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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 7, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* – (Pennsylvania) **Diesel fuel spill in Greene County spurs state investigation.** The state is investigating a Pittsburgh-based Marcellus shale-drilling company's diesel fuel spill that flowed from a Greene County, Pennsylvania well into Patterson Run unbeknownst to local officials. EQT Corp. spilled 480 gallons of diesel in Center Township in December 2011, according to a spokesman for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The spill occurred when diesel fuel was being transferred out of a temporary fuel tank, he said. The DEP began its investigation the day of the spill and has issued a notice of violation. A fine likely will follow. Most of the spill was cleaned within 24 hours using soil excavation, liquid vacuuming, and absorbent pads, an EQT spokeswoman said. Source: <http://www.fireengineering.com/news/2012/03/06/diesel-fuel-spill-in-greene-county-spurs-state-investigation.html>
2. *March 7, WTSP 10 Tampa Bay* – (Florida) **Train and fuel truck collide in fiery crash in Polk County, truck driver missing and presumed dead.** A CSX train and a tanker truck filled with fuel collided near a chemical plant in Bartow, Florida, March 7. The truck driver is missing and presumed dead. All people on board the CSX train are accounted for and without injury. The crash happened off U.S. Highway 60 near Bonnie Mine Road, about a quarter mile west of Ashland Chemical. U.S. 60 was closed for a time, before it reopened to traffic. The truck reportedly had a 3,000-gallon capacity, although it was unclear how much fuel was on board the truck at the time of the crash. Officials said the fire was contained to the truck, along with some nearby grass that was also on fire. The train was damaged and remained on the tracks with its cars attached. Source: <http://www.wtsp.com/news/local/article/243053/8/One-dead-after-train-and-truck-collide>
3. *March 7, Reuters* – (Illinois; Midwest) **Enbridge restarts part of Midwest oil pipe, full service seen on Thurs.** Enbridge Inc said it restarted a segment of a key oil pipeline that supplies 318,000 barrels per day of Canadian crude to the Midwest March 6 after a fire forced it to shutdown March 3. A second damaged segment would be reopened March 8, the company said. Line 14/64, which carries Canadian crude oil between Superior, Wisconsin, and Griffith, Indiana, was shut March 3 after a vehicle collision sparked a fire and a leak in a portion of the pipeline 70 miles southwest of Chicago. Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/03/07/pipeline-enbridge-idUSL4E8E70X620120307>

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Chemical Industry Sector

4. *March 7, Akron Beacon Journal* – (Ohio) **Pair of flash explosions reported at East Akron chemical complex; no one hurt.** Akron, Ohio fire crews responded to a pair of explosions at a chemical facility near the Goodyear complex in East Akron March 6. The Akron fire battalion chief said workers at Eliokem, which is owned by Omnova Solutions, were welding around a tank that once contained a form of methylstyrene when there were two “flash explosions.” The explosions sent workers scurrying for safety and scores of Akron firefighters rushing to the scene. Akron police closed off numerous intersections around Eliokem and the Goodyear complex, where 40 workers were evacuated. Although the city’s HAZMAT team was called in, residents were not evacuated. The clean up was completed and traffic to the area resumed after a few hours. An Omnova spokesman said little damage was done to the company’s equipment.
Source: <http://www.ohio.com/news/local-news/pair-of-flash-explosions-reported-at-east-akron-chemical-complex-no-one-hurt-1.268877>
5. *March 7, Beaumont Enterprise* – (Texas) **Interstate 10 still closed 19 hours later.** Westbound Interstate 10 near Beaumont, Texas remained closed the morning of March 7, 19 hours after an 18-wheeler carrying hazardous chemicals overturned, a Beaumont police sergeant said. The truck hauling a flammable load of tetrachloroethylene (also known as perchloroethylene or perc) overturned and skidded to a stop near the downtown Beaumont exit March 6. All lanes of traffic were shut so officials could remove the truck from the highway. About 20 gallons of the chemical were contained by Beaumont HAZMAT, but the trucking company must clean up the spill, a Beaumont police officer said. The truck was being drained early March 7. Officials evacuated the area within 150 feet in all directions of the spill because the chemical is toxic if ingested and is an inhalation hazard.
Source: <http://www.beaumontenterprise.com/news/article/Interstate-10-could-be-shut-down-for-4-10-more-3387282.php>
6. *March 7, Pueblo Chieftan* – (Colorado) **Fire alters highway traffic.** A semitrailer hauling fertilizer caught fire March 6 and forced the closure of a section of southbound Interstate 25 north of Pueblo, Colorado. The blaze closed about a 4-mile stretch of I-25 starting at Mile Marker 114, a sheriff’s deputy said. At least three emergency response agencies were on the scene, including a HAZMAT crew.
Source: http://www.chieftain.com/news/local/i--reopens-following-tractor-trailer-fire/article_3c298c12-67cf-11e1-a6c6-001871e3ce6c.html
7. *March 7, U.S. Chemical Safety Board* – (National) **CSB develops policy on employee participation in investigations.** The U.S. Chemical Safety Board (CSB) announced March 7 it has developed a new policy on employee participation in investigations the Board hopes will enhance the vital role played by plant workers in determining root causes of incidents and promoting facility safety. The policy, approved unanimously, followed a 2011 CSB roundtable involving accident victims, family members, and worker representatives. The new policy essentially states that employees and their representatives have similar rights in CSB accident investigations as they do during

Occupational Safety and Health Administration inspections. The CSB is an independent federal agency charged with investigating serious chemical accidents. The agency's board members are appointed by the U.S. President and confirmed by the Senate. The Board does not issue citations or fines but does make safety recommendations.

