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- More than one in three counties in the United States are at risk for extreme shortages of fresh water for drinking, farming, and other uses due to climate change, a new study found. – *Homeland Security Newswire* (See item [25](#))
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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 24, MSNBC; Associated Press* – (Texas) **Oil tank blast shakes Galveston, Texas.** A crude oil tank exploded and burned at a biodiesel plant on the waterfront docks in Galveston, Texas, February 23. KPRC 2 Houston reported about 35 firefighters were called in to tackle the three-alarm fire. A worker was treated for

smoke inhalation, a city spokeswoman said. A shelter-in-place order for nearby Texas A&M University at Galveston was lifted after 2 hours, and the nearby traffic arteries and bridge to Pelican Island reopened after 4 to 5 hours. Fire companies from Texas City and La Marque came from mainland Texas to join their Galveston counterparts in fighting the fire.

Source: <http://usnews.msnbc.msn.com/news/2012/02/24/10493807-oil-tank-blast-shakes-galveston-texas>

2. *February 24, MSNBC* – (Florida) **Pain at the pump: Deputy interrupts elaborate gasoline theft.** Tampa, Florida authorities said criminals used a minivan with a cutout floorboard, a pump, and a big plastic container in an elaborate scheme to siphon gas directly from a gas station's underground storage tank. Hillsborough County sheriff's officials said the gasoline caper happened February 21 at a Citrus Park gas station. The suspects cut a hole through the bottom of a Chevrolet minivan and parked the vehicle over the underground storage tank. They then used a portable pump to siphon gas into a plastic tank. A deputy spotted the minivan parked at an odd angle at the closed gas station and went to check it out. As he pulled into the lot, the thieves took off in another vehicle, leaving the minivan. Investigators found several hundred gallons of gas in containers inside the van with another 25 gallons spilled in the parking lot.

Source: <http://usnews.msnbc.msn.com/news/2012/02/24/10497430-pain-at-the-pump-deputy-interrupts-elaborate-gasoline-theft>

3. *February 23, Greensboro News & Record* – (North Carolina) **Police: Man stole \$10,500 worth of copper from Duke Energy.** Greensboro, North Carolina police arrested a man February 23 in connection with the theft of copper from a Duke Energy substation. A police dog tracked the man to nearby bushes where he was attempting to hide from a patrol officer, police said. Police seized burglary tools found in the vicinity of the crime and the suspect's GMC enclosed box as evidence. Interviews with the suspect helped police connect him with a similar theft February 21 at the same location. The total value of the copper taken from both incidents was estimated at \$10,500. The man was charged with injury to personal property, first-degree trespassing, possession of burglary tools, and felony larceny of property. Police placed him in the Guilford County jail on a \$50,000 secured bond.

Source: http://www.news-record.com/content/2012/02/23/article/police_man_stole_10500_worth_of_copper_from_duke_energy

4. *February 23, West Deptford Patch* – (New Jersey) **DEP: Major leak at Paulsboro Refinery poses no health threat.** A leak at a container at the Paulsboro, New Jersey refinery led to a major oil spill February 23 that equaled nearly a day's worth of refining capacity. However, the spill was contained to the refinery and posed no major health risks, according to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Around 157,000 barrels of oil — or 6.6 million gallons — had spilled into an emergency containment area, which is cut off by a large berm near the tank, the DEP said. The containment was preventing the oil from spreading beyond the immediate area, and the DEP said the Delaware River and groundwater should be safe from contamination. Initial air tests by the Gloucester County Department of Health and

refinery personnel indicated no serious health risk. The Paulsboro Refining Company and its parent company, PBF Energy, are responsible for cleanup. The 950-acre refinery, which processes about 180,000 barrels of medium and heavy oil per day, produces gasoline, jet fuel, and heating oil.

Source: <http://westdeptford.patch.com/articles/dep-major-leak-at-paulsboro-refinery-poses-no-health-threat>

5. *February 22, WJW 8 Cleveland* – (Ohio) **New EPA rules to reduce mercury in fish.** New federal standards from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will regulate toxic air and water emissions from coal-fired power plants, which doctors say put locals — especially children — at risk, WJW 8 Cleveland reported February 22. The new rules will stop 90 percent of mercury and 80 percent of acid base emissions, leading to better quality fish, a regional administration for the EPA said. The Ohio Department of Health advises that all people limit eating fish caught from all waters in Ohio to one meal per week. According to the EPA, up to one in six women of childbearing age have enough mercury in their body to put a developing baby at risk. The new standards will save as many as 11,000 lives nationwide and 500 in Ohio, the administrator said. They could also prevent as many as 130,000 asthma attacks in children and prevent 4,700 heart attacks each year. The new rules will go into effect by 2015 and will cost power plants up to \$10 billion each year. Companies such as First Energy have already announced plans to shut down plants because of the ruling. Source: <http://fox8.com/2012/02/22/new-epa-rules-to-reduce-mercury-in-fish/>

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Chemical Industry Sector

6. *February 24, Associated Press* – (National) **CDC: 13 deaths tied to bath refinishing chemical.** The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a warning February 23 about using a common paint-stripping chemical to refinish bathtubs after tying it to 13 deaths in 10 states. The CDC said the alert was based on research that began at Michigan State University. Scientists found 13 deaths between 2000 and 2011 of workers using products containing methylene chloride to strip paint from bathtubs. Methylene chloride is used as a degreaser and paint remover in industrial and home-improvement products. “Protective equipment, including a respirator, either was not used or was inadequate,” the CDC said in its Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report. Using methylene chloride products in confined spaces presents great risks, the CDC said. It urged worker safety and public health agencies, manufacturers, and trade groups to “communicate the extreme hazards” to employers, workers, and the public. “Employers should strongly consider alternative methods of bathtub stripping,” it said. The alert’s co-author, a Michigan State University researcher, said it is better to keep the chemical out of the bathroom. Its vapors are heavier than air and likely remain in bathtubs after each application. Source:

