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- Bank of New York Mellon Corp., the world's largest custody bank, defrauded clients of more than \$1.5 billion through foreign-exchange trades, according to a new complaint filed by the U.S. government. – *Bloomberg* (See item [23](#))
- A failure of the cable support system on the Martin Olav Sabo Bridge in Minneapolis, Minnesota, resulted in the bridge's closure and led to light-rail and traffic disruptions for at least 3 days. – *Minneapolis Star Tribune* (See item [26](#))

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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 21, PennEnergy* – (Louisiana; National) **Oil refining likely impacted by Mississippi spill.** A collision involving an oil tanker barge on the Mississippi River in Louisiana, February 17 could force the closure of oil refineries along the river, according to Reuters. The barge was carrying more than 148,000 gallons of oil when it

ran into another barge around 50 miles upriver of New Orleans, but officials from the Coast Guard estimate the resultant oil spill was much less than that, according to the WWL 4 New Orleans. Though the crash caused a roughly 10-foot gash in the hull of the barge, neither boat sank and current estimates suggest less than 10,000 gallons of oil spilled. A boom was deployed to prevent the spread of the oil, but the Coast Guard was forced to close the river to traffic. One-way traffic was restored by the late morning on an alternating basis. Nevertheless, the closure could have a dramatic impact on the eight oil refineries upstream from the accident. With a combined output of 2.2 million barrels per day, the refining plants account for 12.4 percent of the country's total oil-refining capacity.

Source:

http://www.pennenergy.com/index/petroleum/display/7483827740/articles/pennenergy/petroleum/refining/2012/february/oil-refining_likely.html

2. *February 20, Tire Review* – (North Dakota) **\$1 million fire at N.D. tire, oil facility.** A February 17 multi-alarm fire at Vining Oil in Jamestown, North Dakota, caused an estimated \$1 million in damage and losses. The mid-morning fire completely engulfed a warehouse-type structure that housed “several” 55-gallon barrels of oil, some 600-700 medium truck tires, and two tractors. The fire completely destroyed the building and caused damage to adjacent businesses. Some nearby hotels had to evacuate guests due to the thick black smoke from the fire that hovered over the area. Fire officials are still investigating the cause of the fire.

Source:

http://www.tirereview.com/Article/97221/1_million_fire_at_nd_tire_oil_facility.aspx

3. *February 20, WYKT 27 Lexington* – (Kentucky) **Power restoration could take days in Eastern Ky.** As of February 20, more than 29,000 Kentucky Power customers were without power due to a snowstorm the weekend of February 18. More than 6,000 customers were in the dark in Perry and Pike counties, in addition to nearly 1,000 Kentucky Utilities customers without power. Kentucky Power officials said it could be as late as February 23 until all power is restored.

Source:

http://www.wkyt.com/home/headlines/Power_restoration_could_take_days_in_Eastern_Ky_139684733.html?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter

4. *February 20, Charleston Gazette-Mail* – (West Virginia; Virginia) **Thousands in W.Va. still without power after snowstorm.** Appalachian Power continued working to restore power to more than 60,000 customers in West Virginia and Virginia, February 19, one day after snow hit the area. New power outages were reported February 20 as tree limbs broke under the weight of the snow and as the snow melted, causing branches to hit power lines. As of February 20, the number of outages was down to 35,000. The company brought in 650 contract line workers to assist with power restoration. About 100 more contract workers traveled to the hardest-hit areas to join local crews, and 80 other workers were assessing damages.

Source: <http://sundaygazettemail.com/News/201202200160>

5. *February 20, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Faulty flange link eyed as possible cause of fire.** A spokesman said a fire at BP's Cherry Point refinery in Blaine, Washington, may have been caused by a leaky flange connection. However, a separate BP spokesman said February 20 the information filed with the Coast Guard's National Response Center is very preliminary and the cause remains under investigation. It remains unclear how long the refinery would be out of service as a result of the February 17 fire. The company was trying to supply customers from existing stocks or other sources. The refinery can process 230,000 barrels of crude oil a day. It produces 20 percent of Washington's gasoline and the majority of aviation fuel for the Vancouver, British Columbia, Sea-Tac and Portland airports. The dramatic blaze created towering flames and a thick plume of black smoke that was visible for miles.
Source: <http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5hQvrpnkBJ4N08ZxdTu4hZYgTZXkA?docId=8ed7004e7c744d61865a2f143b1e9d05>
6. *February 18, Grand Junction Daily Sentinel* – (Colorado) **Coal train derailed in De Beque Canyon.** A 104-car Union Pacific train derailed February 18 in De Beque Canyon, Colorado. The train, loaded with coal from the West Elk Mine in Arco and bound for Kentucky, was halted when one of its cars went off the rails, a Union Pacific spokesman said. The derailed car remained upright, preventing any coal from spilling. At least one other train was stopped as a result of the derailment. It was unknown how long the cleanup would take.
Source: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/breaking/articles/coal-train-derailed-in-de-beque-canyon/>

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Chemical Industry Sector

7. *February 21, Roanoke Times* – (Virginia) **Giles County plant fined for 1-day emission excess.** A lime mining and processing plant in Giles County, Virginia, was cited by state regulators for violating air-pollution standards, the Roanoke Times reported February 21. Chemical Lime Company of Virginia agreed to pay a fine of \$27,720 as part of an agreement with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. The plant exceeded the allowable level of particulate matter emissions from a kiln used to process limestone, according to a consent order from the agency. The plant mines about 350,000 tons of limestone a year from a quarry in Ripplemead. The lime is burned in kilns to produce calcium oxide, or quicklime, which has a number of industrial applications, including being used in steel making and for environmental compliance by coal-burning power plants.
Source: <http://www.roanoke.com/news/roanoke/wb/305150>
8. *February 20, Richmond Palladium-Item* – (Ohio) **3-semi accident sends 3 to hospital.** A three-semi accident at U.S. 127 and Ohio 725 sent three people to the hospital February 17, authorities said. The Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) reported a semi driven by a man was unable to stop at the intersection and was struck by a semi carrying a load of liquid fertilizer. The first semi caught fire, while the semi carrying

the fertilizer lost its load. The man and his son were injured, with the man transported by ambulance and his son by a medical flight to area hospitals. The driver of the fertilizer truck was also taken to the hospital. U.S. 127 and Ohio 725 were closed for 8 hours as emergency personnel cleaned up the spilled fertilizer and accident debris.

