



## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report 6 March 2012

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- A key segment of Enbridge Inc's oil pipeline system in the Midwest will remain shut down for many days in the wake of a deadly accident and fire in Illinois, the company said March 4. – *Reuters* (See item [4](#))
- Police believe mercury found in the cafeteria of an Albany, New York hospital was deliberately placed in food there. – *Albany Times Union* (See item [21](#))
- The cleanup began in 10 states in the Midwest and South after dozens of tornadoes killed 39 people and destroyed hundreds of businesses, schools, and other buildings March 2 and 3. – *CNN* (See item [42](#))
- A federal appeals court upheld a ruling that found the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers liable for property damage caused by Hurricane Katrina. The appellate court upheld a lower court ruling that shoddy work on a shipping channel led to levee failures and massive flood damage. – *Associated Press* (See item [47](#))

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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. *March 5, Associated Press* – (Kentucky) **Explosion, fire destroys gas station in eastern Kentucky; cause being investigated.** Fire officials said an eastern Kentucky gas station was destroyed after an explosion and fire, the Associated Press reported March 5. Towering flames at a Clay City BP gas station were first reported March 5, according to WLEX 18 Lexington. Officials told WLEX there was an explosion, but the cause was under investigation. Fire officials did not suspect foul play.  
Source: <http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/c810145f860644aea386b8288bdccf4e/KY--Gas-Station-Explodes/>
2. *March 5, Associated Press* – (Oklahoma) **Crews contain propane leak at northern Oklahoma plant, still working to cap it.** Officials said Oklahoma Natural Gas (ONG) crews contained a propane leak that prompted a voluntary evacuation of the entire town of Medford, Oklahoma, the Associated Press reported March 5. The leak began February 28 at a fuel-storage plant owned by ONEOK, which is ONG's parent company. Medford residents were evacuated out of concern the vapors could pose a fire risk if a pocket of propane ignited. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said contractors planned to pump a brine and mud mixture into an underground well to stop the leak. The Medford city manager said residents who left their homes returned by March 4.  
Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/crews-contain-propane-leak-at-northern-oklahoma-plant-still-working-to-cap-it/2012/03/05/gIQAT1odsR\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/crews-contain-propane-leak-at-northern-oklahoma-plant-still-working-to-cap-it/2012/03/05/gIQAT1odsR_story.html)
3. *March 5, Traverse City Daily Eagle* – (Michigan) **Thousands still without power.** More than 27,000 Traverse City, Michigan area residents were still without power March 5, including more than 20,000 Consumers Power customers in Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Leelanau, and Manistee counties. More than 147,000 Consumers customers in the region lost power at some point during the storm. Traverse City Light and Power restored power to all but about 50 customers early March 5. The utility expected to have the rest back on by midday, a spokeswoman said. City utility crews were assisted by two line crews from Lansing Board of Power & Light and single crews from Grand Haven, Lowell, and Zeeland. Six tree crews from Indiana and three tree crews from southern Michigan also helped with clean-up work that is expected to continue for several days.  
Source: <http://record-eagle.com/latest/x1112179667/Thousands-still-without-power>
4. *March 4, Reuters* – (Illinois; Midwest) **Enbridge U.S. oil line to be shut for four more days.** A key segment of Enbridge Inc's oil pipeline system in the Midwest will remain shut down for up to 4 more days after a deadly vehicle accident in Illinois caused an oil leak and fire, likely squeezing supplies for refiners in the region, the company said March 4. The shutdown of Enbridge's 318,000 barrel a day Line 14/64 is

part of a network that carries oil produced in Canada to Griffith, Indiana, from Superior, Wisconsin. Enbridge, whose pipelines carry the bulk of Canadian oil exports to the United States, idled the line early March 3 after what emergency officials described as a two-vehicle collision at an above-ground portion of the conduit close to a pumping station near New Lenox, Illinois. The westernmost portion of the pipeline, Line 14, could restart March 7 and the remainder, Line 64, March 8, an Enbridge spokeswoman said. The outage will have a large impact on other parts of the massive pipeline system, she added. Enbridge will be forced to slow the flow of crude on pipelines between Alberta and Superior, or it may even shut some down, to make sure storage tanks do not become filled to capacity. Also, the pipelines that carry crude to the main system from Canadian production facilities face flow restrictions.

Source: <http://www.orlandosentinel.com/features/consumer/sns-rt-us-enbridge-firetre8230k6-20120304,0,84921.story>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

5. *March 4, New Haven Register* – (Connecticut) **Work on Upjohn chemical plant advancing in North Haven.** The next step to cleaning up the former Upjohn chemical plant in North Haven, Connecticut, is under way, the New Haven Register reported March 4. Below-ground heater wells are treating liquid contaminants. Now, Pfizer Inc., which obtained the 78-acre property through corporate sales, is building above-ground infrastructure, which includes a thermal oxidizer, carbon absorber units, and a wet scrubber that removes chlorine. The thermal remediation equipment is a pilot program that will cover 1,000 square feet over a highly contaminated former production area. It will treat “dense non-aqueous phase liquids,” the main source of groundwater contamination. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection approved the remedy. The pilot will run for 6 months. Pending the results, a full-scale system is planned for next year. The pilot system will cost between \$2 and \$3 million. The entire site clean-up, with 30 years of monitoring, will cost about \$150 million. Besides the thermal remediation, there will be groundwater recovery and treatment, soil and sludge capping, and dredging.

