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- A Texas tycoon was convicted on all but 1 of the 14 counts he faced for bilking investors out of more than \$7 billion in a massive Ponzi scheme he operated for 20 years. – *Associated Press* (See item [10](#))
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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 6, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **Report: MSHA missed problems at doomed W.Va. mine.** Federal inspectors either missed problems at the Upper Big Branch mine in Montcoal, West Virginia, or failed to inspect the areas where they existed in the 18 months before a deadly 2010 explosion, but an internal review posted March 6 concluded there was no evidence those failures caused the disaster. The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) posted the report online after a private briefing with relatives of the 29 miners killed in the nation’s worst coal mining disaster in four decades. It acknowledged multiple failures by field staff in MSHA’s largest region, southern West Virginia’s District 4. It also said their effectiveness was compromised by internal communication problems and by budget cuts that created staffing shortages, inexperience, and a lack of sufficient training and managerial oversight. While the agency has made significant improvements in the past 2 years, the report said it was not enough and contained about 20 pages of detailed, technical recommendations for regulatory and administrative changes. Four investigations concluded the blast was sparked by worn and broken equipment, fueled by a deadly buildup of methane and coal dust, and allowed to spread because of clogged and broken water sprayers. MSHA investigators found Massey made “systematic, intentional, and aggressive efforts” to hide problems and throw off inspectors, even falsifying safety records. Managers also alerted miners when inspectors arrived, allowing time to disguise or temporarily fix dangerous conditions.

Source:

http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5hIXvNpQ_v_5x6N9r9_pCpv2UdG-A?docId=4c1fe5b3488e4cffb9d59d453d4e67a5

2. *March 6, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Kansas) **Kansas refinery to pay nearly \$1 million penalty for environmental violations related to air emissions.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Justice March 6 announced that Coffeyville Resources Refining & Marketing agreed to pay a civil penalty of more than \$970,000 and invest more than \$4.25 million on new pollution controls and \$6.5 million in operating costs to resolve alleged violations of air, Superfund, and community right-to-know laws at its Coffeyville, Kansas refinery. The settlement requires new and upgraded pollution controls, more stringent emission limits, and more aggressive leak-detection and repair practices to reduce emissions from refinery equipment and process units. Sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide, two pollutants emitted from refineries, can cause respiratory problems and are significant contributors to acid rain, smog, and haze. Coffeyville allegedly made modifications to its refinery that increased emissions without first obtaining pre-construction permits and installing required pollution control equipment.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/2b025947f29572e3852579b9005928a3?OpenDocument>

3. *March 6, Beaver Dam Daily Citizen* – (Wisconsin) **WE Energy substation victim of copper theft.** A WE Energies substation in Rubicon, Wisconsin, was the victim of copper wire theft five times in 2 weeks, the Beaver Dam Daily Citizen reported March 6. The Dodge County Sheriffs Department, working in cooperation with WE Energies, agreed to conduct surveillance of the site. March 5, authorities saw two men in the act of stealing and were able to take one person into custody after he hid in a recycling dumpster. The man was held on suspicion of theft, possession of burglary tools, criminal damage to property, and criminal trespass. It was unclear exactly how much copper was stolen or how much damage was caused as a result of the burglaries.

Source: http://www.wiscnews.com/bdc/news/local/article_3c07ae46-6755-11e1-a8b4-001871e3ce6c.html

4. *March 6, Bloomberg; Reuters* – (Illinois; International) **Enbridge to reopen pipeline shut down by fiery car crash.** Enbridge Inc. plans to resume crude deliveries the week of March 5 through an Illinois pipeline that shut down March 4, allowing supply to reach Chicago-area refineries. Enbridge, whose pipelines carry the bulk of Canadian oil exports to the United States, idled the 318,000-barrel-a-day Line 14/64 March 4 after what emergency officials described as a two-vehicle collision at an above-ground portion of the conduit close to a pumping station near the township of New Lenox, Illinois. The overall system, comprising several pipelines, extends to the U.S. Midwest, Midcontinent, as well as through Canada's southern Ontario from Alberta. Overall capacity is more than 2 million barrels a day. Line 14/64's capacity is equal to about 3 percent of total U.S. oil imports.

Source:

<http://www.edmontonjournal.com/business/Enbridge+reopen+pipeline+shut+down+fiery+crash/6256283/story.html>

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Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

5. *March 6, Bluefield Daily Telegraph* – (West Virginia) **Conn-Weld fire injures three.** Three employees were hospitalized following a fire March 5 at the Conn-Weld Industries, Inc., plant in Princeton, West Virginia. Rescue squad members transported two employees suffering from “severe burns” to a hospital. The rescue squad also transported a third employee to a hospital in an “unknown condition.” A member of the West Virginia State Police said an explosion occurred when employees attempted to extinguish a machine fire at the plant. The other plant employees were sent home for the day following the explosion.
Source: <http://bdtonline.com/local/x606740813/Conn-Weld-fire-injures-three>