Source: <http://www.pal-item.com/article/20120221/NEWS01/202210316/3-semi-accident-sends-3-hospital?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|FRONTPAGE|s>

9. *February 20, FuelFix.com* – (Texas) **Cleanup under way after lubricant leaks into Highlands flood canal.** Cleanup crews February 20 were at the site of an oily lubricant spill after thousands of gallons of the substance leaked into a Highlands, Texas’ flood-control canal and into the San Jacinto River February 19, officials said. Emergency crews worked to stop and clean the leak, which originated at a lubricant mixing and packaging facility for ZXP Technologies, which provides blending and distribution services for premium, mineral oil based and synthetic lubricants, fuel treatments, antifreeze, automotive care, agricultural chemical, and bulk powder products. It was not clear how much of the substance was released, said an official from the Harris County fire marshal’s office. He said there is no threat to the public. Harris County Pollution Control and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality are investigating.
Source: <http://fuelfix.com/blog/2012/02/20/cleanup-under-way-after-lubricant-leaks-into-highlands-flood-canal/>
10. *February 19, Associated Press* – (Mississippi) **EPA: Miss. Phosphates to fix problems.** Mississippi Phosphate Corp. and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have agreed on how to fix environmental violations remaining after a 2009 inspection at the Pascagoula, Mississippi plant, and some found last year. Many actions were taken in 2009, but it took more than 2 years to agree on all the terms. About 240 people work at the plant that makes sulfuric acid and phosphoric acid for fertilizer. In 2009, the EPA said the plant posed a danger because of violations including improper storage, inadequate safety equipment, leaks of sulfuric acid, and leaks of phosphoric acid to unlined ditches. Company leaders said then fixing the problems would cost \$2.5 million. The EPA’s final order said many of the original problems were corrected, but inspections last year found “imminent and substantial” danger from corrosive water outside a perimeter dike. The firm’s vice president of operations said the dike is stable, but noted he plans to permanently fix the problem by installing remediation wells.
Source: <http://www.canadianbusiness.com/article/71785--epa-miss-phosphates-to-fix-problems>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

11. *February 20, Reuters* – (Pennsylvania) **Exelon Pennsylvania Limerick 1 reactor begins refueling outage.** Exelon Corp. said its 1,130-megawatt Unit 1 at the Limerick nuclear power plant in Pennsylvania began a refueling outage February 20. “During the outage, trained technicians will be installing new adjustable speed drives on Unit 1’s

massive core circulating pumps to improve efficiency and reliability,” the company said in a statement. Nearly one-third of the reactor’s fuel will be replaced and workers will perform cabling upgrades. The unit was operating at full power February 17, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission said in a report. Meanwhile, Limerick 2 will continue to generate electricity during the Unit 1 outage.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/02/21/utilities-operations-exelon-limerick-idUSL4E8DL06E20120221>

12. *February 18, Kingsport Times News* – (Tennessee) **Report gives details on Nuclear Fuel Services acid leak.** A recent event report submitted to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission from Nuclear Fuel Services (NFS) details the events leading to a recent nitric acid leak that occurred January 9 in an outdoor chemical storage area at their Erwin, Tennessee facility, and the incident’s impact. According to a release issued at that time by NFS, the nitric acid was contained by a dike designed for such a purpose. Following the incident, facility operations went into a “safe shutdown,” in which operations in certain areas were temporarily halted and NFS procedure was followed to ensure these areas were in stable condition. As a precaution, NFS employees working in areas near the leak were redirected to another NFS facility, and two employees were seen by NFS medical staff due to possible exposure to nitric acid vapor and were released.

Source: <http://www.timesnews.net/article/9042506/report-gives-details-on-nuclear-fuel-services-acid-leak>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

13. *February 20, WYTV 33 Youngstown* – (Ohio) **RG Steel shoots to restart furnace this weekend.** The blast furnace of RG Steel in Warren, Ohio, was shut down February 18 after a piece of equipment failed and allowed molten material to get out of the furnace, something a spokeswoman called a “break out.” That resulted in material in the furnace, mainly coke, “leaving the furnace prematurely,” she said. While no one was hurt, WYTV 33 Youngstown was sent a photo showing molten metal coming out of what firefighters described as a hole in the furnace. The equipment must be repaired before the furnace can go back online. In the meantime, the firm will continue to roll steel from slabs to meet customer orders. The spokeswoman said the equipment that failed is known as a tuyere, which is used to force air into the furnace. She said the company expects to have the furnace restarted sometime the weekend of February 25. About 100 workers are expected to take a voluntary layoff while the repairs are made while others will either take vacation time or will be reassigned to perform maintenance jobs.

Source: <http://www.wytv.com/content/news/local/story/RG-Steel-Shoots-to-Restart-Furnace-This-Weekend/65T0G4YzNUW9x3higYD8lg.csp>

14. *February 20, MLive.com* – (Michigan) **Fire at Spring Lake foundry closes road for two hours.** Four fire departments responded to a blaze February 20 at the Casting Technologies Co. foundry in Spring Lake, Michigan. The fire was not serious, but the Spring Lake Township fire chief said the potential for a dangerous blaze was high

considering what the foundry stores below it. The foundry has a large amount of molten aluminum beneath it. The chief said in these instances, firefighters use handheld extinguishers to avoid exposing the liquid metal to water, which can cause explosions. Reports of fire on the roof came in to dispatchers about 5:20 p.m. When firefighters arrived, they noticed light smoke in the area and inside the plant and found fire coming through four or five ventilation fans on the roof. Dust inside the plant appeared to have been lit on fire by a spark, possibly from a cutting machine, he said. The chief rotated crews through the plant to clean up the dust until about 7:30 p.m. and planned to continue until 8:30 p.m. Firefighters from Crockery and Fruitport townships and Ferrysburg assisted the Spring Lake Fire Department. The Ottawa County Sheriff's Office was on the scene as well.

