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- Transocean Ltd., the owner of the rig that exploded in the Gulf of Mexico in 2010, agreed to pay \$400 million in criminal fines, \$1 billion in civil penalties, and plead guilty to violating the Clean Water Act. – *Associated Press* (See item [1](#))
- Manufacturing equipment for producing counterfeit bills was found by authorities in Fargo, allegedly used to create several thousand dollars in fake money. Two individuals were arrested and charged with counterfeiting. – *Associated Press* (See item [5](#))
- Parts of Interstate 10 and U.S. Highway 62/180 in Texas were closed in both directions due to several crashes that occurred during a snow storm, and officials were unsure when the Interstate would reopen. – *CNN* (See item [6](#))
- Two fake digital certificates mistakenly issued by a Turkish domain registrar caused Google and Microsoft to warn users about attacks using the certificates to imitate legitimate Google properties. – *Krebs on Security* (See item [22](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *January 4, Associated Press* – (Louisiana; International) **Transocean’s \$1.4B oil spill deal will help Gulf.** Transocean Ltd., the owner of the Deepwater Horizon rig that exploded in the Gulf of Mexico in 2010, agreed to pay \$400 million in criminal fines and \$1 billion in civil penalties. In addition to the settlement, Transocean Ltd. plead guilty to violating the Clean Water Act.
Source: <http://www.politico.com/story/2013/01/transoceans-14b-oil-spill-deal-will-help-gulf-85758.html>
2. *January 3, Winfield Daily Courier* – (Kansas) **Two oil field motors stolen near Arkansas City.** Two motors, valued at around \$12,000 each, were stolen from separate, unsecured oil leases located in Arkansas City.
Source: http://www.arkcity.net/news/local_news/article_5d0fcb82-562e-11e2-bb27-0019bb2963f4.html

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Chemical Industry Sector

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

3. *January 4, U.S. Department of Transportation* – (National) **NHTSA recall notice - Cadillac Escalade, Chevrolet Avalanche, Express, Silverado, Suburban, and Tahoe, and GMC Savana, Sierra, and Yukon roll away hazard.** General Motors announced the recall of 54,686 model year 2013 Cadillac Escalade; Chevrolet Avalanche, Express, Silverado, Suburban, and Tahoe; and GMC Savana, Sierra, and Yukon vehicles due to a fractured park lock cable or a malformed steering column lock component that pose a roll away hazard when the vehicles are in park.
Source: http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rcl_ID=13V001000&summary=true&prod_id=1755812&PrintVersion=YES

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Banking and Finance Sector

4. *January 3, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (New Jersey) **Operator of massive real estate investment fraud ring pleads guilty to causing \$200M in losses.** An Ocean County man pleaded guilty to real estate investment fraud and money laundering charges for a scheme that caused \$200 million of investor money to be lost.
Source: <http://www.loansafe.org/operator-of-massive-real-estate-investment-fraud-ring-pleads-guilty-to-causing-200m-in-losses>
5. *January 3, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **Police recover counterfeit materials in Fargo.** Manufacturing equipment for producing counterfeit bills was found by authorities in Fargo, allegedly used to create several thousand dollars in fake money. Two individuals were arrested and charged with counterfeiting.
Source: <http://www.jamestownsun.com/event/article/id/176784/group/News/>

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Transportation Sector

6. *January 4, CNN* – (Texas) **Heavy snow hampers efforts to reopen portions of west Texas Interstate.** Parts of Interstate 10 and U.S. Highway 62/180 in Texas were closed in both directions due to several crashes that occurred during a snow storm. Officials are unsure of when they will reopen the Interstate and highway due to more inclement weather.
Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2013/01/04/us/texas-weather/>
7. *January 3, Associated Press* – (South Carolina) **7 injured as SUV, school bus collide in Georgetown.** Four students, a school bus driver, and two others were hospitalized after an SUV crashed into a Georgetown County, South Carolina school bus January 3.
Source: <http://www.thestate.com/2013/01/03/2576386/7-injured-as-suv-school-bus-collide.html#.UObw0q6p3To>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

8. *January 3, San Jose Mercury News* – (California) **Alameda: Mail box stolen from outside main post office.** A mailbox at the Alameda Main Post Office was stolen. The U.S. Postal Inspection Service is investigating.

Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_22307340/alameda-mail-box-stolen-from-outside-main-post

9. *January 3, KSDK 5 St. Louis* – (Missouri) **Rash of mailbox vandalism in St. Louis County.** There has been a string of mailbox explosions in St. Louis County.
Source: <http://www.ksdk.com/news/article/355208/3/Rash-of-mailbox-vandalism-in-St-Louis-County>
10. *January 2, Alaska Coastal Television* – (Alaska) **Person catches fire in Fairbanks Post Office; flown to Seattle for treatment.** A U.S. post office in Fairbanks caught fire, burning a person who was discovered to have been sleeping in the PO box hallway. The victim was flown to Seattle with serious burns.
Source: <http://www.youralaskalink.com/news/Person-Catches-Fire-in-Fairbanks-Post-Office-Flown-to-Seattle-for-Treatment-185479932.html>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

11. *January 4, Food Safety News* – (National) **After cantaloupe outbreak, FDA tells farm to correct Salmonella problems.** The cantaloupe producer at the center of the 2012 Salmonella outbreak received a warning letter from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration that highlighted various practices thought to have lead to or exacerbated the outbreak.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/01/after-canaloupe-outbreak-fda-tells-chamberlain-farms-to-correct-salmonella-problems/#.UOcZIOTAx9>
12. *January 2, Reuters* – (Iowa) **One dead at ADM Iowa corn processing plant.** While one worker was hospitalized after falling unconscious in an oxygen deficient corn fermentation tank in Cedar Rapids, another died on site.
Source: http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2013-01-02/news/sns-rt-us-adm-iowa-fatalitybre9010r0-20130102_1_corn-plant-stable-condition

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Water Sector

13. *January 3, Sarasota Herald Tribune* – (Florida) **Sewage spills again in Hudson Bayou neighborhood.** A broken valve allowed sewage to leak from a 2-inch pressure relief pipe into the Hudson Bayou January 3. Sewage trucks arrived to clean up the 12,000 gallon spill and city officials said they would conduct water tests of the bay.
Source:
<http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20130103/ARTICLE/130109889/2055/NEWS?Title=Sewage-spills-again-in-Hudson-Bayou-neighborhood&tc=ar>

14. *January 3, WAVE 3 Louisville* – (Kentucky) **Water main breaks cause raw sewage to spill in creek.** Two water main breaks in Louisville January 3 released over 74,000 gallons of water and raw sewage into the Beargrass Creek. While the Louisville Water Company worked to fix the breaks, the Metropolitan Sewer District said it would be unable to clean up the spills.
Source: <http://www.wave3.com/story/20499258/water-main-breaks-cause-raw-sewage-to-spill-in-creek>
15. *January 3, Mlive.com* – (Michigan) **At least 3,000 gallons of raw sewage spills on Maple Street in Kalamazoo.** Up to 4,000 gallons of raw sewage leaked out of a manhole in Kalamazoo January 3, and city authorities quickly issued a statement advising residents to avoid contact with the water.
Source:
http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2013/01/at_least_3000_gallons_of_raw_s.html
16. *January 3, WYTV 33 Youngstown* – (Ohio) **Boil alert issued for Liberty Township.** A 16-inch water main broke in Trumbull County January 2 and left residents of surrounding townships under a boil alert until January 5 at the earliest.
Source: <http://www.wytv.com/content/news/local/story/Boil-Alert-Issued-for-Liberty-Township/b51R653wBUy2EBpirS4csw.csp>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

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Government Facilities Sector

17. *January 4, WTAJ 10 Altoona* – (Pennsylvania) **Penn State battles malware threat.** Around 1,400 former students of Penn State Altoona were mailed letters explaining that malware was recently found on a university server and that their Social Security numbers were possibly leaked. While originally found in September, victims of the malware were not informed until December.
Source: http://wearecentralpa.com/fulltext-news?nxd_id=425872
18. *January 3, Bloomberg News* – (Virginia) **Mailbox bombing probed at U.S. Treasury Inspector General's home.** Investigators with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives were in Virginia the week of December 31 to collect evidence on who placed what was likely a pipe bomb in the Treasury Department's inspector general's mailbox.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-01-03/mailbox-bombing-probed-at-u-s-treasury-inspector-general-s-home.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

19. *January 4, Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer* – (Kentucky) **Ky. inmate charged with setting fire in jail cell.** A Daviess County Detention Center inmate admitted to starting a fire in a cell, and was charged with first-degree arson. Police believe he created a spark by taking aluminum from a food container and pushing it into an electrical outlet. Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/news/10848516/ky-inmate-charged-with-setting-fire-in-jail-cell>
20. *January 4, Associated Press* – (New York) **NYPD officers shot in separate incidents.** An off-duty officer was shot while he was being robbed by four men at his family's car dealership and two other undercover officers killed a suspect that shot at them on the subway. The shootings all occurred January 3 in the span of an hour. Source: http://www.necn.com/01/04/13/NYPD-officers-shot-in-separate-incidents/landing_nation.html?&apID=b4f86312c8f34f71a088af1c67f29c57
21. *January 4, Associated Press* – (South Carolina) **2 guns stolen from Cayce police chief's car.** The Cayce police chief's handgun, shotgun, and bulletproof vest was stolen after someone ransacked his police car, which was parked outside his home. Source: <http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2013/01/04/3254664/2-guns-stolen-from-cayce-police.html>