6. *March 5, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Ohio) **U.S. Labor Department’s OSHA cites Troy, Ohio-based Hobart Brothers with 55 safety and health violations, proposes \$174,600 in fines.** The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) cited Hobart Brothers Co., a manufacturer of welding wire and ground power equipment for airplanes in Troy, Ohio, March 5 with 55 safety and health violations including inadequate lockout/tagout programs, fall protection, and noise sampling, among others. Proposed penalties total \$174,600. The OSHA opened an inspection under the agency’s Site-Specific Targeting program, which focuses on companies with injury and illness rates that exceed national standards. A total of 43 serious violations were cited, along with 12 other-than-serious violations.
Source:
http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=21927

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

7. *March 5, Los Angeles Times* – (International) **Ex-Marine accused of selling sensitive military equipment on eBay.** A retired U.S. Marine was arrested and arraigned March 4 on four counts of attempting to sell sensitive military laser light filters on eBay and

ship them overseas, authorities said. He pleaded not guilty. The man, from Rosamond, California, is charged with 4 counts of making false statements on customs forms in his attempts to ship more than 100 laser light interference filters abroad between December 2009 and February 2010. A U.S. attorney spokesman said an undercover investigation led authorities to the man. He worked in the Marine Aviation Supply Office as a staff sergeant at Edwards Air Force Base in California until his retirement in December 2011. An assistant U.S. attorney confirmed the alleged wrongdoing occurred during his time in uniform. Authorities opened a probe after receiving a tip about the sale of the filters on eBay. The indictment said the man falsely stated his packages contained camera lenses, filters, and other equipment, when in reality they contained the laser light filters. Officials said the sophisticated lights cannot legally be exported without a license from the State Department. The filters, which protect optics inside night vision goggles from being damaged by lasers, are considered so sensitive the military requires they be destroyed after use. The man faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison, as well as a maximum \$1 million fine. He is due back in court March 26.

Source: <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2012/03/ex-marine-accused-ebay.html>

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Banking and Finance Sector

8. *March 6, KTLA 5 Los Angeles* – (California) **‘Snowboarder Bandit’ strikes again at Anaheim Credit Union.** Police said the so-called “Snowboarder Bandit” struck again March 5 in Anaheim, California, but he wore a new outfit this time around. The robber, who normally wears a beanie and sunglasses as he robs banks, instead wore a motorcycle helmet and black jacket as he robbed a Schools First Credit Union. Investigators think the robber is responsible for nine robberies in Orange County since December 20, 2011. He typically gives the teller a note implying he has a weapon and then demands cash.
Source: <http://www.ktla.com/news/landing/ktla-snowboarder-bandit,0,6407918.story?track=rss>
9. *March 6, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (New York) **SEC obtains asset freeze against Long Island investment adviser charged with defrauding investors.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) announced March 6 charged a New York-based investment adviser with defrauding investors in five offshore funds and using some of their money to buy a multi-million dollar beach resort property on Long Island. The SEC alleges the man raised more than \$74 million from at least two dozen investors since 2005, promising them their money would be invested in liquid assets. Instead, he diverted investor money to his brother-in-law’s beach resort project that was facing foreclosure, and in return received unsecured, illiquid promissory notes. According to the SEC complaint, he operated the five funds through his investment advisory firms Horizon Global Advisors Ltd. and Horizon Global Advisors LLC. He used the promissory notes to hide his misuse of investor funds. The notes overstated the amount of money diverted to the real estate project. In 2011, he

received \$14.5 million in promissory notes in exchange for only \$3.3 million he provided to his brother-in-law. The inflated notes allowed him to overstate the amount of assets he managed and inflate his management fees by 800 percent or more. At the SEC's request, the court granted a temporary restraining order freezing the assets of the man and his advisory firms.

Source: <http://www.sec.gov/news/press/2012/2012-38.htm>

10. *March 6, Associated Press* – (Texas; International) **Financier convicted in \$7 billion fraud.** A Texas tycoon whose financial empire once spanned the Americas was convicted March 6 on all but 1 of the 14 counts he faced for allegedly bilking investors out of more than \$7 billion in a massive Ponzi scheme he operated for 20 years. Jurors found him guilty on all charges except a single count of wire fraud. Prosecutors called him a con artist who lined his pockets with investors' money to fund a string of failed businesses, pay for a lavish lifestyle, and bribe regulators to help him hide his scheme. He faces up to 20 years for the most serious charges against him. With his conviction, a shorter, civil trial will be held with the same jury on prosecutors' efforts to seize funds from more than 30 bank accounts held by the financier or his companies around the world, including in Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and Canada. During the trial, prosecutors presented evidence, including testimony from ex-employees, as well as e-mails and financial statements, they said showed he orchestrated a 20-year scheme that bilked billions from investors through the sale of certificates of deposit from his bank on the Caribbean island nation of Antigua. They said the financier, whose empire was headquartered in Houston, lied to depositors from more than 100 countries by telling them their funds were being safely invested in stocks, bonds, and other securities. The former chief financial officer for his companies told jurors he and the financier worked together to falsify bank records, annual reports, and other documents to conceal the fraud. Three other indicted former executives of the man's companies are to be tried in September. A former Antiguan financial regulator accused of accepting bribes from the financier was also indicted and he awaits extradition to the United States. The financier and former executives are also fighting a U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission lawsuit that makes similar allegations.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/jury-reaches-verdict-financier-stanfords-trial-15858638#.T1Zkk3kxI4>