Source:

http://www.mlive.com/news/muskegon/index.ssf/2012/02/fire_at_spring_lake_foundry_cl.html

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

15. *February 21, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Pa. tear gas plant targeted by hackers hit by fire.** Combined Systems Inc.'s tear gas plant in Jamestown, Pennsylvania, that was targeted by protesters and computer hackers in recent months, has suffered its second fire since November. The plant's chief operating officer (COO) said the February 20 fire appeared to be an accident. As a result, company officials do not believe the fire was related to the hacking attack on the company's Web site by the Anonymous hacking group the week of January 13. The plant manufactures tear gas, smoke grenades, and other "non-lethal" crowd control devices. Protesters targeted the plant, in part, because its products were used to curb unrest in Egypt in recent months. The COO told the Herald of Sharon that no one was hurt in the February 20 fire, which heavily damaged a building where "smoke products" are made.
Source: http://www.timesonline.com/news/police_fire_courts/pa-tear-gas-plant-targeted-by-hackers-hit-by-fire/article_4fea12bf-9b30-5b83-9f5e-1df48e3f1af4.html
16. *February 16, KOMO 4 Seattle* – (Washington) **40-ton crane collapses into water at Seattle shipyard.** A 40-ton crane at a Seattle shipyard facility collapsed into the water February 16 with the operator still inside it, officials said. According to Seattle fire officials, the crane fell about 50 feet and hit the water with such force the window of the crane's cab exploded inwardly. Workers from the shipyard were able to pull the operator out of the cab and load him into a boat. He then was taken to a hospital with serious, but non-life-threatening injuries. The accident took place at Vigor Industrial, located on Harbor Island at the former site of Todd Pacific Shipyards. The crane that collapsed was of the type that rides on rails along the waterfront. The cause of the crane failure was not immediately known. The accident will be investigated by the state department of labor and industries.
Source: <http://www.keprtv.com/news/Crane-collapses-into-water-at-Seattle-shipyard-139468853.html>

Banking and Finance Sector

17. *February 20, KPAX 8 Missoula; KAJJ 18 Kalispell* – (Montana) **Cornerstone Ponzi scheme defendant set to plead guilty.** A Polson, Montana man who was accused in the largest Ponzi scheme in Montana history is set to plead guilty February 22. He is one of two men implicated in the scheme to rip off investors in connection with Cornerstone Financial, which the state named in an investigation more than 3 years ago. The state said the pair bilked investors out of more than \$14 million, starting in 2005. Under terms of the plea agreement, prosecutors said the man will admit to 1 count of mail fraud, 1 count of wire fraud, and 14 counts of money laundering. The government initially accused the man of 23 counts of money laundering. The man faces up to 10 years in prison and several hundred thousand dollars in fines as well as forfeiting more than \$1.3 million to the government.
Source: <http://www.kaj18.com/news/cornerstone-ponzi-scheme-defendant-set-to-plead-guilty/>

18. *February 20, Ventura County Star* – (California) **Three more plead guilty in federal mortgage fraud cases.** Three guilty pleas entered in a California court February 16 closed the book on nearly all of the 14 federal mortgage fraud cases filed 2 years ago after local real estate professionals reported the shady business practices. The three guilty pleas add to eight others in connection with the matter, dubbed “Operation Stolen Dreams” in June 2010 when it was publicized by the U.S. Justice Department. It involved 1,215 criminal defendants across the country and uncovered more than \$2.3 billion in losses. In Ventura County, 2 indictments charged 14 people with filing fraudulent loan applications that caused banks to fund at least \$35 million in mortgages. Crimes were said to have taken place during the California real estate boom — from 6 or 7 years ago through early 2009. Some of the victims were recruited in public-housing tracts. Many spoke little English and barely made minimum wage. The accusations said paperwork was falsified to show inflated figures for the buyers’ income and assets.
Source: <http://www.vcstar.com/news/2012/feb/20/three-more-plead-guilty-in-federal-mortgage/>

19. *February 20, WTVT 13 Tampa* – (Florida) **ATMs raided with stolen card numbers.** Police in Tampa, Florida, are trying to identify two, possibly three men, who stole thousands of dollars from the bank accounts of strangers, WTVT 13 Tampa reported February 20. Police said one of the unknown men stood at a Bank of America machine January 22 for up to 30 minutes, putting in card after card. Each time, the suspect withdrew the maximum amount of money possible. The thieves used ATMs at four different Tampa banks January 22, mostly downtown. They got their hands on debit card numbers and PIN numbers, and used that information to create their own cards.
Source: <http://www.myfoxtampabay.com/dpp/news/local/hillsborough/atms-raided-with-stolen-card-numbers-02202012>

20. *February 20, Softpedia* – (International) **Royal Navy, Federal Reserve and other sites hacked by D35m0nd142.** A German grey hat hacker managed to breach the official Web site of the Royal Navy and the U.S. Federal Reserve bank after finding an SQL injection vulnerability, Softpedia reported February 20. “The admins have been warned immediately before of this post. The vulnerable ‘parameter’ has been obscured to prevent damages from others,” the hacker wrote on Pastebin. The hacker found 47 blind SQL injection flaws on the official Web site of the U.S. Federal Reserve. The hacker took a peek at the security measures implemented by Arizona University, Stanford University, and an education institution in Hong Kong. In most of the cases, the site’s administrators were notified before the hacker published his proof-of-concepts. It is uncertain how many of the breached sites patched their vulnerabilities. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Royal-Navy-Federal-Reserve-and-Other-Websites-Hacked-by-D35m0nd142-253865.shtml>
21. *February 19, Wired* – (International) **Feds seize \$50 million in Megaupload assets, lodge new charges.** The authorities said February 17 they seized \$50 million in Megaupload-related assets and added additional charges, including conspiracy to commit money laundering, in one of the United States’ largest criminal copyright infringement prosecutions. Megaupload, the popular file-sharing site, was shuttered in January and its top officials indicted by the Justice Department. The government said Megaupload’s “estimated harm” to copyright holders was “well in excess of \$500 million.” The new charges levied February 17 allege Megaupload falsely represented to rights holders that it removed infringing works from its servers. The superseding indictment in the Eastern District of Virginia also claims Megaupload paid one of its registered users \$3,400 between 2008 and 2009 for uploading 16,960 files that generated 34 million views. The files included copyrighted motion pictures, the government said. The government also said despite claims of having 180 million registered users, the site had 66.6 million. The authorities said 5.86 million of these registered users uploaded files, “demonstrating that more than 90 percent of their registered users only used the defendant’s system to download.” Source: http://arstechnica.com/tech-policy/news/2012/02/feds-seize-50-million-in-megaupload-assets-lodge-new-charges.ars?clicked=related_right
22. *February 17, Cypress Creek Mirror* – (Texas) **Deputies arrest suspected serial bandit.** February 16, deputies arrested a woman they believe to be responsible for at least five bank robberies in northwest Harris County, Texas. The latest robbery happened at a Capital One Bank around 4 p.m. February 16. According to authorities, a woman entered the bank and handed the teller a note demanding money. Deputies arrested the woman as she left with the money. She was also reportedly found with a wig and gun. December 28, 2011, the FBI said a woman entered a Capital One bank in Houston and handed the teller a threatening note demanding money. In another robbery committed December 16, 2011, at a Capital One bank, the woman told the teller she wanted more when she received the cash. The teller explained there was no more, and the robber left. The woman may also be linked to robberies of a Capital One bank and a Compass bank in November 2011. Source: http://www.yourhoustonnews.com/cypresscreek/news/deputies-arrest-suspected-serial-bandit/article_0d4b3b48-59ab-11e1-b20e-001871e3ce6c.html

