE) said the customers, primarily in Huntington Beach, lost power when a local substation failed. The exact cause of the outage was under investigation. About 15,000 homes in Fontana, which is in San Bernardino County, also lost power for over an hour. SCE said that outage was caused by a metallic balloon that landed in a substation.  
Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/local&id=8544451>
3. *February 14, WYTV 33 Youngstown* – (Ohio) **I-680, 711 connector reopen after tanker crash.** A tanker truck carrying 8,000 gallons of fuel rolled over along the ramp from Interstate 680 south to the Route 711 connector in Youngstown, Ohio, February 14, spilling 2,000 gallons into a storm sewer. Firefighters from Youngstown, Austintown, the Youngstown Air Reserve Station, and Mahoning County HAZMAT all worked to contain the spill. After nearly 7 hours, officials were able to contain the scene and remove the tanker after transferring the remaining 6,000 gallons onto other trucks so the tanker could be uprighted. Both Interstate 680 and the 711 connector later reopened.  
Source: <http://www.wytv.com/mostpopular/story/I-680-and-711-Connector-Reopen-After-Tanker-Crash/gYnw5AK3202qgoe28EIzow.csp>
4. *February 14, KARE 11 Minneapolis* – (Minnesota) **Thousands of gallons of fuel leak in Apple Valley.** Up to 10,000 gallons of unleaded gasoline leaked at a tank farm in Apple Valley, Minnesota, February 14. According to the Apple Valley fire chief, the fuel leaked from a pipeline connected to a tank holding up to 80,000 barrels. The chief said the gas leaked for about 90 minutes. Magellan workers began to contain the gas when fire and HAZMAT crews arrived. Authorities said the fuel was contained to a berm which kept it from leaking into the ground.  
Source: <http://www.kare11.com/news/article/962145/396/Thousands-of-gallons-of-fuel-leak-in-Apple-Valley>

5. *February 14, Bloomberg* – (National) **Gas well inspections to be required after fracking, U.S. Secretary of the Interior says.** Natural-gas drillers will be required by U.S. rules to inspect their wells after hydraulic fracturing on public land to ensure the safety of drinking-water supplies, the Secretary of the Interior said February 14. In the coming weeks, the Department of the Interior will propose standards under which companies such as Chesapeake Energy Corp. and Exxon Mobil Corp. must disclose the chemicals in the mixture injected underground to free trapped gas, demonstrate the well is not leaking, and check the work after fracking. The agency will also require that drilling on federal land meets guidelines for handling fracking water that returns to the surface after being injected into the rock to make sure streams are not contaminated. Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-02-14/gas-well-inspections-to-be-required-after-fracking-salazar-says.html>

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## Chemical Industry Sector

6. *February 15, WBND 57 South Bend* – (Michigan) **Old fertilizer and chemical facility destroyed in fire.** An old fertilizer and bulk chemical facility in Edwardsburg, Michigan, went up in flames February 15, leading to a response from several fire departments. Flames ripped through the building, located near Edwardsburg High School. Crews had the fire under control within 45 minutes, but thick plumes of smoke could be seen pouring out of the building for nearly two hours as firefighters worked on hot spots. The Edwardsburg fire chief said bins with fertilizer byproduct of lime and ash were inside the building, so they were concerned about breathing in the smoke. There was no concern, however, about an explosion. One firefighter was treated at the scene for minor heat exhaustion. The building is a total loss. Source: <http://www.abc57.com/news/local/Old-fertilizer-and-chemical-facility-destroyed-in-fire-139351238.html>
7. *February 15, Associated Press; Biloxi Sun Herald* – (Mississippi) **Hazardous-materials crew working to clean up corrosive liquid spill at Channel Chemical Corp.** A hazardous-materials crew was working around the clock to clean up a corrosive liquid spill that occurred February 14 at Channel Chemical Corp. A representative of the state department of environmental quality told the Biloxi Sun Herald he expects the cleanup will take 2 or 3 days. He said the spill at the Gulfport, Mississippi plant apparently occurred after a valve malfunctioned on a tank that held about 2,000 gallons of phosphorus acid, hydrochloric acid, and a type of ethanol. The tank is outside the plant on the back of its property. A state department of environmental quality representative and a Channel company spokesman both said the spill did not pose a threat to public safety. Source: <http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/617fe79b672349ae99cf9cfb1cb7b150/MS--Chemical-Spill/>
8. *February 15, Chicago Tribune* – (National) **Study points to dangers of children's exposure to coal tar sealants.** Children living next to driveways or parking lots coated

with coal tar are exposed to significantly higher doses of cancer-causing chemicals than those living near untreated asphalt, according to new studies, the Chicago Tribune reported February 15. Researchers from Baylor University and the U.S. Geological Survey also found children living near areas treated with coal tar-based sealants ingest twice as many polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, or PAHs, from contaminated dust tracked into their homes than they do from food. The peer-reviewed study, and other new research documenting how coal tar sealants emit high levels of troublesome chemicals into the air, comes amid attempts by several cities in the Midwest, South, and East to ban the products' use on playgrounds, parking lots, and driveways. Some major retailers have pulled the products from their shelves, but they remain widely available. About 85 million gallons of coal tar-based sealants are sold in the United States every year, mostly in states east of the Mississippi River. The sealants are sprayed by contractors or spread by homeowners. A study found that 2 hours after application, PAH emissions were 30,000 times higher than those from unsealed pavement. Parking lots with 3- to 8-year-old sealant released 60 times more PAHs to the air than parking lots without sealant. The studies are published in the scientific journals *Chemosphere*, *Atmospheric Environment*, and *Environmental Pollution*. Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/health/ct-met-coal-tar-kids-20120215,0,3210022.story>