<http://www.lansingstatejournal.com/article/20120224/NEWS01/302240048/CDC-13-deaths-tied-bath-refinishing-chemical?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|FRONTPAGE>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

7. *February 23, Wilmington Star-News* – (North Carolina) **Power failure forces reactor shutdown at Brunswick plant.** Progress Energy shut down Unit 1 of the Brunswick Nuclear Plant in Southport, North Carolina, February 23 after an electrical connector — or bus — providing power for non-nuclear systems for both of the plant’s nuclear reactors failed. One of the systems that lost power maintains pressure in the emergency core cooling systems for both reactors, a spokesman said. The loss of power the night of February 22 resulted in a low discharge pressure alarm for both units, requiring shutdown of the reactors starting a few minutes after the initial failure, the event report stated. After about 4 hours, temporary power was provided to both cooling systems, allowing the shutdown of Unit 2 to be terminated and the unit to be returned to full power. The shutdown of Unit 1 continued, because the power failure also resulted in a loss of circulating water intake pumps on that reactor. An initial inspection revealed signs of overheating of a transformer, though the investigation was still underway. Source: <http://www.starnewsonline.com/article/20120223/ARTICLES/120229845/-1/sports03?Title=Power-failure-forces-reactor-shutdown-at-Brunswick-plant>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

8. *February 24, U.S. Department of Transportation* – (National) **NHTSA recall notice - Kawasaki Ninja ZX battery regulator.** Kawasaki announced February 24 the recall of 20,544 model year 2008-2011 Ninja ZX-10R and 2009-2012 Ninja ZX-6R motorcycles manufactured from December 14, 2007 through July 26, 2011. Due to a manufacturing error, the regulator/rectifier may insufficiently charge the battery. If the battery discharges, the motorcycle may stall without warning, increasing the risk of a crash. Kawasaki will notify owners, and dealers will replace the voltage regulator. The safety recall is expected to begin on or about February 27. Source: http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rel_ID=12V064000&summary=true&prod_id=1433770&PrintVersion=YES
9. *February 24, U.S. Department of Transportation* – (National) **NHTSA recall notice - Porsche Cayenne headlights.** Porsche announced February 24 the recall of 20,278 model year 2011-2012 Cayenne, Cayenne S, Cayenne S Hybrid, and Cayenne Turbo vehicles manufactured from March 8, 2010 through January 31, 2012 because the headlamps may come loose and detach from the fender. A detached headlight could lead to loss of visibility and an increased risk of a crash. Porsche will notify owners,

and dealers will replace the headlamp locking assemblies. The safety recall was expected to begin on February 23.

Source: http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rel_ID=12V065000&summary=true&prod_id=1433775&PrintVersion=YES

10. *February 24, WROC 8 Rochester* – (New York) **Workers evacuated due to fire at Rochester plant.** Three fire companies were needed to battle a fire February 23 at the T and L Automatics Plant in Rochester, New York. Firefighters said workers inside the plant were performing a cutting process when a spark flew and hit some oil, which then sparked into flames. About six workers were inside at the time of the fire and were able to get out safely. The fire was quickly contained, but a third alarm was called because of the size of the building and heavy smoke. Firefighters said that because the building was so old, it did not have smoke detectors or a sprinkler system.

Source: http://rochesterhomepage.net/fulltext?nxd_id=302042

11. *February 23, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **ECHO recalls backpack blowers due to fire hazard.** The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with ECHO Inc., February 23 announced a voluntary recall of about 16,000 gas powered backpack blowers. The fuel line between the fuel tank and carburetor could have been damaged during assembly leading to fuel leakage, posing a fire hazard. The blowers were sold at Home Depot and authorized ECHO dealers from August 2011 through January 2012.

Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml12/12118.html>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Banking and Finance Sector

12. *February 24, WOAI 4 San Antonio* – (Texas) **Secret Service arrests three men accused of using fake credit cards.** February 22, the Secret Service in San Antonio arrested 3 men who they said had more than 150 fake credit cards in their possession. February 23, the Secret Service said three foreign nationals were accused of going into local businesses and buying merchandise using counterfeit credit cards. Agents said they were arrested while picking up a package at FedEx and were found with more than 150 credit cards on them.

Source: http://www.woai.com/news/local/story/Secret-Service-arrests-three-men-accused-of-using/YJc3FT6F2kij_NUumvChMA.csp

13. *February 23, Associated Press* – (National) **‘Fake Beard Bandit’ admits robberies in 4 states.** An Oklahoma man nicknamed the “Fake Beard Bandit” pleaded guilty to

eight bank robberies in Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Kansas. He entered his plea February 23 in federal court in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He was arrested August 26, 3 days after a Liberty Bank in Fort Smith was robbed. Court records show he was accused of taking more than \$70,000 from banks in Fort Smith; Oklahoma City and Coweta, Oklahoma; Shawnee and Olathe, Kansas; and Joplin, Missouri. Prosecutors said he entered the banks wearing a large, fake beard. He demanded money while brandishing what police later learned was a BB gun that looked like a handgun. Source: <http://www.wmctv.com/story/17003578/fake-beard-bandit-admits-robberies-in-4-states>