23. *February 17, Bloomberg* – (New York) **Bank of New York accused of \$1.5 billion fraud in amended U.S. complaint.** Bank of New York Mellon Corp., the world’s largest custody bank, defrauded clients of more than \$1.5 billion through foreign-exchange trades, according to a new complaint filed February 16 by the U.S. government. The bank “repeatedly lied” about a service for foreign currency transactions and defrauded clients, including pension funds and federally insured financial institutions of more than \$1.5 billion, the U.S. attorney’s office in Manhattan said in an amended complaint. The government’s lawsuit is one of several brought against the bank, including one by the New York attorney general, alleging it defrauded clients through its so-called standing instruction foreign-exchange service. In the first complaint filed in October 2011, the U.S. attorney’s office said the bank defrauded clients of “hundreds of millions of dollars.” Part of the lawsuit was resolved under an agreement approved in January.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-02-17/bank-of-new-york-accused-of-1-5-billion-fraud-in-amended-u-s-complaint.html>

24. *February 17, Wired* – (International) **Goldman Sachs code-theft conviction reversed.** A federal appeals court in New York City February 17 reversed the conviction of a former Goldman Sachs programmer sentenced to 8 years for stealing the bank’s high-speed trading software. The programmer was convicted in 2010 of theft of trade secrets under the Economic Espionage Act. The Russian-born man worked for Goldman Sachs until June 2009, when authorities said he siphoned source code for the company’s valuable software on his way out the door to take a new job with another company. The appellate court reversed the conviction without explanation, and ordered the man free on \$750,000 bond. Authorities alleged the former Goldman vice president stole “hundreds of thousands of lines” of source code. They alleged he downloaded various software from the Goldman Sachs network and transferred it to a storage Web site hosted in Germany, before trying to erase his tracks. He allegedly used a script to copy, compress, encrypt, and rename files. Once the data was transferred, the program used to encrypt the files was erased, and he attempted to delete the network’s batch history showing his activity. Prosecutors said he made several copies of the code and had it on his laptop when he flew to Chicago to meet his new employers at Teza Technologies.

Source: <http://www.wired.com/threatlevel/2012/02/code-theft-conviction-reversed/>

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Transportation Sector

25. *February 21, Glenwood Springs Post Independent* – (Colorado) **Morning accidents close Interstate 70 monday.** The eastbound lanes of I-70 near an interchange in Rifle, Colorado, were closed for about 4 hours February 20 due to 16 accidents involving multiple vehicles, according to the Colorado State Patrol (CSP). One series of accidents near mile marker 89 involved two tractor-trailer rigs that collided. The rigs blocked the eastbound lanes on a bridge spanning the Colorado River. A state patrol hazardous

materials team was called out to deal with a spill of diesel fuel at the scene. No fuel spilled into the river. A CSP captain reported multiple injuries to motorists involved in the wrecks.

Source:

<http://www.postindependent.com/article/20120221/VALLEYNEWS/120229994/1083&ParentProfile=1074>

26. *February 21, Minneapolis Star Tribune* – (Minnesota) **Hiawatha light-rail service suspended, road and bridge closed.** A failure of the cable support system February 19 on the Martin Olav Sabo Bridge in Minneapolis, Minnesota, resulted in the bridge’s closure, the suspension of light-rail service at three stops, and the rerouting of vehicle traffic. The cable broke loose from the top of the span and fell about 100 feet onto the bridge. Safety concerns prompted the bridge’s closure, re-routing traffic, interrupting Hiawatha light-rail service, and sending more than 20 city workers on overtime to shore up the bridge. The disruptions continued into February 21. The bridge’s most recent inspection took place September 2011 but showed nothing “that got anyone’s attention,” said the director of transportation, maintenance, and repair for Minneapolis Public Works. He said a pedestrian came across a cable February 19 and reported it to the city. The bridge’s design consultant was San Francisco-based URS Corp., an engineering firm that consulted on the Interstate 35W bridge that collapsed in 2007. Thirteen people died and 145 were injured after its rush-hour collapse into the Mississippi River. A spokesman for URS said the firm is working with local officials “to evaluate the safety and stability of the bridge so that light rail service through the area may resume and Hiawatha Avenue be reopened.”

Source: <http://www.startribune.com/local/minneapolis/139687223.html>

27. *February 17, Fort Worth Star-Telegram* – (Texas) **Freight train derails in heart of Arlington.** February 17, an eastbound Union Pacific (UP) train jumped the tracks near the farmers market and municipal court in Arlington, Texas. The derailment shut down several key thoroughfares and caused gridlock around downtown for hours. The toppled tanker cars contained only corn syrup. Besides the four tankers, two empty boxcars jumped the tracks, said a UP spokeswoman. “It is too early to tell what the cause is, but we have opened up an investigation to pinpoint what contributed to this accident,” she said. UP dispatched equipment to clear the cars, and nearly all rail crossings were reopened about 6 hours after the incident. This is the second derailment in 5 months on the UP line in Arlington.