Source: <http://www.csb.gov/newsroom/detail.aspx?nid=404>

8. *March 6, Chemical & Engineering News* – (National) **EPA targets chemicals.** Seven chemicals or categories of substances will undergo risk assessment by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the agency announced March 1. The move could lead to their regulation under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). As justification, the agency cited the substances' potential to harm human health and widespread human exposure to them. One of the chemicals, HHCB, is used as a fragrance in consumer products. Three more compounds are solvents. Also, the EPA will conduct risk assessments of long-chain chlorinated paraffins and medium-chain chlorinated paraffins. Both are used in industrial cutting fluids, commercial paints, adhesives, sealants, and caulks. Other categories slated for risk assessment are antimony and antimony compounds, which are used in a variety of commercial applications, such as flame retardants. The seven chemicals or categories of substances are among 83 commercial chemicals EPA has selected for further review and potential regulation.

Source: <http://cen.acs.org/articles/90/web/2012/03/EPA-Targets-Chemicals.html>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

9. *March 7, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission* – (National) **NRC examining potential impact on nuclear plant safety from upstream dam failure.** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) announced March 7 that it started a formal evaluation of potential generic safety implications for dam failures upstream of U.S. commercial nuclear power plants. The NRC began examining this issue after inspection findings at two plants, and recently completed an initial screening assessment. While this screening did not identify any immediate safety concerns, inspections or other reviews at individual plants led to those plants taking appropriate actions regarding flooding scenarios. Based on the screening, the NRC staff recommended that flooding from upstream dam failure be further evaluated as part of implementing recommendations from the agency's Japan Near-Term Task Force.

Source: <http://www.power-eng.com/news/2012/03/07/nrc-examining-potential-impact-on-nuclear-plant-safety-from-upstream-dam-failure.html>

10. *March 5, Los Angeles Daily News* – (California) **Rocketdyne radiation is still abundant.** Some levels of radioactive chemicals found on a portion of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory site in Simi Valley, California, were as much as 1,000 times higher than standards, according to federal data released March 5. Officials with the

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency conducted radiological surveys on a portion of the land known as Area IV, where a partial meltdown of a nuclear reactor occurred in 1959. The results of the radiological survey showed that of the 437 samples collected, 75 exceeded standards agreed upon by the Department of Energy and the California Department of Toxic Substances Control in a cleanup agreement signed in December 2010. Seven radioactive isotopes, including cesium-137, measured at levels between 100 to 1,000 times higher than the standards. Other radionuclides that suggest nuclear presence included strontium-90, tritium, plutonium, and carbon-14.

Source: http://www.dailynews.com/ci_20108641/rocketdyne-radiation-is-still-abundant?source=most_viewed

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

11. *March 7, MSNBC* – (National) **Chrysler recalls 210,000 Jeep Liberty SUVs.** Chrysler announced March 7 the recall of nearly 210,000 Jeep Liberty sport utility vehicles from model years 2004 and 2005 due to potential problems resulting from excessive corrosion that could lead to a loss of control by the driver. Some may be equipped with rear lower control arms that can fracture due to corrosion caused by road salt used in certain states, according to documents filed with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The recall is expected to begin by the end of April.

Source: <http://bottomline.msnbc.msn.com/news/2012/03/07/10600266-chrysler-recalls-210000-jeep-liberty-suvs>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Banking and Finance Sector

12. *March 7, Fort Worth Star-Telegram* – (Texas) **River Oaks bank manager accused of \$2 million fraud.** A former Bank of America branch manager in River Oaks, Texas, is accused of defrauding the company by making cash withdrawals of more than \$2 million from bank customers' accounts. A U.S. attorney alleged in court documents filed March 6 that the manager "fraudulently used customer names and bank account numbers to fill out withdrawal slips" as well as sometimes forging customers' signatures. She faces federal charges of bank fraud. All told, the manager's transactions totaled over \$2 million, with Bank of America's losses at more than \$1 million. The charges allege the manager, using her supervisory capacity, withdrew cash through tellers by telling them the withdrawal was on behalf of long-time customers with whom she had a relationship and were waiting in her office. However, she never withdrew more than \$10,000 to avoid mandatory currency transaction reports. To prevent

customers from finding out, she would block bank statements from being mailed to them. The withdrawals began as far back as 2002 and continued until April 20, 2011, court documents said.

Source: <http://www.star-telegram.com/2012/03/07/3791472/river-oaks-bank-manager-accused.html>

13. *March 6, Associated Press* – (Georgia) **FDIC sues 12 former directors of failed Georgia bank for \$11 million.** Federal bank regulators March 5 sued 12 former directors and officers of a failed Georgia bank that collapsed less than 6 years after it was formed. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) accused the operators of Freedom Bank of Georgia in Commerce of overly aggressive lending practices that focused too much on high-risk loans. It said the bank failed to conduct a cash flow analysis for all its borrowers and did not do enough market research. The agency said the loose policies meant the bank's financial condition deteriorated even as it grew rapidly. The bank was closed in March 2009, costing the FDIC about \$48 million. The agency is seeking \$11 million in damages.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/33856cf0e9444d05b4a374b887a7ab45/GA--Failed-Bank-Sued/>

14. *March 6, New York Daily News* – (New York) **Queens man pleads guilty to three bank robberies.** A prolific robber pleaded guilty March 6 to 3 bank jobs in New York City and the feds will give him a pass on 16 additional heists he committed in 2011. Once the FBI identified the man as a suspect, he gave them all the clues they needed on his Facebook page. According to court papers, 47 minutes before he held up a Chase Bank in Brooklyn July 2011 he posted: "I Gotta Get That \$\$\$\$ Man!!!" He also posted photos in which he was wearing the same hooded sweatshirt that he wore for several of the robberies. On July 11, three photos on his Facebook page showed him holding nine \$100 bills. Three days after he robbed a Chase Bank in Queens, he changed his Facebook profile name to that of a legendary bandit. He passed a threatening note and did not use a firearm in his crime spree. He also pleaded guilty to knocking over a third Chase bank in Brooklyn in August 2011 and faces a maximum of 20 years in prison on each robbery. He is also on the hook for about \$32,000 in restitution to the banks.

