



Homeland Security

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Current Nationwide Threat Level

ELEVATED

Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks

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- An incendiary package addressed to the Homeland Security Secretary ignited in a Washington D.C. postal facility. It was similar in design and shape to two packages that previously ignited in Maryland. (See items [24](#), [23](#))
- Federal prosecutors brought charges January 9 against a gunman accused of carrying out an assassination attempt on a U.S. Representative from Arizona. The suspect killed six people and critically wounded the Representative and 12 others at a political event in Tucson, Arizona. (See items [39](#), [40](#), [41](#))

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber: ELEVATED

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

1. *January 10, Reuters* – (Alaska; National) **Alaska oil pipeline disruption enters third day, boosts prices.** A shutdown of the Trans Alaska Pipeline, which ships 12 percent of U.S. crude output, entered a third day January 10, boosting prices and raising pressure on operators including BP to restore shipments. A leak was discovered at the northern end of the pipeline in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska January 8, near production

facilities, forcing oil companies to cut output to 5 percent of their average 630,000 barrels per day. The shutdown is the latest setback for the 33-year old duct, which is becoming more expensive to maintain as it ages. It currently handles less than a third of the oil it did at its peak in the 1980s. The shutdown of the 800-mile line, which runs from the Prudhoe Bay oilfield to the tanker port of Valdez in southern Alaska, has not yet affected shipments, and tankers are being loaded on schedule at Valdez, meaning there is no immediate danger of restricted oil supply. Oil produced during the shutdown will be stored at Prudhoe Bay until the pipeline reopens.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSL3E7CA0T620110110>

2. *January 10, WKYT 27 Lexington* – (Kentucky) **Power restored after massive outage.** Power has been restored to Frankfort and parts of Scott, Woodford, Anderson, and Shelby counties in Kentucky after a massive power outage January 8. The Frankfort Plant Board said between 50,000 and 100,000 people were affected by the outage. Power was restored between 3 a.m. and 4 a.m. January 9. A spokesman said a Kentucky Utility transmission line on Versailles Road in Lexington went out. Officials called it the worst transmission failure in the history of the department.
Source:
http://www.wkyt.com/home/headlines/Massive_power_outage_affecting_central_Kentucky_113147309.html

3. *January 9, San Francisco Chronicle* – (California) **PG&E surge may have stressed San Bruno line in '08.** Pacific Gas and Electric Co. (PG&E) briefly raised the pressure on its San Bruno, California natural gas line to the brink less than 2 years before the explosion that killed eight people — an action experts call a “huge gamble” they fear made the pipe more susceptible to failure. A San Francisco Chronicle investigation into events before the explosion led PG&E officials to reveal that for 2 hours on December 9, 2008, the company intentionally boosted gas pressure to the maximum legal limit of 400 pounds per square inch. That was more pressure than PG&E ever acknowledged using on the line, which it normally ran at 375 pounds per square inch. The utility initially said it boosted the pressure because federal regulations required it to do so, but later conceded its interpretation was inaccurate. It then explained the spike was “part of our operating practice.” This is the first time the company has ever acknowledged running the San Bruno line at its legal maximum — a level now under scrutiny by federal investigators in light of revelations PG&E had erroneous records about the pipeline’s characteristics. The next time the pressure exceeded 375 pounds per square inch on the line was September 9, 2010, when a malfunction caused a surge to 386 pounds — a spike that coincided with the deadly explosion and fireball in San Bruno that destroyed 38 homes. PG&E’s intentional surge in 2008 could have strained the line and made it more vulnerable to failure at lower pressure levels, experts said. Strain caused by one surge, they said, can weaken a pipe to the point where it can fail at a lower point when pressure surges again.
Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/01/08/MNVM1GTR1V.DTL>

4. *January 7, Oakland Tribune* – (California) **Power restored for 15,000 customers in Berkeley.** Power was out for 15,000 customers in Berkeley, California January 7, trapping people in two elevators downtown and slowing traffic at intersections where lights were out, officials said. Electricity was restored just before 2 p.m. January 7, a PG&E spokeswoman said. The problem was an equipment failure in a Berkeley substation, she said. Power was out to at least 10 stop lights downtown, and in areas north of University Avenue. Berkeley firefighters rescued one person from an elevator in the downtown Berkeley YMCA on Allots Way, and two from an elevator at the Library Gardens apartments on Kittredge Street, a Berkeley Fire Department spokeswoman said.
Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_17036302?nclick_check=1

5. *January 7, WPTZ 5 Plattsburgh* – (New York) **Propane leak reported at senior housing in Willsboro.** Hazmat teams were on the scene of a propane gas leak in Willsboro, New York, according to Essex County’s Director of Emergency Services. A 1,000 gallon underground propane gas tank at Lakewood Apartments, a senior housing building, has been venting the gas, according to a spokesman, who was at the scene January 7. A half-mile perimeter was established around the source of the leak. The spokesman said the apartment complex was evacuated, along with the Willsboro Central School and five homes on Farrell Street. Four hundred people were evacuated from the apartment building and the school. He said those evacuated were going to the Willsboro Fire Department. It was likely to be hours before the propane leak was fixed. He said both Essex and Clinton County’s Haz-mat Teams were on the scene. Westport and Keesville Fire Departments were on standby at the Willsboro fire station, he said, adding that a safety team from Vermont was en route to provide assistance.
Source: <http://www.wptz.com/r/26400283/detail.html>

6. *January 7, Associated Press* – (Wyoming) **Idaho man killed in Wyo. drilling rig explosion.** An exploding pipe killed a worker at a drilling rig outside Pinedale, Wyoming. The Sublette County Sheriff’s Office said the accident, January 5, killed a 42-year-old man of Driggs, Idaho. The Big Horn Radio Network in Cody, Wyoming, reported the man died before emergency crews arrived. Sheriff’s officials said the man was severely burned. Sheriff’s and Wyoming state workers’ safety officials are investigating the cause of the explosion.
Source: <http://www.ktyb.com/news/Idaho-man-killed-in-Wyo-drilling-rig-explosion-113103954.html>

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Chemical Industry Sector

7. *January 8, Ventura County Star* – (California) **Hazmat team, firefighters respond to Camarillo chemical spill.** Environmental health crews, a hazardous materials team and county firefighters responded to a spill of 50 to 60 gallons of a corrosive chemical in Camarillo, California, that forced area businesses to evacuate several employees January 8. The spill of a copper plating solution in the 300 block of South Lewis Road

occurred overnight from January 7, the Ventura County Fire Department said. It identified the business involved as Church Technology. Four people from nearby businesses were evacuated as a precaution, the fire department said. Fire crews cleared the scene about 3:30 p.m. The spill's cause is unknown.

Source: <http://www.vcstar.com/news/2011/jan/08/hazardous-materials-team-investigates-chemical/>

8. *January 7, Detroit Free Press* – (Michigan) **Cleanup continues of train wreckage in Vernon Township; residents return home.** Cleanup was going to continue January 8 near a Shiawassee County, Michigan neighborhood where residents were evacuated January 6 after a train carrying hazardous materials derailed and leaked hydrochloric acid. Twelve cars from a Canadian National (CN) train headed from Battle Creek to Flat Rock derailed about 6:30 p.m. that day near the intersection of Reed and Pittsburgh roads in Vernon Township. Three of the cars overturned, with one leaking hydrochloric acid. There were no injuries. More than 35 people, who live in a half-mile radius of the derailment site, were told to leave, the Vernon Township fire chief said. Crews from CN, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and Shiawassee County Health Department started escorting residents home about 1 p.m. January 7 and were conducting air and water tests as families returned home. The fire chief said those tests were coming back clear. The hydrochloric acid continued to leak into the air until about 12:30 a.m. January 7 when it was sealed. The three tipped cars were upright by that afternoon, and the other cars were hauled away. The cause of the derailment is unknown, and the chief declined to give a damage cost estimate.