Source: <http://www.star-telegram.com/2012/02/17/3744483/freight-train-derails-in-heart.html>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report

Agriculture and Food Sector

28. *February 20, Food Safety News* – (National) **Jimmy John’s permanently dropping sprouts from menus.** Jimmy John’s Gourmet Sandwich franchise owners and customers were told the chain is permanently dropping sprouts from the menu, Food Safety News reported February 20. Jimmy John’s restaurants are currently associated with a five-state outbreak of the rare O26 strain of E. coli. It is the fifth outbreak involving sprouts traced back to Jimmy John’s since 2008. While there has been no public comment by Jimmy John’s since the outbreak was announced February 15, a Kirksville, Missouri franchise owner said the chain’s founder ordered all sprouts permanently removed from the menu. After a 2010 outbreak, the founder switched the sandwich chain to clover sprouts after Salmonella illnesses were associated with alfalfa sprouts. He thought clover sprout seeds were smoother and would be easier to clean. Jimmy John’s is not alone among sandwich chains who have decided sprouts are too risky. The 230-unit Jason’s Deli dropped sprouts for at least the balance of 2012 as a food safety concern. The current O26 outbreak prompted the Erbert and Gerbert’s Sandwich Shops in seven states to drop sprouts.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/02/jimmy-johns-gourmet-sandwich-franchise/>
29. *February 18, Occupational Health & Safety* – (Texas) **OSHA hits food manufacturer with \$174,500 fine for machine hazards.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) cited Anaheim, California-based Bridgford Foods Corp. for six serious and two repeat safety violations at one of its food-manufacturing facilities in Dallas, Occupational Health & Safety reported February 18. Proposed penalties total \$174,500. The OSHA began an investigation August 23, 2011, at the firm’s Chancellor Row location. “Bridgford Foods has a history of putting its employees at risk of serious injury,” said OSHA’s regional administrator in Dallas. The serious violations include failing to: provide required machine guarding to prevent workers from coming into contact with rotating parts on drill presses; implement energy control procedures for machinery with more than one energy source; ensure workers are trained on the use of energy control procedures; prevent slip and “struck-by” hazards by ensuring walkways are kept clean and dry.
Source: <http://ohsonline.com/articles/2012/02/18/osha-hits-food-manufacturer-with-174500-fine-for-machine-hazards.aspx?admgarea=news>
30. *February 17, MSNBC* – (Florida) **Officials: Horse’s metal shoes sparked fatal blast in oxygen chamber.** An explosion that killed a woman operating a hyperbaric chamber at a Florida equine therapy center was sparked by a horse kicking the side of the chamber with its metal shoes, authorities ruled, MSNBC reported February 17. An employee at Kesmarc Equine Rehabilitation facility in Marion County, died when the chamber she was running exploded February 10. A visiting observer from Ireland, was wounded in the blast. The sheriff’s report said the horse, which also died, was wearing steel horseshoes inside the oxygen-rich chamber. The visiting observer told fire rescuers the horse kicked the inside walls, removing an inside protective layer and causing sparks

before the explosion. According to the sheriff's report, witnesses were at odds as to whether the horse had been sedated before entering the chamber, a precaution to lessen the chances of the animal kicking. Authorities at the scene said the end of the barn where the chamber had been housed was completely destroyed in the blast.

Source: <http://usnews.msnbc.msn.com/news/2012/02/17/10434135-officials-horses-metal-shoes-sparked-fatal-blast-in-oxygen-chamber>

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Water Sector

31. *February 20, Honolulu Star-Advertiser* – (Hawaii) **Sewage spill Sunday fouls Pearl Harbor waters.** The Hawaii Department of Health's Clean Water Branch warned the public to stay out of waters near the Fort Kamehameha wastewater treatment plant outfall after a sewage spill February 19. About 70,000 gallons of partially treated sewage was accidentally discharged in Mamala Bay near the entrance of Pearl Harbor on the island of Oahu near the reef runway, the department said. A tripped circuit breaker at the plant led to the discharge of the effluent from an outfall pipe 1.5 miles from shore. The health department said the effluent had undergone secondary treatment and disinfection, but did not go through sand filtration.

Source: <http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/breaking/139790743.html>

32. *February 18, Gaithersburg Gazette* – (Maryland) **Frederick to replace equipment responsible for sewage spill.** Frederick, Maryland, officials plan to replace the equipment that malfunctioned in December, sending 3.5 million gallons of raw sewage into Carroll Creek, the Gaithersburg Gazette reported February 18. A report on what exactly caused the incident has not yet been released. The city will spend \$188,000 on a new switchgear, which provides power distribution to the sewage treatment plant. The plant handles 6.5 million gallons of sewage per day.

Source: <http://www.gazette.net/article/20120218/NEWS/702189989/1016/frederick-to-replace-equipment-responsible-for-sewage-spill&template=gazette>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

33. *February 21, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Ochsner Medical Center to notify patients whose personal data may be on missing hard drive.** Ochsner Medical Center in Gretna, Louisiana, is notifying patients their personal information may have been contained on a missing computer hard drive. The hospital said February 20 the external hard drive missing from its West Bank campus was used to back up data for bone density scans screening patients for osteoporosis. The scans date back to November 2005. The missing drive may contain names, addresses, birth dates and

medical histories. It was discovered missing January 19. Ochsner said it believes there is “minimal risk” to patients’ personal data because it was stored in a proprietary format. Ochsner will be sending letters to patients whose data may be on the missing hard drive.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/e2e0850d2f7b43bda4dc66ba8d7b34f8/LA--Missing-Hospital-Data/>

34. *February 21, MSNBC* – (National) **Patients cheer as FDA eases shortages of 2 crucial cancer drugs.** Food and Drug Administration (FDA) officials said they have arranged to import temporarily a replacement drug called Lipodox from an Indian manufacturer, Sun Pharma Global, to ease the shortage of the critical chemotherapy drug Doxil. Availability of the new drug is expected to end the Doxil crisis, said the FDA Commissioner in a statement released February 21. Ovarian cancer patients have experience interrupted or even stopped treatment because they could not get supplies of Doxil. This is the second significant drug shortage resolution the FDA has announced. The week of February 13, officials said they had eased a dire shortage of methotrexate after Ohio-based Bedford Laboratories agreed to release limited supplies of the drug produced before affiliated Ben Venue Laboratories shut down because of manufacturing problems last fall.

Source: <http://vitals.msnbc.msn.com/news/2012/02/21/10463137-patients-cheer-as-fda-eases-shortages-of-2-crucial-cancer-drugs>

35. *February 20, WSOC 9 Charlotte* – (North Carolina) **Bat infestation forces hospital to evacuate patients.** Richmond Memorial in Richmond County, North Carolina, suspended in-patient care and closed most of the building, except for the emergency room, due to a bat infestation February 18. Hospital officials also evacuated patients. County health officials said they first began receiving reports of bats flying into patients’ rooms a few weeks ago. The county health director said he was concerned about rabies, and exposure to bat droppings, which can sometimes cause a fungal infection in humans. None of the bats removed have tested positive for rabies thus far, and patients have been given vaccinations as a precaution. The hospital hired a special company to remove the bats. Hospital officials also redirected patient care for February 20-21 to the regional hospital in Pinehurst.

