



## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report 28 February 2012

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- The cost of repairing and expanding U.S. drinking water infrastructure will top \$1 trillion in the next 25 years, an expense that will be covered by higher water bills and fees, a new study found. – *PRWeb* (See item [26](#))
- A teenager at a high school in Chardon, Ohio, opened fire in the cafeteria February 27, killing one student and wounding four others before being caught, according to FBI officials. – *Associated Press* (See item [31](#))

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### Energy Sector

**Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: LOW, Cyber: LOW**  
Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) - <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *February 27, Minneapolis Star Tribune* – (Wisconsin) **Eastbound I-94 reopens after fatal tanker fire 10 miles from Hudson.** A gasoline tanker truck crossed the median of Interstate 94 east of Hudson, Wisconsin, February 27 and caught fire, killing the driver and congesting traffic for hours, authorities said. Both directions of I-94 about 10

miles into Wisconsin were shut down after the fire when the eastbound semi ended up on westbound I-94 near Roberts, according to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Nearly 2 hours later, the fire was extinguished, but traffic remained cut off. Vehicles were moving again on eastbound I-94 about 3.5 hours after the initial crash, but westbound was shut down for the rest of the day. Due to the intensity of the fire, some of the pavement needed replacing, said a state patrol lieutenant.  
Source: <http://www.startribune.com/local/140551483.html>

2. *February 26, Bloomberg* – (International) **Pemex shuts third crude export terminal as bad weather persists.** Petroleos Mexicanos (Pemex), Mexico's state-owned oil company, closed a third oil export terminal, Cayo Arcas, because of bad weather, the country's merchant marine said February 26. Oil export terminals Coatzacoalcos and Dos Bocas, which were reported closed February 25, remained shut, the merchant marine said in the report. All three are on or near the Gulf of Mexico. Pemex, is the third-largest supplier to the United States, exporting about 1.3 million barrels of crude a day in December 2011.  
Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-02-26/pemex-shuts-third-crude-export-terminal-as-bad-weather-persists.html>
3. *February 25, WPVI 6 Philadelphia* – (New Jersey) **High winds hamper N.J. oil spill cleanup.** Wind gusts pushed oil fumes into the homes of Paulsboro, New Jersey residents while cleanup crews battled high winds to contain the oil from the February 23 spill at a New Jersey refinery. Nearly 6.3 million gallons of crude oil leaked from a tank into an emergency containment area at the refinery. Foam was spread to help with the odor, but it was no match for the rain and nearly 45 mile per hour winds. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection said the fumes may cause minor eye and respiratory irritation. Environmental officials also say the spill is not expected to impact the Delaware River or local water supplies. New Jersey's lieutenant governor said February 25 the spill should be cleaned up within the next few days.  
Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/wpvi/story?section=news/local&id=8557988>
4. *February 24, New York Times* – (New York) **Second judge in state backs local ban on gas drilling.** A New York state judge ruled February 24 that Middlefield, in Otsego County, can ban natural gas drilling within its borders. It was the second court ruling the week of February 20 that affirmed local authority over the process known as hydrofracking. Middlefield, with about 2,100 residents, passed a zoning law June 2011 prohibiting heavy industry uses of land, including oil and gas drilling. Three months later, a landowner who had leased 377 acres of land to a gas company for drilling sued the town, arguing that only the state could regulate natural gas drilling. The decision was similar to the one rendered February 21, which upheld a drilling ban in Dryden, New York, in a lawsuit brought by an oil and gas company. Both decisions are expected to be appealed.  
Source: [http://www.nytimes.com/2012/02/25/nyregion/judge-upholds-hydrofracking-ban-in-middlefield-ny.html?\\_r=2](http://www.nytimes.com/2012/02/25/nyregion/judge-upholds-hydrofracking-ban-in-middlefield-ny.html?_r=2)
5. *February 23, Associated Press* – (Kentucky) **Screenings find 1,500 Ky. coal miners using drugs.** More than 1,500 coal miners tested positive for drug use since Kentucky

began screenings 6 years ago, a state attorney told lawmakers February 22, and he urged lawmakers to close legal loopholes that can allow miners who test positive to return to their jobs within days. The state attorney, who oversees the office of mine safety and licensing's screening program, said drug abuse creates additional risks in the already dangerous coal industry. The Kentucky house natural resources and environment committee approved legislation February 23 that would revoke the mine certifications for 3 years for first offenders, 5 years for second offenders, and life for third offenders. The legislation would allow Kentucky to revoke certificates of miners who have tested positive in other states. It also would allow miners to seek treatment, after which their certificates could be reinstated. The state attorney said most of the miners testing positive in drug screenings have been abusing prescription painkillers. Source: <http://www.courier-journal.com/usatoday/article/38643183?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|Local News|p>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

6. *February 24, Reuters* – (West Virginia) **Monsanto settles U.S. chemical pollution lawsuits.** Monsanto Co said February 24 it had settled a long-running legal battle with residents of Nitro, West Virginia, who claimed they suffered environmental and health problems tied to pollution from a former chemical plant. St. Louis-based Monsanto said it would commit to more than \$90 million in clean-up, remediation and medical monitoring to resolve several class action lawsuits involving a plant located in Nitro. An initial fund of \$21 million will be established for medical testing, with up to \$63 million in additional funding available. Monsanto also agreed to pay some legal fees owed the plaintiffs' attorneys for the 7-year court battle. Monsanto operated the Nitro plant from 1934 to 2000. It was used to manufacture the herbicide — 2,4,5-trichlorophenoxyacetic acid — a compound used in “Agent Orange,” which was used in the Vietnam War. Nitro residents who sued Monsanto alleged the firm disposed of dioxin waste by burning it in open pits. They said the dioxin also contaminated soils. Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/02/24/monsanto-lawsuits-idUSL2E8DOCSQ20120224>