14. *February 23, U.S. Department of the Treasury* – (International) **Treasury imposes sanctions on leading members of Indonesia-based terrorist group.** February 23, the U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) designated three individuals for acting for or on behalf of the terrorist group Jemmah Anshorut Tauhid (JAT) pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 13224. These individuals include JAT’s acting Emir, a spokesperson, and a JAT leader involved in recruiting and fundraising activities. This action coincides with the action taken February 23 by the U.S. Department of State to designate JAT as a Foreign Terrorist Organization. JAT is an Indonesia-based group responsible for multiple coordinated attacks that have killed civilians, police, and military personnel. JAT’s founder and leader is co-founder of Jemaah Islamiya (JI), a Southeast Asia-based designated terrorist network with links to al-Qa’ida. Since 2002, more than 20 JI terrorists have been designated pursuant to E.O. 13224. As a result of the February 22 action, all property in the United States or in possession or control of U.S. persons in which the designees have an interest is blocked, and U.S. persons are prohibited from engaging in transactions with them. Source: <http://www.treasury.gov/press-center/press-releases/Pages/tg1429.aspx>
15. *February 23, Arizona Republic News* – (Arizona) **‘Bearded Bandit’ still being sought in Phoenix-area bank robberies.** A man described as the “Bearded Bandit” is still on the loose after his latest bank robbery at a Chase Bank in Phoenix February 22, authorities said. The man was also suspected of robbing M&I Banks in Peoria and Gilbert, a Chase Bank in Avondale, and a Washington Federal Bank in Litchfield all in Arizona since late December, a FBI special agent said. Source: <http://tucsoncitizen.com/arizona-news/2012/02/23/bearded-bandit-still-being-sought-in-phoenix-area-bank-robberies/>

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Transportation Sector

16. *February 24, WFLD 32 Chicago* – (Illinois) **Snow snarls traffic, cancels flights at Chicago airports.** A winter storm dumped up to 8 inches of snow across the Chicago area February 23 and 24, cancelling hundreds of flights and causing accidents across area roadways. More than 350 flights were canceled at O’Hare International Airport February 23 and more than 200 were canceled February 24. About 100 flights were

canceled at Chicago Midway International Airport. Snow also made roads slick. Road crews salted roads and expressways most of the night. An Illinois Department of Transportation official said 400 plows were out overnight, and the City of Chicago had deployed 250 snow plows. Some schools were also closed February 24.

Source: <http://www.myfoxchicago.com/dpp/news/metro/snow-storm-weather-chicago-flights-canceled-airports-totals-traffic-forecast-20120224>

17. *February 24, WFLD 32 Chicago* – (Illinois) **6-vehicle accident on Dan Ryan kills 2, injures 5.** Alcohol is suspected of playing a role in a fatal are pending in connection with a fatal six-vehicle crash late February 23 on the Dan Ryan Expressway (I-90/94) in Chicago that killed two people and hurt at least three others. The chain-reaction crash began when a tour bus struck a tractor-trailer, which jack-knifed, but then straightened out and kept driving, according to state police. In total, two tractor-trailers, a bus with nine passengers, two passenger cars, and a minivan were involved in the wreck. Two people were killed as a result of the accident. All southbound local lanes of the Dan Ryan Expressway were closed for about 5 hours the morning of February 24. Source: <http://www.myfoxchicago.com/dpp/news/metro/fatal-accident-dan-ryan-six-car-bus-semitruck-two-killed-20120224>
18. *February 23, Government Computer News* – (National) **Commercial mobile alert system texts to go live in April.** The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) successfully added the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to its agencywide Alerts and Warning System, providing the two largest agencies within the DHS a system for communicating with their personnel and with civilian partner communities, Government Computer News reported February 23. In addition to the USCG and TSA system, a national public alert system is being established to distribute emergency notices by text message to cell phones. The Commercial Mobile Alert System (CMAS) was established by the Federal Communications Commission in 2008. Participating commercial mobile service providers will use the system to transmit alerts to subscribers. Participation is voluntary, but those who sign up must have CMAS in operation by April 7. Subscribers would receive three classes of messages — presidential alerts; imminent threats, such as tornadoes or other extreme conditions; and Amber alerts for missing children — on enabled handsets. Source: <http://gcn.com/articles/2012/02/27/tsa-alerts-go-mobile-sidebar.aspx>
19. *February 22, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Mudslides keep Amtrak and Sound Transit trains from Everett.** Amtrak and Sound Transit trains were not scheduled to travel to Everett, Washington, until February 24 as a safety precaution, following two mudslides that hit the railroad tracks early February 22 in the city. A Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) spokesman said a slide covered 30 feet of track about 5 feet deep in mud, rocks, and trees. An excavator clearing that slide was hit by a second slide. No one was injured. The track was cleared later that morning to make way for freight trains. A 48-hour safety moratorium for passenger trains was in effect. The spokesman said inspectors were monitoring BNSF tracks for mudslides because of recent heavy rains. Source: http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2017572120_trains23m.html

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report

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Agriculture and Food Sector

20. *February 24, Food Safety News* – (National) **Malta beverages recalled due to bottle breakage.** The Florida Brewery, Inc. is recalling certain 7-ounce bottles of Goya, Great Value, Hatuey, Mr. Special, Polar, Publix, Regal, and SuperMax brand non-alcoholic malta beverages because glass on the exterior of the bottles may break when the twist-off cap is removed, Food Safety News reported February 24. The company received two reports of consumers cutting their mouths on broken glass. The Florida Brewery distributed the recalled 7-ounce Goya, Great Value, Hatuey, Mr. Special, Polar, Publix, Regal, and SuperMax brand malta beverages in Florida, Texas, Georgia, California, and Puerto Rico from December 8, 2011 to February 1.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/02/malta-beverages-recalled-due-to-bottle-breakage-1/>

21. *February 23, Food Safety News* – (International) **Canada beef recall tied to E. coli illness.** One person is ill and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and New Food Classics are warning the public not to consume certain Country Morning Beef Burgers, and no name Club Pack Beef Steakettes, because the beef may be contaminated with E. coli O157:H7, Food Safety News reported February 23. The Country Morning Beef Burgers were distributed to COOP and TGP grocery stores in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, North West Territories, Yukon Territories, and Nunavut. The no name Club Pack Beef Steakettes were distributed by Loblaws.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/02/canada-ground-beef-recall-tied-to-e-coli-illness/>

22. *February 23, WSET 13 Lynchburg* – (Virginia) **Fatal accident causes big mess.** A tanker truck carrying milk swerved and hit another trailer in Danville, Virginia, February 23 causing a huge mess and killing the truck driver. A huge amount of milk leaked all over the highway. The truck was carrying more than 49,000 pounds of milk, and officials said just under half of it leaked out. While crews rushed to contain the spill, it still lined the highway and caused lane closures for hours. “Although most people don’t associate milk as being anything hazardous, it’s not toxic but it effects several things in the ecosystem,” said an assistant fire chief. Crews created an artificial dam made of dirt to contain the milk and prevent it from reaching the Dan River. “If it gets into the waterways and that type of thing, it effects the oxygen levels in the water and can damage wildlife,” said the assistant chief. Officials from the state department

of environmental quality said that since the milk has been contained, it will break down quickly in the soil and should not cause any long-term damage.