9. *February 14, Houston Chronicle* – (National) **EPA sets new rules for emissions from PVC production.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) February 14 set stringent emissions limits for industrial plants that manufacture polyvinyl chloride, a ubiquitous plastic commonly known as PVC. The new rule comes two years after a settlement between three activist groups and the EPA. The Sierra Club and two community groups in Louisiana filed a lawsuit in 2008 to force the agency to establish limits for several harmful pollutants at the nation's 17 vinyl-producing plants, including four in Texas. The rule sets limits for three air toxics — vinyl chloride, chlorinated dibenzo dioxins and furans, and hydrogen chloride. The previous rule only covered vinyl chloride, a known carcinogen. The EPA estimates the tougher standard will reduce emissions by 262 tons annually, with the cost of compliance at \$4 million a year after an initial capital investment of \$18 million. The Vinyl Institute, an industry group based in Virginia said the rule's economic impact could be as high as \$100 million, based on the EPA's earlier proposal. Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/houston-texas/article/EPA-sets-new-rules-for-emissions-from-PVC-3324417.php>

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

10. *February 14, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission* – (Michigan) **Palisades nuclear plant downgraded by NRC following multiple violations.** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) February 14 issued three violations to the Palisades nuclear power plant in Covert, Michigan. One violation was for a “substantial safety significance”

issue, and two others were for a “low to moderate safety significance” issue. These violations will result in additional NRC inspections and oversight of the facility. The substantial significance to safety violation is related to a September 25, 2011 electrical fault caused by personnel that resulted in a reactor trip, the loss of half of the control room indicators, and actuation of safety systems that were not warranted by actual plant conditions. This made the reactor trip more challenging for operators and increased the possibility of a serious event. The NRC conducted a special inspection and found the plant failed to have adequate work procedures for the electrical panel maintenance work to ensure the job was done successfully.

Source:

[http://www.pennenergy.com/index/power/display/7686495809/articles/pennenergy/power/nuclear/2012/february/nrc-downgrades\\_palisades.html](http://www.pennenergy.com/index/power/display/7686495809/articles/pennenergy/power/nuclear/2012/february/nrc-downgrades_palisades.html)

11. *February 14, Palm Beach Post* – (Florida) **Nuclear plant errors reported at Turkey Point.** Florida Power & Light Co. (FPL) allegedly failed to properly maintain its Turkey Point nuclear plant’s on-site emergency response facility, resulting in apparent violations at the Homestead, Florida facility, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) said February 14. The issue is considered of low to moderate safety significance. In 2010 and 2011, workers twice disabled portions of the plant’s technical support center ventilation system, which would have left the facility unusable during an emergency, the NRC said. FPL also failed to inform the NRC that the technical support center was inoperable, an apparent violation of NRC rules. The violations could result in a civil penalty.

Source: <http://www.palmbeachpost.com/money/nuclear-plant-errors-reported-at-turkey-point-2175459.html>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

12. *February 15, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **Fire control panels recalled by Bosch Security Systems Corp. due to alarm failure posing a fire hazard.** The Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with Bosch Security Systems Corp., February 15 issued a recall of about 330 fire alarm control panels. Consumers should stop using the product immediately unless otherwise instructed. On all systems, when the alarm verification feature of the system is turned on, the control panel can fail to sound an alarm if a fire occurs. In addition, on systems with 50 or more reporting stations, a delay in sounding an alarm and reporting a fire may occur if the loop for the alarm system is broken. All distributors and installers are being sent two technical bulletins. One provides instructions for how to implement a software change that will correct the verification feature. The second contains instructions for how to handle warnings from affected systems with 50 or more stations. Those who have not received the bulletins should contact Bosch.

Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml12/12721.html>

13. *February 14, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **STIHL recalls chain saws due to risk of injury.** The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in

cooperation with STIHL Inc., February 14 announced a voluntary recall of about 3,000 STIHL MS 391 chain saws. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. The flywheel on the chain saw can crack causing parts of the flywheel to separate and strike users or bystanders, posing a risk of injury.

Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml12/12108.html>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

14. *February 14, Defense News* – (National) **Problems with motor slow U.S. AMRAAM buys.** The Pentagon slowed down its purchases of the new AIM-120D version of the Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile (AMRAAM) because of problems with producing its rocket motors, the U.S. Air Force’s top acquisition official said February 14. “They’re behind on the delivery of the missile,” he said of the Raytheon-produced system. The Air Force reduced the number of missiles it is buying to 113 units, down from 138 the year before. Overall, the Pentagon plans to spend \$423 million on continued production of the active radar-guided AIM-120D for a total of 180 missiles, including Navy and Marine Corps buys. The official said the quality of the missiles already delivered is “fine,” but the weapons cannot be produced in quantity due to a high rejection rate for the rocket motors being built. However, the Pentagon must have the new AMRAAM variant. The next-generation Joint Dual-Role Air Dominance Missile, which would have replaced the AMRAAM and the AGM-88 High Speed Anti-Radiation missile, which is used to suppress enemy air defenses, was terminated because it was unaffordable.