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

Nothing to report

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## Critical Manufacturing Sector

7. *February 27, U.S. Department of Transportation* – (National) **NHTSA recall notice - Infiniti M and QX, and Nissan Juke fuel pressure sensors.** Nissan announced February 27 the recall of 79,275 model year 2011-2012 Nissan Juke, Infiniti QX, and Infiniti M vehicles. The fuel pressure sensor may loosen due to heat and vibration causing fuel to leak. Fuel may leak from the pressure sensor, increasing the risk of a fire. Nissan will notify owners, and dealers will replace the fuel pressure sensors as necessary. The safety recall is expected to begin March 19.  
Source: [http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rcld\\_ID=12V069000&summary=true&prod\\_id=877868&PrintVersion=YES](http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rcld_ID=12V069000&summary=true&prod_id=877868&PrintVersion=YES)

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## Defense Industrial Base Sector

8. *February 24, Military Times* – (International) **Report: 6 factors led to Nev. F-15 crash.** The cause of an F-15 crash in 2011 in Nevada remains unknown, although investigators found six factors contributed to the accident, according to a report released February 24. The F-15C crashed October 24 after the pilot entered an uncontrolled spin during a defensive turn. The pilot managed to eject before the crash on the Nevada Test and Training Range, which destroyed the \$32 million aircraft. Investigators found six things — linked with several different segments of the accident — that played a contributing role in the crash. The first three involved the initial departure from controlled flight: aircraft structural imperfections that include problems with the radome, a failure to adequately discuss Advanced Handling Characteristics topics prior to flight, and misapplication of flight controls by the pilot — likely due to insufficient briefing on Advanced Handling Characteristics. Issues with the radome — a dome covering a radar or antennae — can be invisible to the naked eye and include issues such as bent or misaligned nose caps or cuts and blisters in the rain erosion boot, which can cause problems with the aircraft yawning at high angles of attack, the accident investigation found. Imperfections have been estimated to be present in more than half of F-15 radomes, the head of the aircraft investigation board wrote. “Further, during a recent post-mishap survey of Nellis [Air Force Base, Nevada,] radomes, I observed many radomes with imperfections similar to those documented in engineering studies,” the official wrote.  
Source: <http://www.militarytimes.com/news/2012/02/air-force-f-15-crash-report-6-factors-led-crash-022412w/>
9. *February 24, Global Security Newswire* – (New Mexico) **Los Alamos Lab to tighten security practices.** The Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) in New Mexico, February 23 said it would tighten its security practices in accordance with recommendations from the Energy and Defense departments. A chief suggestion

offered by a recent interdepartmental security analysis was to augment inspections of autos entering the lab complex, according to a press release. “Vehicles on lab property have been subject to inspection for many years. We are appropriately expanding the areas for those random inspections,” the LANL associate director for safeguards and security said. “Drivers who use those lab roadways will see a visibly increased presence of the Protective Force — our uniformed security officers — conducting vehicle inspections, which will include bomb-sniffing dogs.” All cars will be subject to the expanded car checks, which are to start in March. The lab employs about 11,800 people who conduct nuclear weapons work and other activities at more than 2,000 separate facilities housed on 36 square miles of land.

Source: <http://www.nti.org/gsn/article/los-alamos-tighten-security-practices/>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

10. *February 26, Louisville Courier-Journal* – (Kentucky) **Five Occupy Louisville members arrested in protest at Chase bank.** Five people were arrested at an Occupy Louisville demonstration in Louisville, Kentucky, that turned into a confrontation with Louisville Metro Police February 25 at a Chase bank branch. Several people at the demonstration described what they saw as physical encounters between the police and protesters. Officers were called to the bank on a report demonstrators were blocking the entrance, a police spokesman said. He said they were told by management protesters tried to occupy the inside of the bank. He stated officers advised the demonstrators they could protest but could not block the bank entrance or prevent customers from entering. After a few customers were let inside the bank, several protesters tried to rush the door. The officers called for backup and arrested five people. An Occupy Louisville spokeswoman estimated there were 35 demonstrators.  
Source: <http://www.courier-journal.com/article/20120225/NEWS01/302250052?odyssey=mod|mostcom>
11. *February 25, Fort Lauderdale Sun Sentinel* – (Florida) **FBI searching for possible serial bank robber.** A TD Bank was robbed in Boca Raton, Florida, February 24 and the robber may be responsible for seven other bank heists since December 25, 2011, the FBI said. Agents released surveillance photographs from the February 24 bank robbery. The robber entered the bank and demanded money from an employee. An undisclosed amount of cash was taken. Customers were in the bank at the time of the robbery, officials said. The FBI believes the robber may be involved in other bank robberies that included the Amtrust Bank and Valley Bank in Hollywood, Regent Bank in Davie, a TD Bank and Bank of America in Fort Lauderdale, Comerica Bank in Boca Raton, and the IberiaBank in Pompano Beach.  
Source: <http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/fl-boca-bank-robbery-20120224,0,5301551.story>
12. *February 24, San Diego Union-Tribune* – (California) **‘Well-dressed Bandit’ admits 9 heists.** A San Diego man dubbed the “Well-Dressed Bandit” by the FBI pleaded guilty in federal court February 21 to nine bank and credit union robberies, the San Diego

Union -Tribune reported February 24. He faces up to a 20-year prison term at sentencing, federal officials said. The suspect did not plead guilty to a 10th count, involving what the FBI believes was the beginning of the holdup series May 18, 2010, at an Escondido Wells Fargo Bank. The other nine cases included three San Diego holdups in 2010 and four in 2011. One of the banks, in the Carmel Valley area, was hit three times, including the final case in the series September 23, 2011. A Solana Beach credit union was robbed twice in 2011. The robber got his FBI nickname for sometimes wearing a suit jacket, leather coat, or a dapper hat. In the September holdup, witnesses saw the robber leave in a black luxury sedan and noted some of the license plate numbers. the suspect was arrested by FBI agents and San Diego police October 19. Source: <http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2012/feb/24/well-dressed-bandit-admits-nine-bank-robberies/>