Source: <http://www.nydailynews.com/news/queen-man-called-willie-sutton-jr-facebook-pleads-guilty-bank-robberies-article-1.1034248?localLinksEnabled=false>

15. *March 6, Las Vegas Review-Journal* – (Nevada) **Former Las Vegas man found guilty in mortgage fraud scheme.** A former Las Vegas resident was convicted March 6 of conspiracy and wire fraud charges for his role in a mortgage fraud scheme that involved straw buyers and false loan applications, the U.S. attorney's office announced. He was convicted of conspiracy to commit bank, mail and wire fraud, and seven counts of wire fraud. Authorities estimate he defrauded financial institutions out of more than \$20 million. He operated several Nevada businesses that are now defunct. They included ABS Investments Group and Liberty Group Investments. From February 2005 to May 2007, he participated in a conspiracy with about 13 others to defraud federally insured banks. The scheme involved recruiting straw buyers to buy homes they had no

intent to occupy. He paid the straw buyers about \$5,000 each. Prosecutors said he then directed co-conspirators to prepare mortgage applications containing false data so the straw buyers could qualify for the loans. He put renters in the properties and sold them for a profit. He and his co-conspirators obtained mortgage loans for 110 houses in Las Vegas and Henderson between April 2005 and April 2007. Ten co-conspirators have been convicted of participating in the scheme.

Source: <http://www.lvrj.com/news/former-las-vegas-man-found-guilty-in-mortgage-fraud-scheme-141680823.html>

16. *March 6, U.S. Department of Justice* – (National) **Federal court in Illinois shuts down nationwide ‘Employee Benefit Plan’ tax scheme.** A federal court in Illinois permanently barred two women and four companies from operating an alleged scheme to help high-income individuals attempt to avoid income taxes by funneling money through purported employee benefit plans, the Justice Department announced March 6. According to the government complaint, the defendants claimed to promote and operate plans that provide insurance benefits to participating companies’ employees, when in fact the scheme was simply a mechanism for the firms’ owners to receive tax-free or tax-deferred income for personal use. In the most recent version of the scheme, each participant’s company made supposedly tax deductible payments to a purported benefit plan. The contributions were then allegedly transferred to an account within a company based in the Caribbean island of Anguilla, in which they were invested until the owner terminated the program and received the assets. The complaint alleged participants from across the country have transferred at least \$239 million as part of the scheme, and that total contributions may exceed \$300 million.

Source: <http://www.justice.gov/tax/2012/txdv12290.htm>

17. *March 6, KIRO 97.3 FM Seattle* – (Washington) **Man steals \$1M from Seattle, Bank of America sits idly by.** Prosecutors in Seattle charged a former city employee with 70 counts of theft in what they have called the “largest embezzlement of public funds in modern King County history,” according to a March 6 statement. The former employee faces 67 counts of first degree theft, and 3 counts of theft in the second degree. He is accused of stealing \$1.1 million from Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) between 2008 and 2010. Prosecutors allege he diverted customer checks for water main extension projects into a personal bank account. More than 70 checks made payable to the City of Seattle or to Seattle Public Utilities were deposited into a Bank of America account owned by the employee. “It is surprising that Bank of America would open up an account for him and accept checks made out to the City of Seattle when they are not the bank the city does business with,” the prosecutor said. He indicated the city may have grounds for civil action against the bank. To date, investigators have seized \$220,000 from a Bank of America account in the employee’s name and are looking into the possibility he transferred stolen money to additional accounts. Meanwhile, the city has launched a formal, independent review of SPU’s financial practices in an effort to identify accounts subject to “high risk transactions.”

Source: <http://mynorthwest.com/11/640247/Man-steals-1M-from-Seattle-Bank-of-America-sits-idly-by>

18. *March 5, Marina del Rey Patch* – (California) **Marina del Rey man, 49, charged with bank fraud.** A Marina del Rey, California man and two other men were charged March 5 in federal court with bank fraud and other charges for allegedly running a credit card scheme that resulted in an estimated \$600,000 in losses. The three defendants were arrested in February by special agents with Internal Revenue Service (IRS)-Criminal Investigation and inspectors from the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. A 26-count indictment against the trio charges them with conspiracy, bank fraud, access-device fraud, aggravated identity theft, and money laundering, according to a statement from the IRS. Authorities allege the men contacted Chase Bank, Bank of America, Capital One Bank, and other institutions and requested credit cards be sent to addresses they controlled using real and fake names and fictitious businesses. They then allegedly used the cards to make unauthorized withdrawals and purchases with losses estimated at \$600,000.
Source: <http://marinadelrey.patch.com/articles/marina-del-rey-man-49-charged-wtih-bank-fraud>