Source:

<http://www.defensenews.com/article/20120214/DEFREG02/302140011/Problems-Motor-Slow-U-S-AMRAAM-Buys?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|FRONTPAGE>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

15. *February 15, Bloomberg* – (New York; International) **Pentagon Capital must pay SEC \$76.8 million for abusive trading.** Pentagon Capital Management Plc, a closed United Kingdom hedge fund, was told by a judge February 14 to pay \$76.8 million in a lawsuit filed in 2008 by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) over allegedly abusive mutual fund trading. The U.S. district judge in Manhattan ruled the SEC proved its claim the hedge fund and its chief executive officer (CEO) engaged in a fraudulent scheme by making mutual fund trades after the 4 p.m. close of markets in New York. The judge ruled Pentagon Capital and its CEO must disgorge \$38.4 million in improper profits. He imposed the same amount as an additional civil penalty. He ruled against the SEC’s claim Pentagon Capital committed fraud by making deceptive, rapid-fire transactions known as market-timed trades. Pentagon Capital said in 2008 it was closing and returning investors’ money because of the SEC investigation and civil suit.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2012-02-15/pentagon-capital-must-pay-sec-76-8-million-for-abusive-trading.html>

16. *February 14, Bloomberg* – (New York; Kansas; International) **Nasdaq, Bats sites attacked as trading systems unaffected.** Nasdaq OMX Group Inc. and Bats Global Markets Inc., two of the three biggest operators of U.S. stock exchanges, said access to their Web sites was disrupted February 14 by attacks that flooded their systems with traffic. Both companies said their trading systems were unaffected. A spokesman for New York-based Nasdaq OMX and a spokeswoman for Lenexa, Kansas-based Bats confirmed the outages. For Nasdaq, its main Web page as well as nasdaqtrader.com, a market information site, were disrupted. NYSE Euronext, owner of the New York Stock Exchange, did not experience an outage, according to a spokesman. Nor did Direct Edge Holdings Inc., the fourth-largest U.S. exchange owner, a spokesman said. Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-02-14/nasdaq-website-access-disrupted-as-trading-systems-unaffected.html>
17. *February 14, U.S. Federal Trade Commission* – (National) **FTC action leads to ban on alleged mortgage relief scammers who harmed thousands of consumers.** At the request of the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), a U.S. district court February 14 put the mortgage relief business permanently off limits to marketers who allegedly charged thousands of consumers up to \$2,600 each, based on bogus promises to provide loan modifications that would make mortgages more affordable. According to the FTC, the scheme caused consumer losses of nearly \$19 million. All but two of the defendants settled with the agency, while the two other corporate defendants received default judgments. The FTC alleged the defendants used direct mail, the Internet, and telemarketing to target homeowners. The defendants typically asked for half of the fee up-front, falsely claiming a success rate of up to 100 percent, according to the complaint. They deceptively claimed they could prevent foreclosure, that they were affiliated with or approved by consumers' lenders, and that they would refund consumers' money if they failed to deliver promised services, according to the FTC. They told consumers not to contact lenders and to stop making mortgage payments, claiming that falling behind on payments would demonstrate hardship, the FTC alleged. The complaint charged U.S. Mortgage Funding, Inc., Debt Remedy Partners Inc., Lower My Debts.com LLC, and four individuals with violating the FTC Act and the FTC's Telemarketing Sales Rule. The court orders ban all the defendants from providing mortgage and debt relief services and telemarketing. Source: <http://www.ftc.gov/opa/2012/02/usmortgage.shtm>
18. *February 14, KLAS 8 Las Vegas* – (Nevada; International) **Former attorney guilty in scheme to hide income from IRS.** A former lawyer and author pleaded guilty to felony conspiracy, tax, and identity theft charges in a scheme to help individuals hide their income and assets from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and other creditors, a Nevada U.S. attorney said February 14. He pleaded guilty to conspiracy to defraud the United States, aggravated identity theft, and attempt to evade or defeat taxes. He faces up to 12 years in prison and \$750,000 in fines. The defendant and two accomplices were indicted in July 2011 for a scheme in which they allegedly made more than \$60 million. The indictment alleged that from 1998 to 2006, the defendants enriched

themselves through the sale of services and products designed to help individuals conceal assets from the IRS and creditors. The service allowed clients to place funds in bank accounts held in the names of nominees, and created and maintained domestic corporations and offshore international business firms with obscured ownership. The company allegedly sold a business opportunity training program to at least 1,000 people for about \$10,000 each, created roughly 2,500 disguised ownership corporations in Nevada for \$795 each, opened more than 900 disguised ownership corporate bank accounts, and prepared more than 400 fraudulent liens. One man allegedly received more than 180 corporate tax referrals from the company and prepared more than 400 tax returns. From 2003 to 2006, the company allegedly received more than \$63 million in deposits, made more than \$62 million in withdrawals through one of its bank accounts, and sent more than \$11 million offshore.

Source: <http://www.8newsnow.com/story/16936671/former-attorney-guilty-in-scheme-to-hide-income-from-irs>

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## **Transportation Sector**

19. *February 15, Associated Press* – (District of Columbia) **Metro settles most death suits from DC train crash.** The Washington D.C.-area Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Metro) settled seven of nine lawsuits by families of people killed in a 2009 train crash, the Associated Press reported February 15. Metro also told a judge it is admitting legal responsibility for the deadliest accident in the system's history, as filed in a court document February 13. Nine people died and dozens were injured when one train slammed into a stopped one. Terms of the settlements have not been disclosed, though settlements in similar cases have been in the millions of dollars. A lead attorney for the families said the remaining two wrongful death cases are set to go to trial in March.