11. *March 5, WKYC 3 Cleveland* – (Ohio) **Traffic stop leads to 84 felony charges.** A traffic stop from early 2011 in Ohio led to 84 felony counts against one person, WKYC 3 Cleveland reported March 5. Montville police said it all stems from February 6, 2011, when authorities stopped a vehicle near Interstate 71 in which a passenger was with a juvenile driver apparently returning to Akron. Police said a search of the vehicle uncovered marijuana, drug paraphernalia, 45 pre-paid credit cards, and \$1,200 in cash. Police indicated further investigation of the vehicle and pre-paid cards found the passenger and driver were allegedly involved in a large criminal ring originating in the Columbus area. The crime ring reportedly involves magnetic strips on pre-paid credit cards being re-programmed with actual stolen credit card numbers and then used to make purchases. Montville police also said receipts located in the vehicle, as well as records from two GPS units purchased with the stolen cards, enabled them to track the suspect's activities, showing they made purchases in Akron, Cleveland, Sandusky, and

Mansfield with the stolen cards. The passenger was indicted on 39 counts of complicity to commit receiving stolen property, 39 counts of complicity to commit identity fraud, and 6 counts of complicity to commit forgery. Police said similar charges are pending on the juvenile in this case.

Source: <http://www.wkyc.com/news/article/234158/3/Traffic-stop-leads-to-84-felony-charges>

12. *March 5, Orlando Sentinel* – (Florida) **Two suspects accused of ATM fraud in Plantation.** Two men who went from ATM to ATM in Plantation, Florida, over the weekend of March 3 and 4 withdrew funds using stolen credit card information, authorities said. The transactions caught the attention of bank security officials, and police tracked the men to a Citibank ATM. The men were found with numerous credit and gift cards in their possession March 4 and were arrested on charges of trafficking in counterfeit credit cards. They are suspected of being part of a fraud ring that uses skimming devices to steal credit card data from victims, according to an arrest affidavit. Police found one of the men with more than 20 credit and gift cards and more than \$1,000, and the other with 13 credit and gift cards and \$1,100, a judge said. Both men were ordered held without bond because of pending immigration holds.

Source: <http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/fl-credit-card-skimming-ring-20120305,0,5731603.story>

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Transportation Sector

13. *March 6, Cincinnati Enquirer* – (Ohio) **4th and Main reopened for PM rush hour.** A major downtown intersection in Cincinnati closed due to an underground electrical equipment fire reopened after being closed for most of the day, the Cincinnati Enquirer reported March 6. A Duke spokeswoman said the utility rerouted electricity around a faulty underground electrical equipment vault downtown, which exploded and caught fire in the morning. City police reopened the intersection for the evening rush hour. The spokeswoman said utility crews will not re-enter the vault until March 7 to allow the equipment to cool down. Duke expects it will have to replace equipment and electric line, but will not know the extent of the work or the cause until crews re-enter the vault.

Source:

<http://news.cincinnati.com/article/AB/20120306/NEWS/303060029/Underground-fire-shuts-downtown-intersection?odyssey=mod|mostview>

14. *March 6, San Antonio Express News* – (Texas) **Driver killed as rig crashes into stopped tractor-trailer.** One driver was dead and another faced a charge of criminally negligent homicide after a San Antonio crash March 5, involving two 18-wheelers and a pickup on Loop 410 and Dietrich Road near Interstate 10. All southbound lanes of Northeast Loop 410 were shut down as officials investigated the crash. More than 10 hours later, crews were still clearing the wreckage but had opened all but one lane. The

man killed was driving an 18-wheeler southbound when he slammed into the back of another 18-wheeler that stopped in the fast lane, San Antonio police said. A pickup then crashed into the back of the wreckage. The driver of the semi that stopped faced a charge of criminally negligent homicide.

Source: http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local_news/article/Driver-killed-as-rig-crashes-into-stopped-3383062.php

15. *March 6, Easton Star Democrat* – (Maryland) **Bus burns after flare ignites.** The March 5 fire that destroyed a Kent County school bus in Chestertown, Maryland, and sent several students to the hospital was caused by a marine flare brought on the bus by a boy, fire officials said. The school bus driver got 28 students off the bus safely. The deputy state fire marshal said investigators were trying to determine how the flare ignited, the Easton Star Democrat reported March 6. Nine Kent County Middle School students were taken to a hospital and treated for smoke inhalation and other non life-threatening injuries.

Source: http://www.stardem.com/news/local_news/article_6c37674b-42fb-5d4c-b484-68e7abad2b24.html?mode=story

16. *March 6, Associated Press* – (Nevada; Arizona) **Tour bus ignites near Nevada's Hoover Dam.** A Bravo Express tour bus with dozens of international tourists suddenly caught fire March 5 as it was leaving the Hoover Dam Visitor Center near the Arizona and Nevada border, officials said. The Associated Press reported March 6 that the driver, a tour guide, and 59 passengers got off the bus before it was consumed by the fire, said a spokeswoman for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in Boulder City. The bus had exited a parking lot on the Nevada side of the Hoover Dam when the driver smelled smoke and saw fire. The driver grabbed a fire extinguisher that was on the bus and tried to combat the flames, but quickly realized the bus had to be evacuated. The unexplained accident caused some congestion as the Hoover Dam closed late March 5, but the attraction remained open to visitors during its normal business hours the next day.