13. *February 24, Bloomberg* – (International) **Russian man pleads guilty to cyber-fraud conspiracy in U.S.** A Russian national charged by U.S. authorities with orchestrating a cyber-fraud scheme from Europe has pleaded guilty to illegally gaining computer access to bank accounts via Web sites claiming to offer goods and merchandise, Bloomberg reported February 24. He pleaded guilty in federal court in Manhattan February 17 to a count of conspiracy and a count of wire fraud, records show. Federal prosecutors alleged a scheme from 2004 to 2005 involving the man, his son, and others preying on U.S. consumers who believed the unauthorized charges were for legitimate goods. They said the father, son, and unidentified accomplices controlled U.S.-registered companies Sofeco LLC, Pintado LLC, and Tallit LL that appeared to be legitimate Internet merchants. The defendants took unauthorized charges on customers' credit cards, prosecutors said. They also got credit card numbers by buying them from people or by using computer programs surreptitiously installed on victims' computers. The pair engaged in a scheme from June 2004 to February 2005 to access financial services accounts of U.S. victims and attempted to transfer hundreds of thousands of dollars into bank accounts they controlled, prosecutors said. The defendants also bought and sold securities in publicly traded companies through a firm called Rim Investment Management Ltd. Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2012-02-24/russian-man-pleads-guilty-to-cyber-fraud-conspiracy-in-u-s-.html>
14. *February 24, San Diego Union-Tribune* – (California) **Photos of 'Insistent Bandit' released.** Security camera photos of a scruffy-bearded man who robbed an El Cajon, California bank February 21, believed to be his fifth heist, were released by the FBI February 24. Investigators have dubbed him the "Insistent Bandit" because of his manner of demanding money from tellers. He held up a Pacific Western Bank in El Cajon February 21 and rode away on a red mountain bike. He is suspected of robbing a US Bank in Santee February 10, January 23, and January 17, and a Home Bank of California in Pacific Beach February 6, the FBI said. The robber carried a pistol in his waistband in the most recent case and lifted his shirt so the teller could see it. Source: <http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2012/feb/24/photos-insistent-bandit-released/>
15. *February 24, Detroit Free Press* – (National) **Flagstar mortgage fraud lawsuit settled for \$133 million.** The U.S. government announced February 24 it had reached a

\$133-million settlement with Troy, Michigan-based Flagstar Bank that resolves a civil fraud lawsuit accusing the bank of fraudulent mortgage lending practices. The lawsuit, filed in New York, alleged Flagstar used unqualified employees to approve mortgage loans backed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that did not comply with HUD and Federal Housing Administration (FHA) underwriting requirements, and made false certifications on mortgage loans. Under terms of the settlement, Flagstar agreed to pay \$15 million within 30 business days and will pay an additional \$118 million as soon as it meets certain financial benchmarks. An independent third party, paid for by Flagstar, will monitor compliance with HUD and FHA lending rules for at least 1 year. Flagstar also agreed to implement a training program for employees involved in the originating and underwriting of FHA loans, and to terminate the senior managers who had been overseeing the bank's manual underwriting process.

Source: <http://www.freep.com/article/20120224/BUSINESS06/120224054/Flagstar-mortgage-fraud-lawsuit-settled-133-million>

16. *February 24, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (National; International) **Court accepts guilty plea in \$72 million Ponzi scheme.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) announced February 24 that a U.S. district judge in Michigan accepted a February 16 guilty plea from a Flint-area resident to 1 count of wire fraud for his role in orchestrating a \$72 million Ponzi scheme involving at least 3,000 investors. He faces a potential maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison. The criminal charges arose out of the same facts that were the subject of an emergency action the SEC filed against him and others May 5, 2008. The SEC's complaint alleged that from December 2005 through November 2007, the defendant, through his company Legisi Holdings, conducted a fraudulent, unregistered offering of securities in which he raised about \$72 million from more than 3,000 investors in all 50 states and several foreign countries. According to the complaint, he said he would invest the offering proceeds in various investment vehicles and pay interest of as much as 15 percent per month from the resulting profits. The complaint charged that he invested less than half of the offering proceeds, and that these investments resulted in millions of dollars in losses. The Commission's complaint further charged he used investor funds to make Ponzi payments to investors and for his own use.

Source: <http://www.sec.gov/litigation/litreleases/2012/lr22269.htm>

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## **Transportation Sector**

17. *February 27, Associated Press* – (National) **Panel finds problem with overhead bin gear on 737s.** Federal safety officials want changes in how equipment is mounted to overhead bins on Boeing 737 jets to prevent the 12-pound units from falling on passengers during survivable crashes, the Associated Press reported February 27. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) made recommendations to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) based on evidence from several accidents since 2008 in which oxygen and ventilation equipment tore loose and likely caused head injuries. The accidents occurred on a 2008 Continental Airlines flight in Denver, an American

Airlines flight in Jamaica and a Turkish Airlines crash near Amsterdam, both in 2009, and a 2010 Aires Airlines crash in Colombia. All resulted in injuries, and there were deaths on the Turkish Airlines and Aires flights. The board said in a letter released February 24 that the government should require changes in the design and testing of how “passenger service units” are mounted under overhead bins. It also recommended redesigning cockpit seat-belt systems in the Boeing 737, including replacing some attachment brackets with stronger ones. The board said the FAA should develop ways to measure the holding power of so-called negative-g strap assemblies during survivable crashes.