Source: <http://www.wset.com/story/17004532/clean-up-after-milk-accident>

23. *February 23, San Antonio Express-News* – (Texas) **Bottling plant, bakery evacuated for ammonia leak.** An ammonia leak at the Pepsi bottling plant on the northeast side of San Antonio caused the evacuation of two businesses February 23. The San Antonio Fire Department captain said hazardous materials teams walked through the Pepsi facility and the neighboring Butter Krust Bakery to monitor air quality. An hour and a half later, the scene was cleared and the evacuated employees were allowed to return. A safety valve on a tank released the poisonous gas at the Pepsi plant, but the plant's ventilation system moved it outside near the air conditioning intake for the bakery. The Pepsi Bottling Group general manager said the evacuation affected no more than 100 employees between the 2 companies.

Source: http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local_news/article/Bottling-plant-bakery-evacuated-for-ammonia-leak-3357234.php

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Water Sector

24. *February 24, Las Cruces Sun-News* – (New Mexico) **Resolution recognizes water emergency in Grant County.** A resolution recognizing a water emergency in Grant County, New Mexico, was approved unanimously February 23 during the county commission's regular meeting. The resolution, according to the District 1 commissioner, is intended to alert Grant County residents of the serious water conditions the area faces in light of nearly 800 acre feet of water, more than 500,000 gallons, exiting the Tri-City Waste Water Treatment Facility per day and going into the nearby dam tailings. The water then becomes unusable when it mixes with process water from the mine. The commissioner said the situation is particularly dire because of extreme drought conditions. The resolution asks community members to not waste water and also to support projects that address the water-loss. The Twin Sisters Creek reservoir will not only conserve much of the wasted water in Bayard, but also replenish groundwater in surrounding areas, especially in Santa Clara, where about 150 acre feet of water rights are unusable because of infrastructure limits.

Source: http://www.lcsun-news.com/las_cruces-news/ci_20033754

25. *February 24, Homeland Security Newswire* – (National) **U.S. water shortages loom.** More than one in three counties in the United States could face a "high" or "extreme" risk of water shortages due to climate change by the middle of the twenty-first century, according to a new study in the American Chemical Society's (ACS) journal *Environmental Science & Technology*. Homeland Security Newswire said February 24, the new report concluded 7 in 10 of the more than 3,100 U.S. counties could face "some" risk of shortages of fresh water for drinking, farming, and other uses. An American Chemical Society release reports that population growth is expected

to increase the demand for water for municipal use and for electricity generation beyond existing levels. Global climate change threatens to reduce water supplies due to decreased rainfall and other factors compared to levels in the twentieth century. The group developed a “water supply sustainability risk index” that takes into account water withdrawal, projected growth, susceptibility to drought, projected climate change, and other factors in individual U.S. counties for the year 2050. It takes into account renewable water supply through precipitation using the most recent downscaled climate change projections and estimates future withdrawals for various human uses. The team used the index to conclude climate change could foster an “extreme” risk of water shortages that may develop in 412 counties in southern and southwestern states and in southern Great Plains states.

Source: <http://www.homelandsecuritynewswire.com/dr20120224-u-s-water-shortages-loom>

26. *February 24, Pueblo Chieftan* – (Colorado) **Cleanup starts on San Luis water system.** The disinfection of San Luis, Colorado’s water system began February 23 and was expected to be completed February 24 at the earliest, state officials said February 24. The lead drinking water engineer with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment said crews planned to fill the system’s 300,000-gallon storage tank with chlorinated water then run it through the distribution pipes that serve 414 taps. Officials were getting a pair of 1,500-gallon tanks to distribute water and expected them to be in place February 24. Routine sampling of the town’s water supply came back positive for E. coli February 22, prompting a boiled water advisory. As of February 23, there had been no reported illnesses, according to the Costilla County Public Health Department. Officials with the San Luis Water and Sanitation District found no possible causes after checking the system, but more testing was expected.
Source: http://www.chieftain.com/news/local/cleanup-starts-on-san-luis-water-system/article_908ee284-5eb5-11e1-9730-0019bb2963f4.html
27. *February 24, Associated Press* – (Washington) **1M damage in Mukilteo propane tank explosion.** Snohomish County Fire District 1 estimates property damage at \$1 million from a propane tank explosion during construction work at a water treatment plant near Mukilteo, Washington, February 23. The explosion left a 300-foot blast zone that damaged two buildings, building materials, and a truck and trailer. Five injured people were taken to a nearby medical center in Seattle. One was treated and released, three were in satisfactory condition February 23, and one critical. A fire department spokeswoman said workers were moving a tank with about 300 gallons of propane inside when a valve broke off. Workers were running away when the propane ignited in the explosion.
Source: <http://www.khq.com/story/17009787/1m-damage-in-mukilteo-propane-tank-explosion>
28. *February 23, Associated Press* – (Tennessee) **Trench collapses at Tenn. sewage plant, killing 1; 2 had died at same plant last year.** A trench collapsed at a sewage treatment plant in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, February 23 killing one person. Officials said in a news release the trench gave way as workers demolished a concrete basin that collapsed in April 2011. The accident in April killed two plant operators and dumped

more than 1 million gallons of untreated sewage into the Little Pigeon River in the Smoky Mountains resort town. State investigators will likely have results on this latest accident in 6 to 8 weeks, a spokesman in Nashville said.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/trench-collapses-at-tenn-sewage-plant-killing-1-2-had-died-at-same-plant-last-year/2012/02/23/gIQApVA4VR_story.html