Source: <http://news.yahoo.com/tour-bus-ignites-near-nevadas-hoover-dam-021316091.html>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report

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Agriculture and Food Sector

17. *March 6, Food Safety News* – (National) **Allergen alert: Egg in streusel pie topping.** Price Chopper Supermarkets is recalling its Price Chopper Bakery 5- and 8-

inch apple, blueberry, cherry, and peach streusel pies because the streusel topping contains eggs, an allergen not listed on the ingredient label, Food Safety News reported March 6. Price Chopper customers who purchased these pies are being notified via the company's Smart Reply notification program, which uses purchase data and consumer phone numbers on file in connection with the company's AdvantEdge (loyalty) card. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/03/allergen-alert-egg-in-streusel-pie-topping/>

18. *March 5, Mashable* – (National) **U.S. offers food safety alerts on Twitter, state by state.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has launched Twitter accounts for specific states that can share news of recalls on poultry, meat, and other food products for those specific regions, Mashable reported March 5. "These new Twitter feeds provide yet another mechanism for us to provide consumers with critical updates and relevant information they need to protect their families from foodborne illness," the USDA Under Secretary for Food Safety said. "The immediacy of information-sharing through social media is unparalleled, and we believe these timely, targeted updates will better protect public health." Every state will now have its own Twitter alert handle using the state's two-letter abbreviation followed by "_FSISAlert." Previously FSIS alerts were issued through press releases and one main Twitter account, @USDAFoodSafety. The state-specific feeds will help consumers more easily identify which recalls are relevant to them. Source: [http://mashable.com/2012/03/05/food-safety-alerts-twitter/?utm_source=pulseneews&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=Feed:+Mashable+\(Mashable\)](http://mashable.com/2012/03/05/food-safety-alerts-twitter/?utm_source=pulseneews&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=Feed:+Mashable+(Mashable))
19. *March 3, Wired* – (National) **High levels of resistant bacteria on meat (again).** A new report is out from the federal collaboration that monitors antibiotic resistance in animals, retail meat, and people, and the news is not good, Wired reported March 3. The full title is the 2010 Retail Meat Report from the National Antimicrobial Resistance Monitoring System. The report was issued by the Food and Drug Administration. It reports the results of testing on 5,280 meat samples collected in 2010 in California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Maryland, Minnesota, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Tennessee, and Pennsylvania. The report — which is broken down first by food-borne organism and then by meat type — notes a number of instances where either the percentage of bacteria that are antibiotic resistant, or the complexity of the resistance, is rising. Source: <http://www.wired.com/wiredscience/2012/03/resistant-bacteria-meat/>

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Water Sector

20. *March 6, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **Cotter rerouting tainted creek near leaking uranium mine.** The owners of a leaking uranium mine west of Denver began a project to reduce contamination of a creek that flows into a metro drinking-water reservoir: physically rerouting the creek so it no longer flows over toxic waste, the Denver Post reported March 6. Government permits were issued because the latest data shows

uranium levels between 40 and 50 parts per billion (ppb) — above the 30 ppb limit — in water destined for 1.3 million residents. Cotter work crews completed a 21-foot-deep concrete-and-steel structure designed to channel all surface and shallow groundwater through an 18-inch-diameter black plastic pipeline running 4,000 feet around the Schwartzwalder Mine, once the nation’s largest underground uranium mine. As a condition of its 10-year permit, Cotter must irrigate the creek corridor to ensure trees and wildlife survive. It has agreed to use excavators and seven sump pumps to remove uranium from contaminated groundwater near the mine’s 2,000-foot-deep shaft, where uranium levels top 24,000 ppb. The sump pumping and subsequent treatment of contaminated groundwater over the past 18 months removed about 1 ton of uranium that otherwise could have flowed into drinking water. That uranium sits in a guarded facility until it can be trucked to a radioactive-waste dump. Dealing with Cotter’s defunct Schwartzwalder mine has become a top priority for state mining regulators. Cotter still owns the mine, and a bond of \$2.8 million is meant to ensure an eventual cleanup. State mining inspectors said uranium-laced water inside the mine shaft “is finding other ways out of the mine pool” and into groundwater and the creek beyond the mine.

Source: http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_20109465/cotter-rerouting-tainted-creek-near-leaking-uranium-mine

21. *March 5, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **Louis Armstrong Airport rain runoff is taxing Kenner’s aging drainage system.** Storm runoff at the Louis Armstrong International Airport is overtaking Kenner, Louisiana’s, aging drainage system, Jefferson Parish officials said March 5. The airport’s concrete expanse has funneled runoff into drainage pipes beneath nearby residential areas. The Jefferson Parish public works director said the system must move about 1,000 cubic feet of water per second more than it currently does to keep flooding to a minimum. He said the parish line pump station can move about 900 cubic feet of water per second, and that the first phase of improvements would expand that capacity by 300 more cubic feet. A full expansion of the pump station to increase its capacity by 1,200 cubic feet per second will cost between \$16 million and \$20 million. The parish hopes to partner with the airport and Kenner to lobby the Federal Aviation Administration to help pay for such upgrades. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ major improvements to the West Return Floodwall and the earthen levee along the parish line canal have added to Kenner’s drainage woes, said a senior project manager for the Corps. However, the Corps built a drainage system to funnel the excess water into the line canal, he said. The Corps also accounted for an expansion of the parish line pump station by leaving access pipes big enough to accommodate larger capacity pumps, he added.