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Transportation Sector

19. *March 7, Pensacola News Journal* – (Florida) **Wildfire shuts down part of Interstate 10.** A portion of Interstate 10 that was shut down March 6 as a result of smoke from a 42-acre wildfire in Santa Rosa County, Florida, reopened March 7. The east and west bound lanes of I-10 were closed between Scenic Highway in Escambia County and Avalon Boulevard in Santa Rosa County. Traffic snarled on the interstate, U.S. 90 in Milton, U.S. 98 in Gulf Breeze and other streets as motorists tried to find alternate routes. Santa Rosa County school buses were late getting some students home as a result of the heavy traffic. The fire began March 6 in a wooded area in Avalon Beach and south of I-10. Embers caused it to spread north of the interstate and start a second fire roughly 500 yards from where the fire started, said a wildfire mitigation specialist with the Florida Forest Service. Thirty acres were burned by late afternoon. A third, 10-acre fire started on a wooded island that is north of I-10 as a result of embers from the second fire, the specialist said.
Source: <http://www.pnj.com/article/20120307/NEWS01/203070320/Interstate-10-reopens-wildfire-contained?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|FRONTPAGE>
20. *March 7, KOIN 6 Portland* – (Oregon) **Pedestrian killed along Highway 30.** A man walking along the highway in Warren, Oregon, was hit by a westbound SUV March 6. Oregon State Police were investigating the fatal crash that closed Highway 30 between Scappoose and Warren throughout the night. All lanes were reopened the next morning. The wreck required the help of several police agencies and the Oregon Department of Transportation.
Source: <http://www.koinlocal6.com/news/local/story/Pedestrian-killed-along-Highway-30/c4ttuSZzsEGMeB9DMZ4M5g.csp>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

21. *March 6, Shrewsbury Chronicle* – (Massachusetts) **Nitric acid found in smoldering box at UPS facility.** Nitric acid leaking from a ruptured glass container inside a package in a United Parcel Service trailer caused the package to smoke and triggered an investigation from the state hazardous materials team February 29 in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, the Shrewsbury Chronicle reported March 6. Fire officials and a state hazardous materials team conducted tests on the substance and determined it was nitric acid, which caused brown smoke to leak out, said the fire chief. “The reaction was caused by the chemical escaping the ruptured 3-gallon glass container it was in,” he said. “It then reacted with the oxygen in the air.” Nitric is highly corrosive and can be used in many ways including in fertilizer and rocket fuel. Although the chief was unsure who sent the package because the address label burned off, he said it was headed to another United Parcel Service distribution center. Officials from the Shrewsbury Fire Department, the state HAZMAT team, and the environmental protection department responded.

Source: <http://www.wickedlocal.com/shrewsbury/news/x1644235321/Nitric-acid-found-in-smoldering-box-at-UPS-facility#axzz1oLjE9A3l>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

22. *March 7, Marshalltown Times-Republican* – (Iowa) **Ammonia spill at co-op gushes for hours.** A hazardous material team responded to the Mid-Iowa Co-Op in Whitten, Iowa, after an apparent valve malfunction caused three tanks of ammonia to begin leaking March 6. The supply tanks gushed the noxious chemical for several hours, said the Grundy County sheriff, but the Waterloo HAZMAT team was able to get the leak under control 4 hours later. By the time responders got the leak under control, the tanks had spilled roughly 70 to 80 percent of their 28,000 gallons onto the grain elevator plant’s property. Farmers use the ammonia in fertilizer and come to the Whitten branch of the co-op to fill their tanks.

Source: <http://www.timesrepublican.com/page/content.detail/id/547499/Ammonia-spill-at-Co-Op-gushes-for-hours.html?nav=5005>

23. *March 7, Associated Press* – (National) **Tainted shrimp linked to South Bend death.** Northern Indiana health officials are investigating whether a South Bend man’s recent death may be linked to recalled shrimp, the Associated Press reported March 7. WSBT 22 South Bend reported the St. Joseph County Health Department was alerted February 17 by Memorial Hospital in South Bend that it had a patient battling a type of bacteria found naturally in shrimp and other seafood. Health officials determined the man had eaten Harvest of the Sea brand shrimp recently recalled from Martin’s Super Markets. Testing on a 16-ounce bag of the same brand of raw and peeled shrimp found in his freezer showed it contained the same bacteria.

Source: <http://www.indystar.com/article/20120307/LOCAL/203070349/Tainted-shrimp-linked-South-Bend-death?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|IndyStar.com>

24. *March 6, Food Safety News* – (National) **Tyson Foodservice pizza topping recalled.** Tyson Prepared Foods of South Hutchinson, Kansas, is recalling about 12,060 pounds of pizza topping because the packaging identifies an ingredient as beef, but it actually is pork, Food Safety News reported March 6. Additionally, the pork contains soy, a potential allergen, which is not listed on the label. The discrepancies were reported by a product purchaser. The recalled products were produced January 12 and were sold to food-service institutions nationwide via a distributor. The product is intended for use in restaurants or institutional food operations; it is not sold in retail grocery stores.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/03/foodservice-pizza-topping-recalled/>

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Water Sector

25. *March 7, Associated Press* – (South Dakota) **Sioux Falls has rash of fire alarms, water main breaks thought tied to water pressure spike.** Officials in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, responded to a rash of emergency calls throughout South Dakota's largest city thought to be tied to a spike in water pressure. The Sioux Falls Argus Leader reported officials responded to 4 water main breaks, and firefighters answered more than 20 calls as alarms went off in businesses, schools, and other buildings March 6. The water main breaks closed several roads and shut off water to some businesses. Alarms prompted the evacuation of a high school during a basketball game. The public works director said they are not certain what caused the problems.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/feb25efb7bde4178a70690bffd08ec7b/SD--Sioux-Falls-Calls/>