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

29. *February 24, State College Centre Daily Times* – (Pennsylvania) **Hospital battles computer woes.** Problems with State College, Pennsylvania’s Mount Nittany Health System’s technological infrastructure continued into a second day February 23, causing delays and forcing doctors to rely on paper records. The hospital and its clinics remain open and operational despite suffering an infrastructure breakdown that has limited their phone service and shut down their computer system, according to a hospital spokeswoman. “We have lost some use of our computers or telephones, and as a result there may be some times that’s going to cause frustration, as we’re using methods that are not as fast as computer-based technology,” she said. No cause of the failure has been reported. The hospital has implemented a contingency protocol that will remain in place until the tech issue is resolved. The hospital is still accepting new patients, and not giving recommendations to patients to seek care elsewhere. The spokeswoman acknowledged medical staff were unable to access computerized medical records or patient histories, but said that is not jeopardizing patient safety. Patients reported the hospital’s dysfunction was causing delays in treatment, and filling of prescriptions. Source: <http://www.centredaily.com/2012/02/24/3101919/hospital-battles-computer-woes.html>
30. *February 24, Associated Press* – (North Carolina) **82 whooping cough cases in Alamance County.** Health officials said there appear to be 82 cases of whooping cough in Alamance County, North Carolina. In response, the Alamance County Health Department said February 23 a vaccine, usually \$35, will be free for a limited time. A community-wide vaccination clinic will be held in March. The outbreak started in December. Five elementary schools, four middle schools, two day care facilities, and three other people in the county have been affected. Source: <http://www.wnc.com/news/health/82-whooping-cough-cases-in-Alamance-County-140294453.html>
31. *February 24, Associated Press* – (Kansas) **Kan. nurse gets 3 years in prison for tampering with patient drugs at Salina nursing home.** A Kansas nurse who admitted diluting morphine solutions at the Holiday Resort Nursing Facility in Salina was sentenced to 3 years in federal prison February 24. The judge gave the sentence recommended by prosecutors to the nurse who admitted putting sodium chloride into solutions of morphine sulfate, reducing the painkiller’s quality and strength. Sodium

chloride is dangerous to some patients, particularly those with congestive heart failure or severe renal insufficiency. She pleaded guilty earlier to consumer product tampering and adulterating a drug. As part of the plea deal, the convict agreed to surrender her nursing license permanently and never work in health care again.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/960164f223364f42b9886722480e8740/KS--Nurse-Drug-Tampering/>

32. *February 24, Columbus Dispatch* – (Ohio) **Granville on guard after viral outbreaks.** Licking County, Ohio health officials were cautioning residents to wash their hands often and stay home if they feel sick after two recent norovirus outbreaks in Granville. The outbreaks occurred in February on the campus of Denison University and after a group of people ate at a catered dinner at the Bryn Du mansion in the village. Denison officials said February 23 that people appear to be on the mend after 36 students and 2 staff members fell ill. The first cases were reported there February 10, with some students still falling ill the week of February 20. Meanwhile, 41 of about 78 people who attended a catered dinner hosted by the Columbus Museum of Art at the mansion February 12 fell ill from a sickness now also confirmed to be norovirus. Health officials have not been able to find any connection between the two outbreaks despite their proximity, as the norovirus is so easily communicable that it is hard to trace it back to a common source.

Source: <http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2012/02/24/granville-on-guard-after-viral-outbreaks.html>

33. *February 23, HealthCanal.com* – (National) **Medicare and Medicaid CT scan measure is unreliable according to new BWH study.** The study, “Assessment of Medicare’s Imaging Efficiency Measure for Emergency Department Patients With Atraumatic Headache” finds that a Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) measure — an attempt to reduce computed tomography (CT) scans in emergency departments (ED) — does not accurately determine which hospitals are performing CT scans inappropriately. With the recent surge of CT use in EDs comes concern about radiation exposure and cost. CMS developed measure OP-15, “Use of Brain Computed Tomography in the Emergency Department for Atraumatic Headache,” to evaluate the use of brain CT for a traumatic headache to improve imaging efficiency. A researcher team, composed of 21 EDs in the United States, studied the reliability, validity, and accuracy of measure OP-15. The researchers compared data reliability of the measure as obtained from CMS administrative data against data from ED medical records. They reviewed 748 patient visits CMS labeled as having undergone inappropriate brain CTs based on billing data. The researchers discovered that 65 percent of the CT scans actually complied with Medicare’s measure, and another 18 percent of patients had valid reasons for the CTs documented on their charts. Overall, 83 percent of the patients should not have been labeled as having been inappropriately imaged. This led researchers to conclude that CMS measure OP-15 may lead to inaccurate comparisons of EDs’ imaging performance. The study is electronically published in the February 23, 2012 issue of *Annals of Emergency Medicine*.