Source:

<http://www.nhregister.com/articles/2012/03/04/news/metro/doc4f5435e5eaa24810937415.txt?viewmode=fullstory>

6. *March 3, Framingham MetroWest Daily News* – (Massachusetts) **Framingham’s General Chemical to close.** General Chemical Corp. will close its highly scrutinized hazardous waste transfer facility in Framingham, Massachusetts, a decision town and school officials, neighbors and environmental advocates hailed as “an incredible victory.” The company president gave 45 days advanced notice of the closure to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) March 1. Despite the closure, the firm is responsible for cleaning up the contaminated plume of groundwater

surrounding its site, near Woodrow Wilson Elementary School. The DEP forced General Chemical last fall to set aside nearly \$1.5 million in a trust for the plume's cleanup. The company has also set aside \$140,000 it will use to clean up and decontaminate the facility before closing. It must follow a closure plan the DEP approved. The company plans to stop trucking in waste March 30. The state fined General Chemical \$29,000 last year, including for pumping polluted stormwater into the environment.

Source: <http://www.metrowestdailynews.com/features/x1644227144/Framinghams-General-Chemical-to-close>

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

7. *March 5, Salem Today's Sunbeam* – (New Jersey) **PSEG Nuclear's Hope Creek reactor shut down to allow for repairs to key pump.** Operators of PSEG Nuclear's Hope Creek reactor in Lower Alloways Creek Township, New Jersey, shut down the plant March 4 in an effort to repair a key pump, a spokesman for the utility said. The reactor was taken off-line late morning. One of Hope Creek's two water recirculation pumps tripped off-line March 1, prompting operators to cut the reactor's output of electricity to 55 percent. Since then, workers had attempted to find what caused the one pump to shut down, and make repairs needed to restart it.  
Source: [http://www.nj.com/sunbeam-news/index.ssf/2012/03/pseg\\_nuclears\\_hope\\_creek\\_react.html](http://www.nj.com/sunbeam-news/index.ssf/2012/03/pseg_nuclears_hope_creek_react.html)
8. *March 5, Minneapolis Star Tribune* – (Minnesota) **State's 2 nuclear plants will get post-Fukushima upgrades.** The owner of Minnesota's two nuclear power plants said it is preparing to spend \$20 million to \$50 million on safety upgrades and studies based on the lessons of the nuclear catastrophe in Japan a year ago this month. Xcel Energy is buying more diesel pumps and portable generators that could be quickly deployed at its Monticello and Red Wing Prairie Island plants if all backup electricity went out, as it did at Japan's Fukushima Daiichi plant. Some critics question whether the actions are sufficient, pointing with skepticism to the purchase of off-the-shelf pumps and backup generators, rather than more expensive equipment designed for nuclear plants. The chief nuclear officer for the Minneapolis-based utility, who is also a member of the industry's post-Fukushima steering committee, said in an interview that Xcel's safety costs could climb as high as \$250 million if the utility is required to purchase nuclear-qualified equipment and take other costly steps such as building earthquake-proof off-site buildings to store and protect it.  
Source: <http://www.startribune.com/local/west/141381543.html?page=1&c=y>
9. *March 4, Aspinwall Herald* – (Pennsylvania) **Nuclear cleanup costs expected to skyrocket at Parks.** The cleanup costs for the nuclear waste dump in Parks Township, Pennsylvania, are expected to soar from \$170 million to at least \$250 million and maybe as much as half a billion dollars because of recently discovered complexities of the site and safety considerations. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will update residents on the cleanup during a public meeting later this month at the Parks Township

Volunteer Fire Department. The waste dump is currently owned by BWX Technologies (Babcock & Wilcox). After starting and stopping excavation last year in two of 10 waste trenches on the 44-acre site along Route 66, the agency is revising its cleanup plans and budget and changing contractors. Worked stopped at the Parks site in October after workers for the prime contractor allegedly mishandled some nuclear waste in barrels, according to the Corps. The contractor violated safety procedures in place to prevent too much radioactive material from being placed close together, potentially causing a chain reaction that could release unsafe levels of radiation. Source: [http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/valleynewsdispatch/s\\_784769.html](http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/valleynewsdispatch/s_784769.html)