Source:

http://www.nola.com/politics/index.ssf/2012/03/jefferson_parish_in_search_of.html

22. *March 5, Hawaii News Now* – (Hawaii) **Rain causes sewage spill into Kaneohe Bay.** Significant amounts of rainfall near Oahu, Hawaii, the night of March 4 caused sewage spills with medical waste and led to a brown water advisory for the entire island. At the Kaneohe Wastewater Pre-Treatment Facility, 51,000 gallons of raw sewage and storm water spilled out of two manholes. Among the wastewater, medical wipes, tampons, and medical waste were discovered. Crews posted warning signs to

stay out of the water and worked to clear debris from the Waiahole Bridge along Kamehameha Highway. The work and mud closed Waiahole School.

Source: <http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/story/17086379/rain-causes-sewage-spill-into-kaneohe-bay>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

23. *March 5, CNN* – (Ohio) **Ohio fire chief blames fatal nursing home fire on secret meth lab.** A nursing home fire caused by “a clandestine methamphetamine laboratory” in one of the facility’s rooms killed one person and injured several others in Ashtabula, Ohio, March 4, fire officials said in a statement March 5. The Ashtabula Fire Department chief did not elaborate on what led to the conclusion a meth lab was the cause of the fire, but photos distributed by the fire department showed scorched walls and a blackened table with remnants of an unidentified object on it. Five victims were taken to a local medical center after the blaze, and one person died March 5 after being transferred to the burn unit at another local medical facility. Two people were treated at the scene. Five engine companies, one ladder company, 26 firefighters, and eight emergency medical personnel fought the fire and took care of the nursing home’s residents and staff. The case is being investigated by the Ashtabula Police Department and the towns’ fire prevention bureau, the fire department statement said.

Source: http://www.cnn.com/2012/03/05/us/ohio-nursing-home-fire/index.html?hpt=us_c2

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Government Facilities Sector

24. *March 6, WJXT 4 Jacksonville* – (Florida) **Head of Episcopal School killed in murder-suicide.** The head of Episcopal School of Jacksonville was shot and killed March 6 by a teacher who was fired earlier in the day, according to police. According to police, that teacher then turned the gun on himself. Police said the man came on campus with an AK-47 in a guitar case, went to the administrative office, shot the head of the school several times, then killed himself. Police and firefighters called to reports of gunfire on campus found the bodies. “No children were involved, we believe, and no one is in danger,” a Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office spokeswoman said within 30 minutes of the shooting. The campus was put on lockdown with multiple police units responding, but parents were allowed to pick up their children on their normal schedule. The school sent a message to parents assuring them all students were safe and pickup would proceed normally. The school will remain closed for the rest of the week and will reopen March 19, after spring break.

Source: <http://www.news4jax.com/news/Police-Episcopal-School-headmaster-killed-in-murder-suicide/-/475880/9234044/-/16g238z/-/index.html>

25. *March 6, Reuters* – (Colorado) **Guns OK’d on campus.** The Colorado Supreme Court ruled March 5 that students and employees with concealed-weapon permits can carry

handguns on University of Colorado campuses, overturning a ban by the school's regents. Gun-rights advocates had challenged the university policy that was adopted in 1994, arguing the university's governing board had superseded state gun laws. The justices agreed, noting that the state's concealed-carry law, passed by the state legislature, trumped the university's policy.

Source: <http://www.theprovince.com/news/Guns+campus/6256727/story.html>

26. *March 6, Associated Press* – (California) **Dozens arrested protesting Calif. education cuts.** State troopers have arrested nearly 70 protesters who refused to leave the California Capitol in Sacramento after repeated warnings. The arrests capped a day of protests over cuts to higher education that saw thousands descend upon Sacramento. The California Highway Patrol said 72 people were arrested March 5. A California Highway captain said the protesters arrested for refusing to leave will be taken to the Sacramento County Jail and charged with trespassing. They were part of a boisterous daylong protest over state budget cuts to higher education that have led to steep tuition increases and fewer courses at California's public universities and colleges.

Source: [http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-201_162-57391222/dozens-arrested-protesting-calif-education-cuts/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+cbsnews/feed+\(CBSNews.com\)](http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-201_162-57391222/dozens-arrested-protesting-calif-education-cuts/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+cbsnews/feed+(CBSNews.com))

27. *March 5, Federal Computer Week* – (National) **IG faults Energy Department for not fully implementing HSPD-12.** Despite 7 years of effort and \$15 million spent, the Department of Energy (DOE) has not fully implemented the physical and logical access controls required under Homeland Security Presidential Directive-12 (HSPD-12), according to a new report from the DOE inspector general (IG), Federal Computer Week reported March 5. The agency has also not issued HSPD-12 credentials to many of the 40,000 contractor personnel at its 5 field sites, the report said. Two of the field sites, Oak Ridge National Laboratory and the East Tennessee Technology Park, were partially done, and three others had not started yet. Under HSPD-12, federal agencies were required to establish credentialing systems for workers and contractors for access to buildings, computers and equipment. The IG also said four of the field sites failed to provide credentials to contractors who do not hold security clearances, which is contrary to the directive. All together, about 11,000 individuals without security clearances who require routine access to work sites for at least 6 months had not been issued credentials as required, the IG wrote in the report. He faulted the department for not providing effective guidance.