Source: <http://travel.usatoday.com/flights/story/2012-02-27/Panel-finds-problem-with-overhead-bin-gear-on-737s/53267318/1>

18. *February 26, Associated Press* – (International) **Train derails in Ontario, 3 dead.** A spokeswoman for Canada’s Via Rail said a passenger train traveling from Niagara Falls, New York, to Toronto, Canada, derailed near Burlington, Ontario, the Associated Press reported February 26. The railroad spokeswoman said two cars came off the tracks February 26 near the Aldershot train station. Canadian television outlets were reporting that three locomotive engineers were killed. Three passengers were airlifted to hospitals with serious injuries while dozens of others suffered from minor injuries. The spokeswoman said a device similar to a black box will help investigators to determine what caused the disaster. There were 75 people and 4 crew members aboard the train.

Source: <http://www.wgrz.com/news/article/157689/1/Train-Derails-in-Ontario-3-Dead>

19. *February 26, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **NW Pa. wintry crashes finally cleared.** Crews cleared stranded vehicles from a 9-mile stretch of Interstate 80 in Northwestern Pennsylvania February 26, a day after whiteout conditions led to chain-reaction crashes involving more than 50 vehicles. Three people were killed in the crashes which began February 25 on a stretch of highway 55 miles north of Pittsburgh. The 3 to 4 inches of snow that had fallen in the area were whipped up by high winds, significantly crippling visibility. “We get these sudden snow squalls across the I-80 corridor, and driving conditions can change in a matter of minutes, sometimes in a matter of seconds,” the deputy coroner said.

Source: [http://articles.philly.com/2012-02-26/news/31101426\\_1\\_chain-reaction-crashes-sudden-snow-squalls-whiteout](http://articles.philly.com/2012-02-26/news/31101426_1_chain-reaction-crashes-sudden-snow-squalls-whiteout)

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

Nothing to report

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## Agriculture and Food Sector

20. *February 27, Food Safety News* – (International) **Smoked salmon recalled in British Columbia.** The Canadian Food Inspection Agency is warning the public not to consume certain refrigerated cold smoked sockeye salmon trim products because they may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, Food Safety News reported February 27. The following products, sold refrigerated at various weights from February 16 through 24, were recalled: Salmon Lox Trim Classic sold at two Whole Foods Markets in Vancouver, British Columbia; Lox Trim sold at The Salmon Shop, in Vancouver; and unlabeled lox sold at The Daily Catch Seafood Company in Vancouver. The recalled smoked sockeye may have also been sold unlabelled over the counter.  
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/02/smoked-salmon-recalled-in-british-columbia/>
21. *February 26, KFMB 8 San Diego* – (California) **Hazmat called to Mission Valley Denny's for pepper spray incident.** A hazardous-material response team was called into a Mission Valley, California Denny's restaurant when customers began coughing from pepper spray that someone had released in a bathroom, a San Diego Fire-Rescue Department dispatcher said February 26. Customers noticed the strong odor February 25 at the restaurant. The smell spread from the woman's bathroom and people began violently coughing, prompting an evacuation. The entire restaurant was already evacuated when firefighters arrived. They inspected the building and called a HAZMAT crew. The response team determined the smell was caused by pepper spray, which they found sprayed on the wall and toilet of the woman's bathroom. It took the response team about 2 hours to decontaminate the restaurant.  
Source: <http://www.cbs8.com/story/17021083/hazmat-called-to-mission-valley-dennys-for-pepper-spray-incident>
22. *February 25, Food Safety News* – (National) **Outbreak linked to raw sprouts grows to 14 cases, six states.** Two new cases, both from Michigan, were confirmed in the multistate outbreak of *E. coli* O26 linked to raw clover sprouts served at Jimmy John's restaurants in six states, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported February 24. That brings the outbreak total to 14. Both new cases said they ate sprouts at Jimmy John's restaurants in the week before they became ill. Iowa has reported five cases tied to the outbreak, Missouri has reported three, while Kansas and Michigan each have reported two cases. Arkansas and Wisconsin each have reported one outbreak-connected case. In its initial report, the CDC said the traceback probe had implicated a common lot of clover seeds used at two separate sprouting facilities. Both growers supplied sprouts to Jimmy John's restaurants. Raw sprouts served at Jimmy John's restaurants have been tied to 5 outbreaks in 4 years.  
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/02/outbreak-linked-to-raw-sprouts-grows-to-14-cases/>
23. *February 25, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **47,000 chickens died at farm; 3,000 sent to sanctuaries.** Authorities said 47,000 chickens found at an abandoned Turlock, California-area farm died and the remainder were being treated at sanctuaries, the Los

Angeles Times reported February 25. A&L Poultry, the owner of the abandoned egg farm, issued this statement: “A&L Poultry has been in the process of arranging the shut down of its egg production operations utilizing the industry’s business practices and standards. An attempt to arrange for delivery of the chickens to a third party in order to avoid the usual business practice of euthanizing the chickens resulted in an unacceptable situation A&L Poultry did not intend, and profoundly regrets.”

Authorities told the Modesto Bee the hens had not been fed in more than 2 weeks. Animal service officials investigated after a citizen complained about the business, a Harvest Home volunteer said, adding the owner is potentially facing animal neglect charges. Initial testing did not indicate the birds were diseased, a veterinarian for the animal service agency said.

Source: <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2012/02/47000-chicken-died-at-farm-3000-sent-to-sanctuaries.html>

24. *February 25, WZZM 13 Grand Rapids* – (Michigan) **Sarkozy Bakery destroyed by fire in Kalamazoo.** A February 25 fire swept through the Sarkozy Bakery in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Fire investigators said the building is a total loss. It took Kalamazoo public safety officers 4 hours to get the fire under control, after the building’s roof and floors collapsed. Investigators believe the fire started in the basement oven. One firefighter suffered minor injuries while trying to prevent the flames from spreading to nearby buildings.