Source:

http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2011/01/cleanup_continues_of_train_wre.html

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

9. *January 9, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* – (Wisconsin) **Expansion of Point Beach nuclear plant questioned.** Wisconsin does not need expanded power output from the Point Beach nuclear plant in Manitowoc because the state has more than enough electricity to meet its needs, two advocacy groups said in a filing with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). NextEra Energy Resources Inc. has proposed expanding the total power output from the two-reactor plant by 17 percent. The plant supplies electricity to Milwaukee utility We Energies. In a filing with the NRC, the Wisconsin Citizens' Utility Board and Clean Wisconsin raised questions about the plan, saying the NRC is relying on outdated information about the plant and its importance to the reliability of Wisconsin's power grid. The NRC said the plant's output is needed to meet demand for power that is growing by 2 percent per year, citing a 2008 Wisconsin report. But the recession cut demand for electricity, and the state said the growth rate in demand has slowed to 1 percent per year, the groups said. They also said the issue is "outdated and inaccurate" in contending that the project, known as an uprate, is needed in light of a weak transmission grid that has led Wisconsin to import

power from Illinois.

Source: <http://www.jsonline.com/news/wisconsin/113181969.html>

10. *January 9, Knoxville News Sentinel* – (Tennessee) **High level of pollutant detected in Oak Ridge well.** A high level of trichloroethylene, an industrial solvent, was found in one of the new monitoring wells installed across the river from Oak Ridge National Laboratory’s nuclear burial grounds in Tennessee, but Oak Ridge officials said it is too early to determine if the pollution is linked to the old waste sites. An environmental scientist at the Department of Energy’s (DOE) Oak Ridge office, said trichloroethylene — also known as TCE — is often associated with buried wastes on the government reservation, but he said the chemical compound is widely used as a degreaser and can also be found in many non-DOE locations. “We are avoiding speculating on what the source is,” the environmental scientist said. “We’re just getting data to pin down what can and can’t be said.” DOE contractors last year installed a series of monitoring wells on the west side of the Clinch River on properties near the Loudon County-Roane County border. The project is supposed to determine whether groundwater contaminated by the nuclear wastes could have somehow migrated — perhaps via cracks in underground rock formations — to properties on the other side of the Clinch. Results from sentinel wells on the DOE side of the river have shown an underground plume of contaminated groundwater — containing dozens of different pollutants — has already neared, perhaps even reached, the river’s edge.

Source: <http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2011/jan/09/high-level-of-pollutant-detected-oak-ridge-well/>

11. *January 9, WOOD 8 Grand Rapids* – (Michigan) **Electrical problem at Palisades plant.** An electrical problem at the Palisades power plant near South Haven, Michigan reduced power output at the nuclear plant to about 55 percent of normal January 8. The senior public affairs officer for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), said the problem never resulted in any condition at the plant that would have put the public in danger. An electrical problem in a circuit breaker caused pumps and fans that work in one of the cooling towers to lose power around 1 p.m., she added. That meant that one of the station’s two cooling towers had to go offline. The NRC spokeswoman said the shutdown of the pumps and fans did not result in a dangerous condition to the core. Power output from the plant was reduced to about 55 percent. The NRC spokeswoman said plant operators are not sure what caused the power issue, but noted the cause is being investigated.

Source: http://www.woodtv.com/dpp/news/local/sw_mich/electrical-problem-at-palisades-plant

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

Nothing to report

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

12. *January 9, Pacific News Center* – (International) **‘Big Blue’ update: Water being pumped out so waste oil tanks can be reached and emptied.** The U.S. Coast Guard reported Guam Shipyard workers January 8 and 9 continued to pump out water from the partially sunk dry dock known as “Big Blue.” The aim is to raise the level of the dry dock up high enough in order to reach the waste oil storage tanks so they can be pumped dry. The Coast Guard said that so called “de-watering” efforts continue around the clock within the drydock’s starboard side machinery space. “So far approximately 41,000 gallons of sea water mixed with oily residue from the machinery space has been transferred off ‘Big Blue’ to isolation tanks,” according to a Coast Guard release. The machinery space aboard Big Blue contains the lube oil tank and sludge oil tank. The Coast Guard release stated those tanks “will be emptied once Guam Shipyard is able to pump out enough water to safely reach the tanks and connect transfer lines.” The 11,000 gallon diesel fuel tank was successfully pumped dry January 7, without any leakage into Apra Habor.

Source:

http://www.pacificnewscenter.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=10527:qbig-blueq-update-water-being-pumped-out-so-waste-oil-tanks-can-be-reached-a-emptied&catid=45:guam-news&Itemid=156

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Banking and Finance Sector

13. *January 8, Wilkes-Barre Citizens Voice* – (Pennsylvania; New Jersey) **Suspect in 7 bank robberies nabbed.** A New Jersey man wanted for seven bank robberies and a drugstore hold-up was arrested January 6 in White Haven, Pennsylvania where two of the robberies occurred, the borough officer-in-charge said. The suspect confessed to robbing PNC Bank November 18 and Rite-Aid Pharmacy December 13 in White Haven, the borough official said. Police detained the suspect for questioning after a report of a suspicious vehicle at PNC Bank around 4 p.m. January 6, the officer said. The suspect had planned to rob the bank for a second time before he was detained, the official said. The suspect also confessed to robbing banks in Allentown, Quakertown, Harrison Township, New Jersey; Paulsboro, New Jersey.; and Millville, New Jersey, the borough official said, adding he robbed the Millville bank twice. All the robberies took place since June. Borough police, who had been working with the FBI, turned him over to federal officials for prosecution in all eight holdups, the borough official said. Investigators had identified the suspect as a suspect based on evidence and surveillance footage from the robberies, and an arrest was near before he showed up in White Haven January 6, he said.

Source: <http://citizensvoice.com/news/suspect-in-7-bank-robberies-nabbed-1.1087481>

14. *January 8, Deseret News* – (Utah) **SEC says Draper men bilked investors of \$60 million in alleged securities fraud.** A Draper, Utah man and three associates allegedly bilked investors of \$60 million in a securities fraud scam as a means to fund his

extravagant lifestyle, federal authorities said. The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) filed a complaint January 6 against four suspects, claiming they misrepresented unregistered promissory notes as high yield, risk-free notes for an exclusive investment fund started by the owner of the Houston Astros baseball team. According to the complaint, the lead conspirator organized the scheme in March 2007 and enlisted his three co-conspirators, to help him raise millions of dollars for the fund. Some 90 investors were guaranteed returns of at least 20 percent, the complaint said. The suspect, who owned E & R Holdings, Wise Financial Holdings and Momentum Leasing, told investors their money would be deposited in a secure account over which he had sole control and that the funds would never leave the account, the complaint said. The money was to be used only for “verification of deposit” purposes for private traders obtaining large lines of credit. None of the four men were registered with the SEC or licensed to sell securities, the complaint said.