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

10. *March 5, U.S. Department of Transportation* – (National) **NHTSA recall notice - Gabriel and Partsmaster strut assemblies for the Ford Focus.** Ride Control announced March 5 the recall of 10,006 Readymount strut assemblies under the Gabriel name and privately branded Partsmaster name. The strut assemblies were sold as aftermarket service equipment for use on model year 2000-2005 Ford Focus vehicles. The assemblies were produced with an incorrect nut that does not contain a flange. The absence of the nut can allow the Readymount assembly to pull apart the top mount. If the assembly separates during installation, it could result in injury to the installer. If the assembly separates while the vehicle is in motion, it could result in damage to the vehicle and possibly result in a crash. Ride Control will notify owners and will repair or replace affected parts. The safety recall is expected to begin during March. Source: [http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rel\\_ID=12E007000&summary=true&prod\\_id=1436778&PrintVersion=YES](http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rel_ID=12E007000&summary=true&prod_id=1436778&PrintVersion=YES)
11. *March 5, U.S. Department of Transportation* – (National) **NHTSA recall notice - Daimler Trucks Freightliner, Sterling, and Western Star fuel line systems.** Daimler Trucks announced March 5 the recall of 103,437 model year 2006-2013 Freightliner, Sterling, and Western Star vehicles equipped with Detroit Diesel EPA07, EPA10, DD13, and DD15/16 engines. The pump to rail high pressure fuel line support system used on the engines is sensitive to assembly torque and may be damaged during service work. As a result of other repairs, the line supports may loosen, potentially leading to fuel line cracking and a fuel leak. A fuel leak could create a road hazard, increasing the risk of a crash. A fuel leak in the presence of an ignition source can also result in a fire. Daimler Trucks will notify owners, and the fuel line support system will be replaced by service facilities. The recall is expected to begin during March. Source: [http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rel\\_ID=12V074000&summary=true&prod\\_id=1438781&PrintVersion=YES](http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rel_ID=12V074000&summary=true&prod_id=1438781&PrintVersion=YES)
12. *March 5, U.S. Department of Transportation* – (National) **NHTSA recall notice - Nissan Quest engine software.** Nissan announced March 5 the recall of 23,531 model year 2011-2012 Nissan Quest vehicles. Due to software programming, while driving at

slow speeds or idling on a decline with a quarter tank of fuel or less, there may be an insufficient supply of fuel to the engine. As a result, the engine may stall. Vehicle stalling could increase the risk of a crash. Nissan will notify owners, and dealers will reprogram the fuel pump control module. The safety recall is expected to begin during March.

Source: [http://www-](http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rel_ID=12V076000&summary=true&prod_id=1246770&PrintVersion=YES)

[odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rel\\_ID=12V076000&summary=true&prod\\_id=1246770&PrintVersion=YES](http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rel_ID=12V076000&summary=true&prod_id=1246770&PrintVersion=YES)

13. *March 2, U.S. Department of Labor* – (New Hampshire) **U.S. Labor Department’s OSHA cites Westinghouse plant in Newington, NH, for inadequate safeguards against hexavalent chromium.** The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) March 2 cited Cranberry, Pennsylvania-based Westinghouse Electric Co. LLC for alleged willful and serious violations of workplace health standards at its Newington, New Hampshire stainless steel component manufacturing facility. OSHA found that employees performing welding work in the main fabrication area were exposed to airborne concentrations of hexavalent chromium in excess of the permissible exposure limit, and engineering controls or work practices to reduce exposure levels were not in place. Other serious violations were also cited relating to chromium exposure. Westinghouse was also issued one willful citation for failing to establish a regulated work area around employees exposed, or reasonably expected to be exposed, to excess levels of hexavalent chromium.

Source:

[http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=NEWS\\_RELEASES&p\\_id=21921](http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=21921)

14. *March 1, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Texas) **U.S. Department of Labor’s OSHA cites San Antonio-based Berridge Manufacturing for safety violations; nearly \$132,000 proposed in fines.** The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration March 1 cited Berridge Manufacturing Co. with 17 violations for exposing workers to multiple safety hazards at the company’s facility in San Antonio. An inspection was conducted as part of the agency’s Site-Specific Targeting Program for industries with high injury and illness rates. Proposed penalties total \$131,670. Eight serious and five repeat safety violations were cited, including violations involving fall protection, electrical hazards, and machine guarding.

Source:

[http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=NEWS\\_RELEASES&p\\_id=21915](http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=21915)

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

15. *March 4, Panama City News Herald* – (National) **F-22 oxygen problems still a mystery.** The U.S. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) announced it could find no cause for the hypoxia suffered by F-22 pilots from the lack of oxygen in the cockpit, the Panama City News Herald reported March 4. The advisory board was asked to

investigate the oxygen systems in the F-22 after months of problems with both the main and backup oxygen systems. “The SAB did look at the oxygen system and was not able to find a single cause related to the oxygen system,” said an Air Force spokesman. He went on to say improvements were made to the oxygen system. He also said the health effects of pilots will be monitored. The SAB, an independent board working under the direction of the Air Force, looked at numerous reported problems regarding the oxygen system. The full SAB report is slated for release in May or June, the spokesman confirmed.

Source: <http://www.newsherald.com/articles/panama-100902-problems-city.html>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

16. *March 2, Philadelphia Inquirer* – (Pennsylvania) **Phila. ‘slumlord’ indicted in \$10 million bank fraud.** A businessman once described as a “millionaire slumlord” was charged March 2 with defrauding banks out of \$10 million in an effort to shore up his empire in Kensington and Port Richmond areas of Philadelphia. The indictment alleged he defrauded the East River Bank and Republic First Bank out of more than \$10 million in 2007 by lying to the bank about property titles and income from properties he put up for collateral. The U.S. attorney’s office said he operated a real estate business in Port Richmond through which he controlled more than 300 properties. He pledged 134 properties to secure the loans, but he did not hold good title for all of them because he had entered into various ownership agreements with occupants of several of the properties, the indictment said. He also allegedly lied about the amount of rent he collected from some of the properties, and listed vacant buildings as occupied. If convicted, he faces a maximum possible sentence of 120 years in prison, 5 years of supervised release, and \$4 million in fines, the U.S. attorney’s office said.