Source: <http://www.wzzm13.com/news/article/201261/14/UPDATE-Sarkozy-Bakery-destroyed-by-fire-in-Kalamazoo?odyssey=tab|topnews|bc|large>

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## Water Sector

25. *February 27, Atlanta Journal-Constitution* – (Georgia) **Atlanta water officials ready to lift boil advisory.** Atlanta water officials said February 27 they were ready to lift a boil water advisory issued over the weekend of February 25 for parts of east Atlanta, Georgia. The city issued the advisory after a Georgia Power outage resulted in a temporary loss of pressure in the drinking water system. A spokeswoman for the city’s department of watershed management said they were awaiting approval from the state environmental protection division to lift the advisory. The system was restored to normal operations within 30 minutes, however, in an abundance of caution, a boil-water advisory was issued.

Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/atlanta/atlanta-water-officials-ready-1363469.html>

26. *February 27, PRWeb* – (National) **Water infrastructure bill to top \$1 trillion: AWWA ‘Buried No Longer’ report highlights cost of repair, expansion; shows impact on U.S. households.** The cost of repairing and expanding U.S. drinking water infrastructure will top \$1 trillion in the next 25 years, an expense that will be met primarily through higher water bills and local fees, according to a study by the American Water Works Association (AWWA), PRWeb reported February 27. The report, titled “Buried No Longer: Confronting America’s Water Infrastructure Challenge,” analyzes many factors, including timing of water main installation and life

expectancy, materials used, replacement costs, and shifting demographics. Nationally, infrastructure needs are almost evenly divided between replacement and expansion requirements. Cities will be impacted in different ways depending on size and geography. Many small communities will face the greatest challenges because they have smaller populations across whom to spread expenses.

Source: <http://www.prweb.com/releases/prweb2012/2/prweb9222932.htm>

27. *February 27, Wisconsin State Journal* – (Wisconsin) **Drinking water not treated in 60 state communities.** Despite science that confirms the dangers, at least 60 communities in Wisconsin do not treat drinking water to protect residents from contaminants such as viruses, the Wisconsin State Journal reported February 27. Among the municipalities are Spring Green in Sauk County, with a population of about 1,500, Fall River in Columbia County with almost 2,400 residents, and Rice Lake with about 8,000 residents. Drinking water officials with the state department of natural resources say that, although a short-lived rule requiring treatment was rescinded by the state legislature in 2011, the agency still strongly recommends communities treat drinking water with chlorine or ultraviolet light to kill contaminants. Officials said most of the municipalities that do not disinfect water supplies are small, rural communities. The presence of viruses in drinking water supplies only recently has been confirmed through a specialist in waterborne illnesses who conducted research at Marshfield Clinic. Groundwater experts found viruses in deep aquifers from which drinking water is drawn, showing viruses frequently enter water systems through aging and poorly maintained distribution systems. In a study of 14 Wisconsin communities, scientists showed a correlation between viruses in groundwater supplies and respiratory and gastrointestinal illnesses among the children and adults he tracked over 2 years. Communities are required by law to test for bacteria in water supplies, no tests for viruses are called for.

Source: [http://www.leadertelegram.com/news/daily\\_updates/article\\_928057a9-c826-5285-9539-a5a8aaf22318.html](http://www.leadertelegram.com/news/daily_updates/article_928057a9-c826-5285-9539-a5a8aaf22318.html)

28. *February 25, WFXT 25 Boston* – (Massachusetts) **Officials investigate water tower collapse in Wilmington.** A Wilmington, Massachusetts neighborhood was sent into a state of chaos February 24 after a water tank holding nearly 400,000 gallons of water collapsed and sent a tidal wave down the street. Residents found scattered debris surrounding their yards. Some were evacuated after firefighters on the scene smelled gas. They quickly learned there was a gas leak following the tower collapse so they called in the gas company to turn off the lines. The rushing water was so powerful it ripped a diesel engine attached to a concrete slab off of its foundation. The water tank holds water that supplies nearby fire hydrants and is owned by the developer of the industrial park located on Jonspin Road. Officials said they have yet to find what caused the tank's collapse.

Source: <http://www.myfoxboston.com/dpp/news/local/officials-investigate-water-tower-collapse-in-wilmington-20120225>

29. *February 25, Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette* – (Indiana) **Leaky pipes cost city 15% of treated water.** Aging water pipes leak millions of gallons of water into the ground through breaks or tiny cracks, costing Fort Wayne, Indiana, more than a half-million

dollars in 2011, the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette reported February 25. Of the 10.7 billion gallons of water produced at the city utilities plant in 2011, 23 percent was never sold to a customer. Some of this unsold water is used to flush fire hydrants or water lines, fight fires, or clean sewers. But the vast majority, city officials estimate it is 15 percent of total water produced, is simply lost to the ground. This means the city produced 1.6 billion gallons of water last year that served no purpose other than to make area soils a little wetter. It costs the city about \$550,000 to produce that lost water, according to a utility spokeswoman, costs eventually passed on to utility customers. The amount of water not billed, not simply lost, grew from 1.8 billion gallons in 2007 to nearly 2.5 billion gallons in 2011. While the numbers might seem high, they are within industry norms, according to the utility's deputy director of engineering.

Source: <http://www.journalgazette.net/article/20120225/LOCAL/302259978>

30. *February 25, Carrollton Times-Georgian* – (Georgia) **City makes repairs after 500,000 gallon sewage spill.** Carrollton, Georgia, was making final repairs February 24 on a half-million gallon sewage spill caused by the failure of three pumps February 20. The spilled sewage ran into Buffalo Creek for 8 hours and city officials are monitoring the creek upstream and downstream from the spill, but they have found no impact to the environment. “We had three pump failures in one day,” said the assistant city manager. “Two failures are rare, but having three fail almost never happens.” He said the spill occurred at a large pump station powered by two 125-horsepower electric pumps continuously monitored by telemetry and physically checked at least every other day. He said one pump failed due to electrical problems while the other had a broken shaft. The spare pump had been previously rebuilt but apparently had a bad seal, which caused it to fail, he added. Godwin Pump Company brought in portable diesel powered pumps and the Douglasville-Douglas County Water and Sewer Authority loaned the city a pump.