26. *March 6, KGET 17 Bakersfield* – (California) **Dozens of families near Lamont without water.** A community of 65 families near Lamont in Kern County, California, has been without water since March 2 after the community well broke, KGET 17 Bakersfield reported March 6. It is believed a wall in the well is caving and sand got in, mixed with the water, and burned out the pump. The company that runs the well, Athal Mutual Water, has come under scrutiny from residents before. After reports of leaks and claims the well was running dry, residents were still billed big fees. A company spokeswoman said they were awaiting a camera scope snake to go into the well to give them a better idea for a fix. If the wall is still somewhat sturdy, they can put a temporary pump in and force water to a higher level allowing the sand to stay at the bottom. Otherwise, the community will need a brand new well which could take up to a month to complete. Athal planned to contact state officials to see if they could supply water storage to residents while they work to fix the problem.

Source: <http://www.kget.com/news/local/story/Dozens-of-families-near-Lamont-without-water/OuLvSV5ffkOC6P5idrIzMA.csp>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

27. *March 7, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Nursing home with meth lab fire was cited earlier.** A nursing home in Ashtabula, Ohio, where a man died after a meth lab fire that injured several other people was cited for 18 violations in 2011, including not providing adequate care, according to state records obtained March 6. The home's alleged violations in a December survey included not providing adequate care, failing to investigate how a resident was injured, and not properly responding to residents' complaints about missing property. The fire victim was not a patient or employee of Park Haven Home, authorities said as they sought to uncover how the meth lab was set up in a resident's room and how long it went undetected. Police said charges were expected against two men who were also burned in the fire. Police believe two visitors and one Park Haven resident knew about the meth lab, a police chief told the Star Beacon of Ashtabula.

Source:

<http://www.bucyrustelegraphforum.com/article/20120307/NEWS01/203070316/Nursing-home-meth-lab-fire-cited-earlier?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|FRONTPAGE|s>

28. *March 7, California Watch* – (California) **Oversight of California nursing homes lacking, report finds.** The Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Inspector General, which oversees Medicare and Medicaid, identified shortcomings by the California Department of Public Health, which inspects the state's 1,150 nursing homes, California Watch reported March 7. The new federal report alleges California nursing home inspectors fell short in following up on their own investigative findings, possibly enabling sustained neglect or lax practices that can injure residents. The report, issued the week of February 27, is the second in a series of federal examinations of California nursing home oversight. It examined the handling of 178 findings of deficiencies at 3 nursing homes that send a high rate of patients to hospitals with bedsores and severe infections. The inspector general (IG) focused on nursing home surveys that are mandated to be done every 15 months. The IG found nursing home regulators underestimated the severity of problems in 13 percent of the findings, possibly skewing ratings on Medicare's Nursing Home Compare Web site. The report also said in 77 percent of cases requiring corrective-action plans, California inspectors accepted plans that did not meet federal standards requiring detailed explanations. And inspectors did not verify homes corrected problems in four of nine surveys. In those four cases, inspectors determined the homes were in compliance with federal requirements without making a follow-up visit or seeking evidence of changes. The report also examined 24 complaint surveys. The IG found state regulators tracked problems in the oversight system but did not cite 41 federal deficiencies.

Source: <http://californiawatch.org/dailyreport/oversight-california-nursing-homes-lacking-report-finds-15189>

29. *March 6, KESQ 3 Palm Springs* – (California) **Strange smell forces evacuation of clinic at Eisenhower Medical Center.** Desert Orthopedic Center, a Rancho Mirage, California orthopedic practice, was evacuated March 6 after an “unusual smell” made some people feel dizzy. A Riverside County Fire Department spokeswoman said 80 employees and 50 patients were escorted out of the building after some complained of feeling lightheaded. Some of those evacuated were undergoing operative procedures at the time, said a California Department of Fire and Forestry captain. They were moved to the emergency room at Eisenhower Medical Center. The evacuation lasted more than 2 hours. Gas company workers determined the smell did not come from a gas leak. The source of the smell remained a mystery as of late the afternoon of March 6.

Source: <http://www.kesq.com/news/30620677/detail.html>

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Government Facilities Sector

30. *March 6, WGGB 40 Springfield* – (Massachusetts) **Men accused of Springfield courtroom brawl face a judge.** Two men accused of starting a brawl March 5 in a Springfield, Massachusetts courtroom faced a judge. March 6, the two men were back at Springfield District Court to face their own charges. One man was charged with assault and battery on a public employee, assault and battery, and disrupting a court proceeding. The other man was charged with assault and battery on a public employee, resisting arrest, and disrupting a court proceeding. March 5, the pair were in court for the arraignment of another man, who was accused of killing his girlfriend, who is their daughter and step-daughter, respectively. The pair allegedly tried to attack the man shortly after he was brought into the courtroom. Both men were released on their personal recognizance and are due back in court April 10.

Source: <http://www.wggb.com/2012/03/06/men-accused-of-springfield-courtroom-brawl-face-a-judge/>

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Emergency Services Sector

31. *March 7, Sacramento Bee* – (California) **Guards quell riot at Folsom State Prison.** Correctional officers at Folsom State Prison in Folsom, California, put down a wild prison melee involving up to 70 suspected gang members March 6, firing pepper spray and nonlethal rounds to quell the riot. No serious injuries were reported in the clash that broke out between two apparent rival gang factions. The brawl prompted correctional officers to summon reinforcements from the nearby California State Prison, Sacramento, said a corrections agency spokesman. The incident ultimately was brought under control by the first responding officers from the old Folsom Prison. They

used pepper spray and nonlethal, sponge-tipped rounds to drive back the combatants and also fired warning shots into the ground. Several inmates were treated for cuts and scrapes, but no correctional officers were injured, the spokesman said. The prison was kept on security alert March 6 after the incident.