Source: <http://www.philly.com/philly/news/breaking/141181123.html>

17. *March 2, WCBS 2 New York* – (New York) **FBI seeks help finding ‘Snubnosed Bandit’ wanted in 6 NYC bank robberies.** The FBI is asking for the public’s help to identify and locate the so-called Snubnosed Bandit, WCBS 2 New York reported March 2. The suspect, given his name for the weapon he allegedly uses, is wanted in connection with six armed robberies in New York City. The latest came March 2 at an Apple Bank in Brooklyn. The suspect approached the counter, pushed aside a customer, and pulled out a silver revolver before demanding cash, the FBI said. He later fled in a vehicle. The FBI believes the Snubnosed Bandit may have used livery vehicles to transport himself to and from previous bank robberies. He is considered armed and dangerous. Other locations robbed include: a Capital One Bank in Brooklyn, October 18, 2011; an HSBC Bank in Queens, December 7, 2011; a Sovereign Bank in Jackson Heights, January 6; and a Chase Bank in Queens, January 28.

Source: <http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2012/03/02/fbi-seeks-help-finding-snubnosed-bandit-wanted-in-6-nyc-bank-robberies/>

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## Transportation Sector

18. *March 5, Reuters* – (National) **United Airlines hit by technical glitches.** United Airlines battled service problems including flight delays, faulty kiosks and jammed phone lines the weekend of March 3 and 4 as it worked through technical glitches during its combination of the United and Continental Airlines reservation systems. United March 3 adopted the reservation platform of the former Continental after the companies merged to form the world’s largest carrier, now known as United Airlines. But after spending months preparing for the change, United said March 4 technical issues had flared up at airports across the system, causing delays. In particular, problems with airport check-in kiosks meant customers had to line up to see service agents, a spokeswoman said. The United Web site said that “the systems integration process is almost complete”. It said the system conversion involved moving millions of reservations and re-establishing numerous communications links.

Source: <http://www.foxbusiness.com/industries/2012/03/05/united-airlines-hit-by-technical-glitches/>

19. *March 2, MSNBC; Associated Press* – (New York; National) **FAA fines airline involved in deadly 2009 crash.** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) proposed a \$153,000 fine against Colgan Air for operating more than a dozen flights without giving pilots and flight attendants a required break between shifts. The regional carrier, which is owned by Pinnacle Airlines, was involved in the February 12, 2009, crash near Buffalo, New York that killed 50 people. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) determined the crash was the result of pilot error. Though both pilots onboard the flight had schedules within FAA requirements, the NTSB warned that fatigue likely played a factor in their decision-making. The FAA cited 17 flights operated between June 2008 and February 2009 on which two captains, two first officers, and six flight attendants worked even though they had been on duty for the previous 6 consecutive days.

Source: [http://overheadbin.msnbc.msn.com/\\_news/2012/03/02/10562151-faa-fines-airline-involved-in-deadly-2009-crash](http://overheadbin.msnbc.msn.com/_news/2012/03/02/10562151-faa-fines-airline-involved-in-deadly-2009-crash)

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## Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report

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## Agriculture and Food Sector

20. *March 5, Food Safety News* – (National) **Allergen alert: ‘Gluten free’ candy with wheat.** Jelly Belly Candy Co. of Fairfield, California, recalled Peter Rabbit Deluxe

Easter Mix “Gluten Free” candies because the malted milk balls may contain wheat, Food Safety News reported March 5. The recall is for 2.7-ounce bags. The candy assortment was distributed nationwide.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/03/allergen-alert-gluten-free-candy-with-wheat/>

21. *March 5, Albany Times Union* – (New York) **Police, FBI in mercury probe.** City police are treating the discovery of mercury in the cafeteria of the Albany Medical Center in Albany, New York, as a criminal matter, saying there is a possibility the toxic metal was intentionally placed in the hospital’s food, the Albany Times Union reported March 5. The investigation, which is being aided by New York State Police and FBI, began March 2, when a hospital employee found a tiny metal ball on her food tray that was tested and found to be mercury, a city police spokesman said. The cafeteria was closed as a hospital HAZMAT team combed the room, where they found more minuscule balls of mercury in food containers and other parts of the cafeteria. The spokesman could not say how much mercury was found, but said the fact the rare metal was found in the food is the reason why law enforcement is considering that the chemical was specifically placed there. The cafeteria is the central eating area for patients, visitors, and employees. Hospital officials and police could not say what food products the mercury was found in. The hospital released a statement March 4 indicating that its poison control experts and toxicologists investigated the samples and determined that exposure to or ingestion of the mercury poses no risk to anyone who may have been exposed to it.

Source: <http://www.timesunion.com/local/article/Police-FBI-in-mercury-probe-3381305.php>

22. *March 5, WJW 8 Cleveland* – (Ohio) **Cause of fire that killed 250+ animals ruled ‘undetermined’.** The cause of a March 4 barn fire that killed more than 250 animals was ruled “undetermined” according to the Medina, Ohio fire chief. According to the chief, a man was sleeping in a camper inside his 60-by-80-foot barn when he was woken up by the fire. The barn was fully engulfed when Medina firefighters arrived, and at least four other departments responded to help them battle the fire. More than 200 pigs and an unknown number of goats and sheep perished.