Source: [http://www.times-georgian.com/view/full\\_story/17649809/article-City-makes-repairs-after-500-000-gallon-sewage-spill?instance=TG\\_home\\_story](http://www.times-georgian.com/view/full_story/17649809/article-City-makes-repairs-after-500-000-gallon-sewage-spill?instance=TG_home_story)

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

31. *February 27, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **1 dead, 4 wounded in Ohio school shooting.** A teenager at Chardon High School in Chardon, Ohio, opened fire in the cafeteria February 27, killing one student and wounding four others before being caught a short distance away, authorities said. A student who witnessed the attack from

just a few feet away said it appeared the gunman was targeting a group of students sitting at a cafeteria table, and the student who was killed was trying to duck under the table. Panicked students screamed and ran through the halls after the gunfire broke out at the start of the school day at the 1,100-student school, about 30 miles from Cleveland. The suspect was arrested near his car a half-mile away, the FBI said. He was not immediately charged. FBI officials would not comment on a motive. Five students were taken to Cleveland-area hospitals, and one later died, officials said. At least one other victim was listed in serious condition. Parents thronged the streets around the school as they heard from students via text message before official word came of the attack. Officers investigating the shooting blocked off a road in a heavily wooded area several miles from the school.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5hztXIBuN1ZWUvDZBE7Pq41lejLw?docId=2c15575fa3a34a4a91bd90b0dc0eaf44>

32. *February 26, WCVB 5 Boston* – (Massachusetts) **Harvard evacuates students from dorm fire.** According to fire crews, students were safely evacuated after a fire sparked February 26 in a high-rise dormitory at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. University officials said the fire was confined to a fourth-floor dorm room in the seven-story building located at Soldiers Field Road. The university said damage was estimated at \$150,000.

Source: <http://www.thebostonchannel.com/r/30547133/detail.html>

33. *February 24, Associated Press* – (Mississippi) **5 indicted on charge of stealing military ordnance.** Five people were indicted on a federal charge of stealing military ordnance from the firing range of a Mississippi Army National Guard base. A federal grand jury in south Mississippi issued the indictment February 23 for the five people. Affidavits in court records said member of the group took the rounds from the firing range at Camp Shelby. They allegedly planned to sell them to a recycling plant in Alabama. Authorities began investigating after an anti-tank round exploded January 19 in Gulfport, Mississippi, seriously injuring a man. Authorities said he was cutting the round with an acetylene torch. An affidavit said 51 complete or partial anti-tank rounds were found at his house.

Source:

<http://www.hattiesburgamerican.com/usatoday/article/38654177?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|FRONTPAGE|p>

34. *February 24, National Defense* – (National) **Cyber intrusions into Air Force computers take weeks to detect.** When a hacker manages to penetrate U.S. Air Force computer networks, it generally takes experts more than a month to piece together what went wrong, the National Defense Industrial Association reported February 24. A forensics investigation into a network breach lasts an average of 45 days, said the senior adviser for intelligence and cyber-operations for the 24th Air Force, the organization that operates and defends the service's networks. "That's way better than we used to be, but that's not tactically acceptable," he told an Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) information technology conference. The Air Force needs hardware and software that leaves no back doors to

the network open, officials said. Currently, if hackers find a hole they can unload “truckloads of information” without the service even knowing they were even on the network, said the inspector general of the Air Force. Officials asked for industry help to improve its ability to watch over the network and detect and respond to unauthorized activity.

Source: <http://www.nationaldefensemagazine.org/blog/Lists/Posts/Post.aspx?ID=688>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

35. *February 26, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **Two PG County firefighters are critical but stable.** Two Prince George’s County, Maryland firefighters, who were seriously injured while fighting a house fire February 24 in Riverdale, remained in critical but stable condition February 26, according to their families. One of the Bladensburg volunteer firefighters remained intubated, but was conscious at a hospital burn unit. He suffered burns to his airway. The second firefighter had burns over 40 percent of his body and was expected to remain in the burn unit for at least 6 weeks, according to fire officials. A third firefighter was released February 25 from the hospital. He suffered injuries to his ribs and burns to both hands, officials said. In total, seven Prince George’s County firefighters were injured when the house fire broke out. The other four firefighters were treated and released February 24. Preliminary reports indicate a sudden rush of air, fanned by high winds, entered the rear of the house either from a door or window being opened or broken when firefighters began attacking the blaze. The sudden rush of air created a “fireball”, engulfing the firefighters, officials said. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Source: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/bs-md-pg-fire-20120226,0,3444579.story>

36. *February 24, WTOL 11 Toledo* – (Ohio) **NORIS computer system shut down over virus.** A critical computer network was down for a third day, February 24, after falling victim to a sophisticated worm. The failure impacted about 200 different agencies, including police departments, jails, and courts in northwest Ohio. A computer worm infected the Northwest Ohio Regional Information System (NORIS) causing the shutdown February 22. It is unclear what caused the problem, but system administrators believe it was unlikely from hacking. The Toledo Police Department (TPD) uses the system to check for warrants, criminal histories, mug shots, and other records on laptops while patrolling. “We’re unable to run records, checks license plates and other things of that nature through NORIS. We have other means of doing it, but this clearly is slowing us down,” said an Oregon Police Department sergeant.