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2012/03/07/4317197/guards-quell-riot-at-folsom-state.html>

32. *March 7, WHIO 7 Dayton* – (Ohio) **Deputies: 3 assault corrections officer, flee facility.** The search continued March 7 for three juveniles who assaulted a corrections officer and then escaped the Logan County Juvenile Detention Center in Bellefontaine, Ohio, March 6. The three juveniles were each involved in the incident. Deputies said the three assaulted the corrections officer, leaving him injured. The Logan County Sheriff's office asked other agencies to be on the lookout for their car.

Source: <http://www.whiotv.com/news/news/local/3-juveniles-escape-logan-detention-center/nLMk4/>

33. *March 6, WCMH 4 Columbus* – (Ohio) **Fake officers make mom take urine test.** A woman said two males impersonating police officers entered her home in Chillicothe, Ohio without permission, searched it, and demanded a urine sample from her. A Chillicothe officer responded to the apartment on a report of a suspicious person March 3. A woman told the officer two males parked in front of her apartment and identified themselves as police officers. She said the males entered her apartment by force, claiming they received a report of drug activity. They searched her apartment and demanded she give them a urine sample. They reportedly put a stick of some sort into the sample and said the sample was clean. She said they then left the apartment. The responding officer checked and said the local county sheriff's office said they did not send any deputies out to the apartment.

Source: <http://www2.nbc4i.com/news/2012/mar/06/3/fake-officers-make-mom-take-urine-test-ar-955345/>

34. *March 6, Associated Press* – (International) **FBI says Irish police misstep led to leak of sensitive conference call by hackers.** An Irish police officer's e-mail blunder led to the leak of a sensitive conference call between the FBI and Scotland Yard, U.S. law enforcement said March 6. An indictment unsealed in a New York court alleges a teenager linked to the Lulz Security group of hackers was able to eavesdrop on the call after an unnamed officer with Ireland's national police force forwarded a work message to his unsecure personal e-mail account. The e-mail, which apparently originated from an individual with the FBI, invited dozens of law enforcement officers from across Europe and the United States to coordinate efforts against LulzSec and its amorphous umbrella group, Anonymous. The FBI's indictment said a man intercepted the e-mail and used the information in it to access and secretly record the January 17 call, which hackers subsequently broadcast across the Internet. The indictment said the man was charged with one count of computer hacking conspiracy, and one count of intentionally disclosing an unlawfully intercepted wire communication.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/fbi-says-irish-police-misstep-led-to-leak-of-sensitive-conference-call-by-hackers/2012/03/06/gIQATDy9uR_story.html

35. *March 6, XETV 6 San Diego* – (California) **CHP office evacuated after bomb scare.** The San Diego office of the California Highway Patrol (CHP) was evacuated after a couple brought an 81 mm mortar into the office to have it disposed of, XETV 6 San Diego reported March 6. The couple told officers they found the device while cleaning out a vacant home in Clairemont. CHP officers said the couple believed the bomb or device was not live, but CHP officers took precautions and called for the bomb squad. Pacific Highway from Taylor Street to Sea World Drive were closed, as well as part of the freeway until the mortar was disposed of by the bomb squad. The mortar contained explosives but did not have a complete fuse according to a spokesman with the San Diego Fire Department.

Source: <http://www.sandiego6.com/news/local/CHP-Office-Evacuate-After-Bomb-Scare-141594813.html#>

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Information Technology Sector

36. *March 7, IDG News Service* – (International) **Facebook goes down temporarily in parts of Europe.** Facebook was down temporarily in parts of Europe March 7, with users in some countries outside the region also reporting problems. CERT.be, the federal cyberemergency team for Belgium, said Facebook was hit by a distributed denial of service attack. The social network however said the site was unavailable in Europe because of technical difficulties, and was restored, according to news reports. Facebook did not respond to a request for comment. The social network was unavailable for about an hour in Iceland, and came up again around 8:30 a.m. GMT, said a member of the Icelandic Parliament.
- Source:
http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9224973/Facebook_goes_down_temporarily_in_parts_of_Europe?taxonomyId=17
37. *March 7, Computerworld* – (International) **Anonymous takes down security firm's website, vows to fight on after arrests.** Hackers claiming to belong to the Anonymous hacking collective defaced Panda Security's PandaLabs Web site March 7 in apparent response to the arrests of five hackers March 6 in the United Kingdom and the United States. In a defiant message posted on PandaLabs' hacked homepage, Anonymous taunted the former LulzSec leader Sabu for helping the FBI nab the hackers and vowed to carry on its hactivist campaign regardless of the setback. They also posted what appeared to be log-in credentials of numerous Panda Labs employees. They noted the attack on the security firm's site was in retaliation for Panda's alleged role in helping law enforcement crack down on members of the collective. According to a statement, a Panda Security spokeswoman said the hackers obtained access to a Panda Security Web server hosted outside of Panda's internal network. This server was used only for marketing campaigns and to host company blogs, it said. "Neither the main website www.pandasecurity.com nor www.cloudantivirus.com were affected in the attack," the statement said. "The attack did not breach Panda Security's internal network and

neither source code, update servers nor customer data was accessed. The only information accessed was related to marketing campaigns such as landing pages and some obsolete credentials, including supposed credentials for employees that have not been working at Panda for over five years,” the company said.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9224958/Anonymous_takes_down_security_firm_s_website_vows_to_fight_on_after_arrests?taxonomyId=17