Source: <http://fox8.com/2012/03/04/medina-co-barn-fire-kills-more-than-250-animals/>

23. *March 4, Food Safety News* – (International) **Toronto sees sharp increase in salmonellosis.** Over the past decade, the Canadian city of Toronto, Ontario, has averaged about 70 cases of Salmonella infection during the first 2 months of the year, Food Safety News reported March 4. In 2012, as of February 28, 114 cases of salmonellosis were confirmed in the city. In a news release, Toronto Public Health (TPH) attributed much of the sharp increase to three known clusters of illness: a large catered event February 11 that resulted in transmission of *S. typhimurium* to numerous attendees who continue to report illness; an outbreak, still under investigation by Public Health Ontario, of a less common species of Salmonella (*S. heidelberg*) across the region; and an uptick of *S. enteritidis* (the most common strain of Salmonella reported in Toronto) linked to recent travel to Cuba. Because of this general increase in circulating Salmonella infection, TPH has warned that there is higher chance of person-

to-person transmission.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/03/toronto-sees-sharp-increase-in-salmonellosis/>

24. *March 4, Clovis News Journal* – (New Mexico) **Fire official: Explosion’s cause yet to be determined.** An explosion rocked part of Clovis, New Mexico, March 3, leaving three injured in a blast that was heard and felt for many city blocks. Emergency calls were placed following what Clovis Fire Department personnel called a “high-pressure explosion” at H2O Express. The company sells water and distributes and sells bagged ice. “There was some fire involvement,” a battalion chief said. The injured were taken to the hospital. The chief said he believed two of the injured would likely either be held for observation or treated and released. The cause of the explosion was yet to be determined. The chief did not dismiss either natural gas or refrigerant used to make ice as the cause. He said it appeared the blast originated in the back of the plant near refrigerant units. It blew materials an estimated 20 to 25 feet to business offices near the front of the plant. Emergency crews had utilities shut off just to be safe following the incident. Windows were blown out at the business, and the rear roof was curved up from the blast.

Source: <http://www.cnjonline.com/news/scene-46990-clovis-staff.html>

25. *March 3, Food Safety News* – (Indiana) **Frozen pizza sticks recalled.** Pasou Foods of Syracuse, Indiana, is recalling about 147 pounds of frozen, fully cooked, ready-to-eat pizza sticks because a meat ingredient may have been produced without federal inspection, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced March 2. According to the recall alert, during an ongoing food safety assessment of the company, FSIS personnel determined that the raw ground pork ingredient used in the ready-to-eat pizza sticks was purchased from an unapproved source, and the meat may not have been federally inspected. The recalled products were sold to a food distributor for further distribution to a caterer and other institutions in Indiana.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/03/frozen-pizza-sticks-recalled-in-indiana/>

26. *March 3, Food Safety News* – (International) **Frankfurters recalled in Canada due to Listeria concern.** The Canadian Food Inspection Agency and Glatt’s Kosher Meat Products of Montreal, Quebec, Canada, are warning the public not to consume certain Glatt’s brand Beef Frankfurters Jumbo BBQ because they may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, Food Safety News reported March 3. The recalled product, Glatt’s brand Beef Frankfurters Jumbo BBQ, is sold in 375-gram packages. The frankfurters were distributed in Ontario and Quebec.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/03/frankfurters-recalled-in-canada-due-to-listeria-concern/>

27. *March 3, Reuters* – (Nebraska; Wyoming) **Animal feed recalled, effect on horses feared.** Western Feed LLC is voluntarily recalling two lots of its Kountry Buffet 14 percent feed because it may contain monensin sodium, which is potentially fatal for horses, the Morrill, Nebraska company said March 3. Monensin sodium, or Rumensin,

is a medication used for some livestock and poultry. However, it can be fatal to horses if fed at sufficiently high levels, Western Feed said in a statement posted on the Food and Drug Administration Web site. Western Feed received a report of some horses that died from eating the feed. The feed was distributed December 2 to December 15, 2011, to retailers in Nebraska and Wyoming.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/03/03/us-recall-horsefeed-idUSTRE8220JG20120303>

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## Water Sector

28. *March 4, Mid-Hudson News* – (New York) **Over \$18 million lead contamination cleanup to begin.** It will cost \$18.8 million and take 2 years to clean up the lead and arsenic-impacted soil at the Revere Smelting and Refining (RSR) site on Ballard Road in Wallkill, New York, Mid-Hudson News reported March 4. The work, to be conducted by RSR with oversight by the state department of environmental conservation, is expected to start this month. RSR operates a battery reclamation operation on the more than 60-acre property. The targeted area, classified as operable unit 1 (OU-1), is listed as a Class 2 site on the state registry of inactive hazardous waste disposal sites, sites which represent a significant threat to public health or the environment. The remediation of OU-1 will include excavation to depths of 2 to 24 feet below ground surface with excavated material to be treated and rendered non-hazardous, and development of an on-site containment cell on the property for consolidation of the non-hazardous materials. Operable unit 2 is defined as groundwater; operating unit 3 is defined as any off-site environmental media other than groundwater impacted by the site which is not part of OU-1. Operating unit 4 is defined as the active facility. During the late 1970s and early 1980s, large amounts of fill material containing soils, lead slag, battery parts, and other wastes were used as fill at the site.