Source: <http://www.wtol.com/story/17011513/noris-computer-system-shut-down-over-virus>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

37. *February 27, H Security* – (International) **ASLR to be mandatory for binary Firefox extensions.** A patch recently introduced to the Firefox repository is designed to make the browser more secure by forcing certain binary extensions to use address space layout randomization (ASLR) under Windows. Mozilla developers said the change, which will prevent cross platform component object module (XPCOM) component dynamic link libraries (DDLs) without ASLR from loading, should be included in Firefox 13 “if no unexpected problems arise.” This could, for example, affect products from anti-virus firms Symantec and McAfee. As recently as 2011, these products were noted installing DLLs compiled without ASLR in the browser, enabling malware to predict with relative ease the memory addresses used for heap and stack areas by the DLLs. ASLR is designed to randomize all memory addresses, so the program components in question will be placed in different locations each time they start. Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/ASLR-to-be-mandatory-for-binary-Firefox-extensions-1443131.html>
38. *February 24, The Register* – (International) **Anti-phishing DMARC adoption gathers (free) steam.** The world’s biggest names in the consumer Web mail space are sharing security intelligence with businesses for free to help drive adoption of the Domain-based Message Authentication, Reporting, and Conformance (DMARC) e-mail authentication system. In January, Google, Microsoft, AOL, Facebook, and Yahoo! joined up with service providers such as PayPal to push the DMARC standard, which integrates with Sender Policy Framework (SPF) and Domain Keys Identified Mail (DKIM) systems. The advantage of participating in DMARC for businesses is that they, as domain name holders, can specify e-mail handling policy via DMARC, which acts as an overlay for SPF and DKIM checking. By confirming an e-mail message is actually coming from a firm’s servers and not from a spammer, spoofed e-mails are cut out, and info about that spam-blocking is then fed back into the DMARC register to identify the e-mail systems being used by the spammers. The open flow of information between DMARC and businesses ensures both sides benefit from more efficient spam blocking. The week of February 20, the e-mail intelligence firm and founding member of the DMARC consortium Agari opened up its Receiver Program, making it free to all comers. Businesses can sign up to get the latest anti-spam and anti-phishing intelligence from members of DMARC, and can use it to refine filtering techniques. Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/02/24/dmarc\\_spam\\_phishing\\_free/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/02/24/dmarc_spam_phishing_free/)

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### **Internet Alert Dashboard**

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## Communications Sector

39. *February 26, Diamond Bar Patch* – (California) **Cut cable knocks out service to DB residents.** A cut cable February 26 affected service to customers in Diamond Bar, Walnut, and Rowland Heights, California, a Time Warner Cable spokesperson said. It was not immediately clear how or where the cable was cut. Less than 5,000 customers in all three cities were affected by the outage, officials said. Services were restored by February 26, the spokesperson said. However, no explanation of how a cable was cut had been offered.  
Source: <http://diamondbar.patch.com/articles/cut-cable-knocks-out-service-to-db-residents>
40. *February 25, Sarasota Patch* – (Florida) **Verizon VoIP phone outage resolved.** Verizon was working to fix a disruption in its Voice over Internet Protocol phone service that happened February 25, but 9-1-1 calls were not affected, according to the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office. Customers who use the Internet phone service can still dial 9-1-1 as the call will be routed through a third party system to the sheriff's office 9-1-1 call center, they said. Verizon was aware of the problem and was working to resolve the outage, according to the sheriff's office. "According to the Public Safety Communications Center there have not been any issues since midnight and Verizon believes the problem has been resolved," a spokeswoman for the sheriff's office said.  
Source: <http://sarasota.patch.com/articles/verizon-experiencing-voip-phone-outages>
41. *February 24, Orange County Register* – (California) **Cox home voice mail to be restored by tonight.** Cox Communications customers have been without residential voice mail for 4 days, the Orange County Register reported February 24. The company expected the problem to be fixed February 24, a company spokeswoman said. Residential customers in Orange County, San Diego, and Santa Barbara had been unable to get voice mail since February 21, a spokeswoman said. Other phone service, such as call-forwarding, was not affected, she stated. When service is restored, the spokeswoman said all the voice messages received since the outage should also be restored.  
Source: <http://www.ocregister.com/articles/phone-341841-restored-service.html>

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

42. *February 27, KCTV 5 Kansas City* – (Missouri) **Investigators believe faulty furnace to blame in KC church fire.** Clean-up efforts continued after a fire caused heavy damage during a birthday celebration at a Kansas City, Missouri church February 26. The fire caused \$50,000 in damage after a fast moving fire swept through a room on the top floor. Around 40 people were evacuated. One firefighter was treated after being hit