Source: <http://www.healthcanal.com/public-health-safety/26944-Medicare-and-Medicaid-Scan-Measure-Unreliable-According-New-BWH-Study.html>

34. *February 23, Mid-Hudson News Network* – (New York) **Cracked pipe results in depletion of central patient oxygen supply at CRMC.** A cracked pipe leading from the main external oxygen tank that feeds patient rooms at Catskill Regional Medical Center in Harris, New York, resulted in all 1,500 gallons leaking out February 23. According to a hospital spokesman, patients were not at risk, as the leak was slow and the hospital switched over to individual oxygen tanks for all patients in need. Between the hospital’s own supply of individual tanks and those available at sister hospital Orange Regional Medical Center in the Town of Wallkill, there was a sufficient supply, he said. The line was repaired and a tanker truck with a new load of oxygen was brought in to refill the tank. The central oxygen system was restored later late February 23.
Source: http://www.midhudsonnews.com/News/2012/February/23/CRMC_oxy_leak-23Feb12.htm
35. *February 23, Bay Area News Group* – (California) **Norovirus sweeping through schools, other Bay Area facilities.** An unusually high number of norovirus outbreaks in California Bay-Area schools, nursing homes, and other facilities has health leaders reminding people to protect themselves from the stomach-churning bug, Bay Area News Group reported February 23. Alameda County has had nearly three times as many cases as last year, according to a county spokeswoman. For the full season last year, which runs from November to April, San Mateo County had nine gastrointestinal outbreaks, including five confirmed as norovirus. Halfway through this season, it has had 18 gastrointestinal outbreaks, with nine confirmed as norovirus. Since December, Santa Clara County has had suspected outbreaks at 15 long-term care facilities, and four schools or child care centers. In a 120-bed community living center at the Veterans Affairs complex in Martinez, patients were not allowed to check out and new patients were not admitted for more than a week to prevent the virus from spreading. Nearly 30 schools in Contra Costa County have reported suspected cases within the past 2 months.
Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/bay-area-news/ci_20031909

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Government Facilities Sector

36. *February 23, Ars Technica* – (International) **GPS jammers and spoofers threaten infrastructure, say researchers.** During the Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) Vulnerability 2012 event at Great Britain’s National Physical Laboratory February 22, experts discussed the threat posed by a growing number of GPS jamming and spoofing devices. The increasing popularity of jammers is troubling, according to the conference organizer, because even low-power GPS jammers pose a significant threat to cell phone systems, parts of the electrical grid, and drivers. Since cell phone towers and some electrical grid systems use GPS signals for time-keeping, jamming can throw them off and cause outages. “We’re seeing a large number of low power devices which plug into power sockets in a car,” the conference organizer said. “These devices take out the GPS tracker in the vehicle, but they also create a ‘bubble’ of interference, sometimes out to up to 100 yards. They are illegal, so their quality control

is generally not good.” One presenter at the conference, an assistant professor at the University of Texas, presented findings on the impact of spoofing and jamming on cell phones. The professor, who claims his lab possesses the most powerful civilian-owned GPS spoofer, said that in U.S. tests, his team succeeded in interfering with timing devices used in cellular network towers, breaking down synchronization between cells, and preventing calls from being handed off from one cellular station to another. “So far, no credible high profile attack has been recorded,” he said, “but we are seeing evidence of basic spoofing, likely carried out by rogue individuals or small groups.” Small short-range jammers have created isolated problems in the United States. In late 2009, a single truck using a GPS jammer caused problems at the Newark Liberty International Airport in New Jersey as it interfered with a navigation aid every time the truck passed on the New Jersey Turnpike. Truck drivers and other drivers who want to conceal their movements from tracking devices sometimes use basic GPS jammers embedded in their vehicles.

Source: <http://arstechnica.com/business/news/2012/02/uk-research-measures-growing-gps-jamming-threat.ars>

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Emergency Services Sector

37. *February 24, Associated Press* – (International) **Anonymous vandalizes U.S. prison contractors’ site.** The Web site of an international prison contractor was defaced February 24 by hackers who replaced the company’s home page with a hip-hop homage devoted to a former death row inmate. Hackers allied to the loose-knit Anonymous movement claimed responsibility for vandalizing the site of Boca Raton, Florida-based GEO Group Inc., which manages some 60 custodial facilities in Europe, North America, Australia and South Africa. Anonymous said in a statement posted to the stricken Web site that its hack was “part of our ongoing efforts to dismantle the prison industrial complex.” Earlier February 24, Anonymous claimed credit for defacing the Web site of a Dayton, Ohio-based chapter of Infragard, a public-private partnership for critical infrastructure protection sponsored by the FBI. The group’s site was replaced by a video of the rap hit, “Gangsta’s Paradise.”
Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2012/02/24/4287833/anonymous-hits-ohio-fbi-partner.html>
38. *February 23, Discovery Channel* – (National) **U.S. opening up airspace to use of drones.** Legislation passed by U.S. Congress the week of February 13 gives the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) until September 30, 2015, to open the nation’s skies to drones. The first step comes in 90 days when police, firefighters, and other civilian first-response agencies can start flying UAVs weighing no more than 4.4 pounds, provided they meet still-to-be-determined requirements, such as having an operator on the ground within line-of-sight of the drone and flying it at least 400 feet above ground. Currently, UAVs can only fly in restricted airspace zones controlled by the U.S. military. By May 2013, the next class of drones, those weighing less than 55 pounds,

can fly the nation's skies, according to provisions of the FAA bill passed by Congress and signed by the U.S. President. Rules about where and when drones can fly and who can operate them are still under development. And there are still technical hurdles, such as setting up the bandwidth for secure UAV radio communications and refining collision avoidance systems, said the NASA program manager of the Dryden Flight Research Center at Edwards, California.

Source: http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/46499162/ns/technology_and_science-science/#.T0emfHn_QpK

39. *February 23, Austin Your News Now* – (Texas) **Police seek possible victims of FBI impersonator.** Austin, Texas police were seeking the public's help in finding possible victims of a man accused of impersonating an FBI agent February 23. According to police, officers pulled over 31-year-old male as he was attempting to pull over another driver. His SUV was outfitted with flashing lights. After making "suspicious comments" to the officers, it was determined he was portraying himself as an undercover FBI agent. Police said they found numerous fictitious FBI credentials and a badge during further investigation. At his apartment, detectives found more FBI and CIA credentials, military credentials, a U.S. Marine Corps uniform, handcuffs, and a pistol. Police are now looking for anyone who may have been pulled over by him before his arrest, specifically in the Rundberg Lane and North Lamar area.