Source: <http://www.deseretnews.com/article/705364057/SEC-says-Draper-men-bilked-investors-of-60-million-in-alleged-securities-fraud.html>

15. *January 7, KGMB 23 Honolulu* – (Hawaii) **Hawaii banker accused of stealing millions.** The FBI is investigating a Hawaii banker accused of stealing a million dollars through a loan scheme. Hawaii News Now has learned the unnamed employee is part of the Bank of America’s home loan division. Authorities believe he pocketed money that customers thought they were putting into an escrow account. Anyone who thinks they were victimized is urged to contact the FBI.

Source: <http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/Global/story.asp?S=13800323>

16. *January 7, Muskegon Chronicle* – (Michigan) **Alleged Ponzi mastermind Dante DeMiro arrested.** The man accused of bilking Mona Shores Schools in Michigan out of \$3.7 million in an alleged Ponzi scheme was arrested in Port Huron January 6 by the U.S. Marshal Service and is in a county jail. A bench warrant for the suspect had been issued for failure to appear on a civil case out of Southfield. He did not appear for a hearing on a default judgment issued against him for failing to pay for goods and services. A \$300 cash bond was posted on the suspect’s behalf, but he remained in jail, meaning he is likely being held on more than one complaint, according to an official with 46th District Court in Southfield. The suspect appeared in U.S. District Court in Port Huron January 6 for a hearing on a request by his attorney to withdraw from the Ponzi case in which Mona Shores is one of several alleged victims. The suspect is facing five felony counts for bank and wire fraud in that case. After the judge granted the high-profile attorney’s request to withdraw due to a conflict of interest, he was taken into custody by the U.S. Marshal Service. Lapeer County, Comstock Township, a credit union in Iowa, and a bank in Virginia are other alleged victims in the Ponzi scheme.

Source:

http://www.mlive.com/news/muskegon/index.ssf/2011/01/alleged_ponzi_mastermind_dante.html

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Transportation Sector

17. *January 10, Washington Post; Associated Press* – (District of Columbia) **Capitol South reopened after scare.** On January 10, the Capitol South metro rail station in Washington, D.C. was closed for a short time due to a suspicious package outside the station. Trains were passing through the station without picking up or dropping off passengers. Capitol Police were tightly controlling where people could walk outside the station, which is about 2 blocks from the Capitol building. Riders trying to leave the station were initially redirected to the Federal Center Southwest and Eastern Market stations. Other passengers were later allowed to leave by taking an elevator and exiting about a block from the entrance where the package was found. One person was interviewed by Capitol Police, and the Capitol Police Hazardous Devices Unit was on scene investigating, a spokesperson said. There were several street closures in the surrounding area. The station was reopened around 10 a.m. The suspicious package was cleared and there is no threat, an FBI Washington Field Office spokeswoman said. Source: http://voices.washingtonpost.com/dr-gridlock/2011/01/suspicious_package_closes_capi.html

18. *January 10, KATV 7 Little Rock* – (Arkansas) **Snow storm turns Interstate into parking lot.** On January 10, Arkansas State police continued to work with recovery crews including the Arkansas National Guard to move approximately 12 jackknifed commercial carrier trucks from Interstate 30. The trucks are from west of Benton to the Highway 70 interchange where some of the worst driving conditions in the state currently exist. Interstate 30 has become a parking lot as many motorists have been stranded since January 9. The Arkansas National Guard has supplied 25 soldiers and 10 vehicles to help stranded motorists. The guard has been doing welfare checks on the motorists providing water and other supplies for those who needed it, including parents with small babies that needed water for formula. The longest delays are occurring in the eastbound lanes of traffic, however there are isolated delays westbound closer to Benton. Travel conditions worsened overnight in central Arkansas, particularly along interstate highways. Source: <http://www.katv.com/Global/story.asp?S=13814123>

19. *January 9, Associated Press* – (National) **Southern storm emergency declarations: Flights canceled, roads icy.** A blast of winter weather rolled across the South January 9, coating bridges and roads with snow, sleet, and freezing rain and causing thousands of flight cancellations. The governors of Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee declared emergencies for their states. By late January 9, snow and ice had covered the ground in Atlanta and Birmingham, Alabama, with 2 to 3 inches reported west and northwest of Atlanta. Georgia was expecting up to 6 inches of snow in the northern mountains from the powerful storm that also dumped snow and ice in Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Texas. Forecasters said the front could also bring sleet and freezing rain lasting into January 11 in Georgia. The Alabama governor said workers had readied snow and salt trucks to help clear icy roads, and he

asked all residents to stay home January 9-10 unless it is imperative that they have to travel. Mississippi officials warned motorists that ice was accumulating on roads and bridges in many counties, creating hazardous driving conditions. The National Weather Service posted winter storm warnings from east Texas to the Carolinas. Thousands of flights were canceled at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. A Dallas-Fort Worth (Texas) International Airport spokesman said 200 flights, or about a quarter of the schedule, were canceled in anticipation of the weather.

Source: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/01/09/southern-storm-emergency-_n_806534.html

20. *January 9, Associated Press* – (Florida) **Scribbled bomb threat forces plane evacuation.** Authorities said a plane about to take off from a South Florida airport was returned to the gate after a passenger found a bomb threat scribbled in a magazine. Passengers got off, and the plane was searched as a precaution. According to the Broward County Sheriff's Office, the note said there was a bomb aboard the Spirit Airlines flight that was preparing to take off January 8 from Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport. The sheriff's office said a bomb squad was sweeping the plane as a precaution after authorities received the call around 10 p.m. An airport spokesman said that as of about 90 minutes later, no bomb had been discovered. But he was not sure if the search was complete. The Atlanta, Georgia-bound plane was taxiing when the note was discovered.

Source:

http://www.floridatoday.com/article/20110109/BREAKINGNEWS/110109007/1006/N_EWS01/Scribbled+bomb+threat+forces+plane+evacuation

21. *January 9, Waterbury Republican-American* – (Connecticut) **Unusual storm, wrecked trucks doomed I-84.** The ordeal that left many motorists stuck on Interstate 84 from Middlebury to Danbury, Connecticut, for hours January 7 began when a tractor-trailer jackknifed in New York state at the New York and Connecticut state line. Westbound traffic immediately started to back up about 4:30 p.m., and at that time, an atypical snowstorm called a "Norlun Trough" pounded the western part of the state, said the communications director of the state department of emergency management and homeland security. Norlun is an unpredictable storm that has the potential to deliver very localized and extremely heavy bands of snow, no more than 10 miles wide. The peak of the storm's damage unloaded on the stretch between Exits 15 and 6, with 15.5 inches dumped in the area of Exit 14 in Southbury, he said. Snowfall totals in other areas were between 10 and 12 inches. As traffic backed up from the crash in New York, another tractor-trailer jackknifed in Connecticut along that stretch. Then a succession of tractor-trailers jackknifed, blocking lanes of travel, he said.