Source: <http://www.wsoc.com/news/news/local/bat-infestation-forces-hospital-evacuate-patients/nJJrK/>

36. *February 20, XETV 6 San Diego* – (California) **Dozens evacuated from escondido building after reports of dizziness.** About 150 people were evacuated from a medical office building and it was shut down February 20 in Escondido, California, while investigators worked to determine what caused some employees to become weak and dizzy, according to the Escondido Fire Department. Escondido firefighters and paramedics responded to the Graybill Medical Group offices after four employees complained of weakness and dizziness. Eight other employees also were found to have similar symptoms. All were treated on the spot and released. What caused the employees’ symptoms remained undetermined, but firefighting officials pointed to the fact the building had recently had HVAC, painting, and carpeting work done.

Source: <http://www.sandiego6.com/news/local/Dozens-Evacuated-From-Escondido-Building-After-Reports-of-Dizziness-139781013.html>

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Government Facilities Sector

37. *February 21, Government Security News* – (Colorado) **Colorado man faces prison, hefty fine for lying about terror threat.** A Colorado man pleaded guilty to lying to federal investigators about mailing threatening letters containing white powder to Colorado tax collectors. The man faces 5 years in prison and a quarter million dollar fine for the offense, said the FBI's Denver office February 17. Charges against the man stem from a 2011 incident in which a mailroom employee at the Colorado Department of Revenue opened a legal-sized manila envelope that had powder in it. She and another worker exposed to the powder believed they were exposed to a harmful chemical or biological substance. The building was subsequently evacuated. The powder turned out not to be harmful. However, sending threatening mailings is a federal crime.

Source: http://www.gsnmagazine.com/node/25677?c=federal_agencies_legislative

38. *February 20, Softpedia* – (Washington) **University of Washington hacked for the third time in February 2012.** A hacker known as xdev, part of b4lc4nh4ck, managed to breach the site of the University of Washington, leaking a small amount of data to prove he gained access to the institution's servers, Softpedia reported February 20. At the beginning of February, a hacker who is part of Team INTRA managed to hack the university's site by leveraging an SQL injection vulnerability. The Web site's administrators acted quickly and patched up the security hole. However, a few later, hackers known as NOBODY and NOLIFE found another vulnerability and on this occasion they were not content with just disclosing the flaw, instead they leaked more than 6,000 record sets that included usernames, password hashes, and host names.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/University-of-Washington-Hacked-Third-Time-in-February-2012-253764.shtml>

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Emergency Services Sector

39. *February 20, KSWB 69 San Diego* – (California) **10 cops overcome by drug lab fumes.** A hazardous materials crew was called in after police discovered a PCP laboratory in City Heights in San Diego, California, February 19. Ten police officers were overcome by chemical fumes while investigating the lab. All were treated at the scene for breathing difficulties and burning eyes, but no one was seriously injured, a police watch commander said. Officers went to an apartment complex to investigate a report of gunshots in a nearby alley. They searched the area for several hours and eventually found a suspect in an apartment. They also found weapons and a lab used to

produce PCP, the watch commander said. Police arrested two men at the house and evacuated about a dozen residents in the complex. They called in hazardous materials specialists to clean up the drug lab.

Source: <http://www.fox5sandiego.com/news/kswb-10-police-officers-overcome-by-drug-lab-fumes-in-city-heights-20120220,0,7419889.story>

40. *February 20, KXAS 5 Dallas-Fort Worth* – (Texas) **Paramedics sound alarm on drug shortage.** Paramedics are quickly running out of popular drugs used to treat some of the most common injuries, the Fort Worth, Texas ambulance service Medstar warned February 20. The medicines are in short supply nationwide because drug companies are no longer selling them, the Medstar medical director said. The list includes many of the drugs doctors and paramedics use every day. Medstar now has only about a 2-day supply of Midazolam — or Versed — a sedative used to treat seizures, and a 2-week supply of Morphine and Fentanyl, which are used to treat pain. Medstar said local pharmacists can fill the gap by compounding some medicines but they have a much shorter shelf life. Paramedics will also consider using drugs past their expiration date. The cause of the problem is not clear. Emergency medical directors from the nation's 50 largest cities were scheduled to address the problem in a meeting in Dallas later the week of February 20.

Source: <http://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/Paramedics-Sound-Alarm-on-Drug-Shortage-139770823.html>

41. *February 17, WGAL 8 Lancaster* – (Pennsylvania) **Lancaster fire station temporarily closes over weekend.** Lancaster, Pennsylvania's mayor and firefighters are at odds over how many of them should be on the job to provide fire service. Staffing got so low at one Lancaster city fire station the week of February 13 that it had to shut down for three shifts. The city of Lancaster has three fire stations. The one that covers the city's south side was closed over the weekend of February 18 and 19, and February 20. Firefighters said the station closed because there were not enough people to work, but the mayor said otherwise. A spokesman for the fire department said that Station No. 6 was closed because of a lack of people to keep their engines out fighting fires.

Source: <http://www.wgal.com/r/30488142/detail.html>

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Information Technology Sector

42. *February 21, Softpedia* – (International) **LOIC DDOS attack tool migrated to Android.** The Low Orbit Ion Cannon (LOIC) is a popular denial-of-service tool used by hackers who want to take down particular Web sites. Recently, researchers have seen myriad variants, including the JavaScript-powered version that allows inexperienced hackers to attack sites. Now, researchers have come across a version designed for Android users. McAfee experts report the tool was first advertised by Anonymous Argentina, with the hacktivists urging supporters to download the application to aid their cause. This version of WebLOIC for Android is not something

developed from scratch. The hackers instead easily ported the Web application using a free online service that creates Android apps from a URL or a piece of HTML code. Further analysis has allowed researchers to determine it is programmed to send 1,000 HTTP requests with one of the parameters being the message “We are LEGION.” McAfee identified this tool as Android/DIYDoS and cataloged it as being a potentially unwanted program.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/LOIC-DDOS-Attack-Tool-Migrated-to-Android-254119.shtml>