- by falling debris. Investigators believed a faulty furnace might have caused the fire.  
Source: <http://www.kctv5.com/story/17024081/investigators-believe-faulty-furnace-to-blame-in-kc-church-fire>
43. *February 27, KETV 7 Omaha* – (Nebraska) **Apartment blaze injures 1 person.** Firefighters took one person to a hospital in critical condition, following a fire at an Omaha, Nebraska apartment complex February 27. Investigators said 10 apartment units were damaged in the blaze which took firefighters more than 90 minutes to get under control. Firefighters said 22 people have been displaced.  
Source: <http://www.ketv.com/news/30549010/detail.html>
44. *February 27, WOOD 8 Grand Rapids* – (Michigan) **2 arrested after meth explodes in apt.** Two Sturgis, Michigan residents were arrested after police said they were making methamphetamine in their apartment — an incident that caused an explosion. Rescue personnel were called February 27 and determined a chemical spilled in a hallway, forcing authorities to evacuate the building. The Sturgis Fire Department HAZMAT Team was called to the scene and crew members determined the chemical was related to the production of meth. A 19-year-old Sturgis female and a 20-year-old Sturgis male were arrested and charged with maintaining a drug house. The scene was cleaned up and the other residents were able to return to their apartments.  
Source: [http://www.woodtv.com/dpp/news/local/sw\\_mich/2-arrested-in-sturgis-meth-bust](http://www.woodtv.com/dpp/news/local/sw_mich/2-arrested-in-sturgis-meth-bust)
45. *February 26, NewsCore* – (Tennessee) **Police: 1 killed, 20 injured in shooting at Tennessee nightclub.** Police said 1 person was killed and 20 others were injured February 26 in a shooting at a Jackson, Tennessee nightclub. An apparent dispute between several people at the Karma Lounge led to at least three people opening fire, according to a press release from the Jackson Police Department. The club was hosting an after-party for a basketball game between Lane College and Lemoyne-Owen College. Eighteen people were taken to an area hospital with gunshot wounds, and two women were hospitalized for injuries they sustained when they were trampled by clubgoers running from the shooters.  
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2012/02/26/police-1-killed-20-injured-in-shooting-at-tennessee-nightclub/>
46. *February 25, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Officer, two others pull workers from fire.** A two-alarm blaze at a Somerville, Massachusetts auto repair shop started when the gasoline tank of a vehicle being serviced caught fire, February 25. Four shop employees were transported to a hospital for minor burns and smoke inhalation. Firefighters encountered thick plumes of black smoke, likely generated from the chemicals, plastics, and accelerants often found in an automotive repair shop. The building was destroyed. The property was valued at more than \$640,000.  
Source:  
[http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2012/02/25/officer\\_pulls\\_out\\_2\\_men\\_from\\_burning\\_somerville\\_auto\\_repair\\_shop/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2012/02/25/officer_pulls_out_2_men_from_burning_somerville_auto_repair_shop/)

47. *February 24, Softpedia* – (International) **Yves Saint Laurent, ABC, and Sky Sports vulnerable to hackers.** A hacker that goes by the online handle Freedom provided Softpedia with proof February 24 regarding cross-site scripting vulnerabilities that exist in popular Web sites such as the ones of Yves Saint Laurent, ABC, and Sky Sports. The vulnerability that affects Sky Sports was, according to the hacker, easy to find by anyone with basic HTML skills. Freedom also identified few vulnerabilities, that were also found by TeamHav0k, in official sites owned by sportswear manufacturers Puma and Adidas. All the flaws were reported to the sites' owners, but grey hat hackers are often ignored when they contact administrators.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Yves-Saint-Laurent-ABC-and-Sky-Sports-Vulnerable-to-Hackers-Exclusive-254999.shtml>

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

48. *February 27, Associated Press* – (Wyoming) **Travelers stranded in Grand Teton Nat'l Park storm.** A winter storm the weekend of February 25 stranded travelers in Wyoming's Grand Teton National Park and slowed down the search for a snowboarder missing in the backcountry amid high avalanche danger, the Associated Press reported February 27. Rescuers were able to find a 31-year-old man. High winds and blowing snow prevented rescuers from using a helicopter to find him. Rangers also could not respond from their rescue headquarters because of the highway closure, so they requested help from Teton County search volunteers. Blowing snow also closed down a 22-mile stretch of the park's main highway, stranding about 160 travelers. They spent the night at two lodges and an elementary school in the park.  
Source: [http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/nationworld/2017609585\\_apusgrandtetonstorm.html](http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/nationworld/2017609585_apusgrandtetonstorm.html)
49. *February 23, Florida Today* – (Florida) **Brush fire west of I-95 and north of SR 50 grows to 1,800 acres.** The No-Go Fire west of Titusville, Florida, burned 1,800 acres of the St. Johns National Wildlife Refuge and was 50 percent contained, according to Brevard County Fire-Rescue. No homes or roadways were believed to be threatened as of February 23, as reported by Florida Today. The fire is believed to have been started from a lightning strike from a thunderstorm system that moved through the area, according to a Florida Forest Service representative. Fox Lake Park was closed to the public so it could serve as a staging area for firefighting operations.  
Source: <http://www.floridatoday.com/article/20120223/NEWS01/120223015/Brush-fire-west-95-north-SR-50-grows-1-400-acres>

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## Dams Sector

50. *February 26, Today's Zaman* – (International) **Two arrested on charges of negligence in deadly dam collapse.** A Turkish court has arrested two suspects as part of an investigation into an incident that killed at least two after a tunnel in a dam under construction in the southern province of Adana, Turkey, collapsed February 24. Ten construction workers went missing and two others were injured after the collapse. Two of the missing workers were later found dead, while search and rescue efforts continued February 26 for the remaining missing workers. The Adana governor said the 90 million cubic meters of water stored behind the dam began to escape when one of the floodgates broke open, leading to 1 cubic meter of water leaking from the dam per second. Heavy equipment was sent to the area to fix the problem. The dam project director and construction site foreman were detained February 25 and interrogated, and subsequently referred to court for arrest. The Adana governor told reporters search and rescue efforts were continuing to find the remaining eight workers, who are believed to be dead. He said the thickness of mud made it harder to find the bodies of the missing construction workers.

Source:

[http://www.sundayszaman.com/sunday/newsDetail\\_getNewsById.action?newsId=272533](http://www.sundayszaman.com/sunday/newsDetail_getNewsById.action?newsId=272533)

51. *February 24, Kent Reporter* – (Washington) **Army Corps pleased with Hanson's Dam performance during Green River rainfall.** As rain subsided the week of February 20 the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Seattle District officials estimated that Mud Mountain and Howard Hanson dams protected nearly 1 million people and about \$2 billion in resources in the White and Green River valleys near Tacoma, Washington. This is particularly important, according to Corps officials, because they invested around \$40 million to improve the safety of Howard Hanson Dam, making repairs due to seepage issues discovered after a flood event in 2009. Without operations of Howard Hanson Dam, estimated flows on the Green River would have been near 22,000 cubic feet per second (cfs), nearly double the river's maximum design flow of 12,000 cfs measured in Auburn.

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