Source: <http://www.rep-am.com/articles/2011/01/09/news/local/532025.txt>

22. *January 8, WPLG 10 Miami* – (Florida) **MIA back open after brief evacuation.** Part of Miami International Airport in Miami, Florida was evacuated January 8 because of a suspicious package. A section of Concourse F was evacuated after a police dog alerted officers to a suspicious package. The bomb squad was called to the scene. They have not yet said what they found, but they cleared the scene and allowed passengers back

into the terminal. No major flight delays were caused by the incident.
Source: <http://www.justnews.com/news/26410871/detail.html>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

23. *January 9, Associated Press* – (District of Columbia) **Post union miffed by ‘sloppy’ evacuation.** Postal workers who returned to work in Washington D.C. January 8 said a package that ignited at a government mail facility conjured painful memories of the anthrax attacks that killed two of their colleagues in 2001. The fiery package found January 7, which was addressed to the Department of Homeland Security Secretary, followed two packages that ignited January 7 in Maryland state government mailrooms. It halted government mail until bomb-sniffing dogs could sweep the District of Columbia facility. Mail processing resumed January 8 after a meeting with workers, the local postmaster and the workers’ union. The postal workers union president said the package worried many employees. “We want them to feel safe and secure and be able to trust management to respond properly if this were to happen again,” the union official said. When the popping and smoking package was discovered, postal service managers failed to follow proper safety procedures, the union official said. The evacuation process was “very sloppy,” she said, because workers in the back of the building had no idea they were supposed to evacuate. Managers should have made an announcement on the public address system, she said. A mail processing clerk at the D.C. facility said co-workers told her management had trouble deciding whether to evacuate the building and wanted to wait for postal inspectors or police to decide. A worker ended up flagging down a police car, and workers said police evacuated the building.

Source:

<http://www.journalgazette.net/article/20110109/NEWS03/301099901/1066/NEWS03>

24. *January 8, Christian Science Monitor* – (District of Columbia; Maryland) **Janet Napolitano was apparent target of D.C. package, widening investigation.** Authorities investigating two incendiary packages in Maryland have more evidence to examine after a third package ignited January 9 in Washington D.C. The mailing in Washington was similar in design and shape to the packages in Maryland, according to the Baltimore Sun. The District of Columbia package was addressed to the Homeland Security Secretary, said a department official who spoke to the Associated Press on condition of anonymity. The other packages were intended for The Maryland governor and the state’s transportation secretary. Although all three parcels aroused alarm because of their fiery characteristics, they did not appear to contain explosive material. The devices in the Maryland packages each contained a small battery and an electric match, CNN said, citing law-enforcement officials. Each of the mailings will now be examined more closely at the FBI lab in Quantico, Virginia. Already, investigators were sorting through phone calls, e-mails, and letters to

try to identify suspects, the Sun said. One focus was disgruntled people who have made threats against state government, according to the Associated Press. Still, much remained to be determined. The Metropolitan Police Department in the District of Columbia, the Department of Homeland Security, the Postal Inspection Service, and other federal agencies are also involved in the investigation, the New York Times said. Source: <http://www.csmonitor.com/USA/2011/0108/Janet-Napolitano-was-apparent-target-of-D.C.-package-widening-investigation>

25. *January 8, Minneapolis Star-Tribune* – (Minnesota; Wisconsin) **13 letters with white substance sent to Twin Cities businesses.** The FBI is investigating 13 threatening letters containing white powder and sent to Twin Cities stores in Minnesota. The letters went to eight Home Depots around the metro Minneapolis and St. Paul area, and five Renewal By Andersen businesses, the FBI said in a statement released late January 7. The substance in 12 letters, analyzed by the Minnesota Department of Health, has been identified as sodium bicarbonate, or baking soda, and is not dangerous, according to the FBI. The last letter would not be analyzed until early the week of January 10. The first letter was received December 31 and the most recent on January 6, according to the FBI. The return addresses are identical on all the letters, with “exactly the same letter that appears to have been photocopied,” the statement said. The Home Depots that got the letters are in Inver Grove Heights, Eagan, Maplewood, Apple Valley, Forest Lake, Hastings, Woodbury, and Hudson, Wisconsin. The Renewal By Andersen locations that got the letters are in Edina, Burnsville, Roseville, Bayport, and Cottage Grove. Source: http://www.startribune.com/local/113104004.html?elr=KArks:DCiU1Oip:DiiUiD3aPc:_Yyc:aULPQL7PQLanchO7DiU

26. *January 7, Torrance Daily Breeze* – (California) **White powder at Comerica Bank processing center turns out to be salt.** A white powder spilled from an envelope at a Comerica Bank check processing center in Redondo Beach, California, January 7, prompting a hazardous materials investigation and a federal probe into who mailed the letter. The powder turned out to be a tablespoon or two of salt and posed no threat to the 100 employees in the building on Manhattan Beach Boulevard near Vail Avenue, firefighters said. But its discovery prompted a major response from county, Redondo Beach fire and sheriff’s department hazardous materials units, along with agents from the county health department, the FBI, and U.S. Postal Inspection Service. The salt spilled shortly before 1 p.m. as a worker used an automatic letter opener, said a Redondo Beach Fire Department hazardous materials specialist. Source: http://www.dailybreeze.com/news/ci_17038665

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Agriculture and Food Sector

27. *January 10, Associated Press* – (California; National) **Product recalls: beef jerky.** About 3,874 pounds of teriyaki beef jerky products have been recalled by Bach Cuc Beef Jerky, Inc., of South El Monte, California, because they contain an

undeclared allergen, wheat, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced. The products have been distributed nationwide. FSIS and the company have received no reports of adverse reactions due to consumption of these products.

Source: <http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2011/jan/10/product-recalls/>

28. *January 8, KHBS 40 Fort Smith / KHOG 29 Fayetteville* – (Arkansas) **Bomb squad investigating suspicious package in Springdale.** At about 2:20 p.m. January 8, police in Springdale, Arkansas, and the Bentonville Bomb Squad were at D J's Restaurant Services at 228 South 40th Street to investigate a suspicious package. Police said the owner of the business called 911 after spotting a wrapped box in the middle of the parking lot. When the bomb squad arrived they spotted a second wrapped box across the street. Both boxes were x-rayed and were found to be empty. During the investigation, law enforcement officials evacuated the immediate surrounding area. Source: <http://www.4029tv.com/mostpopular/26412017/detail.html>

29. *January 7, Food Safety News* – (National) **Sprouts outbreak toll now at 112 in 18 states.** The outbreak of Salmonella linked to Tiny Greens alfalfa sprouts at Jimmy John's restaurants may have sickened as many as 112 people in 18 states and Washington, D.C., the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported January 6. The previous tally had been 94 sick people in 16 states and Washington, D.C. In its update on the investigation, the CDC said the illnesses were reported from November 1, 2010, through January 4, 2011, and there may still be more to count. More than half the patients live in Illinois, where 59 people have been identified with the outbreak strain. There have also been 22 cases in Missouri, 10 in Indiana, 3 in Pennsylvania and in Wisconsin, 2 in Massachusetts, and single cases in California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Hawaii, Iowa, Kentucky, New York, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Washington, D.C. Because this Salmonella serotype is common, the CDC cautions that some of the cases identified may not be related to this outbreak. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/01/sprouts-outbreak-toll-now-at-112-in-18-states/>

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Water Sector

30. *January 10, Water Technology Online* – (National) **Plans to lower recommended level for fluoride in drinking water announced.** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have announced plans to lower the recommended limit for fluoride in water supplies, according to a press release. HHS has proposed the recommended level of fluoride in drinking water can be set at the lowest end of the current optimal range to prevent tooth decay, and EPA is initiating review of the maximum amount of fluoride allowed in

drinking water. According to EPA, these actions will ensure standards and guidelines on fluoride in drinking water continue to provide the maximum protection to the American people to support good dental health, especially in children, the release stated. “One of water fluoridation’s biggest advantages is that it benefits all residents of a community — at home, work, school or play,” said the HHS Assistant Secretary for Health.