Source: [http://www.midhudsonnews.com/News/2012/March/04/RSR\\_cleanup-04Mar12.htm](http://www.midhudsonnews.com/News/2012/March/04/RSR_cleanup-04Mar12.htm)

29. *March 2, Willoughby News-Herald* – (Ohio) **Euclid to spend \$136 million on EPA-mandated improvements to water treatment facilities.** Euclid, Ohio, will look to move forward with the highest technology option available for the mandated improvements to the city's water treatment facilities, the Willoughby News-Herald reported March 2. An investigation revealed the total bill will be \$136 million. The mayor sent out a letter to residents in January that estimated the rate increase would total about \$10 per quarter, although the actual increase will be \$12. The upgrades are required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Clean Water Act. The need for the upgrades comes from the current system's inability to handle large quantities of water during heavy storm weather. During these instances, partially treated water is released into Lake Erie before it completely passes through the plant. The upgrades must be completed within a 10- to 15-year time frame otherwise the city

will face charges from the EPA. Construction will begin in 2013, although system upgrades could begin sooner, as many details are already in place.

Source: <http://news-herald.com/articles/2012/03/02/news/doc4f50e0220629b207570364.txt?viewmode=fullstory>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

30. *March 5, American National Standards Institute* – (National) **New report calls for enhanced security to safeguard protected health information.** With the release March 5 of “The Financial Impact of Breached Protected Health Information: A Business Case for Enhanced PHI Security,” health care organizations now have a new method to evaluate the “at risk” value of protected health information (PHI) that will enable them to make a business case for appropriate investments to better protect it. This report was created through the PHI Project.

Source:

[http://www.ansi.org/news\\_publications/news\\_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3173](http://www.ansi.org/news_publications/news_story.aspx?menuid=7&articleid=3173)

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

31. *March 5, Associated Press* – (North Carolina) **Rare tornado hits NC mountains; two schools closed.** Two schools in Murphy, North Carolina, were closed March 5 as repairs continued after the buildings were damaged by a rare tornado that moved through some of the most heavily populated areas of Cherokee County March 2. School officials said there was not enough time to fully repair Murphy High School and Murphy Middle School over the weekend of March 3 and 4. Authorities said the tornado had winds of 120 mph and also heavily damaged a number of businesses and homes in Murphy.

Source: <http://myfox8.com/2012/03/05/two-schools-closed-after-rare-tornado-hits-nc-mountains/>

32. *March 5, Wilmington Star-News* – (North Carolina) **Eaton students on two-hour delay Tuesday.** Students at Eaton Elementary School in Wilmington, North Carolina will go to class 2 hours late March 6, a day after waterlogged classrooms canceled school. Ten classrooms housing all grade levels had water damage, said the director of maintenance operations for New Hanover County Schools. Four of those had large amounts of water on the floor, causing more damage. Maintenance workers were clearing out the water and putting a germicide chemical on the floor March 5, the director said.

Source:

<http://www.starnewsonline.com/article/20120305/ARTICLES/120309872/1177?p=1&tc=pg>

33. *March 5, WCSC 5 Charleston* – (South Carolina) **Downtown school closes Monday due to fire damage.** The Charleston City Fire Department put out a fire March 4 at the First Baptist Church School building in Charleston, South Carolina. Firefighters said smoke was seen coming out of the second and third floors of the 3-story building when they arrived. The fire was originally contained but got into the walls and re-ignited some hot spots, which made it more difficult to put out. More crews had to be called to the scene. The director of admission for the First Baptist Church School said classes were canceled for March 5. The Charleston Fire Department was investigating the building March 4.

Source: <http://www.live5news.com/story/17076459/firefighter-responds-to-fire-at-downtown-charleston-school>

34. *March 3, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **WVU fined \$4K for hazardous waste management.** State environmental officials fined West Virginia University in Morgantown, West Virginia, more than \$42,000 for hazardous waste management violations, the Associated Press reported March 3. The state department of environmental protection fined the university \$25,000 for not having personnel training records or a contingency plan for hazardous waste management, among other issues, at the downtown east campus, which includes the chemistry building and White Hall. Another more than \$18,000 in penalties were assessed for 18 violations at the Engineering/Evansdale campus. The Morgantown Dominion Post reported the state reviewed 3 years of waste management records and conducted inspections in 2011. University officials said the problems were fixed, and they will use the situation as a learning tool. Most of the hazardous waste was from chemicals used before or following research.

Source: <http://www.statejournal.com/story/17071979/wvu-fined-4k-for-waste-water-management>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

35. *March 5, Wausau Daily Herald* – (Wisconsin) **Firefighter dies in Abbotsford blaze; four others injured.** One local firefighter is dead and four others were injured after a fire March 4 that gutted the historic Abby Theatre in Abbotsford, Wisconsin, taking several hours to extinguish. One of the injured firefighters was transported by helicopter to a nearby hospital. Three firefighters were treated and released according to a hospital nursing supervisor. The fire chief expected the other firefighter to be released as well. He said the collapsed ceiling trapped three firefighters inside. The other two firefighters suffered injuries from falling bricks, he said. The fire's cause remains under investigation. About 35 firefighters from the Abbotsford, Colby,

Dorchester, and Owen-Withee-Curtiss departments responded to the blaze.

Source:

<http://www.wausaudailyherald.com/article/20120305/WDH0101/203050418/Firefighte-r-dies-Abbotsford-blaze-four-others-injured>

36. *March 5, Des Moines Register* – (Iowa) **911 dispatchers moved after East Village phone outage.** Des Moines, Iowa police 9-1-1 service as well as other phone and emergencies services stopped working March 4 following a water main break. A spokesman with CenturyLink said the water main break damaged two underground cables. Some phone service already has been restored. Dispatchers from Des Moines were sent to the Polk County communications center to take up positions there. Police said repair could take 24 hours.