Source: [http://santamariatimes.com/news/national/metro-settles-most-death-suits-from-dc-train-crash/article\\_f171b4ee-16d0-5156-b9b5-4e25ad7f8e96.html](http://santamariatimes.com/news/national/metro-settles-most-death-suits-from-dc-train-crash/article_f171b4ee-16d0-5156-b9b5-4e25ad7f8e96.html)

20. *February 14, Associated Press* – (Indiana) **1 killed, 2 injured when semi-trailer jackknifes on I-70 west of Indianapolis.** State police report Interstate 70 west of Indianapolis was opened after being closed for hours after a fatal crash involving a jackknifed semi-trailer. State police said a man of Effingham, Illinois, was standing between his disabled semi-trailer and a tow truck on eastbound I-70 near Monrovia in Hendricks County February 14 when another semi-trailer jackknifed and struck the disabled truck. Police said the tow truck driver suffered leg and back injuries and the driver of the jackknifed truck was taken to an Indianapolis hospital with undisclosed injuries. The crash spilled cargo onto the interstate and forced police to divert traffic.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/6b15daece2e2418e8c17e226db008ec3/IN--Fatal-Crash-I-70/>



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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

21. *February 15, Bloomberg* – (International) **Burning batteries are risk to jets. Label them, UN says.** A United Nations (UN) panel is calling for tougher inspections and detailed labeling of air shipments of lithium batteries following two incidents in which aircraft were destroyed when freight shipments burst into flames. The Dangerous Goods Panel at the UN's International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) agreed February 15 to the new standards, said the Air Line Pilots Association's head of hazardous-materials handling issues. Without new rules, lithium batteries that can spontaneously combust were projected to destroy one U.S.- registered cargo jet every other year, according to a study commissioned by U.S. and Canadian aviation regulators. Shipments of the batteries that include those used in mobile phones, tablets, and laptop computers were suspected of contributing to two U.S. cargo-jet accidents since 2006. The Rechargeable Battery Association, which represents companies such as Apple and Panasonic, said in a statement the ICAO's recommendations were a "reasonable compromise." The Federal Aviation Administration barred passenger flights from carrying non-rechargeable lithium batteries in 2004 because they if they catch fire, flames cannot be stopped by cargo compartment extinguishers. Under the proposed ICAO rules, all lithium battery shipments must be labeled as hazardous material. Companies that want to ship batteries must train employees on how to handle them. Airlines such as United Airlines or FedEx Corp. would have to inspect shipments before loading and removing them from planes. Pilots would also be notified when lithium batteries are loaded. A UPS Boeing 747-400 that caught fire 22 minutes after it left Dubai September 3, 2010, was carrying more than 81,000 lithium batteries, states a preliminary report by the General Civil Aviation Authority of the United Arab Emirates. The jet crashed at a military base while pilots tried to make an emergency landing. Both pilots died.  
Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/politics/article/Burning-batteries-are-risk-to-jets-Label-them-3322372.php>

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

22. *February 15, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Florida) **Publix Supermarkets cited by US Department of Labor's OSHA for willful and repeat violations following amputation of employee's hand.** Publix Supermarkets Inc. was cited by the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) for 16 safety and health violations at its distribution facility in Jacksonville, Florida, after receiving a complaint in September 2011 that a worker's hand was amputated while cleaning conveyor equipment. Proposed penalties total \$182,000, according to the U.S. Department of Labor February 15. One willful violation was cited for failing to use

procedures for the control of potentially hazardous energy when employees service or clean equipment. Two repeat violations include failing to develop, document, and utilize lockout/tagout procedures, and not conducting an annual inspection of energy control procedures. Publix also was cited for six serious violations. Six other-than-serious safety violations were cited for failing to complete an OSHA 301 log injury and illness incident report or its equivalent for 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010, and to have a company executive sign the OSHA 300 log of injuries and illnesses for 2007 and 2008.

Source:

[http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=NEWS\\_RELEASES&p\\_id=21810](http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=21810)

23. *February 15, Minneapolis Star Tribune* – (Minnesota) **5 pro lacrosse players arrested after brawl at Bloomington T.G.I. Friday’s**. Five members of a professional lacrosse team visiting from New York state were arrested following an outburst with other patrons at a Bloomington, Minnesota restaurant that involved food, bottles, and silverware being thrown, authorities said February 15. The melee erupted at the T.G.I. Friday’s across from the Mall of America and involved 20 to 30 people inside and then “spilling to the outside,” said the deputy chief of police. The restaurant reported about \$1,600 in damage. The charges against the five players include disorderly conduct, obstructing the legal process, and obstructing the legal process with force.

Source: <http://www.startribune.com/local/south/139357138.html>

24. *February 12, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **Man shot in head in Bartlett dance bar**. Bartlett, Illinois police were searching for a gunman who shot another man in the head inside of a late-night dance club February 12, officials said. The shooting occurred at the Cadillac Ranch, police said. When police arrived they found a man with a gunshot wound to his head. Witnesses told police the victim was arguing with another man in the foyer of the club when the shooting occurred, police said. The victim was airlifted to a hospital. The victim was originally listed in critical condition but his condition improved and stabilized.

Source: [http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2012-02-12/news/chi-man-shot-in-head-in-bartlett-dance-bar-20120212\\_1\\_gunshot-wounds-man-shot-critical-condition](http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2012-02-12/news/chi-man-shot-in-head-in-bartlett-dance-bar-20120212_1_gunshot-wounds-man-shot-critical-condition)

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## **Water Sector**

25. *February 15, U.S. Geological Survey* – (National) **Nationwide radium testing of groundwater shows most susceptible regions are central U.S. and East Coast**. According to a study conducted by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), groundwater in aquifers on the East Coast and in the central United States have the highest risk of contamination from radium, a naturally occurring radioactive element and known carcinogen. Radium was detected in concentrations that equaled or exceeded U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) drinking water standards in more than one in five wells tested in the Mid-Continent and Ozark Plateau Cambro-Ordovician aquifer systems, underlying parts of Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin; and the North Atlantic Coastal Plain

aquifer system, underlying parts of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, and Virginia. The study found that if the groundwater has low oxygen or low pH, radium is more likely to dissolve and become present. Low oxygen conditions were prevalent in the Mid-Continent and Ozark Plateau Cambro-Ordovician aquifer systems, and low pH conditions were prevalent in the North Atlantic Coastal Plain aquifer system. In most aquifers used for drinking water, radium concentrations were below EPA standards, especially in the West.