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Information Technology Sector

22. *January 3, Krebs on Security* – (International) **Turkish registrar enabled phishers to spoof Google.** Two fake digital certificates mistakenly issued by a Turkish domain registrar caused Google and Microsoft to warn users about phishing attacks, spoofed content, and man-in-the-middle attacks using one of the certificates to imitate legitimate Google properties. Source: <http://krebsonsecurity.com/2013/01/turkish-registrar-enabled-phishers-to-spoof-google/>
23. *January 3, Dark Reading* – (International) **'Dementia' wipes out attacker footprints in memory.** A researcher-developed tool named Dementia can obscure the signs of an attack in a computer's memory by creating a false image with omitted information, allowing the traces to go undetected during forensic analysis.

Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/advanced-threats/167901091/security/attacks-breaches/240145524/dementia-wipes-out-attacker-footprints-in-memory.html>

Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@us-cert.gov or visit their Web site: <http://www.us-cert.gov>

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

24. *January 4, NBC News* – (National) **Popular office phones vulnerable to eavesdropping hack, researchers say.** Researchers demonstrated vulnerabilities in software utilized by Cisco phone systems and emphasized the phones are open to remote hacking, where the hacker can manipulate the phone into doing whatever they want and covering the trail. Cisco announced they were working on fixing the problem. Source: <http://redtape.nbcnews.com/news/2013/01/04/16328998-popular-office-phones-vulnerable-to-eavesdropping-hack-researchers-say?lite>
25. *January 3, Martha's Vineyard Times* – (Massachusetts) **Verizon Internet outage affects Martha's Vineyard users.** Verizon customers in Martha's Vineyard were still without Internet service January 3. Verizon attributed the December 30 outage on an issue with equipment at their Falmouth facility. Source: <http://www.mytimes.com/2013/01/03/verizon-internet-outage-affects-marthas-vineyard-users-13952/>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

26. *January 4, WXMI 17 Grand Rapids* – (Michigan) **Forty-three people displaced after apartment fire.** Multiple fire crews responded to an apartment fire in Portage for over six hours January 3. The Red Cross was on scene to assist some 43 residents displaced by the fire. Source: <http://fox17online.com/2013/01/04/forty-three-people-displaced-after-apartment-fire/>
27. *January 4, KHOU 11 Houston* – (Texas) **Explosion at warehouse due to three-alarm fire.** Around 80 firefighters responded to a 3-alarm warehouse fire in Harris County January 4 after explosions caused by gas tanks and other materials inside the structure were reported. A HAZMAT team was eventually called to the scene and several hours later the fire was under control.

Source: <http://houston.cbslocal.com/2013/01/04/explosion-at-warehouse-due-to-three-alarm-fire/>

28. *January 3, WGHP 8 Greensboro* – (North Carolina) **Someone attempted to set fire to Stokesdale church, third incident in two weeks.** A Stokesdale church was the target of an arson incident January 3, the third attempt at area churches in the past 2 weeks. Two churches in neighboring Rockingham County were burned on December 22 and December 23.

Source: <http://myfox8.com/2013/01/03/someone-attempted-to-set-fire-to-stokesdale-church-third-incident-in-two-weeks/>

29. *January 3, Associated Press* – (Alaska) **Fire extensively damages large Anchorage apartment building; 2 injured.** An Anchorage apartment fire January 3 left extensive damage to the structure, 2 people injured, and 45 residents displaced. The surrounding area was evacuated as well while firefighters fought the fire for 2 hours.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/42d99f5708184701ae9df82d8f9d5434/AK--Apartment-Building-Fire>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

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Dams Sector

30. *January 4, Pleasantville Press of Atlantic City* – (New Jersey) **Atlantic City seeks flood protections including seawalls and drainage improvements.** In order to recover from Hurricane Sandy and prevent damage from future storms, Atlantic City officials requested \$313 million in funding to cover various construction projects. In addition to new seawalls and bulkheads, Atlantic City also hopes to improve the canal system and escape routes.

Source: http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/communities/atlantic-city_pleasantville_brigantine/atlantic-city-seeks-flood-protections-including-seawalls-and-drainage-improvements/article_216ca3a0-5612-11e2-871b-0019bb2963f4.html

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