Source:

<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20120305/NEWS/303050028/1003/SPORTS/?odyssey=nav|head>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

37. *March 5, Softpedia* – (International) **14 high severity vulnerabilities fixed in Chrome Stable 17.0.963.65.** Google released a new variant of Chrome Stable 17 to address important vulnerabilities that may have affected the safety of users. Chrome Stable 17.0.963.65 addresses 14 high-severity flaws that include use-after-free issues in the v8 element wrapper, in SVG value handling, in SVG document handling, in SVG use handling, in multi-column handling, in quote handling, in flexbox with floats, in class attribute handling, in table section handling, and with SVG animation elements. Other security holes include an out-of-bounds read in text handling, bad casts in anonymous block splitting and in-line box handling, and a buffer overflow in the Skia drawing library.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/14-High-Severity-Vulnerabilities-Fixed-in-Chrome-Stable-17-0-963-65-256594.shtml>

38. *March 5, Softpedia* – (International) **GitHub hacked by unhappy member.** GitHub, the popular code repository, was hacked March 4 by a member displeased with the fact no one took seriously a vulnerability he identified in Ruby on Rails. According to ZDNet, a Russian programmer informed Rails of a mass assignment vulnerability that left most applications exposed to hackers, but Rails representatives claimed the flaw was not in their software. Since GitHub was partly developed in Ruby on Rails, certain sections of the Web site were also found to be weak by the programmer. He disclosed this to GitHub and they collaborated on addressing the issues. However, 2 days later, the programmer found the site's administrators did not patch all the security holes so he decided to exploit them. A public key form update vulnerability allowed him to gain administrator rights and perform unauthorized actions.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/GitHub-Hacked-by-Unhappy-Member-256634.shtml>

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### Internet Alert Dashboard

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

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## Communications Sector

39. *March 4, WTVO 17 Rockford; WQRF 39 Rockford* – (Illinois) **WTVO/WQRF resume broadcasting; tower inspection complete.** WTVO 17 Rockford and WQRF 39 Rockford in Illinois were back on the air March 4 after the TV stations were evacuated March 2. Low altitude winds and heavy snow caused the guy wires connected to the TV antenna tower to bounce wildly. The chief engineer said that let the tower sway. “They could actually start shaking the tower down, or cause damage to the tower which is what we wanted to check on before we let people back in the building,” he said. After the station was evacuated, there was no one left to program the broadcast. The engineering staff also chose to cut power to the station to protect equipment. A tower inspection team spent March 4 climbing 700 feet to the top to examine the metal and bolts. “We are confident in the structural integrity of the tower, but we always want to err on the side of caution when it comes to safety of our staff as well as the safety of those living in the shadow of our tower,” the station vice president and general manager said in a statement. Both stations were off the air again shortly while the tower crew climbed past the antennas.

Source: [http://mystateline.com/fulltext-news?nxd\\_id=324742](http://mystateline.com/fulltext-news?nxd_id=324742)

40. *March 2, WNEP 16 Scranton* – (Pennsylvania) **Cable TV outage.** About 6,500 cable customers lost television service the week of February 27 in part of Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. The outage began early March 1, and for some, service was still on the fritz as of the afternoon of March 2. Officials of Service Electric Cablevision in Mahanoy City said their phones were jammed. The service outage affected the Frackville and Mahanoy City area. The technical problem happened as the cable company was making changes, including the channel line up. “Some of the converter boxes are not talking back to us so we are going on a case by case and hitting every one of these homes making sure that it is working as customers call us in here or e-mail us,” a Service Electric Cablevision spokesman said.

Source: <http://www.wnep.com/wnep-schyl-cable-tv-outage-20120302,0,7301925.story>