Source: <http://fcw.com/articles/2012/03/05/ig-faults-energy-department-for-not-fully-implementing-hspd12.aspx>

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Emergency Services Sector

28. *March 6, WTAE 4 Pittsburgh* – (Pennsylvania) **Cops: Suspect in deadly armored car heist still in U.S.** There is no indication the armored car guard who is wanted for the shooting death of his partner and theft of \$2.3 million in the Strip District of Pittsburgh has left the country, WTAE 4 Pittsburgh reported March 6. A Pittsburgh police official said it does not appear the suspect has crossed a border or departed from an airport since his partner was killed and left inside a Garda Cash Logistics truck the week of February 27. The district attorney called the crime “pretty cold-blooded,” saying the suspect is accused of shooting his partner in the back of the head and ditching the body and the armored vehicle under a bridge. Some of the stolen cash came from Rivers Casino, where the armored car made a morning pickup that day. According to the criminal complaint, the suspect called his mother and friends after the killing — including one person whom he asked about extradition laws in Canada and Mexico. The suspect faces charges of homicide, robbery, and theft. Police said they believe him to be armed and dangerous with two guns and his dead partner’s duty weapon, a Glock 9mm.

Source: <http://www.wtae.com/r/30619984/detail.html>

29. *March 5, WAVY 10 Portsmouth* – (Virginia) **Warrants charge officer in stabbing.** According to state police, a Virginia Beach, Virginia police officer stabbed and shot at two firefighters responding to a car accident he was involved in on the Eastern Shore March 4. Fire and rescue crews responded to a 9-1-1 call for a car that drove off a section of Route 13 and hit a tree near Hallwood, Virginia. A few minutes later, police received a second call reporting a fight. Police said firefighters were assisting the driver, when he became irritated and combative. They said he fought with the firefighters and stabbed two of them. The firefighters fought back, striking him in the head, according to a state police spokeswoman. Police said he pulled out a firearm and began shooting. The suspect attempted to walk away from the fight with the gun in hand but was picked up by state troopers. The officer is in custody at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital in Northampton County, and warrants were secured for two counts of malicious wounding of an emergency medical care provider.

Source: http://www.wavy.com/dpp/news/local_news/va_beach/vb-man-stabs-shoots-at-firefighters

30. *March 5, Wicked Local Plymouth* – (Massachusetts) **Woman allegedly posed as FBI agent for downtown Plymouth robbery.** Police said an armed woman posed as an FBI agent while robbing a couple of visitors on a Plymouth, Massachusetts street. She was arrested March 4 on charges of armed robbery, impersonating a police officer, and two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon. She allegedly robbed jewelry from a man and woman. A resident of the street called police to report a woman in a leather jacket was threatening two people with a gun. The couple told police she ordered them out of their car after showing them a handgun in a holster on her hip. She allegedly told the couple she was an FBI agent and said they would be shot if they did not comply. Police said she ordered them to put their hands on the hood of the vehicle while she searched through it and took a small box of jewelry from one of their bags. A police captain said the woman insisted she was an FBI agent when local police officers

confronted her.

Source: <http://www.wickedlocal.com/plymouth/news/x1644231714/Woman-allegedly-posed-as-FBI-agent-for-downtown-Plymouth-robbery#axzz1oLynn2W0>

31. *March 4, Examiner.com* – (Texas) **Drone crashes into SWAT team tank during police test near Houston.** A drone crashed during a police test flight near Houston, adding to growing safety concerns as more police departments take flight with the unmanned aircraft, Examiner.com reported March 4. The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office north of Houston became one of the first police departments in the country to begin flying Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) for police missions in October 2011. County officials and the maker of the drone confirmed March 2 that a recent police-only photo mission went terribly wrong. Vanguard's CEO said his company's prototype drone was flying about 18-feet off the ground when it started having trouble. He said that instead of going into auto shutdown mode, it crashed into the SWAT team's armored vehicle. The damage was not severe, according to the CEO, who described "blade strikes" on the prototype drone being shown off to the Montgomery County Sheriff's team. He said his prototype aircraft veered to the right and he said it merely overshot its landing area a bit when the auto shutdown procedure kicked in. The drone that actually belongs to the Montgomery County Sheriff was sitting nearby and was not damaged in the crash.

Source: <http://www.examiner.com/page-one-in-houston/drone-crashes-into-swat-team-tank-during-police-test-near-houston>

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Information Technology Sector

32. *March 6, Softpedia* – (International) **200,000 webpages compromised to lead visitors to fake AV sites.** In the past several months, mass infections were not uncommon, and now security experts believe they found another one. Websense found 30,000 unique Web sites are currently compromised to redirect visitors to sites that promote fake antivirus software. A total of 200,000 Web pages, part of the 30,000 sites, are compromised, with the campaign apparently designed to target mostly sites hosted by the WordPress content management system. After multiple redirects, victims are taken to a Web site that performs a fake scan, pointing out many infections and threats. The scan is designed to appear as if it takes place in a Windows Explorer window, but in reality it is simply a Web page designed to fool users. When the scan is complete, the user is urged to install an antivirus tool. However, the antivirus tool is a trojan that once installed provides complete control of the infected machine. More than 85 percent of the compromised sites are located in the United States. The injected code is usually placed before the tag. Web site administrators who suspect their sites may be compromised should check their code for the malicious script. According to researchers, if one of the Web pages displays the code, then most likely the entire site is compromised and each page should be thoroughly checked and cleaned.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/200-000-Webpages-Compromised-to-Lead-Visitors-to-Fake-AV-Sites-256874.shtml>