Source: <http://austin.ynn.com/content/headlines/283248/police-seek-possible-victims-of-fbi-impersonator>

40. *February 23, WESH 2 Orlando* – (Florida) **Titusville firefighter faces stalking charge.** An investigation into the harassment of a Titusville, Florida Fire Department lieutenant has led to charges against a second firefighter February 23. The paramedic and firefighter, was charged with stalking and petit theft. Investigators with the Titusville Police Department said he and a colleague targeted the lieutenant and committed acts designed to harass, antagonize, and embarrass him. Authorities said the colleague admitted in statements the paramedic and firefighter assisted him in tampering with the lieutenant's wildfire gear, as well as other acts, including putting rocks in his boots and trash in his locker. The paramedic and firefighter denied any knowledge of placing flammable chemical poison in a canteen, which was contrary to statements made by his colleague. However, he admitted to removing safety goggles from the lieutenant's gear. When asked by law enforcement to return the goggles, he said he did not know where they were. The colleague was arrested at the Titusville Police Department February 21 and booked into the Brevard County Jail on misdemeanor charges of poisoning water or food and aggravated stalking.

Source: <http://www.wesh.com/r/30530675/detail.html>

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Information Technology Sector

41. *February 24, The Register* – (International) **New password-snatching Mac trojan spreading in the wild.** Security watchers warned February 24 that a new variant of a Mac-specific password-stealing trojan is spreading in the wild. Flashback-G initially attempts to install itself via one of two Java vulnerabilities. Failing that, the malicious applet displays a self-signed certificate (claiming to be from Apple) in the hope users just install the malware. Once in place, the malware attempts to capture the log-in credentials users enter on bank Web sites, PayPal, and many others. OS X Lion did not come with Java preinstalled, but Snow Leopard does, so users of Mac's latest OS are more at risk of attack. Mac security specialist Intego warns the variant is infecting Mac users and spreading in the wild. Symptoms of infection can include the crashing of browsers and Web applications, such as Safari and Skype.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/02/24/flashback_mac_trojan/
42. *February 24, H Security* – (International) **PacketFence 3.2.0 brings new features, closes XSS hole.** The PacketFence development team has published version 3.2.0 of its open source network access control system. The update includes fixes for 18 bugs. It addresses a “high” priority vulnerability in the Web Admin printing system (printer.php) that can be exploited by an attacker to conduct cross-site scripting attacks.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/PacketFence-3-2-0-brings-new-features-closes-XSS-hole-1442180.html>
43. *February 23, V3.co.uk* – (International) **Philips Electronics suffers website security breach as hackers strike.** Philips Electronics has become the latest high-profile company to be hit by hackers after huge amounts of data stored on its internal systems were compromised, according to reports. According to the Hacker News, the hackers, named ‘bch195’ and ‘HaxOr,’ claimed to have compromised a server owned by the company that contained huge swaths of data, including 200,000 e-mail addresses, that they intend to try and sell. The firm also posted links to screen grabs of the information it hacked on Pastebin. A spokesperson for the company told V3.co.uk it was aware of the incident and has taken action to minimize its impact.
Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2154743/philips-electronics-suffers-website-security-breach-hackers-strike>
44. *February 23, Los Angeles Times* – (International) **Smartphone security gap exposes location, texts, email, expert says.** A former McAfee cybersecurity researcher has used a previously unknown hole in smartphone browsers to deliver an existing piece of China-based malware that can commandeer the device, record its calls, pinpoint its location, and access user texts and e-mails. He conducted the experiment on a phone running Google's Android operating system, although he said Apple's iPhones are equally vulnerable. He is scheduled to demonstrate his findings February 29 at the RSA conference in San Francisco. The researcher said he and his team commandeered an existing piece of malware called Nickispy, a remote access tool identified in 2011 by anti-virus firms as a trojan. The malware was disguised as a Google+ app that users could download. However, Google quickly removed it from its Android Market app store, which meant few users were hit. The researcher and his team reversed engineered

the malware and took control of it. He then conducted an experiment in which malware was delivered through a “spear phishing” attack — in this case, a text message from what looks like a mobile phone carrier. He said he exploited a zero-day vulnerability in smartphone browsers to secretly install the malware. “The minute you go the site, it will download a real-life Chinese remote access tool to your phone,” he said. “The user will not see anything. Once the app is installed, we’ll be intercepting voice calls. The microphone activates the moment you start dialing.” The malware also intercepts texts and e-mails and tracks the phone’s location, he said. In theory, it could be used to infiltrate a corporate network with which the phone connects. There is no security software that would thwart it, he said.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/business/technology/la-fi-tn-cyber-security-crowdstrike-20120223,0,4645028.story>

45. *February 23, Dark Reading* – (International) **New Oracle ERP vulnerabilities unmasked.** Researchers issued security advisories February 23 for eight vulnerabilities, some of them critical, in a popular Oracle enterprise resource planning (ERP) application — but they do not expect many users to actually apply the patches for them. The flaws discovered by researchers at security firm Onapsis range from holes that could allow an attacker to access all business information and files, query for passwords, and alter business information processed by the ERP, essentially taking complete control of the system. Patches for the vulnerabilities were included in Oracle’s latest Critical Patch Update release, and these are the first public details of the flaws.

Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/database-security/167901020/security/application-security/232601382/>

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Communications Sector

46. *February 24, WDTV 5 Bridgeport* – (West Virginia) **Major outage in downtown Morgantown.** Some people had a tough time getting work done in Monongalia County, West Virginia, February 23. They were left without phone and Internet service for several hours. Frontier officials said around 1,500 feet of cable was pulled out of the ground the morning of February 23. Mon Power was trying to set a new power pole when one of its machines ripped the line out of the ground. Frontier was still working on getting the problem fixed the evening of February 23 and they hoped to have it back on that night.