38. *March 7, The Register* – (International) **2 in 3 Android anti-malware scanners not up to the job.** Two-thirds of Android anti-malware scanners failed to protect against a range of malware in independent tests. AV-Test put 41 different virus scanners for Android through their paces. Almost two-thirds of these scanners are not yet suitable for use as reliable products, identifying less than 65 percent of the 618 types of malware tested. Packages that detected more than 90 percent of the Android malware thrown at them included Droid security software from Avast, Dr Web, F-Secure, Ikarus, Kaspersky, Zoner, and Lookout. Products that picked up more than 65 but less than 90 percent of Android malware included applications from established desktop companies (AVG, Bitdefender, ESET, Norton/Symantec, QuickHeal, Trend Micro, Vipre/GFI and Webroot) and many mobile specialists (AegisLab and Super Security). Android security products from Bullguard, Comodo, G Data, McAfee, NetQin, and Total Defense fell into the third range (detection of between 40 to 65 percent). AV-Test said these products generally provided reliable malware protection against a few families, but fell down elsewhere — probably due to inadequate mobile malware sample collection. A fourth group of Android security products provided detection rates of less than 40 percent — essentially completely unreliable. These products — none of which came from recognized security vendors — generally failed to react even when smartphone users opened the well-known Android Trojan, much less detecting anything wrong during a regular scan.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/03/07/android_anti_malware_tests/

39. *March 6, Softpedia* – (International) **Spam campaigns start relying on ‘Pin It’.** Pinterest grew in popularity in the past few months, reaching around 10 million users. This did not go unnoticed by spammers and other cybercriminals who started relying on “Pin It,” the equivalent of Facebook’s “Like,” in malicious campaigns. Zscaler researchers came across several sites, pinterestpromo.info and giftinterest.com, that integrate the “Pin It” widget to ensure Pinterest is utilized as a spam propagation tool. Experts found the plot does not differ much from classic Facebook scams, in this instance the potential victims being promised free prizes in exchange for a “Pin It.” However, the uncommon piece is the “Pin It” button is not actually real, instead it is a fake variant that once clicked, redirects users to another Web site that offers more prizes. Those who find themselves on this final site are urged to fill out surveys or trial offers that earn the crooks money either by signing up the unsuspecting victim to paid phone services or via affiliated marketing mechanisms.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Spam-Campaigns-Start-Relying-on-Pin-It-256834.shtml>

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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

40. *March 7, Softpedia* – (International) **Researchers find vulnerabilities in satellite TV and DVB Systems.** A Polish security researcher discovered flaws in digital satellite TV set-top-boxes and Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB) chipsets, which he will present at the Hack in the Box (HITB) conference in Amsterdam May 21-25. His findings reveal a large number of digital satellite TV platforms worldwide are exposed to malicious operations due to weaknesses that exist not only in the software and the hardware of these devices but also because of the services supplied by many vendors. The expert wants to demonstrate that digital satellite TV set-top-boxes are exposed to hacking and malware infection with no user interaction required. His research shows that malware can be leveraged by a hacker to gain access over the Internet to the encrypted satellite TV programs paid by an unsuspecting user. “It will be the first ever discovery and disclosure of real malware threats in the context of the digital satellite TV platform,” he said. “And this will also be the first ever successful attack documented against digital satellite set-top-box equipment implementing Conax Conditional Access System with advanced cryptographic pairing function.” The Conax Conditional Access System was implemented worldwide for protecting paid content against illegal sharing and distribution.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Researchers-Find-Vulnerabilities-in-Satellite-TV-and-DVB-Systems-257232.shtml>

41. *March 6, Computerworld* – (International) **Judge extends DNS Changer deadline as malware cleanup progresses.** March 5, a federal judge extended an operation that will keep hundreds of thousands of users infected with the “DNS Changer” malware connected to the Internet until they can clean their machines. Meanwhile, Internet Identity (IID), which is monitoring the cleanup efforts, said March 6 it had seen a “dramatic” decrease in the number of computers infected with DNS Changer. DNS Changer, which at its peak infected more than 4 million Windows PCs and Macs worldwide, was the target of a major takedown led by the U.S. Department of Justice in November 2011. The malware hijacked users’ clicks by modifying domain name system (DNS) settings to send URL requests to the criminals’ own servers, a tactic that shunted victims to hacker-created sites that resembled the real domains. As part of the “Operation Ghost Click” takedown and accompanying arrests of 6 Estonian men, the FBI seized more than 100 command-and-control servers hosted at U.S. data centers. To replace those servers, a federal judge approved a plan where substitute DNS servers

were deployed by the Internet Systems Consortium, the non-profit group that maintains the popular BIND DNS open-source software. Without the server substitutions, DNS Changer-infected systems would have been immediately severed from the Internet. March 5, a U.S. district court judge extended the deadline for shutting down the replacement servers by 4 months, from March 8 to July 9, 2012. Two weeks ago, authorities argued that victims needed more time to wipe DNS Changer from computers before their connections were cut off.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9224926/Judge_extends_DNS_Changer_dead_line_as_malware_cleanup_progresses?taxonomyId=17

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Commercial Facilities Sector

42. *March 7, Springfield Republican* – (Massachusetts) **Holyoke blaze destroys several buildings on Pine Street.** City firefighters battled a multi-building fire that destroyed a portion of a city block on Pine Street in Holyoke, Massachusetts, March 7. The affected buildings included a multi-unit apartment building with tenants, two empty buildings, and a local landscaping business. Nearby streets were affected, including several bus stops. Officials said city buses would have to be rerouted until the street reopens.