33. *March 6, Infosecurity* – (International) **THOR: A new P2P botnet for sale.** Now a new botnet, named THOR and coded by TheGrimReap3r, is nearing completion and being offered for sale at \$8,000 on the criminal underground. THOR does not use a central command and control (C&C) server. It has a decentralized architecture based on peer-to-peer (P2P) technology. P2P botnets are the latest innovation in the battle between whitehat security researchers and law enforcement agencies and the blackhat criminal underground. The “weakness” in traditional centralized architecture, according to a PandaSecurity researcher, is it is possible to track down the C&C server, and “if you are able to shut it down you can kill the botnet (the bots will be there but the cybercriminal won’t be able to control them).” A RandomStorm researcher explained the methodology of P2P botnets. They “let the controller inject commands into the network and have the bots disseminate the commands amongst each other. This removes the head and makes the network much harder to take down.” It also makes it harder to find the criminal behind the botnet, he added. With a traditional C&C botnet, “if defenders can gain control of the command server they can watch for connections and try to trace the bot herder back to his own machine. In the P2P model, the herder can simply connect to a single bot and inject commands, using a different bot each time, so that it becomes a lot harder to track him down.”
Source: <http://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/view/24335/thor-a-new-p2p-botnet-for-sale/>
34. *March 6, H Security* – (International) **Adobe updates Flash Player closing more critical holes.** Adobe issued a security bulletin for Flash Player on Windows, Macintosh, Linux, Solaris, and Android. Described as a priority 2 update, Adobe says the flaw has existed for some time but there are no known exploits and it expects that to stay that way in the immediate future. The critical flaws are reportedly a memory corruption vulnerability in Matrix3D that “could lead to code execution,” reported by a member of Google’s security team, and integer errors that “could lead to information disclosure,” reported by another fellow team member. This is the second update in less than a month for Flash Player, with seven critical flaws being fixed in an update February 16. The affected versions of Flash Player are the Windows, Mac, Linux, and Solaris versions 11.1.102.62 and earlier, Android 4.x 11.1.115.6 and earlier, and Android 3.x and 2.x versions 11.1.111.6 and earlier. Fixes are available for Windows, Mac, Linux, and Solaris by downloading Flash Player 11.1.102.63 or later from Adobe. For Android 2.x, 3.x and 4.x, updates can be applied by going to the Android Market Place on the device and downloading version 11.1.115.7 for Android 4.x and 11.1.111.7 for Android 3.x and 2.x.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Adobe-updates-Flash-Player-closing-more-critical-holes-1464247.html>
35. *March 6, H Security* – (International) **Ruby on Rails updated to fix security flaws.** The Web application framework Ruby on Rails was updated to version 3.2.2 to fix two important security issues, and several other bugs. Users are advised to upgrade installations as quickly as possible due to the serious nature of the fixed security flaws — these fixes are unrelated to recent issues with GitHub and Rails. Users of Rails 3.0 and 3.1 will find new versions, 3.0.12 and 3.1.4, that also address the vulnerabilities. The two cross-site scripting vulnerabilities that were fixed allow attackers to take

advantage of improperly sanitized options tag fields and direct manipulation of a safebuffer to execute arbitrary HTML in the browser of users visiting a Rails site. The Rails 3.2.2 update also includes fixes that ensure log files are always flushed and that failing tests will exit with non-zero status codes. It also removes calls to some deprecated methods and includes various Ruby 2.0 compatibility fixes.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Ruby-on-Rails-updated-to-fix-security-flaws-1464476.html>

36. *March 6, Chicago Tribune* – (International) **6 charged with hacking; LulzSec founder reportedly helping Feds.** Six computer hackers associated with groups including Anonymous, LulzSec, and AntiSec were arrested and charged in New York in connection with a series of attacks on computers used by the entertainment industry, credit card companies, intelligence firms, and an Irish political party, U.S. officials announced March 6. One of the six, known by his computer name of “Sabu,” pleaded guilty previously and was said by officials to be working with the government against his former colleagues. He was described by officials as one of the founders of LulzSec, an offshoot of the antigovernment hacking group Anonymous. LulzSec planned and executed attacks around the world against targets the group saw as favoring established business and government institutions. Sabu pleaded guilty August 15, 2011 to 12 counts connected to computer hacking and other crimes against Fox Broadcasting, Sony Pictures, and the Public Broadcasting Service, according to the FBI and the U.S. attorney’s office for the Southern District of New York.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/la-na-nn-lulzsec-hackers-charged-20120306,0,6670874.story>

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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

37. *March 6, Brunswick News* – (Georgia) **Firefighters battle cell tower blaze.** Glynn County, Georgia firefighters were concerned March 5 about the integrity of a cellular phone tower that caught fire on St. Simons Island. They were afraid the fire might have weakened the metal frame, which is now bent in the middle, due to extreme heat. Firefighters fought the fire, concentrated in the center core of the 150-foot tower, for just under an hour before getting it under control. A county fire official said the tower was red-hot from the base to about 75 feet up while cables and other electronic equipment burned in the middle. The tower is used by AT&T, Sprint, and Verizon for cellular phone service. It is unknown whether the fire disrupted service to any cell

phone subscribers on St. Simons Island or the mainland. Tower technicians were expected to inspect the structure March 6 or 7.