Source: <http://www.wdtv.com/wdtv.cfm?func=view§ion=5-News&item=Major-Outage-in-Downtown-Morgantown1044>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

47. *February 24, WAOI 4 San Antonio* – (Texas) **Condos catch fire, 17 evacuated.** A fire broke out at the Whispering Hollow Condominiums in San Antonio, February 24. Firefighters said heavy winds made it difficult to fight. Twelve condos were affected by the fire. One of the units sustained heavy damage. Seventeen people had to be evacuated.
Source: http://www.woai.com/news/local/story/Condos-catch-fire-17-evacuated/riob_Jfbw0WWgH1fekDG0w.csp
48. *February 24, Huntington Herald-Dispatch* – (West Virginia) **Man arrested in apartment building arson.** A suspect was charged with setting a fire that destroyed an apartment building in Huntington, West Virginia, earlier in February, the Huntington Herald-Dispatch reported February 24. The Huntington Police Department filed documents charging the suspect with felony first-degree arson. The February 2 fire destroyed a 6-unit, 2-story apartment building and displaced as many as 18 people.
Source: <http://www.herald-dispatch.com/news/briefs/x1544615937/Man-arrested-in-apartment-building-arson>
49. *February 24, Associated Press* – (Florida; Maryland) **Cops in riot gear break up unruly Florida mall crowd waiting to buy limited edition Nike shoe.** More than 100 sheriff's deputies in riot gear broke up an out-of-control crowd waiting outside an Orlando, Florida mall to buy a limited edition Nike basketball shoe February 24. Authorities said there were no injuries or arrests outside the Florida Mall. The crowd began getting unruly as hundreds packed the parking lot, waiting to buy the limited-edition shoe that was timed to be released during the National Basketball Association All-Star Game. Police also arrested one person in a crowd in Hyattsville, Maryland, waiting for the shoe's release. The disturbances followed a series of outbursts across the country in December as impatient shoppers lined up for another new basketball shoe from Nike Inc.
Source: <http://www.inforum.com/event/apArticle/id/D9T3QM203/>
50. *February 23, KHOU 11 Houston* – (Texas) **3 teens charged in acid bomb blast at Friendswood Wendy's.** Three teenagers were arrested in connection with an acid bomb explosion at a Wendy's in Friendswood, Texas in January, KHOU 11 Houston reported February 23. It happened January 29 at the restaurant. According to police, the suspects were caught on surveillance video buying the ingredients for the explosive at a convenience store. Investigators said they later threw the bomb into the glassed-in entrance area of the Wendy's. Witnesses described the noise as sounding like gunfire, and investigators said the results could have been far worse. Two of the suspects were

charged with possession of a prohibited weapon and were out on \$10,000 bond. The third suspect was also charged.

Source: <http://www.khou.com/news/3-teens-accused-in-acid-bomb-blast-at-140019243.html>

51. *February 23, Barnegat-Ocean Acres Patch* – (New Jersey) **Massive fire destroys five boats at Lacey Marina.** Five boats were destroyed, and one was severely damaged, in a fire that began February 23 at Ocean Beach Marina in Lacey Township, New Jersey. The boats, which varied in size to over 40 feet in length, were in dry storage and located at the southeast corner of the marina’s property. High winds helped the fire spread, and chemicals, gasoline, and fiberglass from the boats made the fire difficult to extinguish.

Source: <http://barnegat.patch.com/articles/massive-fire-damages-multiple-boats-at-lacey-marina>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

52. *February 21, KCSG 14 St. George* – (National) **Southern Utah cabin burglar considered armed and dangerous.** A mountain recluse authorities said was responsible for more than two dozen cabin burglaries in the remote southern Utah wilderness near Zion National Park is considered armed and dangerous by authorities, KCSG 14 St. George reported February 21. Authorities identified him from fingerprints lifted from vacation homes near Zion National Park, which spans hundreds of miles in Washington, Kane and Iron counties. The man remains somewhere in roughly 1,000 square miles of wilderness. He now faces multiple counts of burglary and a weapons charge. In a statement, the Iron County Sheriff’s Office said tips from the public and forensic evidence linked the man to the crimes. “This suspect is known to be armed and could be possibly dangerous if cornered,” the statement read.

Source: http://www.kcsg.com/view/full_story/17617653/article-Southern-Utah-Cabin-Burglar-Considered-Armed-And-Dangerous?instance=home_stories8_tip

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Dams Sector

53. *February 24, Associated Press* – (Kentucky; Tennessee) **First embankment created in Wolf Creek Dam.** The first protective concrete embankment wall panel was put in place inside Wolf Creek Dam near Somerset, Kentucky, the Associated Press reported February 24. The rehabilitation project manager said the permanent wall in the remainder of the 4,000-foot-long earthen section of the dam is set to be in place December 2013, before the area currently being worked on is completed. The nearly mile-long structure impounds Lake Cumberland and is the largest man-made reservoir east of the Mississippi River. The lake’s water level has remained about 40 feet below

typical summer depths since January 2007, when the \$584 million repair project began. If Wolf Creek Dam fails, it could flood towns and cities down the Cumberland River in Kentucky and Tennessee, reaching downtown Nashville. The protective concrete embankment wall is a panel created in the dam to protect the earthen embankment from vibrations while a permanent barrier wall is installed. The protective wall will remain in the dam, snuggled around the permanent barrier wall currently being installed. The dam was declared in high risk of failure in 2005, necessitating the current rehabilitation project that began in January 2007.

Source: <http://www.kentucky.com/2012/02/24/2081844/first-embankment-created-in-wolf.html>

54. *February 23, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **Corps stops flood inspections on Mississippi River.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers stopped its flood fight inspections along Mississippi River levees as water levels dropped February 23. Water levels were 9.6 feet at the Carrollton Gage in New Orleans February 23 and forecast to continue dropping to 6.6 feet by March 24. As a result of deactivation of the Corps flood fight alert, all permitted construction work near levees and floodwalls along or near the river will resume. Typically, the river's high water season occurs in the spring. Heavy rainfall in the Mississippi River Valley this winter resulted in an earlier high water period.

Source:

http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2012/02/corps_stops_flood_inspections.html

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