43. *February 20, IDG News Service* – (International) **Mozilla gives CAs a chance to come clean about certificate policy violations.** Mozilla asked all certificate authorities (CAs) to revoke subordinate CA certificates currently used for corporate secure sockets layer (SSL) traffic management, offering an amnesty to CAs who breached Mozilla’s conditions for having their root certificates ship with its products, IDG News Service reported February 20. The request comes after Trustwave recently admitted to issuing a sub-CA certificate to a private firm for use in a data loss prevention system. Sub-CA keys can be used to sign SSL certificates for any domain name on the Internet, which makes them dangerous if they fall in the wrong hands. Even though Trustwave argued the sub-CA key was stored in a hardware security module (HSM), making it irretrievable, the fact that such a powerful certificate was issued to a private company that was not a certificate authority represents a violation of Mozilla’s policy. CAs voluntarily adhere to Mozilla’s CA Certificate Policy to have their root keys included by default in Firefox, Thunderbird, and other products. Because there is reason to believe multiple CAs engage in this type of behavior, Mozilla decided to offer everyone a one-time chance to come clean about it without risking repercussion. Mozilla made its amnesty offer in an e-mail to all CAs February 17, asking them to revoke sub-CA certificates used for SSL man-in-the-middle interception or traffic management and to destroy the corresponding HSMs. CAs have until April 27 to comply with these requests. If such certificates are found after that date, the issuing CAs will face punishments including the removal of their root keys from Mozilla’s products.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9224406/Mozilla_gives_CAs_a_chance_to_come_clean_about_certificate_policy_violations?taxonomyId=17

44. *February 17, ZDNet* – (International) **Cutwail botnet resurrects, launches massive malware campaigns using HTML attachments.** Security researchers from M86Security are contributing the increase in malicious malware campaigns using HTML attachments to the resurrection of the Cutwail botnet, responsible for “spamvertising” these campaigns, ZDNet reported February 17. Using the company’s sensor networks, the researchers observed three peaks of “spamvertised” malicious campaigns using HTML attachments for serving client-side exploits to unsuspecting users. The campaigns include the FDIC “Suspended bank account” spam campaign, the “End of August Statement” spam campaign, and the “Xerox Scan” spam campaign. Once the user downloads and views the malicious attachment, JavaScript will redirect her to the client-side exploiting URL part of the malicious network currently relying on the Phoenix Web malware kit. Once the researchers obtained access to the command

and control interface of the exploit kit, they noticed the majority of referrers were coming from “blank” referrer, meaning these are end and corporate users downloading and viewing the malicious attachments on their computers.

Source: <http://www.zdnet.com/blog/security/cutwail-botnet-resurrects-launches-massive-malware-campaigns-using-html-attachments/10398>

45. *February 17, Softpedia* – (International) **Memory corruption vulnerability found in Skype 5.6.59.x.** Vulnerability Lab researchers identified a high risk memory corruption flaw that affects the 5.6.59.x versions of Skype, Softpedia reported February 17. By exploiting this flaw, an attacker could remotely crash a computer running Windows 7 by sending a file from a Linux client. The experts demonstrated this vulnerability, found in the file transfer module, by sending a file from Skype v2.2.0.35 Beta for Linux to a contact running Skype 5.6.59.10 on a Windows 7 x64 operating system. The transfer resulted in a stable memory corruption on the Windows client side. “The vulnerability can be exploited by remote attackers with low required user inter action (accept). Successful exploitation requires to accept a file transfer (user inter action) or receive messages & information,” Vulnerability Lab representatives told Softpedia. The security hole only works on Acer Aspire 5738 notebooks, powered by an Intel Core 2 Duo T6600 processor, and running a Windows 7 x64 operating systems. The bug was reproduced 4 out of 11 times, its successful exploitation resulting in a software and context freeze, and an access violation message. The vulnerability was identified and reported to Skype in November 2011, with the vendor responding 2 days later. The issue was addressed between November 9 and February 17. The latest Skype version is 5.8.32.154, which likely incorporates the fix for the vulnerability. Vulnerability Lab researchers also identified a buffer overflow vulnerability in Yahoo! Messenger, and they showed how an attacker can make Google+ posts on a user’s behalf by tricking him into playing a game.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Memory-Corruption-Vulnerability-Found-in-Skype-5-6-59-x-253393.shtml>

46. *February 17, H Security* – (International) **Vulnerability in libpng prompts Firefox and Thunderbird updates.** The Mozilla Project has released updates to Firefox and Thunderbird, H Security reported February 17. According to the release notes, the version 10.0.2 updates to the open source Web browser and the news and e-mail client to address a security vulnerability. As of February 17, however, the project’s security pages provide no details on what was fixed. These releases came soon after a Chrome update which closed 13 security holes and took the version number to 17.0.963.56. One forum discussion suggests one vulnerability was the reason for the “chemspill” Firefox and Thunderbird updates. One forum entry refers to an integer overflow in libpng, the official PNG reference library. Firefox bug number 727401 is currently restricted and not publicly viewable on the Bugzilla system. It corresponds to a bug Google paid a researcher for discovering, which concerns uncompressing PNG files. According to the comments in the Chromium code, the bug can cause an integer overflow or truncation. It is currently unknown whether the vulnerability is being actively exploited in the wild. All versions of libpng since 1.2.8 appear to be affected. According to an advisory from Secunia, exploitation could result in execution of arbitrary code on a victim’s system when viewing a specially crafted PNG image in an affected browser.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Vulnerability-in-libpng-prompts-Firefox-and-Thunderbird-updates-1436810.html>

47. *February 17, Computerworld* – (International) **Apple's new OS X tightens screws on some malware.** Apple will introduce a new Mac security model with OS X Mountain Lion this summer that by default lets users install only programs downloaded from the Mac App Store or those digitally signed by a registered developer, Computerworld reported February 17. Some experts called Gatekeeper — Apple's name for the model and technology — a game-changer while others criticized it as less than watertight. Gatekeeper will block the installation of the most common kind of Mac malware yet: trojan horses unwittingly executed by users who have been duped into downloading and installing fake software.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9224348/Apple_s_new_OS_X_tightens_screws_on_some_malware?taxonomyId=17

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Communications Sector

48. *February 20, WWLP 22 Chicopee* – (Massachusetts) **Phone service returned in Huntington.** Landline telephone service was completely restored to residents of Huntington, Massachusetts, WWLP 22 Chicopee reported February 20. Phone service in that area was knocked out when an alleged hit-and-run driver took out a utility pole on Route 112. Residents and businesses were without service for 2 days, and Verizon workers initially thought it could take up to 5 days before everyone had telephone service again. However, by 6 p.m. February 19, everyone was back on line.