Source: <http://www.usgs.gov/newsroom/article.asp?ID=3104>

26. *February 14, MLive.com* – (Michigan) **Flint is auditing water system following reports of major leaks.** A detailed audit of Flint, Michigan's water system is being conducted after initial estimates show the city is leaking as much as 40 percent of its water, officials said February 14. The report is expected to show the difference between the amount of water that leaves the water plant and the amount that customers are paying to use, said the director of development and infrastructure. He said a December 2011 report estimated the city is leaking more than 30 percent and as much as 40 percent of its water — much higher than the 15 percent or 20 percent that is typically accepted. The audit will also have a detailed history of rate increases the Detroit water system has charged the city of Flint and how they compare to the rate increases passed on to Flint residents, he said. The city increased its water and sewer rates 35 percent in September.

Source:

[http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2012/02/flint\\_auditing\\_water\\_system\\_fo.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2012/02/flint_auditing_water_system_fo.html)

27. *February 14, Associated Press* – (Minnesota) **Water filtration plant in Columbia Heights evacuated after chemicals mixed; no injuries.** A water treatment facility in Columbia Heights, Minnesota, was evacuated after two chemicals were accidentally mixed together and caused a reaction February 14. The assistant fire chief said workers notified the Columbia Heights Fire Department that hydrochloric acid and caustic soda had been combined at the plant. When mixed, the two chemicals cause excessive heat. The heat caused the building's sprinkler system to go off. All employees were immediately evacuated. The assistant fire chief did not know how the chemicals were incorrectly mixed. The plant is the City of Minneapolis' water filtration plant. Minneapolis officials said drinking water was never at risk of contamination and that the city's tap water is safe to drink.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/09763953dc2c4654a87474294e4a46d4/MN--Water-Treatment-Evacuation/>

28. *February 14, Franklin Tidewater News* – (Virginia) **County to borrow \$880,500 for Boykins sewer plant.** Southampton County officials plan to borrow \$880,500 to upgrade the Boykins, Virginia sewer treatment plant after it discharged more ammonia and copper than permitted into the Meherrin River, Franklin Tidewater News reported February 14. In November 2009, after limits were lowered by the state department of environmental quality, the Boykins plant could not meet its discharge limits for ammonia and copper. Following a series of violations in 2010, the county agreed with

the state to identify the cause of the problem, the administrator said. He said repairs are not anticipated to result in rate increases for the 550 residential and 66 businesses that use the system. Annual payments for 20 years will be made from savings in the plant's budget. There was no environmental damage done to the river.

Source: <http://www.tidewaternews.com/2012/02/14/county-may-borrow-880500-for-boykins-sewer-plant/>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

29. *February 15, Framingham MetroWest Daily News* – (Massachusetts) **Chemical leak evacuated Marlborough Hospital this morning.** A chemical leak at the Marlborough Hospital in Marlborough, Massachusetts, forced a portion of the hospital to be evacuated February 15. According to the Marlborough Fire Department, firefighters went to the hospital's laboratory/central sterile supply area for an ethylene oxide alarm; ethylene oxide is a flammable gas. That portion of the hospital was evacuated, and a hazardous materials response team from the department of fire services assisted the Marlborough Fire Department with the removal of the gas. The scene was cleared 2 hours later.

Source: <http://www.metrowestdailynews.com/newsnow/x1341780223/Chemical-leak-evacuated-Marlborough-Hospital-this-morning>

30. *February 14, Associated Press* – (Illinois; Ohio) **Ill. doc gets 4 life terms in Ohio pill mill case.** A Chicago doctor who prosecutors said dispensed more of the powerful painkiller oxycodone from 2003 to 2005 than any other physician in the country was sentenced February 7 to four life terms in the overdose deaths of four patients. The doctor made weekly trips from Chicago to three locations in Portsmouth, Ohio, and one in Chillicothe, Ohio, before federal investigators shut down the operations in 2006. A 2007 indictment alleged the doctor went to work at the Tri-State Health Care and Pain Management clinic in southern Ohio in 2003. It was operated by a mother and daughter who have since pleaded guilty to one count of operating Tri-State as a place whose primary purpose was the illegal distribution of prescription drugs. The pair testified against the doctor and received 12 and 5-year sentences, respectively. The doctor was also handed prison terms ranging from 10 to 20 years on 13 other counts related to drug trafficking. He received 5 years for possessing a weapon while participating in drug trafficking. He was also convicted of eight other distribution counts that prosecutors said resulted in fatal overdoses, but did not leave enough evidence to convict him of the deaths. The indictment against the doctor said patients came from hundreds of miles away and were charged \$125 to \$200 in cash. Prosecutors said he rarely, if ever, counseled patients on alternate treatments for pain, such as physical therapy, surgery, or addiction counseling.