Source: <http://www.firefightingnews.com/article-us.cfm?articleID=103707>

38. *March 5, Morgan Hill Times* – (California) **Verizon fiberoptic cable cut causing phone, internet outage.** Verizon land line services are down for parts of Morgan Hill, California. A construction crew cut a fiberoptic cable on the Butterfield Extension project March 5, according to South Valley Internet. This caused a service failure to land line, Internet, and cell phone services and some ATMs and debit card transactions in stores throughout the city. A representative from Verizon said crews were working to replace the cable that was damaged.
Source: http://www.morganhilltimes.com/news/city_local_government/update-verizon-fiberoptic-cable-cut-causing-phone-internet-outage/article_42d36126-66fa-11e1-b05f-001a4bcf6878.html
39. *March 5, WMAZ 13 Macon* – (Georgia) **Phone service out in North Macon.** Several hundred customers and businesses of AT&T in the Macon, Georgia area were without service March 5. According to an AT&T communication manager, the disruption came as a result of road crews accidentally cutting a fiber cable during construction. The outage affected customers only in the north Macon area. The manager said crews were working to fix the problem and should have service restored by the evening of March 5.
Source: <http://www.13wmaz.com/news/article/171215/175/Phone-Service-Out-in-North-Macon>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

40. *March 6, Framingham MetroWest Daily News* – (Massachusetts) **Fire evacuates Marlborough senior apartment overnight.** Two people had to be rescued by a ladder truck and 4 people were taken to the hospital for evaluation after a three-alarm fire sent smoke through the Liberty Hill Apartments senior housing complex in Marlborough, Massachusetts, March 6. The senior housing complex is above the city's senior center. About 100 people were evacuated from the apartments. Fire officials said all but four units should be habitable by the end of March 6. The director of the housing authority said two rooms had extensive damage. The fire chief said investigators deemed the fire, which caused about \$300,000 in damage, as accidental.
Source: <http://www.metrowestdailynews.com/news/x1644233651/Fire-evacuates-Marlborough-senior-apartment-overnight>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

Nothing to report

Dams Sector

41. *March 5, Tacoma News Tribune* – (Washington) **Report: Pierce County flood control inadequate.** A new report, the Pierce County plan, says many river levees and other flood control structures in Pierce County, Washington, are inadequate and recommends more than \$316 million in projects over the next 20 years, the Tacoma News Tribune reported March 5. The report, which took nearly 3 years to complete, examines flood risks and recommends solutions along the Puyallup, Nisqually, White, and Carbon rivers. The draft report, called the Rivers Flood Hazard Management Plan, says “The aging system of flood management facilities, many of which were built in the 1960s or earlier, were built to a lower level of protection than what is now required to protect transportation, commercial and residential structures.” The time frame for making improvements will depend on the amount of local and other funds available, said the county’s project manager. The document comes at the same time the county council is preparing to approve a controversial flood-control zone district that would levy new taxes. The flood-management plan, which identifies the flood-control district as a financial option, says current funds are inadequate to protect the area’s growing population. It also points out risks to three wastewater treatment plants for Tacoma, Puyallup, and Sumner along the Puyallup River. Proposed improvements include new and rebuilt levees, new setbacks, and new flood walls. The most costly of the 33 recommended projects is \$104 million to set back the levee along North Levee Road from Interstate 5 to the Highway 161-North Meridian bridge in Puyallup.
Source: <http://www.thenewstribune.com/2012/03/05/2053104/report-county-flood-control-inadequate.html?storylink=mrc>
42. *March 5, Fierce Homeland Security* – (National) **Dam emergency plans could be improved, say auditors.** An Interior Department inspector general review of emergency action plans at seven large dams in the western United States finds room for improvement, Fierce Homeland Security reported March 5. In a report dated February 27, auditors examined emergency preparedness at five “national critical infrastructure” dams and two “major mission critical” dams. Destruction or failure of either type of dam would be devastating to the public. Bureau of Reclamation personnel at all seven dams had in place emergency action plans, auditors say, but all lacked documentation. Auditors acknowledge none of the documentation they say should be undertaken is a requirement of bureau policy, but say it is important nonetheless. Corrective actions learned as a result of exercises were not always entered into the Dam Safety Information System, and some after-action reports did not include recommendations at all. One national critical infrastructure dam had not conducted a tabletop emergency exercise since August 2007, auditors also found. Bureau policy requires that one be conducted once every 3 years; the report notes dam personnel subsequently held an exercise. However, bureau policy for training is also unclear, auditors say. The training requirement “broadly encompasses all dam operating personnel, even those individuals having only minor or indirect roles during emergency operations at the dam.” The bureau is updating and rewriting the training requirements, the report adds.

Source: http://www.fiercehomelandsecurity.com/story/dam-emergency-plans-could-be-improved-say-auditors/2012-03-05?utm_medium=rss&utm_source=rss

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