Source: http://watertechonline.com/news.asp?N_ID=75596

31. *January 9, Jacksonville Daily News* – (North Carolina) **Broken pump cause of wastewater overflow.** A pump station overflow in Jacksonville’s Brynn Marr neighborhood January 8 was apparently caused by a broken pump, according to releases from the City of Jacksonville, North Carolina. Between 55,000 and 65,000 gallons of wastewater overflowed out of a manhole near Northeast Creek. The spill was discovered just after midnight. The pump was quickly restored to an operating status and clean-up efforts began. City of Jacksonville water quality staff members were deployed after daylight the next morning to assess the situation and take water samples near the affected area. State water quality officials were notified before 2 a.m. after the incident was discovered and stabilized. The city has begun an investigation into the circumstances of the control system failure, and the pump is currently under manual control, officials said.

Source: <http://www.jdnews.com/news/overflow-86615-pump-jacksonville.html>

32. *January 8, San Diego Union-Tribune* – (California) **Sewage spills amid storms topped 8 million gallons.** Twenty-six sewage spills leaked more than 8 million gallons into San Diego, California-area waterways from December 21 through December 28, according to numbers released January 7 by the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board. The spills were linked to the late-December storms that deluged the region, causing mudslides, traffic accidents and sewage-system upsets. Oceanside had the biggest problem — 5.5 million gallons of wastewater that fouled Buena Vista Creek, Buena Vista Lagoon, and the nearby ocean. San Diego city suffered seven spills, but none was more than 9,000 gallons. La Mesa reported five overflows totaling about 1.3 million gallons. Regulators broke the problems into two main categories: those caused by excessive rainwater infiltration into the sewage system and those linked to storm-related damage such as broken pipes. It is not clear how the regional board will handle penalties. “This was an unusual circumstance — 8 million gallons in a week is something I have never dealt with,” an environmental scientist for the agency said. “We are looking at our [regulatory] options.” During the rain storms, sewage from Mexico fouled the Tijuana River Valley in the southwestern part of the county.

Source: <http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/2011/jan/08/storm-related-sewage-spills-topped-8-million-gallo/>

33. *January 8, Olympia Olympian* – (Washington) **Officials warn of raw sewage spill in Budd Inlet.** Thurston County, Washington health officials urge people to avoid contact with water in lower Budd Inlet for 7 days after raw sewage spilled into the West Bay area of the inlet January 6. Nearly 33,000 gallons of sewage flowed into the bay, and an additional 22,500 gallons spilled on the ground after a City of Olympia sewer line

ruptured near the West Bay pump station, a city water resources official said. The sewage, which was mixed with groundwater and stormwater, flowed for about 90 minutes prior to 5 p.m., when city crews repaired the sewer line and cleaned up the immediate area. The water-contact advisory includes the area south of a line drawn between Priest Point Park on the east shore and West Bay Marina on the west shore. There already is an advisory in effect against shellfish harvesting and water-contact recreation in this area, health officials said. A larger-than-normal Deschutes River flow and large tidal exchange should help flush and dilute the wastewater, a county senior environmental health specialist said. In addition, the pathogens and bacteria in raw sewage have a shorter lifespan in salt water than in fresh water, she said.

Source: <http://www.theolympian.com/2011/01/08/1498715/raw-sewage-spills-into-budd-inlet.html>

34. *January 7, Easton Express-Times* – (New Jersey) **Hackettstown oil spill drained into storm drains leading to Musconetcong River, authorities say.** Officials in Hackettstown and Warren County, New Jersey and New Jersey state officials responded to a fluid spill about 12:40 p.m. January 7 on Route 46 to find oil draining into storm drains that lead to the Musconetcong River, police report. Police were unsure whether the oil drained into the water. “It was a slight sheen right where the outfall is from the storm drain,” said a Warren County Hazardous Materials Team assistant chief. “But that could have been from a residual in the storm drain lines to begin with.” Responders put oil-absorbent booms in the Musconetcong at the outfall. The assistant chief said most of the spill was sopped up with sand that police report was laid down on Route 46 by the state department of transportation and the Hackettstown Department of Public Works. The oil appeared to be of a low viscosity, possibly hydraulic fluid. Officials do not know where it came from. “Most likely it was from a truck,” possibly a plow tending to the morning snow, the assistant chief said. Washington Township, Morris County, also assisted at the spill, police said.
Source: http://www.lehighvalleylive.com/warren-county/express-times/index.ssf/2011/01/hackettstown_oil_spill_drained.html

35. *January 6, Press of Atlantic City* – (New Jersey) **Meter problems could be behind water loss in Cape May.** West Cape May, New Jersey, might not have lost millions of gallons of water — it could just be a metering problem. The mayor said the final report from Eden’s Revenue Recovery Associates, a firm hired to look into the town’s water losses, is not finished, but that some testing on master water meters is complete. “There are indications there was a meter problem,” the mayor said. “I suspect, once the report comes out, we’ll have to go into closed session to discuss our options.” The borough buys water from neighboring Cape May, which also supplies it to Cape May Point, the U.S. Coast Guard base and sections of Lower Township south of the Cape May Canal. Last year, the borough discovered about 30 percent of the water it purchases from Cape May never is logged on to meters of its own water customers. The amount varies by year, ranging from 26.14 percent in 2004 to 37.15 percent in 2007, borough figures show. The West Cape May Taxpayers’ Association did its own research into water losses between 2003 and 2009 and discovered 121 million gallons of water worth \$695,000 was not accounted for. The mayor said when the report is issued, she will

meet with Cape May officials to try and resolve any issues.

Source: http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/news/article_9396c1f2-19f8-11e0-a022-001cc4c03286.html

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

36. *January 10, Allentown Morning Call* – (Pennsylvania) **Allentown medical lab evacuated; hazardous material spilled on loading dock.** A health laboratory in Allentown, Pennsylvania, was evacuated January 10 after a hazardous material spill occurred in the area of facility’s loading dock, according to a city fire official. Health Network Laboratories at 2024 Lehigh Street had contacted its cleaning contractor to remove the product, a fire captain said. He did not have all the details about the type of product spilled, but noted the situation had been safely contained. All people were evacuated from the building and two of the lab’s security personnel were guarding the entrances to ensure no one enters the building, he said.
Source: <http://www.mcall.com/news/breaking/mc-allentown-lehigh-street-laboratory20110110,0,979700.story>

37. *January 10, Chicago Sun-Times* – (Illinois) **Chicago Heights fire out at medical equipment co.** No one was injured January 10 during a fire at a medical equipment company in Chicago Heights, Illinois. Firefighters responded to a fire at 4:30 a.m. in a building at 430 W. 14th St., said an official at the Chicago Heights Fire Department. No one was injured at the building, which houses the medical equipment company, Prodigy Medical & Hospital Supplies. As of about 6 a.m., the fire was close to being extinguished as firefighters checked for hot spots, he said.
Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/wls/story?section=news/local&id=7889230>