Source: [http://santamariatimes.com/news/national/life-terms-for-doctor-in-ohio-pill-mill-case/article\\_408eee46-2a92-502f-a382-d022c204658d.html](http://santamariatimes.com/news/national/life-terms-for-doctor-in-ohio-pill-mill-case/article_408eee46-2a92-502f-a382-d022c204658d.html)

31. *February 14, Associated Press* – (National) **Roche warns of counterfeit Avastin in U.S.** The maker of the best-selling anticancer drug Avastin is warning doctors and patients about counterfeit vials of the product distributed in the United States, the Associated Press reported February 14. Roche’s Genentech unit said the fake products do not contain the key ingredient in Avastin, which is used to treat cancers of the colon, lung, kidney, and brain. The company believes drugs labeled with the following lot numbers may be fake: B86017, B6011, and B6010. The counterfeit products do not have “Genentech” printed on their packaging, which appears on all FDA-approved cartons and vials. A spokeswoman said the counterfeit drug was distributed to health care facilities in the United States. The company is working with the Food and Drug Administration to track down the counterfeit vials and analyze their contents. It said it was alerted to the problem by foreign health regulators and believes the counterfeits were imported from abroad. Additionally, legitimate Avastin contains a six-digit lot number with no letters. All the text on the product’s packaging is in English.  
Source: <http://yourlife.usatoday.com/health/story/2012-02-14/Roche-warns-of-counterfeit-Avastin-in-US/53096312/1>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

32. *February 15, Columbus Dispatch* – (Ohio) **Irritating odor shuts Ohio high school again.** Westland High School in Columbus, Ohio, was closed again February 15, while the state fire marshal’s office and other experts tried to determine the cause of an irritating odor that sent students and employees home February 14 for the second day in a row. Two students, including one who has asthma, were taken to a hospital February 14 as a precaution. South-Western district officials hired outside experts in air quality and building systems to search for the cause of what has been described as a strong smell that caused students and staff members to become dizzy and nauseated.  
Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/news/10629497/irritating-odor-shuts-ohio-high-school-again>
33. *February 14, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **No injuries reported in fire at northern NJ private school for children with special needs.** Several students and staff escaped unharmed when a fire broke out at a private northern New Jersey school that serves children with special needs. Classes at the Center School in Highland Park, New Jersey, had ended before the fire broke out February 14. However, roughly 18 students and 9 adults were still in the three-story brick building at the time, taking part in after-school activities. Firefighters from Highland Park and other nearby communities were able to quickly bring the fire under control. But school officials said no classes would be held February 15 due to damage caused by the fire.  
Source:  
<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/322f6259a05f4809ac74d90dc0a6841f/NJ--Private-School-Fire/>

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## Emergency Services Sector

34. *February 15, WYFF 4 Greenville* – (South Carolina) **Deputies: Man fires rifle at officers, patrol cars, house.** The Pickens County, South Carolina Sheriff’s office is investigating a shooting that damaged two patrol cars and left a home riddled with bullets. Deputies said it started when officers responded to a call about shots fired in a home. A couple who lives on the street said the shooting suspect came into their home and shot a semi-automatic SKS rifle into the floor. The homeowner said he told the suspect to leave and he did. Investigators said the suspect fled to his own home. Officers stated as they approached the house, the suspect opened fire and he shot out windows in two patrol cars. Investigators said the cars were hit by at least seven bullets. Bullets also hit the home across the street. The suspect eventually surrendered after a short standoff. Deputies said multiple charges are pending against him.  
Source: <http://www.wyff4.com/r/30460953/detail.html>
35. *February 15, Orlando Sentinel* – (Florida) **Titusville firefighter accused of putting poisonous chemical in lieutenant’s canteen.** A Titusville, Florida firefighter was arrested February 14, city police said, and accused of spraying a poisonous degreaser chemical into a coworker’s canteen. The investigation began February 9 when police said a Titusville Fire Department lieutenant discovered an odd-smelling substance inside his canteen. Police believe the substance was likely Gunk, an aerosol cleaner-degreaser that is harmful or fatal if swallowed. Investigators learned the canteen incident was just the latest in a series of acts targeting the lieutenant. Police said a firefighter confessed to putting the degreaser in the canteen, and to other acts committed against the lieutenant. In a statement, police said the firefighter claimed he did not intend or hope to kill him, but was “upset over other issues and it went too far.” Officials said the canteen was inside a gear bag used when crews battle brush fires. The firefighter was arrested at the Titusville Police Department February 14 and has been booked into the Brevard County Jail. Police are still investigating a second firefighter, who the firefighter said was present for the canteen incident.  
Source: <http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/titusville-firefighter-accused-of-putting-poisonous-chemical-in-2177052.html>
36. *February 14, University of California, Berkeley Daily Californian* – (California) **BART unveils new community-based policing structure.** Under fire after an audit report questioned its use of force and organization, the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Police Department unveiled plans February 14 for a zoning structure that aims to reduce crime in the San Francisco Bay Area transit system. BART’s new Zone Geographical Policing Structure is the department’s most recent answer to recommendations made by the 2011 National Organization of Black Law Enforcement audit report, in which BART police approaches and methods of crime prevention were strongly criticized. The audit called for a more community-based crime prevention system to address what it identified as a lack of organization among officers, a lack of clarity regarding policy on use of force, and the potential for racial profiling by the department.  
Source: <http://www.dailycal.org/2012/02/14/bart-unveils-new-community-based-policing-structure/>