Source:

http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2012/03/holyoke_blast_destroys_tk.html

43. *March 5, Wired* – (International) **Sony hackers stole \$253M worth of music files.** Hackers who breached Sony's networks in 2011 also stole more than 50,000 music files, including previously unreleased tracks, *Wired* reported March 5. The lost music was estimated to be worth around \$253 million, according to the *Daily Mail*. Sony discovered the theft within weeks of its occurrence, but kept the news under wraps. Sony recently acknowledged the breach to the BBC. The company discovered the hack through routine monitoring of social networking sites, fan sites, and hacker forums. Sony still possesses copies of all the music, and the breach did not affect its ability to release albums and individual songs that were taken by the hackers.

Source: <http://www.wired.com/threatlevel/2012/03/sony-music-hack/>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

44. *March 7, Clay Today* – (Florida) **Keystone wildfire destroys home, still burning.** Firefighters continued to battle a 200-acre wildfire March 7 that already destroyed one home, damaged several vehicles, and remained a threat to other property near Keystone Heights, Florida. A Florida Forestry Service spokeswoman said state

and county firefighters used two aircraft and eight tractors to dig fire lines and managed to contain 50 percent of the fire despite strong winds. Most nearby residents were evacuated but have returned to their homes, according to information provided by a Clay County Fire and Rescue captain. She said a Red Cross shelter was temporarily set up March 6 but closed after electric power and other services were restored to about 150 homes. She said the fast-moving fire, dubbed the Caribbean Circle fire, has continued “spotting” — or jumping from tree to tree — because of the weather conditions.

Source: <http://www.claytodayonline.com/index.php/component/k2/item/385-keystone-wildfire-destroys-home-still-burning>

45. *March 7, Arizona Daily Sun* – (Arizona) **Fire near Walnut Canyon chars 9 acres.** Fire crews battled a fire that started near Walnut Canyon March 6. The fire was reported off Interstate 40 about 4 miles east of Flagstaff, Arizona. Several Flagstaff Fire Department engines and firefighters responded to the scene along with U.S. Forest Service crews. A captain of the fire department said no structures were threatened and the fire started on state land.

Source: http://azdailysun.com/news/local/fire-near-walnut-canyon-chars-acres/article_68855834-3476-54cd-ac06-64005f5b85ad.html

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Dams Sector

46. *March 6, KIVI 6 Boise* – (Idaho) **Boise River flows set to increase tomorrow.** The Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will increase flows from Lucky Peak Dam in Idaho March 7 to help reduce the risk of flooding later this spring. The increased flows are due to near normal snow pack and above normal reservoir carryover. Current water storage in the Boise River reservoirs is about 73 percent of capacity. Flows will increase by 600 cubic feet per second (cfs) each day, reaching about 3,000 cfs by March 9 at the Glenwood Bridge gauging station. Currently, no other flow increases are planned; however, flows could potentially increase to higher levels in coming months as system inflows increase. A flow rate of 7,000 cfs is considered flood-stage level at the Glenwood Bridge gauge. Water managers anticipate a full supply of irrigation water will be available this season.

Source: <http://www.kivity.com/news/local/141586493.html>

47. *March 6, Omaha World-Herald* – (Midwest) **Gavins Point Dam releases near.** Releases of water from Gavins Point Dam near Yankton, South Dakota, will increase incrementally beginning in mid-March for the Missouri River navigation season. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said March 6 full-service flows will be provided for barge traffic and other downstream uses during at least the first half of the navigation season. The higher flows are scheduled for March 23 at Sioux City, Iowa, March 25 at Omaha, Nebraska, March 26 at Nebraska City, Nebraska, March 28 at Kansas City, Missouri, and April 1 at the river’s mouth near St. Louis. The river’s

reservoir system enters the spring runoff season well-prepared to capture spring runoff, with slightly more than its full capacity of flood control storage available, said the water management chief in Omaha. The mild winter allowed the Corps to make higher-than-normal releases throughout the winter. The runoff forecast above Sioux City in 2012 is 26.1 million acre-feet, slightly above the normal of 24.8 million acre-feet.
Source: <http://www.omaha.com/article/20120306/NEWS01/703079959>

48. *March 6, Associated Press* – (Mississippi) **Federal appeals court panel sides with EPA over \$220M Yazoo River flood control project.** A three-judge panel from the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals sided March 6 with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) over its 2008 veto of a \$220 million flood control project near the Yazoo River in the south Mississippi Delta. The Board of Mississippi Levee Commissioners sued the EPA in 2009 after the agency vetoed the Yazoo Backwater Project, which was in the works for decades. The board said the proposed pumping station would protect wetlands, farms, and forests north of Vicksburg, Mississippi, from flooding when the Mississippi River is high. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has taken steps to control flooding upstream on the river and that only made flooding worse in the Yazoo River Basin, an attorney said. The board said the pumps were the last integrated element of the larger flood control system and were needed to pump out water trapped by other flood control measures. It said about 900,000 acres and 1,000 residential structures were affected. The lawsuit also claimed EPA's veto is illegal because the project was approved by Congress before the agency was given veto power under the Clean Water Act (CWA) in 1977. EPA officials said in the past the project does not meet all the requirements to proceed under the CWA, regardless of when it was authorized.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/1ea10fae1a6a4d6fb72e0ff879ac43ae/MS--Yazoo-Pumps/>

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