38. *January 7, Fall River Herald News* – (Massachusetts) **Teen arrested after hoax explosive device found at St. Vincent’s Children’s Treatment Center.** A 16-year-old boy was arrested at St. Vincent’s Children’s Treatment Center in Fall River, Massachusetts, January 7 after a suspected explosive device was found in his room. Police said officers initially responded to the facility about 5 p.m. for an assault and battery complaint. But after police arrived, they learned staff had taken possession of what appeared to be an explosive device. Police secured the scene and evacuated the facility as a precaution. The state police bomb squad responded and deemed the device to be a hoax. The boy was charged with possession of a hoax device, a felony.
Source: http://www.heraldnews.com/police_and_fire/x389484457/Teen-arrested-after-hoax-explosive-device-found-at-St-Vincents-Childrens-Treatment-Center

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Government Facilities Sector

39. *January 9, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **U.S. prosecutors charge gunman accused of assassination attempt on Arizona Rep. Giffords, killing 6.** Federal prosecutors brought charges January 9 against the gunman accused of carrying out an assassination attempt on a U.S. Representative from Arizona, and killing six people at a political event in Tucson, Arizona. The suspect is accused of killing six people, including a federal judge, an aide to the Representative, and a 9-year-old girl outside a Safeway grocery store, located next to a Walgreen's. Fourteen others were wounded, including the three-term Democrat lawmaker. Authorities said he targeted the Representative at a public gathering around 10 a.m. January 8 outside a busy Tucson supermarket. Investigators said they carried out a search warrant at the 22-year-old suspect's home and seized an envelope from a safe with messages such as "I planned ahead," "My assassination," and the last name of the U.S. Representative who was shot next to what appears to be the man's signature. He allegedly purchased the Glock pistol used in the attack in November at Sportsman's Warehouse in Tucson. Court documents also show the suspect had contact with the Representative in the past. Other evidence included a letter addressed to him from the Representative's congressional stationery in which she thanked him for attending a "Congress on your Corner" event at a mall in Tucson in 2007. The first assistant federal public defender in Arizona said the suspect does not yet have a lawyer, but that her office is working to get a lawyer appointed for the suspect. Source:

http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2011/01/us_prosecutors_charge_gunman_a.html

40. *January 9, Long Island Newsday* – (Arizona; National) **Officials warn of Arizona copycat attacks.** Members of the U.S. House of Representatives were told in a bipartisan conference call with their leaders January 9 that authorities are monitoring for potential "copycat" attacks on lawmakers after the rampage January 8 in Tucson, Arizona. Following the deadly shooting that killed six and critically wounded a U.S. Representative and injured several others, the House Speaker and House Minority Leader urged lawmakers to take precautions. "I have also asked that the Sergeant-at-Arms, U.S. Capitol Police, and FBI to conduct an in-depth security overview for members on Wednesday," the House Speaker told members on the call, along with a "bipartisan security briefing for district directors" of congressional offices. Republican leaders called off all votes January 9 scheduled for the upcoming week, allowing lawmakers to stay in their districts rather than return to Washington, D.C. Homeland Security agencies, including immigration enforcement, customs and border patrol, and the Transportation Security Administration assisted the FBI in Arizona.

Source: <http://www.newsday.com/news/nation/officials-warn-of-arizona-copycat-attacks-1.2598054>

41. *January 9, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **Package at Giffords' office was non-explosive.** A loud noise rattled more than 100 people attending a candlelight vigil January 8 outside the headquarters of a U.S. Representative in Tucson, Arizona, where authorities investigated a suspicious package that turned out to be non-explosive. A police department spokesman said an officer checking the Representative's office in

Tucson had found a “strange” item that resembled a coffee can and had writing on it. A bomb squad worked for a couple hours, using X-ray equipment, to try to figure out what the package was before the loud noise was heard. The noise was caused by authorities’ efforts to destroy the package and render it safe. The spokesman said there was no threat to public safety. Earlier that day, the Representative was holding a forum for constituents outside a grocery store when a gunman shot many people, killing six and wounding several others, including the Democratic Congresswoman.

Source:

http://www.boston.com/news/nation/articles/2011/01/09/package_at_giffords_office_w_as_non_explosive/?rss_id=Boston.com++Boston+Globe+--+National+News

42. *January 9, Palm Springs Desert Sun* – (California) **Putrid odors panic Saul Martinez Elementary School.** A mysterious odor has repeatedly sickened people at a Mecca, California elementary school during the past month, though air-monitoring officials have not determined what is causing it. “They say, ‘We don’t know what it is, but you’re OK,’” said a second-grade teacher at Saul Martinez Elementary School where paramedics have responded three times in 4 weeks for assistance. “It’s scary. We have 1,100 kids that we serve,” she said. Residents in this agricultural community have been dealing with intermittent odors for years, but the frequency and intensity of the fumes has increased in the past months, residents and school staff said. Emergency personnel treated more than 20 people at the school December 15 and January 6, including one person who fainted and two others who were taken to the hospital. Paramedics also went to the school December 11 during a school program in response to a strong smell of natural gas that left an unspecified number of people feeling ill.

Source: <http://www.mydesert.com/article/20110109/NEWS04/101090340/Putrid-odors-panic-school>

43. *January 7, Associated Press* – (International) **Man gets prison for illegal work as Yemeni agent.** A Bakersfield, California man has been sentenced to 5 years in prison after admitting to working illegally as an agent for the government of Yemen. The suspect was sentenced January 7 by a federal judge after he pleaded guilty in October to exporting military equipment, possession of stolen U.S. property, and conspiracy to act as an illegal agent for a foreign country. Besides serving time in prison, the 60-year-old suspect was also ordered to serve an additional 3 years of supervised release. Federal prosecutors said the man worked for Yemen between 1997 and 2006, shipping off bulletproof vests, chemical protective suits, and other equipment to the country. They say he also bought and shipped night-vision goggles, laptop computers, and satellite phones sold to him by an undercover FBI agent posing as a U.S. Army soldier.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2011/01/07/AR2011010706863.html>

44. *January 7, Reuters* – (International) **U.S. relocates some people named in WikiLeaks cables.** The United States has warned several hundred people worldwide it believes may be imperiled by WikiLeaks’ release of classified U.S. diplomatic cables and has so far helped a handful of them relocate to safer locations, the State Department said January 7. A State Department spokesman said those at risk could include civil society

activists, journalists, or government officials whose discussions with U.S. officials as recounted by WikiLeaks could anger foreign governments or other political forces. “We are focused on people who have been identified in documents and assess whether there is a greater risk to them of violence, imprisonment or other serious harm, particularly in repressive societies around the world,” the spokesman said. The Secretary of State has led the effort to mollify foreign governments, some of which have been deeply embarrassed by the publication of candid U.S. diplomatic assessments, and has accused WikiLeaks of acting without regard for the safety of those named in the cables.