Source: <http://www.wwlp.com/dpp/news/local/hampshire/phone-service-returned-in-huntington>

49. *February 18, WTOV 9 Steubenville* – (Ohio) **Missing cable causes telephone outage in Jefferson County.** Residents in parts of Mingo Junction and Goulds, Ohio, dealt with a telephone outage February 18 after a section of a cable went missing. Area telephone service providers said they were aware of the incident. Jefferson County 911 dispatchers said only landline phone service was affected, but it was unclear when the issue would be resolved.

Source: <http://www.wtov9.com/news/news/missing-cable-causes-telephone-outage-jefferson-co/nJHQW/>

50. *February 18, Mooresville Tribune* – (North Carolina) **Cable repair ends week of headaches for MI-Connection.** A week of frustration and Internet service interruptions for many MI-Connection customers in North Carolina ended February 18 when repair crews completed a complicated splicing of a damaged fiber optic cable spanning Lake Norman. Officials said applications such as video streaming, returned to normal just after midnight. February 18, MI-Connection said a cut in a 1,600-foot line running above the N.C. 150 Bridge west of Mooresville occurred February 12 and caused reduced bandwidth and Internet speeds for some customers. The firm’s CEO said one of the company’s two fiber backbone feeds went down when the cable was damaged, possibly by a bullet. System officials notified XO Communications and a trouble ticket was issued to DukeNet, the carrier XO utilizes. The CEO said whatever struck the cable creased the fiber casing, and subsequent cold weather and moisture triggered the break. The entire line had to be replaced. The CEO said the system’s available bandwidth was reduced by 50 percent by the damaged cable. Even before the incident, MI Connection began the process of adding another “backbone provider” to the two existing vendors, he said.

Source: <http://www2.mooresvilletribune.com/news/2012/feb/18/cable-repair-ends-week-headaches-mi-connection-ar-1946042/>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

51. *February 21, KCTV 5 Kansas City* – (Missouri) **Naked man leads to meth lab discovery, police say.** An alleged naked man in an apartment hallway led to the discovery of a meth lab, Kansas City, Missouri authorities said February 20. The cooking of the meth was in process, creating dangerous conditions for residents and responding crews, police said. One person was transported to the hospital after suffering chemical burns on the soles of his feet, authorities said. A “suspicious person” call was made to police February 20. A man was supposedly naked and high on drugs. Arriving officers did not find a naked man, but did find two people arguing. This included the man with the chemical burns. While dealing with the argument, officers reportedly smelled the makings of a meth lab. Inside the fourth-story apartment were 20-ounce soda bottles being used to cook meth, police said. At this stage of the reaction, it is easy for a fire to spark. As hazardous material crews spent hours tackling the meth lab, residents were evacuated as a precaution, authorities said. Authorities pulled belongings from the apartment. No immediate arrests were made, but the investigation continues.

Source: <http://www.kctv5.com/story/16976541/naked-man-leads-to-meth-lab-discovery-police-say>

52. *February 20, Jersey Journal* – (New Jersey) **Fire rips through building on Washington Street.** A four-alarm fire ripped through all five floors of a building in Hoboken, New Jersey, February 19. Flames could be seen shooting from windows on the side of the building as firefighters from Hoboken, Newark, and Elizabeth battled the

blaze. The communications manager for the Hoboken mayor said there were no major injuries. Three people who had been inside the building were treated for smoke inhalation, with one taken to the hospital. Residents on the upper floors of the building were evacuated by ladder from the roof of the building. He said the cause of the fire was not yet apparent, but he had heard the fire seemed to have started on the ground floor, home of the New Hoboken Farm convenience store.

Source:

http://www.nj.com/hobokennow/index.ssf/2012/02/fire_rips_through_building_on.html

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

53. *February 21, Abilene Reporter-News* – (Texas) **Historic building goes up in flames.** A historical structure in Abilene, Texas, was lost in a violent blaze February 20. Matera Paper Co. blazed furiously for about 2 hours as Abilene Fire Department firefighters battled heat of 2,000 degrees in places, collapsing walls, and popping power lines that left portions of the south side dark. The fire escalated to a three-alarm blaze soon after it was called in. Traffic in the area was diverted as police blocked off streets in the downtown area. Soon, tankers, fire engines and ladder trucks were on the scene to fight the third major downtown fire since 2009. The cause of the fire was not immediately known. The Abilene Fire Department lieutenant said the department was told transients are known to occupy the building. The Matera building was built in 1907, and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1992.

Source: http://www.reporternews.com/news/2012/feb/20/no-headline---downtown_fire/

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Dams Sector

54. *February 21, Fayetteville Observer* – (North Carolina) **Repair work on Hope Mills dam is scheduled to begin in August.** Construction on the failed Hope Mills Lake dam in Hope Mills, North Carolina, is expected to start in August and take more than a year to build, an engineer told the town board of commissioners February 20. Officials said weather or delays with permits could affect the schedule, which calls for construction to be complete by October 2013. The former dam failed only 2 years after it was built.

Source: <http://www.fayobserver.com/articles/2012/02/21/1158970?sac=fo.local>

55. *February 20, Associated Press* – (Missouri) **Army Corps awards \$888K to fix NW Mo. levee.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers awarded an \$888,000 contract to repair a northwestern Missouri levee damaged during 2010 flooding, the Associated Press reported February 20. The Union Township Levee along the Missouri River in Holt County had four breaches and crown erosion. Northwestern Missouri suffered extensive spring and summer flooding along the river after releases from upstream

reservoirs. To date, the Corps' Kansas City office has awarded six contracts to repair seven levees along the Missouri.

Source: <http://www.koamtv.com/story/16972155/army-corps-awards-888k-to-fix-nw-mo-levee>

56. *February 18, Associated Press* – (Kansas) **Gophers digging in Salina levee.** Gophers have been causing problems for Salina, Kansas officials where the rodents are digging burrows in the city's flood-control levee, the Associated Press reported February 18. The gophers have been digging burrows and tunnels that could create problems in the city's 21-mile levee. Salina's director of public works said if the gophers create enough holes in the levee, the structure could fail under stress from floodwaters. Levee staff have been fighting the gophers with traps and have killed 369 gophers since 2009. The city's flood control supervisor said the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers mandates the city have an animal control program. Officials said letting the grass grow would limit the problem, but it is not possible because of levee regulations.

Source: <http://hutchnews.com/Localregional/BC-KS--Salina-Gophers-20120218-21-53-11>

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