## **Information Technology Sector**

37. *February 15, Computerworld* – (International) **Researchers crack online encryption system.** An online encryption method widely used to protect banking, e-mail, e-commerce, and other sensitive Internet transactions is not as secure as assumed, according to a report issued by a team of U.S and European cryptanalysts. The researchers reviewed millions of public keys used by Web sites to encrypt online transactions and found a small but significant number to be vulnerable. In most cases, the problem had to do with the manner in which the keys were generated, according to the researchers. The numbers associated with the keys were not always as random as needed, the research showed. Therefore, the team concluded, attackers could use public keys to guess the corresponding private keys that are used to decrypt data — a scenario previously believed to be impossible.  
Source: [http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9224265/Researchers\\_crack\\_online\\_encryption\\_system?taxonomyId=17](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9224265/Researchers_crack_online_encryption_system?taxonomyId=17)
38. *February 15, H Security* – (International) **Shockwave Player critical holes closed.** Adobe updated Shockwave Player on Windows and Mac OS X to version 11.6.4.634 after identifying nine critical vulnerabilities. The problems affect Shockwave Player 11.6.3.633 and all earlier versions on Windows and Mac OS X. Adobe recommend updating to the new release by downloading it from [get.adobe.com/shockwave](http://get.adobe.com/shockwave). To identify whether Shockwave Player is installed on a system, users should visit the test page on Adobe’s site. Most problems are in the Shockwave 3D Asset where seven memory corruption vulnerabilities could lead to code execution; these were all reported by a researcher from FortiGuard Labs. An eighth memory corruption issue and a heap overflow vulnerability, both of which could also lead to code execution, were reported by “instruder” of vulnhunt.com and bring the flaw tally up to nine.  
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Shockwave-Player-critical-holes-closed-1434644.html>
39. *February 15, H Security* – (International) **Microsoft’s Patch Tuesday fixes critical vulnerabilities.** Microsoft released 9 bulletins to close 21 holes in its products February 14. Four of the bulletins close critical vulnerabilities in Windows, Internet Explorer, .NET, and Silverlight, including an issue in the Windows kernel-mode drivers that became publicly known in December 2011. The company advises those responsible for prioritizing update deployment to focus on critical patches for Internet Explorer and the C Runtime Library in Windows, as these could be exploited by an attacker to remotely execute arbitrary code. For an attack to be successful, a user must first visit a malicious Web page or open a specially crafted file. The other critical bulletins fix issues in .NET and Silverlight. Microsoft notes it has yet to see any active attacks exploiting these issues. Rated as “important,” the remaining five bulletins correct many remote code execution and privilege escalation issues. These include six vulnerabilities in SharePoint and the Ancillary Function Driver in Windows that could

be used to allow elevation of privileges. Five holes in the Windows Color Control Panel, an issue in the Indeo Codec in Windows, and five problems in Visio Viewer — part of Microsoft Office — that could be used to remotely execute code were also closed. According to the latest reports, the updates to the Microsoft Windows Malicious Software Removal Tool (MSRT) and the company's Forefront security products, which were released at the same time as Microsoft's Patch Tuesday security updates, result in a false positive malware warning on google.com.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Microsoft-s-Patch-Tuesday-fixes-critical-vulnerabilities-Update-1434678.html>

40. *February 15, Softpedia* – (International) **Waledac Botnet returns, steals passwords and credentials.** In 2010, Microsoft was able to terminate the activity of the Waledac botnet, which at the time was famous for being a large source of spam. However, Palo Alto Networks researchers came across a new variant which is not only used for spamming, but also for stealing sensitive data from infected devices. The new version was spotted February 2. Experts conclude it is still sending spam, but it can also steal passwords and authentication data, including credentials for FTP, POP3, SMTP. Besides this, Waledac also steals .dat files for FTP and BitCoin and uploads them to the botnet. By relying on their WildFire systems, which enable a firewall to capture unknown files and analyze them in a malware sandbox, Palo Alto Networks was able to identify how the new variant behaves. Given the confusion created around the Kelihos botnet that was declared resurrected by Kaspersky, only to be put to sleep again by Microsoft, the company emphasizes this is not the old botnet, but a new variant.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Waledac-Botnet>Returns-Steals-Passwords-and-Credentials-253071.shtml>
41. *February 15, H Security* – (International) **Google Wallet PIN brute-forcing now without rooting.** An attack on Google Wallet's PIN protection — which required the phone be rooted so the the PIN information could be accessed — can be achieved on an un-rooted Android smartphone by using a Linux privilege escalation vulnerability. This is according to Zvelo, who found the original problem with the storage of the PIN used to protect the NFC-enabled wallet embedded in the Google Nexus. Rooting, it was pointed out, would usually mean all the data on the device was deleted in the process and Google advised users not to use Wallet on rooted devices. However, by exploiting a known Linux privilege vulnerability that exists in Android 4.0 and has proof of concept code available, it is possible to get root access to the device without deleting any data. Zvelo says this is enough to get access to the Google Wallet PIN data, which can be easily brute-forced as in their original attack. An attacker could also obtain the data and send it to a remote server where the PIN could be brute-forced even faster. Google announced it restored the provisioning service for pre-paid debit cards associated with Google Wallet NFC-enabled hardware. Google disabled the system after it was widely publicized it was possible to get access to the credit on the prepaid card. An attacker could reset the Google Wallet application data and restart the application, at which point they could enter a new PIN and reconnect the virtual pre-paid card associated with the device, giving access to any available credit on the pre-paid card.



Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Google-Wallet-PIN-brute-forcing-now-without-rooting-1434908.html>

42. *February 14, IDG News Service* – (International) **Mozilla to ask certificate authorities to revoke SSL-spying certificates.** Mozilla plans to ask all certificate authorities to review their subordinate CA certificates and revoke those that could be used by companies to inspect secure sockets layer (SSL)-encrypted traffic for domain names they do not control. The plan, whose details are still being worked out, is Mozilla's response to Trustwave's recent claim the use of such certificates for SSL traffic management within corporate networks is a common practice. After a week of debating whether to punish Trustwave for violating its CA Certificate Policy, Mozilla decided to send a communication to all certificate authorities asking that they come clean about similar certificates and to revoke them. A grace period extended to CAs for the revocation of sub-CA certificates currently used for the inspection of SSL-encrypted traffic on corporate networks has not been decided, but according to the owner of Mozilla's CA Certificates Module, a time frame of 2 or 3 months is being considered. After that, those caught with such a certificate would have their root keys removed from Mozilla's products, and all certificates they ever signed would result in an error when opened in the browser.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9224249/Mozilla\\_to\\_ask\\_certificate\\_authorities\\_to\\_revoke\\_SSL\\_spying\\_certificates?taxonomyId=17](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9224249/Mozilla_to_ask_certificate_authorities_to_revoke_SSL_spying_certificates?taxonomyId=17)