Source: <http://ca.reuters.com/article/topNews/idCATRE7065H220110107>

45. *January 7, WCSC 5 Charleston* – (South Carolina) **Building evacuated at Joint Base Charleston.** The main Space and Naval Warfare (SPAWAR) Systems Center Atlantic building at Joint Base Charleston Weapons Station in Charleston, South Carolina was evacuated January 7 because of a suspicious package. Employees returned to building No. 3147 about 45 minutes after the evacuation. A security team from Joint Base Charleston responded and found the package to be a false alarm, according to a spokesperson from SPAWAR Systems Center Atlantic.

Source: <http://www.live5news.com/Global/story.asp?S=13803008>

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Emergency Services Sector

46. *January 8, Connecticut Post* – (Connecticut) **2 firetrucks lost in crash saved lives.** The Stratford Fire Department in Connecticut is reeling after the sudden loss of two fire engines in a crash on Interstate 95 where one tractor-trailer slammed into Engine 1, and another into Engine 5. The crash occurred about 8:30 p.m. on the southbound side on I-95 near Exit 30. Six firefighters received minor injuries and were treated and released at Bridgeport Hospital, the fire marshal said. Officials said the engines were responding to a two-car crash with injuries. It was snowing, and weather was “definitely a factor,” he said. The two engines, each with a replacement value of \$420,000, were parked in a “staggered” configuration on the highway, to protect the lives of the firefighters, police officers, EMTs, and other first responders to the original car crash. Officials said the procedure of staggering the engines on highways when responding to car crashes is standard operating procedure in most fire departments nationwide. The fire chief said in the next few days, factory representatives will visit fire headquarters to look at the damage to determine whether the engines are reparable. At the very least, officials said both trucks will be out of service for several months.

Source: <http://www.ctpost.com/news/article/Officials-2-firetrucks-lost-in-crash-saved-lives-945656.php>

47. *January 7, McAllen Monitor* – (Texas) **CBP inspector arrested for taking bribes.** A former U.S. Customs and Border Protection inspector was arrested after a federal

investigation revealed he accepted bribes and allowed drug traffickers to transport narcotics across the border, according to a news release from a U.S. attorney. The 45-year-old man was arrested in Mission, Texas, January 6 after an investigation by the FBI and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security led to an eight-count indictment by a federal grand jury November 10, officials said. He was charged with two counts of making false statements during a federal investigation in 2009 and six counts of bribery in 2007 and 2008. The former inspector of the Pharr-Reynosa International Bridge is accused of providing information to drug traffickers to facilitate the passage of narcotics at the Pharr port of entry, officials said. He will remain in federal custody without bond pending a January 11 hearing before a U.S. magistrate. If convicted, he could face up to 15 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

Source: <http://www.themonitor.com/news/inspector-46052-mcallen-taking.html>

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Information Technology Sector

48. *January 10, The Register* – (International) **Facebook worm spread via photo album chat lure.** A new worm that spreads using a photo album chat message lure began proliferating across Facebook January 8 and 9. The photo lure is used to trick potential users into downloading a malicious file, which appears in the guise of a photo viewing application. Victims are prompted to click a “View Photo” button. Users who fell for the scam became infected by malware, dubbed Palevo-BB by net security firm Sophos. The malware attempts to generate a message to the victim’s Facebook contacts, continuing the infection cycle. Facebook responded by purging the malicious application.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/01/10/facebook_worm_photo_chat_scam/

49. *January 10, Softpedia* – (International) **Serious DOM vulnerabilities found in many well-funded websites.** A study performed by security researchers from IBM revealed that around one in seven Web sites belonging to the world’s wealthiest companies is plagued by DOM-based cross-site scripting vulnerabilities or open redirects. The research was performed on a set of 675 Web sites, those of all Fortune 500 companies, plus an additional 175 handpicked ones, belonging to security vendors, reputable IT firms, or social networks. Researchers used a crawler to retrieve 200 random pages from each Web site with complete HTML, JavaScript, and CSS code, and then scanned them in a controlled environment with an internally developed tool called JavaScript Security Analyzer (JSA). Pages downloaded from a number of 92 Web sites were found vulnerable to DOM-based XSS, while open redirects — vulnerabilities that can redirect the visitor’s browser — were found in 11 sites.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Serious-DOM-Vulnerabilities-Found-in-Many-Well-Funded-Websites-177178.shtml>

50. *January 10, The H Security* – (International) **Mono developers close security hole.** A flaw in the Web server components of the free Mono .NET clone potentially allows ASP.NET applications to supply source code or other files from the Web server’s

application directory. Mono 2.8.2 fixes this as yet unexplained bug. Affected components on the project's vulnerability list include the XSP Web server and the mod_mono Apache module. Both of these execute ASP.NET code. Another security patch fixes a flaw that allows Silverlight applications to execute arbitrary code when running in a security manager. Versions 2 and 3 (beta) of the Moonlight Silverlight implementation are affected. Further information about the update can be found in the release notes. Mono 2.8.2 is available for Linux, Windows, Mac OS X, and other operating systems from the project's download page.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Mono-developers-close-security-hole-1166254.html>

51. *January 7, Softpedia* – (International) **Malware possibly distributed through openx.org.** According to notifications from Google's Safe Browsing service, openx.org, home to a leading open source ad server package, might be used as an intermediary for malware. The problem was observed by researchers from Web security company Sucuri, which provides a Web site integrity monitoring solution. "We are tracking a few sites that are currently blacklisted and showing a warning from Google that openx.org (home of a popular open source ad server) is the site responsible for the infection," a Sucuri researcher warned. The Google Safe Browsing diagnostic page for openx.org claims that "over the past 90 days, openx.org appeared to function as an intermediary for the infection of 82 site(s)." This does not mean that openx.org is hosting the malware itself, only that it is serving as a doorway. This could point to malicious ads being served via the OpenX network.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Malware-Possibly-Distributed-Through-OpenX-org-176997.shtml>

Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at sos@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

52. *January 7, Minneapolis Star-Tribune* – (Minnesota; National) **State sues Pennsylvania firm over inflated phone bills.** A Pennsylvania company is accused of sneaking unauthorized charges of about \$15 a month onto the phone bills of hundreds of Minnesotans — a practice called cramming. The Minnesota attorney general and a U.S. Senator from Minnesota announced January 7 a lawsuit against Cheap2Dial Telephone, LLC, at the same time calling for a national crackdown on crammers who they say prey on unsuspecting telephone customers. They also are working to hold phone companies accountable, because they make money by letting crammers put bogus charges on bills. Complaints about cramming nationwide jumped from 1,761 in 2005 to 6,714 in 2009,

according to the Federal Communications Commission. The Senator said the U.S. Senate Commerce Committee and the Federal Trade Commission are investigating companies involved in cramming. The attorney general said her office has about six open investigations on crammers, phone companies, and third-party companies that place questionable charges on phone bills. The suit against Cheap2Dial alleged the company placed charges of about \$17 on the phone bills of 2,567 Minnesotans for long-distance calling minutes. Only nine of those customers actually used the service. Source:

http://www.startribune.com/politics/state/113079034.html?elr=KArks:DCiUHc3E7_V_nDaycUiD3aPc: Yyc:aUoD3aPc: 2yc:a_ncyD_MDCiU

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Commercial Facilities Sector