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

41. *March 5, Softpedia* – (International) **Multiple vulnerabilities expose CBS.com to hackers.** The German grey hat known as D35m0nd142 probed the official Web site of CBS (cbs.com) and found several vulnerabilities that could easily be exploited by hackers. The list of security holes includes 17 Blind SQL Injection issues, a directory disclosure flaw, and a number of cross-site scripting (XSS) problems with the possibility of changing the vulnerable page of the Web site, the grey hat said. “I’ve found a lot of vulnerability and in the last days I’ve just published the proofs. A real hacker does not deface any websites or create damage. He just finds vulnerabilities and warns the admins and publishes the proofs. Black hats think that a hacker must create damage or he is not a hacker,” D53m0nd142 told Softpedia. He utilized Acunetix Web Vulnerability Scanner to highlight the flaws, but he claims that this does not mean he relies on such tools to do the real work. Other Web sites proven to be vulnerable by the grey hat are the ones of the Canadian Space Agency, European Space Agency, security solutions provider Sophos, United Nations, Skype, the U.S. Federal Reserve, and MySQL.com.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Multiple-Vulnerabilities-Expose-CBS-com-to-Hackers-256715.shtml>
42. *March 4, CNN* – (National) **Grief, resilience after storms rip through states, killing 39.** With dozens dead and scores of buildings reduced to rubble, residents of the Midwest and South March 4 were assessing the damage that a series of vicious twisters left behind March 2 and 3, CNN reported. By the time the powerful storm system faded, 39 were dead: 21 in Kentucky, 13 in Indiana, 3 in Ohio, and 1 each in Alabama and Georgia. Tall, once-sturdy trees littered the ground. Bright yellow school buses lay smashed into buildings. Garbage bins and wooden beams, which had flown through the air, resurfaced hundreds of yards away. The tornado outbreak began March 2 and extended into March 3, affecting millions of people from Indiana to Georgia. The National Weather Service has confirmed that at least 42 tornadoes swept across 10 states March 2. More than 400 National Guard troops were deployed in Kentucky, while 250 more were dispatched in Indiana, according to officials. Two tornadoes hit Henryville, Indiana, destroying a school complex that housed multiple schools, as well as most homes and businesses in the town. In addition to the dead, hospitals continued to treat scores suffering from major trauma to minor injuries related to sudden ferocious spurts of high winds, powerful hail, and drenching rains.  
Source: [http://www.cnn.com/2012/03/04/us/severe-weather/index.html?hpt=us\\_c1](http://www.cnn.com/2012/03/04/us/severe-weather/index.html?hpt=us_c1)
43. *March 3, valleynewslive.com* – (North Dakota) **South Fargo motel fire.** A fire broke out at the Grand Inn Motel in Fargo, North Dakota, where a fire ignited inside a room March 3. Firefighters said it started in a corner room on the bottom floor when a man using an oxygen tank lit a cigarette. He was able to escape but suffered from smoke inhalation and was taken to a hospital. The rest of the motel was evacuated, however one man was trapped in his room directly above where the fire started. Firefighters took him out of the second floor with a ladder. The assistant chief said concrete blocks in the building’s structure helped contain the fire to the room where it started, but many rooms have smoke damage. Between one third and one fourth of the motel occupants

were displaced, but given rooms at another hotel.

Source: <http://www.valleynewslive.com/story/17074145/south-fargo-motel-fire>

44. *March 3, CNN* – (Arizona) **13 shot outside Arizona nightclub.** Thirteen people were shot outside a nightclub in Tempe, Arizona, police said March 3. No fatalities were reported from the March 2 shooting, but two people were in serious condition, a sergeant said. Police were searching for two men who left the scene. Concertgoers were outside the nightclub to hear a rapper perform.

Source: [http://www.cnn.com/2012/03/03/justice/arizona-club-shooting/index.html?hpt=ju\\_c2](http://www.cnn.com/2012/03/03/justice/arizona-club-shooting/index.html?hpt=ju_c2)

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

45. *March 5, Boulder Daily Camera* – (Colorado) **Small wildfire in Boulder County’s Lefthand Canyon 90 percent contained.** A small wildfire in Lefthand Canyon in Boulder County, Colorado, March 5 was expected to be contained within several hours, the U.S. Forest Service said. The fire was reported shortly after midnight. A Forest Service spokeswoman said the fire was 1.3 acres in size. Crews from the Forest Service, Lefthand Fire Protection District, and Boulder Mountain Fire responded. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Source: [http://www.dailycamera.com/boulder-county-news/ci\\_20101744](http://www.dailycamera.com/boulder-county-news/ci_20101744)

46. *March 3, Nogales International* – (Arizona) **Wildfire burning near Parker Canyon Lake.** A wildfire broke out March 3 near Parker Canyon Lake — a popular recreation area southeast of Sonoita in Santa Cruz County, Arizona — burning close to 25 acres by late afternoon and threatening homes in the area. Fire crews from the Sonoita-Elgin Fire District along with the Coronado National Forest Service were first on scene, and later the Border Patrol was stopping traffic along the highway and telling people that they would have to turn around as the fire “had moved.” A spokeswoman for the Coronado National Forest Service said five engines are currently fighting the blaze and two crews are on the way. “The fire started on private land,” she said, adding that the three homes which were threatened are still standing. She said the fire was human-caused and is under investigation.

Source: [http://www.nogalesinternational.com/news/wildfire-burning-near-parker-canyon-lake/article\\_d13779cc-6586-11e1-96bc-001871e3ce6c.html](http://www.nogalesinternational.com/news/wildfire-burning-near-parker-canyon-lake/article_d13779cc-6586-11e1-96bc-001871e3ce6c.html)

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## **Dams Sector**

47. *March 3, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Corps of Engineers liable for levee failures.** A federal appeals court upheld a judge’s landmark ruling March 2, that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is liable for property owners’ claims, saying the shoddy

work on a shipping channel caused billions of dollars in damage in New Orleans from Hurricane Katrina's storm surge. A three-judge panel from the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected the federal government's argument it is entitled to immunity from lawsuits blaming Katrina's flood damage on the Corps' operation and maintenance of the Mississippi River–Gulf Outlet, a New Orleans navigation channel. The federal government asked the 5th Circuit to reverse a 2009 decision by a U.S. District Judge, who ruled flooding in St. Bernard Parish and New Orleans' Lower 9th Ward from the 2005 storm was a man-made disaster created by Corps negligence. The judge awarded nearly \$720,000 in damages to five plaintiffs who sued. The Corps has also received roughly 500,000 administrative claims that could become fodder for similar suits.

Source: <http://www.sunherald.com/2012/03/03/3793742/corps-of-engineers-liable-for.html>

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