43. *February 13, Government Computer News* – (International) **Cyber criminals find new way to exploit old Office hole.** Cyberattackers found a new way to take advantage of an old Microsoft Office hole. Symantec researchers noticed a specially crafted trojan that exploits a previously patched vulnerability. The attack occurs when a user opens up an e-mail that contains a Microsoft Word file with a malicious Dynamic Link Library file (DLL). "The exploit makes use of an ActiveX control embedded in a Word document file," a researcher at Symantec said. "When the Word document is opened, the ActiveX control calls fputlsat.dll which has the identical file name as the legitimate .dll file used for the Microsoft Office FrontPage Client Utility Library." He said once this flaw is exploited, an attacker is free to load up an infected system with malware. He also advises that if a user sees an e-mail attachment with the file name ftutlsat.dll, proceed with caution. An e-mail with this type of attachment should be easy to spot, according to the researcher. The exploit, recently seen in the wild by the security firm, was previously fixed by Microsoft in September's Security Update, bulletin MS11-073. The researcher warns that because the bulletin was only classified as "important" by Microsoft, it might have been overlooked.

Source: <http://gcn.com/articles/2012/02/10/trojan-exploits-unpatched-office-vulnerability.aspx>

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## Internet Alert Dashboard

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### Communications Sector

44. *February 15, DavidsonNews.net* – (North Carolina) **Damaged cable slows internet for MI-Connection users.** MI-Connection Communications System Internet customers in North Carolina have faced slowdowns over the past few days because of a damaged cable belonging to one of MI-Connection’s network providers, DavidsonNews.net reported February 15. MI-Connection said it has “re-routed” traffic to alternate circuits, which is affecting streaming media, including YouTube, Netflix, and other applications. It wasn’t clear when full service might be restored. MI-Connection’s chief executive officer (CEO) said February 15 that it could be another day before workers repair the cable. MI-Connection’s provider is XO Communications. The problem emerged February 12, when XO notified MI-Connection of the problem. XO apparently did not have a backup line or re-routing in place. It sent a crew to begin repairs later February 12, MI-Connection’s CEO said. MI-Connection lost about half its available network capacity, or bandwidth, in the incident. MI-Connection has about 10,300 Internet customers in north Mecklenburg and south Iredell.  
Source: <http://davidsonnews.net/blog/2012/02/15/damaged-cable-slows-internet-for-mi-connection-users/>

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### Commercial Facilities Sector

45. *February 15, Associated Press* – (Georgia; South Carolina) **Thieves targeting tool supply company’s stores.** Thieves in the South have been targeting Minnesota-based tool supply company Fastenal, and police are wondering why a specific company’s stores are being burglarized, the Associated Press reported February 15. Police said one of the most recent thefts occurred the February 12-13 at a Fastenal store in Athens, Georgia, the fifth such burglary within about a week. Police told the Athens Banner-Herald that a Fastenal store in Watkinsville was also hit February 12. Three others were broken into February 5, in Augusta, Martinez, and Aiken, South Carolina. An Athens-Clarke County police lieutenant said officers were told that about a dozen Fastenal stores had been burglarized in the Atlanta metro area.  
Source:

<http://www.dailycomet.com/article/20120215/APN/1202151027?Title=Thieves-targeting-tool-supply-company-s-stores&tc=ar>

46. *February 15, Houston Chronicle* – (Texas) **Two residents, one firefighter injured in apartment fire.** Two residents were injured during a two-alarm blaze at an apartment complex in north Houston, February 15, according to fire officials. Firefighters were called to the Monticello on Cranbrook apartments after residents noticed several units were on fire, officials said. Investigators believe the blaze started when a woman's oxygen tank line fell onto a stove burner. The fire, which damaged at least 10 units, caused the roof and some walls to collapse. Two residents were injured during the blaze, but their injuries were not life-threatening, officials said. A volunteer firefighter suffered minor injuries and was taken to an area hospital.  
Source: <http://blog.chron.com/newswatch/2012/02/firefighters-battling-apartment-fire-in-north-harris-co/>
47. *February 14, WKBW 7 Buffalo* – (New York) **Fire in Buffalo high rise building.** A two-alarm fire in the 8th floor of the Convention Tower in downtown Buffalo, New York, forced the evacuation of hundreds of people, and required firefighters to carry equipment up several flights of stairs February 14. Smoke and water damage is said to be extensive on the eighth floor, and it also affected areas both above and below the eighth floor. Officials said the fire caused around \$325,000 in damage. Two firefighters were injured.  
Source: <http://www.wkbw.com/news/local/Fire-in-Buffalo-High-Rise-Building-139329038.html>

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

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## **Dams Sector**

48. *February 15, Sofia News Agency* – (International) **Inspections reveal serious flaws at 11 Bulgarian dams.** The ongoing inspection of the condition of dams located all over Bulgaria has so far identified serious problems at 11 facilities of a total of 140 checked, according to the minister of economy, energy and tourism. After a meeting February 15, he explained the problematic dams were located in five districts — one in Kardzhali, one in Smolyan, two in Montana, three in Pazardzhik, and three in Sliven. Like the Elena dam, which was subjected to a controlled draining February 13 over a risk of failure, the majority of the faulty reservoirs have non-functioning spillways and release gates, the CEO of the national power grid operator, NEK, concluded. He warned the release gates of the dams needed urgent repairs and the facilities had to be

equipped with emergency gates.

Source: [http://www.novinite.com/view\\_news.php?id=136693](http://www.novinite.com/view_news.php?id=136693)

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