53. *January 9, Wilmington Star-News* – (North Carolina) **Smoke causes evacuation of Wilmington Toys R Us.** Toys “R” Us was evacuated January 9 because of a smoking heater at the front of the store, said a spokesman for the Wilmington, North Carolina Fire Department. He said a customer noticed a door heater smoking about 2 p.m. Employees made an announcement, telling everyone to leave the store. No one was injured, he said. The store remained closed throughout the afternoon while an electrician checked the door heater.
Source: <http://www.starnewsonline.com/article/20110109/ARTICLES/110109730/-1/sports01?Title=Smoke-causes-evacuation-of-Wilmington-Toys-R-Us>
54. *January 8, WDSU 6 New Orleans* – (Louisiana) **6-alarm fire destroys New Orleans church.** Firefighters worked January 7 to put out a six-alarm fire at the Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church in New Orleans, Louisiana — a fire that knocked out power for several blocks. The church at 2101 Prytania St. in the Lower Garden District ignited about 8:30 p.m., firefighters said. The fire also spread to an empty house next door. Power went out for several blocks on St. Charles Avenue. No injuries were reported, firefighters said, but little remained of the historic structure. WDSU 6 news cameras captured the collapse of the front facade of the old building, which was nearly 110 years old. The church was for sale and had been empty since Hurricane Katrina. The fire also destroyed a nearby 2-story building that was also vacant.
Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/topic/fire-prevention-and-investigation/6-alarm-fire-destroys-new-orleans-church>
55. *January 8, Honolulu Star-Advertiser* – (Hawaii) **Campbell evacuated in explosives scare.** People at two dozen businesses in Campbell Industrial Park in Honolulu, Hawaii, were evacuated or asked to remain in their buildings January 7, as a Navy team was called to examine what appeared to be explosive ordnance discovered at a gas production business. The Navy determined the 17 rusted artillery rounds did not contain explosives. The evacuation was canceled and roadblocks lifted shortly after 12:30 p.m., a fire department spokesman said. The shells were found at Air Liquide America Corp. at 91-163 Hanua St. Authorities were called about 10:30 a.m. A Navy

spokeswoman said the 155 mm shells were in a 6-by-6-foot box placed outdoors. The shells were about 2 feet long, she said. “We really don’t know where they came from or how they got to the location,” she said. She said the Navy was unable to determine the age of the shells because of their condition.

Source:

http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/hawaii/news/20110108_campbell_evacuated_in_explosives_scare.html

56. *January 8, Savannah Morning News* – (South Carolina) **Cause of Ridgeland quarantine still a mystery.** The mayor of Ridgeland, South Carolina, said the last of more than 250 people quarantined after an “unusual odor” caused a mysterious illness at a Ridgeland High School basketball game were released by midnight January 7. Something in the school’s ventilation system caused about a dozen people to break out in hives on their faces and have difficulty breathing, itchy skin, and watery eyes. The cause remains unknown. Three people were treated and released at Coastal Carolina Hospital, and several more were sent to a “decontamination tent,” where hazmat teams from Bluffton and Hilton Head checked them out. The problem began around 8 p.m., when the heating and air units kicked on for their normal cycle and let out a suspicious odor. A basketball player became ill almost immediately, he said. Then spectators started getting sick. He said the city immediately activated its hazardous materials plan, shut down the heating and air units and sealed off the building. Players, coaches, and spectators were quarantined in an adjacent building. A civil support team from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division found no traces of chemicals or gas.
Source: <http://savannahnow.com/latest-news/2011-01-07/odor-causes-quarantine-basketball-game>
57. *January 7, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* – (Wisconsin) **Police reports detail Mayfair incident.** Wauwatosa, Wisconsin police released new information January 7 that provides details of what happened January 2 at Mayfair Mall after a large number of juveniles moved through the shopping center, rattling customers and forcing the early closure of the mall. “The mall had closed early due to a large number of unruly juveniles who had been running through the mall and stores, causing disturbances and vandalizing property,” one report said. One report stated approximately 200 to 300 juveniles had congregated near a bus just northwest of Macy’s on the north side of the property after they had left the mall. The juveniles who were detained that day were cited on charges of retail theft, disorderly conduct, and battery. Some juveniles were apprehended for fighting each other. Police earlier said all the juveniles were from Milwaukee. The reports hint at a possible planned demonstration, but provide no hard evidence. Mall officials have stated they believe a large number of juveniles showed up as part of a planned event organized on Twitter or Facebook.
Source: <http://www.jsonline.com/news/milwaukee/113116074.html>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

58. *January 8, KXLH 9 Helena* – (Montana) **One dead in avalanche near Hungry Horse Dam.** An avalanche near the Hungry Horse Dam in Montana claimed the life of one man January 8. Flathead County Dispatchers said a group of seven people were snowmobiling near Beta Lake when the avalanche happened around 2 p.m. One man died in the avalanche. The Flathead Sheriff's Department, the U.S. Forest Service, and the North Valley Search and Rescue Nordic Ski Patrol responded to the scene. There were several other avalanches that day; another group was in danger in the Lost Johnny area but was able to dig themselves out.

Source: <http://www.kxlh.com/news/one-dead-in-avalanche-near-hungry-horse-dam/>

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Dams Sector

59. *January 10, Springfield Republican* – (Massachusetts) **Ownership of five dams in Ware, Huntington and Monson disputed.** Four dams in Ware, Huntington, and Monson, Massachusetts, are rated “significant hazards” and one may be facing a culvert collapse, according to the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation's Office of Dam Safety. The towns have banded together to determine who owns the dams. Pulpit Rock Pond New Dam and Pulpit Rock Pond West Dam in Monson, as well as Hardwick Pond Dam and O'Brien Pond Dam in Ware, are rated “significant hazards.” The Norwich Lake Dam in Huntington may experience a culvert collapse within 10 years. A “significant hazard” refers to a dam “located where failure may cause loss of life and damage home(s), industrial or commercial facilities, secondary highway(s) or railroad(s) or cause interruption of use or service of relatively important facilities,” according to office of dam safety guidelines. Pulpit Rock Pond New Dam is reportedly in “poor condition,” which the dam safety office defines as “major structural, operational, maintenance and flood routing capability deficiencies.”

Source:

http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2011/01/five_dams_in_ware_huntington_a.html

60. *January 9, South Whidbey Record* – (Washington) **County mans the pumps as water backs up behind failed culvert on Glendale Creek.** Island County, Washington, waded in the week of January 3 to reduce severe flooding on upper Glendale Creek before it can pose another threat to the beleaguered Glendale beach community downstream. Since January 6, county crews have been working around the clock, pumping water and monitoring creek levels. “Amazingly, it's looking good. The water level is dropping,” the Island County Public Works director said January 7. Since November, more than 32 million gallons of water have backed up in the large wetlands complex centered on private property near Cultus Bay and French roads near Clinton. That amount of water can be represented by a pond 20 acres wide and 5 feet deep, he said. The problem is a failed culvert under the private Frog Water Road, which forced water to back up on the west side of the roadway. He said if the water had overflowed

the road, the road probably would have collapsed, sending a wall of water down the creek. After an inspection, state officials declared the situation an emergency and strongly recommended the county step in. County commissioners the week of January 3 declared their own state of emergency, and the pumps were running by January 6. The director said he hopes crews working round the clock can reduce the flooding to a manageable level in 5 to 7 days. He said the cost to the county is estimated to be about \$1,000 for each inch of water level reduced, or about \$4,500 per day. An additional \$20,000 will be required for an overflow culvert.

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